

**2022 SANCTIONED
NORTHEASTERN OHIO
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NEOHA GUIDELINES &
CIRCUIT RULES**

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NEOHA / DUSTY BOOTS RIDING CLUB
RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. INTRODUCTION

Dusty Boots Riding Club, Inc., a family-centered riding group, has been in existence for over 70 years. Dusty Boots sponsors the Northeastern Ohio Horseman's Association (NEOHA). NEOHA is *not* an organization in itself, but an outgrowth of Dusty Boots; the NEOHA having been created to tabulate points, award yearly honors, and give the shows a certain consistency. The shows are approved by NEOHA but are actually produced by totally independent organizations. Dusty Boots Riding Club, Inc./ NEOHA, follows the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) rules as a guideline.

2. MEMBERSHIP

A. Membership dues for Dusty Boots Riding Club shall be for January thru December of current year.

B. Family membership includes parents and family members 18 years and under. Youth 18 years and under as of January 1st must have a family membership.

C. All individuals showing for point tabulation must be a paid Dusty Boots Riding Club member.

D. Horses must be nominated prior to competing to receive any points toward year-end awards. No points will be awarded for classes shown prior to the moment the horse sign-up fee was paid.

E. Everyone who shows NEOHA for year-end awards must be a Dusty Boots member and therefore has all the rights of membership, including voting privileges for those ages 19 and over. Dusty Boots Riding Club meetings are the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm. **All members are encouraged to attend.**

3. PAYMENT OF FEES

A. Membership dues, horse nomination fees, daily entry fees, grounds fee and all other fees as may be incurred in the course of an individual or family's involvement with NEOHA and/or Dusty Boots Riding Club, are considered paid on the date submitted. However, all checks received are subject to payment by the payer's bank.

(1) If a check is returned unpaid from the bank for any reason, the check writer will be notified. They will have 30 days from notification to remit payment for the amount of the check, as well as the amount of any and all fees incurred by NEOHA/Dusty Boots Riding Club and/or the organization sponsoring the show as a result of the returned check.

(2) If payment on a returned check is not remitted within the allotted time, any membership and/or horse nomination fees that were assumed paid with the returned check will be cancelled. Any points earned from the time the bad check was submitted, until the time the matter is settled to the satisfaction of NEOHA, will be forfeited.

(3) Any letter of notification sent via mail that is not returned to the club by the post office, will be considered served.

(4) Anyone submitting a check must assure that the check is honored at the time it is presented for payment. Any delay on the part of NEOHA or the sponsoring organization in depositing a check for collection will not affect the standard procedure of debt collection as defined by NEOHA, if a check is returned unpaid.

B. In the event that a returned check is not reimbursed within the allotted time, any and all individuals whose fees were paid with that check will be prohibited from showing at any sanctioned NEOHA shows, and they will not be permitted to renew their Dusty Boots membership until the matter is resolved. This will apply regardless of that individual's membership in Dusty Boots Riding Club at the time the check was submitted, and regardless of whether the returned check was written in their name. For example: If John Doe writes a bad check to cover the entry fees of Jane Doe, both Jane and John Doe will be prohibited from participation in NEOHA events until the matter is resolved.

If sanctions are taken against individuals whose fees were paid with a bad check, NEOHA will notify all parties affected by the sanctions.

C. After two instances of passing a bad check for any NEOHA sanctioned show or event, whether the check is reimbursed or not, that individual will no longer be permitted to submit a check for payment. Cash or a cashier's check will henceforth be the only form of payment accepted from that individual, regardless of their membership in Dusty Boots Riding Club. A list of the individuals who are not permitted to submit checks will be kept in the entry box for the reference of the entry booth staff.

D. Any organization receiving bad checks must notify an NEOHA Director immediately, so the appropriate procedure for collection may be put in motion.

4. SHOW DATES

A. A maximum of 15 show dates will be approved by NEOHA in a calendar year. The first sanctioned show shall be no earlier than the first Sunday of May. The final approved show shall be no later than September 30. Organizations having held previous sanctioned shows will receive first consideration for approval of shows by NEOHA the following year. Any show date not renewed by the organization previously having that date may be applied for by another organization.

B. Applications for show dates must be mailed to:

Dusty Boots Riding Club

PO Box 875

Ashtabula, Ohio 44005-0875

ATTN: SHOW DATE COORDINATOR

Postmarks will determine the dates of applications. A \$25.00 deposit to the NEOHA must accompany all applications for show approval. This deposit will be returned to the applying organization if the show date is not sanctioned. If more than one organization applies for the same date, the organization with seniority for that date shall be used to determine priority. Applications must be received by December 1st for shows in the upcoming year. Judges and Show Flyers must be submitted for approval by March 1st of the show year.

C. To avoid withdrawal of NEOHA sanction, loss of deposit and unnecessary reprinting costs, a copy of the proposed show flyer, the name of the confirmed judge and show steward **must** be submitted for approval to NEOHA **before** it is published.

