

<b><u>ANCASTER SADDLE CLUB</u></b>	<b><u>Rules</u></b>
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The Ancaster Saddle Club operates under Western Horse Association of Ontario (W.H.A.O.) Rules for Western Performance classes, and Equine Canada (EC) rules for English classes.

The shows will be held at the Ancaster Fairgrounds.

### **General**

1. Ancaster Saddle Club assumes no responsibility in the case of loss or damage to persons, horses, personal property from any cause and upon this condition, only entries with signed waivers are accepted.
2. The Show Official reserves the right to prohibit any person from showing or attending to any horse in the show ring and to remove any person or horse from the show ring and show grounds.
3. Club equipment may be rented at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
4. In the event of a grievance or complaint, it must be in writing, signed and submitted to any member of the Board of Directors accompanied by a twenty-five (\$25.00) cash deposit. The Board of Directors will rule on the grievance or complaint and if ruled invalid, the \$25.00 deposit will become part of the Club's funds. If ruled valid, the \$25.00 deposit will be returned to the complainant. A grievance must be given within 24 hours of the point in question.
5. The Judge shall have the authority to require the removal or alteration of any piece of equipment or accoutrement.
6. In the event of inclement weather, dress rules will be left up to the discretion of the Judge and/or the Board of Directors.
7. No exhibitor may be tied or fastened to the saddle in any way.
8. Anyone riding in the show ring must vacate upon request, or risk disqualification for the remainder of the show, with no refund of entry fees.
9. The gates will be closed after the competitor(s) enters the ring and will be re-opened on completion of the class.

10. Competitors have fifteen (15) seconds to enter the ring after the last call for the class unless the Ring Steward or Gate Attendant are advised of an extenuating circumstance.
11. Riders must use discretion when riding outside the ring, around the trailers and in the vicinity of the spectators. Horses are to be kept off the asphalt roads and the grass between the rings.
12. In classes where backing is required, the judge may at his discretion require backing of only the finalists in the class.
13. **Protective headgear MUST be worn at ALL times while mounted on the grounds for all English competitors and Western competitors who are 18 years of age and under.** Competitors who are over the age of 18 in Western classes are encouraged to wear protective headgear. Protective headgear must meet ASTM standards with harness secured while riding anywhere in the competition grounds. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor, parent, guardian or trainer of the junior exhibitor to see that the headgear worn by the junior exhibitor complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use and is properly fitted and in good condition. The Ancaster Saddle Club is not responsible for checking headgear worn by the junior exhibitor for the compliance with these rules.

**Any rider not following this rule will be excused from showing with no refund of entry fees.**

14. A pony, as defined by Ancaster Saddle Club is:
  - under 14 hands in the Western Division and if necessary measuring will be conducted according to the Western Horse Association rules
  - under 14.2 hands in the English Division and if necessary measuring will be conducted according to the Equine Canada (EC) rules.
15. Dogs welcome on grounds; must be kept on a leash and under control at all times.

## **Disqualification**

16. Disqualification by the Judge, Show Official, Ring Steward or Board of Directors may occur if:
  - a. a horse enters the ring in an obviously unsound condition.
  - b. a horse(s) is tampered with before coming into the show ring. Forfeit of membership may also occur.
  - c. an exhibitor exhibits misconduct in a class(es). Continued misconduct will be dealt with by the Board of Directors.
  - d. an exhibitor does not make a genuine effort in each class or event.
  - e. an exhibitor interferes with or collides with other exhibitors.
  - f. a rider and/or horse falls during a class.
  - g. an exhibitor deliberately allowing his/her horse to enter or exit the ring at an excessive rate of speed.

- h. an exhibitor\using quirts, crops, bats, ends of reins, ropes, hands or excessive spurring, etc. entering or exiting the show ring or during the class.
- i. abusive/inappropriate behavior to office staff, gate crew, announcer, judge or any other volunteer may result in disqualification with no moneys returned. To be determined by the show manager.

Any competitor who is disqualified shall also forfeit any entry fee paid.

