

POSEY COUNTY SADDLE CLUB, INC.

2023-2024 RULES AND REGULATIONS

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

1. Family dues are \$25.00. Single dues are \$15.00, children over 19 are considered a single member. You must list your immediate family members at the time you become a member. Children's birth date must be listed. Family membership consists of husband and wife and their combination of children, 18 years and younger, currently living in the same household.
2. Youth age is as of January 1st of current calendar year.
3. Membership dues must be paid up to date to have a voice in club business and to receive points. All members, regardless of age, have a right to vote on club business.
4. Members must be present to vote on club business.
5. Membership starts from the date dues are received by the treasurer until December 31st of current calendar year.

GENERAL RULES

*** UNDER INDIANA LAW, AN EQUINE PROFESSIONAL IS NOT LIABLE FOR ANY INJURY TO, OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES, HORSES ARE RIDDEN AT YOUR OWN RISK IN CASE OF AN ACCIDENT, INJURY, OR DEATH OR THEFT TO THE RIDER, HORSES, FAMILY OR THEIR PROPERTY, NO CLAIM WILL BE HONORED AGAINST THIS CLUB, IT'S OFFICERS, MEMBERS OR ANYONE ASSOCIATE WITH THE POSEY COUNTY SADDLE CLUB.

ABSOLUTLEY NO RUNNING OF HORSES OUTSIDE OF ARENAS will be tolerated!!! ANY & ALL YOUTH MUST WEAR A HELMET WHILE

ASTRIDE A HORSE*** A youth is considered a rider 18 or under as of January 1st of the current year. Any exhibitor showing in a halter or showmanship classes must wear long sleeved shirt and cowboy hat or helmet. All riders must wear boots, jeans and long sleeved shirts, t-shirts with sleeves may be worn in contest classes. A member of the Show Committee will warn anyone violating this rule. If after the first warning, rider does not comply, the offender(s) may not be allowed to show until compliance is met. Offender(s) will not be entitled to a refund of any remaining entry fees. Exhibitors have access to back arena to utilize as well as main arena before and after the shows and during the break, except when equipment is being used in/around to work the arena.

1. NO RIDING HORSES IN THE BARNS!!!
2. NO horses allowed in cattle barn. NO parking vehicles in building.
3. Age limit for classes is age as of January 1st of current year.
4. Age limit for classes are: Lead-line six (6) & under, Pee-Wee ten (10) & under, Jr. 11 to 18 and Senior is 19 & over. Open classes are open to all age horse(s)/rider(s).
5. All dogs must be on a leash. Any dog causing problems will be asked to leave.
6. Foals must be restrained at all times and kept away from arena during the show unless it is being exhibited in a class.

7. Show may be canceled due to inclement weather and/or unsafe riding condition. If show is in progress, points will be counted up to last completed class, refunds will be given for classes that are cancelled.
8. Horses are not allowed around Keck-Gonnerman track or West side of ditch (across the bridge).
9. *The Show Committee* shall consist of current Club Officers and Board of Directors.
10. In the event an issue arises during a show for which there is not a Club rule, the Show Committee will use the AQHA rule book as a guideline to make a decision, with the exception of Open Keyhole Race, Junior and Open Rope Race, where the ApHC rule book will be used for guidelines.
11. **Judges** decision is final according to PCSC/AQHA/ApHC rules/guidelines.
12. **Protests: To file a protest you must pay a \$10.00 fee.** If the protest is found in your favor, the fee will be refunded. Protest must be made before the following class ends. Any participant found guilty after a protest, shall not be allowed to show in that class for the remainder of that year, unless the protest is of a correctable situation. If protest is made concerning the age of a horse or pony, or the age of a rider, the *Show Committee* will consider this a non-correctable situation. Any person not cooperating when a protest is made against him/her will not be allowed to participate in PCSC shows.
13. *The Judge or Show Committee* may dismiss any uncontrollable horse or pony.
14. No unnecessary roughness will be tolerated.
15. Anyone found to be belligerent/unruly under the influence of alcohol/drugs might be asked to leave the Fairgrounds for the remainder of the show. Offender(s) will not be entitled to a refund of any remaining entry fees.
16. No one under the age of nineteen (19) shall be allowed to exhibit a stallion in any class. Exhibitor must write "STALLION" at the top of each entry form at the time entry is made. Other exhibitors in the Open/Senior classes will be notified (by ring steward, announcer, etc.) if a stallion is entered in a class along with the exhibitor's name/number for their own safety (refunds will not be given if you have previously signed up for that class and upon entering show ring discover there is a stallion entered and decide to "scratch" because of this)...
17. Any married exhibitor must enter show as a senior.
18. You must remain astride your horse to qualify for placing.
19. If you do not respond to your name being called three (3) times, you will be disqualified from that event only.
20. First (1st) place trophies will only be awarded in Lead Line, Pee-Wee, & Jr. Classes, second through fifth place (2nd – 5th) will receive ribbons. Open contestants, first through fifth place (1st – 5th) will receive ribbons only.