5. SHOW REQUIREMENTS

A. All NEOHA sanctioned shows must post at the entry booth before the start of the show, a copy of the NEOHA Rule Book. All participants at NEOHA sanctioned shows, members and non-members, must adhere to NEOHA rules.

B. To cover the cost of a NEOHA sanctioned show and/or drug testing and the supplied entry card kit, a fee of 25 cents per entry will be assessed each sponsoring organization by NEOHA.

C. Any organization choosing to use the Dusty Boot's computer system will pay an additional fee plus payment for the computer operator.

D. All patterns must be posted 30 minutes prior to the start of the show. Mandatory patterns with optional rail work in only one direction is required for **all** Horsemanship and Equitation classes. Only posted patterns may be used; and once posted, patterns may not be changed.

E. A 9:00 a.m. start time is recommended for all shows. All shows should start as close as possible to the published start time.

F. Every organization sponsoring a show must give awards for first through fifth place in each class. (Examples of awards include ribbons, trophies, cash, etc.) Every organization must use the Dusty Boots point scale for calculating daily hi-point awards.

	1 st place	2 nd place	3 rd place	4 th place	5 th place
5+ exhibitors	5 pts	4 pts	3 pts	2 pts	1 pts
4 exhibitors	4 pts	3 pts	2 pts	1 pts	
3 exhibitors	3 pts	2 pts	1 pts		
2 exhibitors	2 pts	1 pts			
1 exhibitor	1 pts				

Daily Hi-Point categories will be:

- Walk Trot
- Youth 18 & under
- Adult 19 to 39
- Adult 40 & over

G. Every organization sponsoring a show must use the NEOHA approved list of classes. All NEOHA classes must be included in their proper order. Organizations wishing to add approved classes may do so as long as all regular NEOHA classes are used in their order.

H. Each sponsoring organization is responsible for getting all needed information to the NEOHA Point Secretary or Show Steward at the close of the show. This includes the names of all exhibitors in all classes, all entry cards (including non-point classes), all judge's cards, and all Dusty Boots memberships and horse nominations.

I. A maximum entry fee of \$5.00 will be charged for all classes except stakes and/or jackpot classes. The entry fee for stakes and/or jackpot classes will be determined by the organization sponsoring the show.

J. There will be a fee of fifty cents per mile to deliver or return the entry box, if it is not picked up from and/or returned to the Point Secretary by a representative of the sponsoring organization.

6. SHOW OFFICIALS

A. Show Stewards and a Point Secretary will be elected for each calendar year. A Steward or a substitute appointed by the Steward will be at each sanctioned show to explain and enforce the NEOHA Rules. In the event a Steward is not available, questions regarding the governing of a show may be brought to the attention of any available NEOHA Director.

B. Each sponsoring organization must appoint a Show Manager from their organization to help their show run smoothly.

C. The Show Stewards and/or club officers shall be empowered to make private arrangements for drug testing for the current show season.

7. SHOW EVALUATION

A. To encourage quality shows, the NEOHA Directors will evaluate each show on the basis of entry fee, judge, awards, ring crew, equipment, condition of grounds, adequacy of facilities, layout of the flier, and adherence to NEOHA Rules. ***The NEOHA reserves the right not to approve***, the following year, shows which have been found significantly deficient in these or other important areas.

B. The NEOHA Directors will meet to evaluate shows following the final show of the year.

8. JUDGES

A. NEOHA reserves the right to approve or disapprove any judge hired for an NEOHA sanctioned show.

B. Judges must meet certain criteria before they will be approved by NEOHA. No judge will be approved whom: lives within 50 miles of the show grounds at which they are being hired to judge; has shown at any NEOHA sanctioned show within the last year; has judged any NEOHA sanctioned show within the last two years; or that has been approved to judge any other NEOHA sanctioned show in the same year.

C. NEOHA will provide to the sponsoring organization a list of judges that are ***not*** to be used in a given year along with a list of recommended judges.

D. In an emergency, an alternate judge from any location may be selected by the sponsoring organization. Approval of the show will then rest on a majority vote of those members of the NEOHA Directors present at that time.

E. Prior to or during the show, there will be no socializing in any way between the judge and anyone on the grounds, with the exception of show officials.

(1) Exhibitors having questions regarding their class should address their questions to the Show Steward on duty in the entry booth and/or the show ring, who will relay the question to the judge.

(2) The only time during the course of a show that the exhibitor should approach the judge with a question is if the judge has specifically addressed the class and asked if there are any questions regarding the class or the pattern; or if the judge asks the individual exhibitor specific questions regarding their performance.

(3) Exhibitors are welcome to address the judge with questions regarding the placement of a class or their individual performance; however, these questions must be held until after the end of the show. Exhibitors should not address the judge during any of the scheduled breaks or intermission.