### **Entries**

- 17. A horse will not be allowed to compete unless proper entry has been made and both horse and rider have fulfilled all rules as required.
- 18. A horse may be exhibited only once in any class except in the English Beginner Division if the classes are split into two groups.
- 19. Waivers must be signed before entry forms will be accepted.
- 20. Exhibitors are responsible for their own entry forms. Horses exhibited but not entered must pay the entry fee and forfeit any prize and points won in that class.
- 21. Incorrect entry fees must be amended or persons will be suspended from showing at Ancaster Saddle Club as per our Constitution.
- 22. Once an entry fee has been accepted by the entry booth it will not be refunded (with the exception of: rider injury, horse injury, or at the discretion of the Executive).
- 23. Bounced cheques due to insufficient funds are subjected to a \$50 NSF charge along with any additional service charges from the financial institution and any outstanding entry fees. Any unpaid entry fees/ service charges from the competitor may result in expulsion from the club.
- 24. Non-Member riding Member's horse shall pay non-member's fee.

### **Leadline Classes:**

- 25. Children's Lead-Line is limited to children between 3 and 8 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year. Riders cannot enter in any other class.

### **Beginner Classes:**

- 26. Beginner walk/trot classes are for riders under the age of 12 (where indicated) or a rider in their first year of showing for the English division, or first 2 years of showing for the Western division.
- 27. If there are 12 or more competitors in a Beginner class, the class will be divided into two groups, judged and ribboned at the conclusion of the class.

28. A Beginner rider cannot enter any other jumping class other than a cavalletti class.
29. Any rider in the Beginner Rider Division cannot enter any other English Division class with the exception of the Beginner Hunter Under Saddle and Beginner Walk/Jog classes in the Western Division.

#### Short Stirrup Classes:

30. Open to youth riders age 18 and under. Riders in this division and not eligible to enter any other English Division classes.

#### Novice

31. A rider may enter a novice class if they have not won a Champion or Reserve Champion award in a novice division or any other division (except beginner). A rider may show in novice for 3 years.

#### Youth Classes:

32. Youth/Junior Rider is 18 years of age and under as of January 1st of the current year.

#### Open Classes:

33. Open to all ages except contestants entered in Leadline, Beginner Walk/Jog and Short Stirrp classes.

### **Classes**

Classes are subject to change up to one (1) hour before the start of the show.

#### Leadline:

34. Contestants will show at a walk and jog both ways in the ring at the discretion of the judge. Halter to be placed over the bridle, shank to be used for leading. Shank must be attached to lower ring of the halter. Proper tack and attire is required.
35. All lead line riders must wear an ASTM approved helmet.

#### Western Division

36. The attire for Western Performance classes follows Western Horse Association of Ontario (W.H.A.O.) rules. Excerpt from General Rules, Point #9 of the W.H.A.O. Rulebook: "Rider to be neatly dressed in suitable western show attire including western hat or CSA approved helmet, shirt with collar (band, stand up, tuxedo, etc.) to be tucked in, western boots, chaps, or jeans, or show pants. Short-sleeved shirts are permissible. Long-sleeved shirts must be rolled down and buttoned." Jeans must be worn over boots.

