



ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION
ACADEMY
RIDING PROGRAM
WHERE CONFIDENCE BEGINS AND COMMUNITY GROWS

AHA Academy Riding

Academy Class Specifications

The AHA Academy Riding division is designed to welcome new riders into the Arabian horse show world by offering a positive, low-pressure introduction to competition. Open to beginning riders of any breed, Academy classes provide an opportunity to build skills, gain confidence, and experience the joy of showing within a supportive and educational environment. Sections may be provided to allow multiple riders to show the same horse. ***Sections will be assigned at Instructors request.**

RIDERS: * Are encouraged to be in a professionally operated lesson program. (not required) * Are encouraged but not required to be an AHA member. First Year Academy Exhibitors are eligible for a FREE AHA Youth Membership.* Riding saddle seat suits, hunt coats and western chaps are NOT allowed * Riding pants, jodhpurs, breeches or colored jeans are considered appropriate. * A neatly fitted shirt or top is suggested. * A riding helmet is MANDATORY for riders 18 years of age and under and suggested for all ages. * Appropriate footwear with a small heel is MANDATORY. * Riders are NOT allowed to cross enter into any non-Academy riding classes and are ineligible to compete in Academy classes once they have shown in a full riding suit or in a non-Academy type show.

HORSES & EQUIPMENT: * Horses must be regularly used as lesson horses: While it is preferred that horses are owned by instructors, horses may be owned or leased by riders IF they are used and shown regularly by other riders as a lesson/school horse. * Any breed of horse is allowed, and registration is not required. Horses must be suitable to Academy division displaying good manners and a quiet disposition. * Any horse and rider that is deemed unsafe or is not abiding by these rules may be eliminated by the horse show management or judge. * A cut-back saddle for saddle seat, western saddle for stock seat, and hunt saddle for hunt seat are to be used. * Work bridles and bits, including snaffles are allowed, and running martingales are permitted and encouraged. However, the tie down martingales is NOT allowed. * Horses can cross enter in any Academy type class within the same show, but riders may not cross enter between the Leadline, Walk/Trot, or the Walk/Trot/Canter classes. * Show grooming is permitted, but not necessary as **HORSES ARE NOT TO BE JUDGED.**

JUDGING: * All Academy classes are to be judged on the ability of the rider to control and show their horse to its best advantage. and upon the riding skills of the rider. * Each class should be judged on the rider's basic equitation and horsemanship skills suited to the class discipline, with emphasis placed on the rider's ability to control the horse at all times, identify correct diagonals and leads promptly, and to control their horses rate in a consistent manner. * Riders should convey the impression of good posture, balance, and effective control while commanding proper speed of gaits and show ring placement. * Headers are allowed in the line up in all walk/trot classes. * **HORSES ARE NOT TO BE JUDGED**, only the rider's ability to control themselves and their horses while presenting themselves to their advantage. * Horsemanship Pleasure is meant to differ from the Equitation class in that it is judged more on the rider's ability to display their horse to its best advantage, communicating to the judge through their horsemanship and riding abilities that the horse is a pleasure to ride and can be guided and set up to show to its best advantage. * Classes may be split at the discretion of show management. * Entries into these classes must follow written Show Premium rules but are NOT AHA or USEF sanctioned classes.

Please Type or Print Only One Owner Per Entry Form. All entries must be complete and correct fees enclosed.

	Name of Horse			
	Class #	Class #	Class #	Class #
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Exhibitor Name:		Exhibitor DOB: _____		

All entries are made at the rider's/owner's/trainer's own risk with the understanding that there is an inherent risk in riding horses. Neither the (Show Name), (Event Center) , the management, officials, nor employees, will be responsible for any accident or loss, which may occur to an exhibitor/animal, equipment at the (Show Name) . Under (State) Law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for any injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting exclusively from the inherent risks of equine activities. ALL OWNERS, TRAINERS, RIDERS & HANDLERS MUST SIGN THIS ENTRY FORM. Each person signing this entry form acknowledges that he/she has read the above statement and agrees to the applicable terms, conditions, waivers, releases, indemnification and consent as set forth herein. Each person agrees that the information is accurate to the best of his/her knowledge.

Instructor/Trainer: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

(If rider/handler is a minor, parent or guardian signature required)

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Stable With: _____

Entry Fees @ \$/Class \$ _____

Stall(s) for Academy Horse @ \$ _____

Enclosed Total Fees \$ _____

Make checks payable to (Show)