(4) In the interest of fairness to all exhibitors, if the judge recognizes a particular horse or a particular exhibitor, in either a professional or personal context, NEOHA strongly recommends that the judge refrain from socializing with or about said individuals during the course of the show.

F. Judges' cards are to be handed directly from the ring master/mistress to the announcer.

G. In the event that certain exhibitors are disqualified from a class for any reason, the judge is not required to fill all five places. Exhibitors who have been disqualified should be made aware of the reasons for their disqualification in a discreet manner, but they should not be used in the placing of the class.

H. **The Judge's decision is final.** NEOHA has no control over judging decisions, and will not hear complaints or protests regarding these decisions. Complaints or protests involving the improper running of a class should be addressed to the Show Steward as per the procedure outlined in section 11.

I. NEOHA would prefer that the judge send the patterns they intend to use for the day to the sponsoring show committee one week prior to the day of the show.

J. Judges and/or Ring Stewards do not have the authority to eject anyone from the grounds.

K. NEOHA will follow AQHA guidelines regarding the use of illegal bits and spurs. A copy of the AQHA Rule Book is available at the entry booth for review for those who are not familiar with these guidelines. **Bits and spurs must be checked by the judge in at least one class per show.** English spurs must be one inch or less, worn down, not altered, and are not to have rowels.

9. POINTS FOR YEAR-END AWARDS

A. All exhibitors signing up for year-end point tabulation must be Dusty Boots Riding Club members.

B. All horses being exhibited for year-end point tabulation must be signed up prior to receiving any points. A yearly fee of \$25 per horse will be assessed. This fee is separate from membership dues in Dusty Boots Riding Club.

- (1) Anyone with evidence that there is a discrepancy with the points must contact the point secretary as soon as possible to have the situation reviewed.
- (2) Only points earned after the time of payment of fees will be tabulated to count toward year-end awards. Points will begin with the class following the payment of fees.
- (3) Every exhibitor of every animal signed up for points must be a member of Dusty Boots for points to be recorded.
- (4) Exhibitors may receive points only with horses that are nominated for point tabulation.

C. NEOHA Year-End Award point tabulation:

	1 st place	2 nd place	3 rd place	4 th place	5 th place
5+ exhibitors	6 pts	5 pts	4 pts	3 pts	2 pts
4 exhibitors	5 pts	4 pts	3 pts	2 pts	
3 exhibitors	4 pts	3 pts	2 pts		
2 exhibitors	3 pts	2 pts			
1 exhibitor	2 pts				

Each member who shows in a class, but does not place, will receive one (1) participation point. Any exhibitor that is disqualified from a class for any reason will still receive their participation point for that class. **Except for exhibitors testing positive for drugs or using illegal equipment.**

*****This chart is only for NEOHA year-end points*****

D. Only horses or exhibitors which have accumulated a minimum of 10 points in a given class shall be eligible for year-end awards in that class.

E. Distribution of points for year-end awards will be as follows.

- (1) NEOHA points will follow the horse in all Halter classes
- (2) NEOHA points will follow the exhibitor in Showmanship, Horsemanship and Equitation classes, as well as Lead Line and Walk/Trot Classes
- (3) NEOHA points will follow the same horse/ same rider in open performance classes.

10. RULE CHANGES

The NEOHA Directors will evaluate and approve the rules and publish the rule book at the beginning of every calendar year. No rules for the year shall be changed after the rule book has been approved and published. Upon written request, signed by five (5) dues paying members 19 years of age or older, the NEOHA Directors will meet, and by a majority vote of Directors present, will clarify or define rule intent. Results of any rule clarification meeting will be provided to all committee members.

11. PROTESTS

A. The NEOHA has no control over judging decisions and such decisions may not be protested. **Judge's decision is final.**

B. Protests involving the improper running of a class must be presented to the NEOHA Show Steward before a class is placed. The Show Steward will consult with whomever he/she deems necessary and make a binding decision before the class may be placed.

C. Protests involving the administration of NEOHA rules must be presented to the NEOHA Steward in writing. A special meeting of the NEOHA Directors will be called before the next show and a decision made by a majority vote of members present. \$50 cash is to be posted with the written protest. If the protest results in no change, the \$50 will go to the NEOHA. If the dispute is settled in favor of the protestor, the \$50 will be returned. All parties involved in the protest must attend the hearing.

12. DRUG TESTING

A. In the interest of fairness to all exhibitors, all animals being exhibited at any NEOHA approved show are subject to random drug testing. Illegal drugs include, but are not limited to, controlled substances and masking drugs. A refusal to comply with such requests, or positive results as determined by the testing laboratory, constitute grounds for immediate disqualification for the period of one (1) calendar year from the date of testing. This shall also constitute grounds for suspension of association membership and privileges to the exhibitor, owner and/or trainer. Any points earned by the disqualified horse, exhibitor and/or owner will be withdrawn for the entire year. The Show Steward and/or club officers shall be empowered to make private arrangements for drug testing for the current show season.

13. UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT OR INHUMANE TREATMENT

A. Unsportsmanlike conduct or any other form of misconduct that is irresponsible, illegal, indecent, profane, intimidating, threatening or abusive is prohibited. This applies to Dusty Boots Riding Club members, non-members, exhibitors, trainers, owners, owner representatives, spectators and all other persons on the show grounds of a Dusty Boots Riding Club approved event.

B. When any individual is guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct and/or inhumane treatment of an animal as determined by the NEOHA Directors, including an individual's horse testing positive for drugs, certain rights of that individual, the exhibitor, owner and trainer of that animal may be suspended at the discretion of the NEOHA Directors. The right to participate in any remaining NEOHA shows may be suspended for such a time as deemed appropriate by the NEOHA Directors.

C. The standard by which conduct or treatment will be measured is that which a responsible person, informed and experienced in the generally accepted equine training and exhibiting procedures, would determine to be cruel, abusive or inhumane.

D. Any unsportsmanlike conduct, inhumane treatment or illegal drug use on a horse, should be reported immediately to the NEOHA Show Steward or any NEOHA Director.

E. Harassment of any exhibitor, judge, spectator or volunteer on the show grounds may be brought to the attention of the NEOHA Show Steward or any NEOHA Director. Immediate disciplinary action will be determined by the NEOHA Directors present. Disciplinary action may include but will not be limited to loss of points earned, suspension of membership, or dismissal from the show grounds. If further action is required, a formal disciplinary hearing may be requested by the parties involved.

F. Individuals found guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct, testing positive for drug use, inhumane treatment or harassment of any type, will be dealt with immediately by the NEOHA Directors present. All current NEOHA Directors are empowered to enforce disciplinary action that they deem appropriate.

G. NEOHA sanctioned shows are privately sponsored events; and as such, NEOHA reserves the right to dismiss from the show grounds any exhibitor, spectator, owner or trainer that is found by the NEOHA Directors to be in violation of NEOHA standards of unsportsmanlike conduct, drug use, inhumane treatment, or harassment.

14. GENERAL SHOW RULES

A. All NEOHA Shows must run all classes by the NEOHA Rules.

B. Any rule violation occurring at any show must be brought to the immediate attention of either the Show Steward or an NEOHA Director. If the violation occurs in the show ring, the Director will then be responsible for notifying the announcer and ringmaster prior to the placing of the class.

C. All exhibitors, spectators, trainers or other persons participating at an NEOHA sanctioned show must adhere to the rules set forth in this rule book, regardless of membership in Dusty Boots Riding Club.

D. Exhibitors showing in breed-specific classes must have registration papers at all NEOHA sanctioned shows to be produced upon request.

E. Exhibitors are responsible for errors in entries.

F. **Each horse/exhibitor combination must exhibit under a different back number.** If an exhibitor shows more than one animal throughout the day, they must have separate back numbers for each animal. Likewise, if an animal is shown by more than one exhibitor, each exhibitor must use a different back number.

G. NO STALLIONS SHALL BE HANDLED BY ANYONE UNDER THE AGE OF 19 WHILE ON THE SHOW GROUNDS, NO STALLIONS SHALL BE SHOWN IN ANY OF THE WALK/TROT OR LEADLINE CLASSES.

H. Each exhibitor shall appear in appropriate English or Western tack and attire for the class in which they are showing. Any exhibitor found to be using inappropriate tack or attire shall be disqualified.

1. ASTM approved hard hats with safety harnesses are required in all jumping classes and optional in all other classes. Exhibitors in English classes on the flat shall wear a hard hat of their choosing, and are not required to wear an ASTM approved hat. No exhibitor in any class, English or Western, choosing to wear an approved hard hat shall be penalized.
2. At the judge's discretion, they may allow the removal of hunt coats in English classes. In such cases, short sleeve shirts shall be considered appropriate. Short sleeve shirts are not considered appropriate in any Western class.
3. Inappropriate tack or attire must be brought to the immediate attention of the ring master, Show Steward, or an NEOHA Director prior to the announcement of the placing of the class.

4. An exhibitor may not be disqualified because it was discovered after he/she had left the show ring that his/her tack or attire was not appropriate.

I. NEOHA will follow AQHA guidelines regarding the use of illegal bits. A copy of the AQHA Rule Book is available at the entry booth for review for those who are not familiar with these guidelines. Bits and spurs must be checked by the judge in at least one class per show. English spurs must be one inch or less, worn down, not altered, and are not to have rowels.

J. The exhibitor's age will be determined as of January 1st of the show year.

K. The age of the horse shall be computed on the basis of a calendar year starting on January 1st of the year foaled. It is a weanling during the year foaled and a yearling during the first calendar year following its foaling regardless of the time of year foaled. For example, a horse foaled any time in 2006 was considered a yearling on January 1, 2007 and two years old on January 1, 2008.