37. Horses to be shown in a western saddle.
38. Youth (18 years of age and under) are not allowed to show or ride a stallion.
39. Halter Class is open to both horse and pony.
40. Walk and Jog classes are open to all ages. Riders may not enter any other riding class that includes a lope. Contestants will show at a walk and jog both ways in the ring.
41. Green as Grass Reining: A rider who has competed 3 or less years or has not won a High Point or Reserve High Point Award in Green as Grass Reining.
42. Green Horse Western Pleasure and Green Horse Horsemanship: Horse, any age, in first year showing. Horses regardless of their age may be ridden with one hand and a standard western bit as approved by W.H.A.O. equipment rules, or with one or two hands with a snaffle bit or bosal. May not show in any other open class except Open Halter and Open Showmanship. Rider must be an adult.
43. Open Ranch Riding: The horse's performance should simulate a horse riding outside the confines of an arena and that of a working ranch horse. Horses regardless of their age may be ridden with one hand and a standard western bit as approved by W.H.A.O. equipment rules, or with one or two hands with a snaffle bit or bosal. Equipment with silver will not count over a good working outfit. Excessive silver on bridles, saddles and show clothing is discouraged. Show clothing should be well-fitted and workman-like.
44. When riding in a performance class, the rider cannot hold onto the saddle or horn with the free hand except when required to jump in the trail class.
45. Reins are to be held in one hand on horses over the age of 5 (6 and older), with the exception of Green Horse Pleasure and Green Horse Horsemanship classes.
46. Horses 5 and under may be ridden with 2 hands if shown in a bosal or snaffle bit.
47. Showmanship at Halter: Neatness and cleanliness of horse and handler as well as showing ability of handler will be judged. Conformation of the horse not to count. Judged by W.H.A.O. Rules.
48. Open Command and Novelty Classes: Western or English tack and attire.
49. English Hunter under Saddle and English Equitation classes to be shown under English tack and attire.
50. A hackamore, bosal, curb, snaffle bit is permissible subject to Judge's approval. See section *101-Bits* in W.H.A.O. rule book.
51. No mechanical apparatus allowed.
52. Curb chain to be not narrower than ½ inch.

- 53. No tapadaros.
- 54. Martingales and side-reins are prohibited.
- 55. Tie downs are permitted in the Versatility Class barrels component.

**English Division:**

- 56. Short Stirrup Division is for riders who have not shown over a course of fences over 2'. This Division will consist of fences with a fence height of 18". Flat classes will be shown at a walk, trot and canter. Riders in this division may be asked to do a sitting trot as well and canter in small groups.
- 57. English Pleasure and Hunter Hack exhibitors to wear coats suitable for a hunter class.
- 58. Breeches and English Boots to be worn, ASTM approved helmet with strap, ties, stock, or choker needed.
- 59. Ladies hair to be contained in a braid or net.
- 60. English saddle must be used.
- 61. Spurs, crops, hunting breastplate, braiding of mane and tail, gloves are optional.
- 62. Bridle may be snaffle, pelham or full bridle. Bitless bridles are not permitted.
- 63. Cavasson nose band is required.
- 64. Standing and Running Martingales are acceptable only in over fence classes.
- 65. Boots are not allowed in any English style class, except those categorized as 'Jumper'.
- 66. Draw-reins are prohibited in all English style classes.

**Awards and Points**

- 67. An Exhibitor must be a member of the Ancaster Saddle Club by the July show of the current year to be eligible for year-end class awards and year-end all around or division awards.
- 68. Class points must be acquired in three (3) or more shows to be eligible for Year-end Division Awards.
- 69. Non-members will be allowed to show but will be ineligible for year-end awards.
- 70. Points are awarded for each horse/rider combination with the exception of the Leadline and Beginner Divisions. For Open and Youth competitors, if the rider changes horses they must use a new number (#).

71. English Divisions:

**Points for Division Champion and Division Reserve Champion (per show) and Overall Year-End Division Winners:**

Awarded as follows:

PLACING	POINTS
1st	7
2nd	5
3rd	4
4th	3
5th	2
6th	1

72. Ribbons will be given for each of the 6 places (1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>). Year-end awards are based on the total points achieved in Ancaster Saddle Club qualifying shows as specified in rule # 68.

73. Western Divisions:

**Points for Division Champion and Division Reserve Champion (per show) and Overall Year-End Division Winners:**

Points will be awarded on a maximum six (6) placings OR based on the number of horses in the class. (i.e: 3 horses in a class will be awarded, 3, 2, and 1).

PLACING	POINTS
1st	6
2nd	5
3rd	4
4th	3
5th	2
6th	1

74. Ribbons will be given for each of the 6 places (1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>). Year-end awards are based on the total points achieved in Ancaster Saddle Club qualifying shows as specified in rule # 68.