

Mississippi Charity Horse Show Rules and Regulations

Rules and Regulations:

Prospective exhibitors should read the following rules and regulations prior to making their entries.

Entries:

Entries may be made in the Horse Show Office between the hours of **8:00 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily.**

All entries must be properly made on Horse Show Entry Form and be signed by the owner or his authorized agent. An entry fee must be paid in the amount listed for each class. According to the S.H.O.W., in Tennessee Walking Horse Classes, if the horses' name and registration number along with the trainers license number, amateur or Juvenile Card Number is not in the entry form, the DQP will not inspect the entry.

Stalls:

Stall and tack fees are \$85.00. Reservations for stalls should be made by calling Show Manager, Dude Prestwood at 601-372-1426 or 601-954-3477.

Cancellation or changes of classes:

The Management reserves the right to cancel or consolidate any class in which there are not sufficient entries. All open classes must have at least four entries and stake classes at least seven entries.

Riders' age and qualifications:

The age of all riders shall be reckoned as beginning the 1st day of January of the year in which the person was born.

Numbers:

A number will be assigned to each horse at the time the entry is received, and such number will stand for the entire show and must be displayed whenever the horse is in the ring.

Persons allowed in Ring:

During the time of the judging, no person will be allowed in the ring except the ring attendants, judges of the class, ring stewards, and when necessary, grooms of the horses in the ring. No horse shall be allowed to enter the ring after the judge has called for the first gait.

Courtesy to Judges and Officials:

Exhibitors are notified that any act of discourtesy by them, their riders, drivers, grooms, or agents, to the judges or officials shall disqualify their entry and the owner shall forfeit his entry fee and other charges, including any and all prize money which he may have won at this show. Any question of rules shall be decided by the directors of the show, *WITHOUT BEING HELD LIABLE FOR DAMAGE OF ANY KIND AND THIS SHALL BE ACCEPTED AS CONDITION OF ENTRY.*

A trainer, when acting as a judge, may not judge any horse owned by any of his customers, no matter who is training the horse.

Attendants:

All attendants must be neatly and suitably dressed when entering the ring or assisting in the show of horses.

Not Responsible:

The Mississippi Charity Horse Show Association, Inc. will not be responsible for any article of any kind or nature that may be lost, destroyed or stolen, although every precaution will be taken to protect the property of the Exhibitor. Also, *The Mississippi Charity Horse Show Association, Inc.*, will not be responsible or liable for any injury sustained in any way to horses, exhibitors, spectators or employees.

Questions and Disputes

All entries are subject to general rules and regulations as prescribed by the Executive Committee.

The Horse Show Committee reserves the right to interpret all questions and conditions that may arise out of, or incident to the show, without claim for damages or recourse of any kind.

A protest must be in writing, signed and addressed to the Assistant Show Manager of the Show and accompanied by a deposit of \$25.00. The written complaint and fee should be received by the Assistant Show Manager before the completion of the final class of the show. If the complaint concerns an infraction in the last class, the complainant shall immediately notify Show Management that he intends to file a complaint and he shall have 30 minutes thereafter to submit said written statement.

Replacing Shoes and Equipment:

In the event of breakage of equipment, casting of a horse's shoe or similar accident, an exhibitor is entitled to request suspension of judging for a period not to exceed ten minutes in aggregate (but no more than two times) in order to repair the damage. The exhibitor must go to the center of the ring for any repairs or replacement of shoes. If the exhibitor pulls into the center of the ring, that constitutes a request for time out. Time shall be taken from the moment the exhibitor goes to the center of the ring, except in the event of a horse casting a shoe. The ten minutes allowed for the replacement shall not start until the farrier reaches the animal. If at the expiration of this time the horse is not ready to compete, the contestant shall be eliminated. The steward or judge shall be held responsible for timing unless an official timer is present.

Payments for Premiums:

Premiums will be paid by check attached to the ribbon.

Mississippi Board of Animal Health

Requires all horses entering the state of Mississippi and horses in or out of Mississippi participating in horse shows, sales, and other exhibits must be free of symptoms of any infections, contagious, or communicable diseases. Also, a copy of an official Laboratory test for Equine Infectious Anemia (Coggins test), certifying the animal to be negative to test within the past six months.

Affiliation:

S.H.O.W. We will abide by all rules and regulations set forth by *S.H.O.W.* Mid South, Heart of Dixie, Mississippi Walking Horse Association, Inc., and WHTA Rider's Cup are also affiliated.

The Management Reserves the Right to Reject Any Entry:

The Mississippi Charity Horse Show Association, Inc. fully intends to abide by all rules and regulations set forth by the current United States Department of Agriculture Horse Protection Act.

Federal Disqualification:

Persons on Federal disqualification cannot transport horses to this show and can participate ONLY as spectators.