L. Any horse deemed unruly by either the NEOHA Steward, an NEOHA Director, or the judge, will be dismissed from the class and the exhibitor will forfeit their entry fee.

M. Classes will be Split if the number of entries exceeds sixteen (16) or at judge's discretion.

N. Entries for stakes and/or jackpot classes will close when the class immediately prior enters the show ring.

O. Trainers or coaches (past or present) may only show in Open Performance and Stakes or Jackpot classes.

15. ENFORCEMENT OF NEOHA RULES

A. It is the duty of the NEOHA Directors to write, evaluate, clarify and enforce the NEOHA Rules.

B. Any individual having evidence that another individual is in violation of the NEOHA Rules, should present said evidence to an NEOHA Director immediately. The Directors will investigate the accusation and, if the accusation is substantiated, take appropriate action as may be required.

C. Rule violations that are discovered during the course of the day at a horse show will be handled and immediate disciplinary action decided by at least three NEOHA Directors present, including at least one Show Steward. The individual in violation of the rules will be notified verbally immediately upon discovery of the violation.

D. All rule violations will be discussed by the NEOHA Directors as soon as possible following the violation. At that time, the Directors will determine if further disciplinary action should be taken. If further action is required, the individual(s) affected will be notified in writing by an NEOHA Show Steward.

E. In some cases, individuals may have their memberships and/or showing privileges revoked or suspended for such a time as deemed appropriate by the NEOHA Directors. Rule violations that may incur suspension may include but are not limited to: horses testing positive for illegal substances; inhumane treatment and/or unsportsmanlike conduct, including the use of illegal bit or spurs; passing bad checks for payment of NEOHA fees; and willful violation of the terms of specific NEOHA class divisions.

F. Any individual participating in any capacity at any NEOHA sanctioned show will be bound by the NEOHA Rules. NEOHA reserves the right to take disciplinary action against anyone who stands in violation of the rules, regardless of their membership in Dusty Boots Riding Club. Ignorance of the NEOHA Rules will not be tolerated as an excuse for their violation.

16. 2022 REQUIRED NEOHA CLASSES AND ORDER

Every show sanctioned by NEOHA must include each of the following classes in the following order:

- 1. Adult Showmanship 19 to 39**
(Points exhibitor)
- 2. 40 & Over Showmanship**
(Points exhibitor)
- 3. Youth Showmanship 18 & Under**
(Points exhibitor)
- 4. Novice Rider 11 to 18 W/T Showmanship**
(Points exhibitor)
- 5. Small Fry 10 & Under W/T Showmanship**
(Points exhibitor)
- 6. Adult Halter 19 & Over**
(Points horse)
- 7. Youth Halter 18 & Under**
(Points horse)
- 8. Quarter Horse Halter**
(Points horse)
- 9. Paint and Appaloosa Halter**
(Points horse)

--- 20 Minute Break – Ranch Horse Only ---

- 10. Open Ranch Horse Pleasure**
(Points same horse/same rider)
- 11. Non-Pro Ranch Horse Pleasure**
(Points same horse/same rider)
- 12. Open Ranch Horse Riding**
(Points same horse/same rider)
- 13. Non-Pro Ranch Horse Riding**
(Points same horse/same rider)
- 14. Ranch Horse Conformation**
(Points horse)
- 15. Lead Line (Riders 6 & Under)**
(Points exhibitor)
- 16. Advanced Lead Line (Riders 5 to 8)**
(Walk/Trot, Points exhibitor)

-- 15 Minute Break – WALK/TROT RIDING ONLY –

- 17. Novice Rider 11 to 18 W/T Hunter Under Saddle**
(Points exhibitor, Not eligible in any canter class)
- 18. Novice Rider 11 to 18 W/T English Equitation**
(Points exhibitor, Not eligible in any canter class)
- 19. Small Fry 10 & Under W/T Hunter Under Saddle**
(Points exhibitor, Not eligible in any canter class)
- 20. Small Fry 10 & Under W/T English Equitation**
(Points exhibitor, Not eligible in any canter class)
- 21. Adult Hunter Under Saddle 19 to 39**
(Points same horse/same rider)
- 22. 40 & Over Hunter Under Saddle**
(Points same horse/same rider)
- 23. Youth Hunter Under Saddle 18 & Under**
(Points same horse/same rider)
- 24. Open Junior Hunter Under Saddle**
(Horses aged 5 yrs & under,
Points same horse/same rider)

- 25. Quarter Horse Hunter Under Saddle**
(Points same horse/same rider)
- 26. Open Senior Hunter Under Saddle**
(Horses aged 6 & Over,
Points same horse/same rider)
- 27. Adult English Equitation 19 to 39**
(Points exhibitor)
- 28. 40 & Over English Equitation**
(Points exhibitor)
- 29. Youth English Equitation 18 & Under**
(Points exhibitor)

