



Points of Emphasis 2018

- **Exhibitor Safety Paramount**
 - Call time outs when appropriate
 - **Must excuse** unruly horses or dangerous riders/drivers
 - Suitability of Horse to Rider
- Appropriate Use of Social Media
- Penalize excessive Speed - English/ Country English/ Park/Driving
- Judge from ground up, back to front



Social Media

- **Licensed Officials**

- Cautioned on how and when they use social media venues
- Reflects on professionalism

- **Everyone!!!!**

- Beware of bullying – don't feed it
- Investigate to learn both sides of a situation before commenting – not everything is true or up-to-date
- **THINK/SLEEP ON IT** before you hit 'send' or 'post'!
- Encourage constructive discussions of varying viewpoints and approaches – there is usually NO one answer that solves a problem



What We Expect

- **From our judges**
 - **Highest Integrity**
 - **Higher Standard**
 - **Conduct as an exhibitor**
 - **Conduct as a licensed official**
 - **Conduct in the “Social Media”**
 - **Use the tools that we teach**



Responsibility

- **To competition management**

- Return phone calls and emails in a timely manner
- Sign and return contracts – negotiate if any issue
- Ask for additional contact info for travel days if problems

- Choose patterns appropriate to arena
- Submit patterns when requested
- Be prepared with score sheets, notebook
- Be proactive
- Dress appropriately
- Thank everyone, including volunteers



Responsibility

- **Continuing education**

- Find or create educational opportunities outside of Seminar
 - Scribe for working western classes such as NRHA reining events
 - Be involved in youth judging teams at local high school or Arabian group
- Review rule books & AHA Equitation Manual, especially noting new rules
- Download current score sheets