Halter & Showmanship Classes

1. **Western attire is mandatory:** Long-sleeved shirt, jeans or slacks, western hat/helmet and western boots.
2. **Assistance:** Anyone who receives assistance in any Halter or Showmanship class while being judged will be disqualified and no point will be received for that class***
3. **Pee-Wee Halter and Pee-Wee Showmanship:** Exhibitor's age is ten (10) and under.
4. **Open Showmanship / Pee Wee Showmanship:** Judge will select/design a pattern of his/her choice valid for that show only. There will be an assistant/ring steward to help with the positioning of contestants to ensure safety.

5. **Open Halter / Pee Wee Halter:** A horse/pony or exhibitor of any age may show with the exception of the stallion rule. There will be an assistant/ring steward to help with the positioning of contestants to ensure safety.

Pleasure/Performance Classes

1. **Western attire is mandatory:** Long-sleeved shirt, jeans or western slacks, western hat/helmet (**helmet required for youth exhibitors 18 & under**) and western boots. Chaps are optional.
2. **Assistance:** Anyone who receives assistance in any performance class while being judged will be disqualified and no point will be received for that class***
3. **Lead-Line:** Exhibitor's age is six (6) and under. Long-sleeved shirt, jeans or western slacks, and western boots are required for both the rider and assistance. Riders **MUST** wear a helmet, assistant can wear either a western hat or helmet.
4. **Pee-Wee Classes:** Exhibitor's age is ten (10) & under.
5. **Junior Classes:** Exhibitor's age is 11 to 18. Youth age is as of January 1st of current calendar year. Must wear helmet.
6. **Senior Classes:** Senior is 19 & over.
7. **The Junior Horse Class:** Jr. Horse class is restricted to horses five (5) years of age and under. IF the rider used two hands, the horse must be in a bosal or a snaffle bit. Proof of horse age could be requested.
8. **Ranch Pleasure Class:** Horse is presented in a natural, forward-moving style. Horses can be required to walk, trot, extended trot, lope and extended lope, no racing and horses should have a natural head set. Split reins or rommel reins are allowed but only junior horses can be ridden two handed when using a snaffle bit or hackamore/bosal. Working tack is encouraged but silver isn't penalized. Horses can be left in their natural state or trimmed. Riders must follow western clothing rules.

English Classes

1. **English attire and tack is mandatory:** Knee-high hunt or Jodhpur boots, hunt breeches or jodhpurs, long sleeve shirt without coat (judge's discretion), short sleeve shirt w/coat, tie, stock or choker, hunt cap or helmet.
2. **Assistance:** Anyone who receives assistance in any performance class while being judged will be disqualified and no point will be received for that class***
3. **PCSC/AQHA rules and regulations:** will be used in the English Walk-Trot, English Pleasure, and Hunter Hack classes.
4. **Hunter Hack:**
 - a. Horses are required to jump two fences. Jumps to be set either at the wall to allow flat work travel toward the inside of the ring, or far enough off the wall to allow flat work travel safely between wall and jump, and 36, 48, or 60 feet apart.
 - b. Fences are to be set as cross rails for the first class and set at 2 foot in height for the second class. A ground pole is recommended before each jump.
 - c. Three refusal during fence work will cause disqualification.
 - d. Rail work will follow fence work. Horses will be worked at a walk, trot, and canter, both directions of the ring, at judge's discretion. Backing is at judge's preference. Placing in the class will be determined by allowing the maximum of 30% for work on the flat.
 - e. Not allowed: Any type martingale, tie down, rubber reins, protective leg wraps, boots, or dropped or figure 8 nose band.