-- 15 Minute Break – WALK/TROT RIDING ONLY –

- 30. Novice Rider 11 to 18 W/T Western Pleasure**
(Points exhibitor, Not eligible in any canter class)
- 31. Novice Rider 11 to 18 W/T Western Horsemanship**
(Points exhibitor, Not eligible in any canter class)
- 32. Small Fry 10 & Under W/T Western Pleasure**
(Points exhibitor, Not eligible in any canter class)
- 33. Small Fry 10 & Under W/T Western Horsemanship**
(Points exhibitor, Not eligible in any canter class)
- 34. Walk-Trot Egg & Spoon**
(All ages, E/W, points exhibitor
Not eligible in any canter class.)
- 35. 19 & Over Walk-Trot Pleasure**
(E/W, May cross to canter classes,
Points exhibitor, Not tabulated in Daily Hi-Point)
- 36. 19 & Over Walk-Trot Horsemanship/Equitation**
(E/W, May cross to canter classes,
Points exhibitor, Not tabulated in Daily Hi-Point)
- 37. Rookie Western Pleasure / Hunter Under Saddle**
(E/W, Points same horse / same rider)
- 38. Rookie Horsemanship / Equitation**
(E/W, Points same horse / same rider)
- 39. Walk-Trot Trail**
(All ages, E/W, points exhibitor
Not eligible in any canter class.)
- 40. Open Trail**
(E/W, Points same horse / same rider)

***ROYALTY CLASS** (If held, Royalty Class must be held immediately after the trail classes.)

- 41. Adult Western Pleasure 19 to 39**
(Points same horse/same rider)
- 42. 40 & Over Western Pleasure**
(Points same horse/same rider)
- 43. Youth Western Pleasure 18 & Under**
(Points same horse/same rider)
- 44. Open Junior Western Pleasure**
(Horses aged 5 yrs & under,
Points same horse / same rider)
- 45. Quarter Horse Western Pleasure**
(Points same horse/ same rider)
- 46. Open Senior Western Pleasure**
(Horses aged 6 & Over,
Points same horse/same rider)
- 47. Adult Western Horsemanship 19 to 39**

(Points exhibitor)

48. 40 & Over Western Horsemanship

(Points exhibitor)

49. Youth Western Horsemanship 18 & Under

(Points exhibitor)

17. HALTER CLASSES

A. Points for year-end awards will follow the horse in the following classes:

- **Adult Halter 19 & Over**
- **Youth Halter 18 & Under**
- **Quarter Horse Halter**
- **Paint and Appaloosa Halter**
- **Ranch Horse Conformation**

18. LEAD LINE CLASS

A. Rider must be six year of age or under as of January 1st of the show year. This class is to be judged as a Horsemanship/Equitation class. Stirrups must be used. Riders must wear appropriate shirts, boots and hats; however, chaps are optional. Riders not wearing chaps will not be penalized. Riders are not eligible in any other class. Points for year-end awards will follow the exhibitor and year end awards will be presented to all exhibitors who make an honest effort to show at as many shows as possible.

B. **For lead line exhibitors only**, they may show any horse suitable for lead line without the horse being nominated for NEOHA points.

C. It is suggested that all riders wear protective headwear and will not be penalized.

D. Due to safety and liability concerns, there shall be no stallions shown in the Lead Line class.

19. ADVANCED LEAD LINE CLASS

A. Riders must be age 5 to 8 as of January 1st of the show year. Rider may not show in the Lead Line class. However, they are eligible to show in the **Small Fry Walk-Trot Showmanship 10 & Under Class and appropriate Halter classes**.

B. This class will be judged as a Horsemanship/Equitation class. Horses may be shown either English or Western. Stirrups must be used. Riders must wear appropriate shirts, boots and hats; however, chaps are optional. Riders not wearing chaps will not be penalized. It is suggested that all riders wear protective headwear and will not be penalized.

C. Riders will be accompanied by a handler. A lead line is optional at the discretion of the handler. It is recommended that the handler be an adult and remain approximate 5' away from the horse while being judged.

D. Rider and Handler will enter individually and proceed to Walk, Trot, and Stop in a straight line. It is suggested that cones be placed for transitions. Judging should be done on the opposite side of the handler. Rider and Handler will then be required to work on the rail at a walk in at least one direction.

E. Due to safety and liability concerns, there shall be no stallions shown in the Advanced Lead Line class.

F. Points for year-end awards will follow the rider. Any horse used, **must be** nominated for NEOHA award points.

20. SMALL FRY 10 & UNDER WALK-TROT CLASSES

A. Small Fry Walk-Trot exhibitors must be 10 years of age or under on January 1st of current year. Small Fry exhibitors are not eligible in any canter classes. Any walk-trot exhibitor showing in any canter class will lose all accumulated walk-trot points. These classes are intended for bona fide walk-trotters; not exhibitors experienced in any canter classes.

B. The Small Fry Walk-Trot English Equitation and Western Horsemanship exhibitors will be asked to do a pattern. At the discretion of the judge, rail work in one direction may also be used. Riders must wear appropriate shirts, boots and hats; however, chaps are optional. Riders not wearing chaps will not be penalized.

C. Riders exhibiting in these classes are not eligible in any other riding classes.

D. Due to safety and liability concerns, there shall be no stallions shown by any walk-trot exhibitor in any of the walk/trot classes.

E. Points for year-end awards will follow the exhibitor in the following classes:

- **Small Fry 10 & Under W/T Showmanship (E/W)**
- **Small Fry 10 & Under W/T Hunter Under Saddle**
- **Small Fry 10 & Under W/T English Equitation**
- **Small Fry 10 & Under W/T Western Horsemanship**
- **Small Fry 10 & Under W/T Western Pleasure**
- **Walk-Trot Egg & Spoon (E/W)**
- **Walk-Trot Trail (E/W)**

21. NOVICE RIDER 11 to 18 WALK-TROT CLASSES

A. Novice Rider Walk-Trot exhibitors must be 11 to 18 years of age on January 1st of current year. Novice Rider exhibitors are not eligible for any canter classes. Any Novice Rider walk-trot exhibitor showing in any canter class will lose all accumulated walk-trot points. These classes are intended for bona fide walk-trotters; not exhibitors experienced in any canter classes.

B. The Novice Rider Walk-Trot English Equitation and Western Horsemanship exhibitors will be asked to do a pattern. At the discretion of the judge, rail work in one direction may also be used. Riders must wear appropriate shirts, boots and hats; however, chaps are optional. Riders not wearing chaps will not be penalized.

C. An exhibitor may compete in the Novice Rider Walk-Trot classes year after year as long as there has been no demonstrated proficiency in canter classes; or as long as he/she has not won the Novice Rider Walk-Trot Division High Point.

D. When a Novice Rider Walk-Trot exhibitor has won the Novice Rider Walk-Trot Division, the exhibitor may continue to participate in the Novice Rider Walk-Trot classes, however, will not be eligible to win the division again.

E. Due to safety and liability concerns, there shall be no stallions shown by a Novice Rider Walk-Trot exhibitor.

F. Points for year-end awards will follow the exhibitor in the following classes:

- **Novice Rider 11 to 18 W/T Showmanship (E/W)**
- **Novice Rider 11 to 18 W/T Hunter Under Saddle**
- **Novice Rider 11 to 18 W/T English Equitation**
- **Novice Rider 11 to 18 W/T Western Horsemanship**
- **Novice Rider 11 to 18 W/T Western Pleasure**
- **Walk-Trot Egg & Spoon (E/W)**
- **Walk-Trot Trail (E/W)**

22. YOUTH 18 & UNDER CLASSES

A. These classes are for riders aged 18 years or under. Exhibitor's age will be determined as of January 1st of the show year.

B. In the 18 & Under Horsemanship/Equitation classes, exhibitors will be asked to do a pattern. At the discretion of the judge, rail work in one direction may also be used.

C. Points for year-end awards will follow the exhibitor in the following classes:

- **Youth Showmanship 18 & Under (E/W)**
- **Youth English Equitation 18 & Under**
- **Youth Western Horsemanship 18 & Under**

D. Points for year-end awards will follow the same horse/same rider for the following classes

- **Youth Hunter Under Saddle 18 & Under**
- **Youth Western Pleasure 18 & Under**

23. ADULT 19 to 39 CLASSES

A. These classes are for exhibitors ages 19 to 39. Exhibitor's age will be determined as of January 1st of the show year.

B. In Adult 19 to 39 Horsemanship/Equitation classes, exhibitors will be asked to do a pattern. At the discretion of the judge, rail work in one direction may also be used.

C. Points for year-end awards will follow the exhibitor in the following classes:

- **Adult Showmanship 19 to 39 (E/W)**
- **Adult English Equitation 19 to 39**
- **Adult Western Horsemanship 19 to 39**

D. Points for year-end awards will follow the same horse/same rider for the following classes:

- **Adult Hunter Under Saddle 19 to 39**
- **Adult Western Pleasure 19 to 39**

24. 40 & OVER CLASSES

A. These classes are for exhibitors ages 40 and over. Exhibitor's age will be determined as of January 1st of the show year.

B. In 40 & Over Horsemanship/Equitation classes, exhibitors will be asked to do a pattern. At the discretion of the judge, rail work in one direction may also be used.