Game/Contest Classes

1. **NO RUNNING IN OR OUT OF GATE (NO EXCEPTIONS!!! Anyone violating this rule will be disqualified. Repeat offender(s) may be asked to leave the grounds.**
2. **Dress code is as follows:** Jeans or western slacks, western hat/helmet (helmets are required for youth exhibitors 18 & under), western boots and t-shirts or top that covers shoulders and entire torso. **(NO EXCEPTIONS!!! Anyone violating this rule will be disqualified. Repeat offender(s) may be asked to leave the grounds.**
3. **Assistance:** Anyone who receives assistance either from atop the animal or being led while crossing the timer will be given a "NO TIME" and no points will be received*** Any rider in need of assistance in accordance with the American with Disabilities Act will be eligible for a participation ribbon but no points awarded. Please note this on the entry form***
4. **Patterns:** Patterns rules & regulations will be those used by the PCSC/AQHA/APHC. Patterns may be varied according to arena conditions to ensure the safety of the exhibitor.
5. **Running order:** Will be called over announcer system. If more than one (1) horse is entered by an exhibitor in the same class, request for spacing must be made at time of sign in by writing it on entry sheet (example run first, run second).
6. **Ties:** In the event of a tie, horses involved will re-run class to decide winner.
7. **Timer Failure:** If the timer fails to record a time, that rider may elect to re-run directly after or run last. Rider must make a qualifying run to receive a time.
8. **Disqualifications:** A) Running in or out of an arena gate. B) Hitting the animal in front of the cinch. C) Running off pattern.
9. **Keyhole Race:** Opening of the keyhole will be approximately 100' from the timer. The keyhole will consist of a 4' wide by 10' long lane (alley) leading into a 20' diameter circle. The rider must enter and exit the keyhole without stepping on or outside of the white line for a qualifying time.
10. **Rope Race:** All horses will line up approximately 15-20 feet behind the starting line. If any part of the horse is over the starting line before the (5) second whistle starts blowing that horse/rider will be disqualified. Rider has to maintain hold on rope for five (5) seconds. Intentionally running your horse into another horse will not be allowed. Unnecessary roughness, intentional interference with another horse/rider or their equipment will not be tolerated. Offending horse/rider will be disqualified. All decisions of the judge will be final. Horses will be run down to last five (5) horses to determine placing. Any ties will be run off. Note: Jr. Rope Race age is 11-18. No crossovers or pee-wees will be permitted!!! Riders are required to have an exhibitor's number.
11. **Barrel Race:** There will be a five (5) second penalty added for each barrel knocked down/over, except in payback classes, any barrel knocked down/over will be a disqualification (no time).
12. **Pole Classes:** There will be a five (5) second penalty added for each pole knocked down/over, except in payback classes, any pole knocked down/over will be a disqualification (no time).
13. **Figure 8 Stake Race:** Two poles set 80 feet apart. Contestant will run to end pole, turn around pole and precede to first pole, crossing over center to turn pole in opposite direction, precede to end pole, crossing over center to turn around end pole, then running to end of arena. There will be a five (5) second penalty added for each pole knocked down/over.

14. **Flag Race:** The flag must be picked up and then the point must enter the open end of the bucket either stuck or placed, point down with the material portion of the flag, in the bucket for a qualifying time (no stick/no time). Except in pee wee. The bucket and all three (3) barrels must be left in the upright position for a qualifying time. Flag race will be run on the rail only; no off-the-rail runs will be permitted. Hitting the horse anywhere on the body with the flag will be a disqualification.
15. **Arena Race:** Shall be run with one (1) barrel at the end of the arena (in the position of the third barrel) opposite of the timer. Knocking over/down the barrel will be a disqualification (no time).

Year End Awards

1. Exhibitor must be a paid up-to-date member of PCSC before they ride in a class for year end points to count.
2. One horse/one rider combination to count for Hi-Point Overall Year End Awards.
3. **Hi-Point & Reserve Hi-Point Class Awards:** Awards will be given for each class.
4. **Overall Youth Awards:** Pee-Wee Rider Awards will be awarded for highest combined total of point earned in – Pee Wee Halter, Pee Wee Showmanship, Pee Wee Walk-Trot, Pee Wee Pleasure, Pee Wee Key Hole, Pee Wee Poles, Pee Wee Barrels, Pee Wee Flags, and Pee Wee Arena Race. Overall Junior Rider Awards will be awarded for highest combined total of point earned in Junior Pleasure, Junior Rope Race, Junior Pole, Junior Barrels, Junior Flags, and Junior Arena Race.
5. **Overall Open Awards:** Western Performance Awards will be awarded for highest combined total of points earned in – Open Western Halter, Open Western Showmanship, Open Western Walk-Trot, and Open Western Pleasure. English Performance Awards will be awarded for highest combined total of point earned in – Open English Walk-Trot, Open English Pleasure, and Open Show Jumping. Open Gaming Awards will be awarded for the highest combined total of points earned in – Open Key-Hole, Open Rope Race, Open Poles, Open Figure 8 Stake Race, Open Barrels, Open Flags, and Open Arena Race.
6. **Points are figured ;** 1st – 5 points, 2nd – 4 points, 3rd – 3 points, 4th – 2 points, 5th – 1 point.