C. Points for year-end awards will follow the exhibitor in the following classes:

- **40 & Over Showmanship (E/W)**
- **40 & Over English Equitation**
- **40 & Over Western Horsemanship**

D. Points for year-end awards will follow the same horse/same rider for the following classes:

- **40 & Over Hunter Under Saddle**
- **40 & Over Western Pleasure**

25. 19 & OVER WALK/TROT CLASSES

A. 19 & Over W/T Pleasure, Horsemanship/Equitation, are stand alone classes for point tabulation. They **do not qualify for any division or daily high point,** but will receive a year end award.

B. In 19 & Over W/T Horsemanship/Equitation classes, exhibitors will be asked to do a pattern. At the discretion of the judge, rail work in one direction may also be used.

C. Exhibitors may cross to canter / lope classes at the same show.

26. ROOKIE LOPE/CANTER CLASSES

A. Eligible exhibitors may not have shown previously in ANY canter/lope horse show classes. Exhibitors may participate for one year only. Not eligible in any other riding classes except trail or the 19 & over W/T classes.

B. Exhibitors will be asked to W/T/C in each direction of the ring.

C. No Stallions will be allowed to be shown in these classes.

D. Points will follow same horse/same rider to qualify for a year-end award. NO points will be earned to qualify for any daily hi-point or year-end division.

27. OPEN PERFORMANCE CLASSES

Points for year-end awards will follow the same horse / same rider in the following classes:

- **Open Junior Hunter Under Saddle**
- **Quarter Horse Hunter Under Saddle**
- **Open Senior Hunter Under Saddle**
- **Open Trail (E/W)**
- **Open Junior Western Pleasure**
- **Quarter Horse Western Pleasure**
- **Open Senior Western Pleasure**

28. TRAIL CLASSES – ALL AGES

A. In the Trail classes, only one exhibitor is permitted per horse. Two exhibitors cannot show the same horse in the same trail class. One exhibitor may show a maximum of three horses.

B. An exhibitor may not show in both Open Trail and Walk-Trot Trail. Open Trail exhibitors will be asked to canter. Walk-Trot Trail exhibitors are not eligible in any canter class.

C. After three refusals of a given obstacle, the exhibitor will be asked to continue on to the next obstacle.

D. After three obstacles have been refused, the exhibitor will be disqualified and asked to exit the course.

E. Exhibitors off course will be disqualified and asked to exit the course.

F. In some instances, it is necessary for a rider to change hands on the reins while performing a particular Trail obstacle. Exhibitors are allowed to change hands on the reins only *once* during the course of a Trail pattern. The definition of changing hands once shall be to change from the dominant rein hand, to the non-dominant rein hand, and back again, as may be required in the working of a gate or similar obstacle. Exhibitors changing hands on the reins more than once during a Trail pattern will be disqualified and asked to exit the course.

G. Both Open Trail and Walk-Trot Trail patterns must ask for a minimum of five maneuvers. Suggested obstacles include:

Back through cones/poles
 Square box (Possibly requiring a pivot, 360,180, 270, or 90 degrees)
 Walk/trot poles, Sidepass
 Mail box, Slicker, Bridge, Gate,
 Pass through obstacles (hay bales, cones, poles, potted plants, tree limbs, etc.)
 Weave through cones/poles
 Water box

(1) Obstacles used will depend on the materials available at the show grounds. It is recommended that judges not write a trail pattern until they are aware of the obstacles available for use.

(2) Unacceptable obstacles: Tires, Animals, Hides, PVC pipe, Dismounting, Jumps, Rocking or moving bridges, water box with floating or moving parts, flames, dry ice, fire extinguisher, etc, log or poles elevated in a manner that permits such to roll, ground ties.

H. The judge may walk the course and has the right and duty to alter the course in any manner. The judge may remove or change any obstacle he deems unsafe or non-negotiable.

I. Open Trail and Walk-Trot Trail patterns may use the same obstacles, **but it is highly recommended that the Walk-Trot Trail pattern use the obstacles in a manner befitting the experience level of the exhibitors.**

29. RANCH HORSE CLASSES

A. Exhibitors showing in Ranch Horse Classes may NOT show in other pleasure classes with the same horse. However, Exhibitors MAY show in Showmanship, Halter, Hunter Under Saddle, Equitation, Trail, Horsemanship, or any Stakes or Jackpot classes with the same horse.

B. Some preference will be given to exhibitors showing in "Ranch" type attire.

C. Trimming of facial hair, ears, bridle path, & fetlocks is discouraged.

D. Prohibited items will include:

- a. Any saddle or bridle with silver attached
- b. Any tail extensions
- c. Braided or banded manes
- d. Hoof black

E. Posting the extended trot is acceptable, Also, touching or holding the saddle horn is acceptable.

- F. Ranch Horse Pleasure will be worked only on the rail with exhibitors possibly asked for extension at any or all 3 gaits.
- a. Judges will be looking for a horse suitable for ranch work. That is a horse with a free flowing stride and natural head set working on light rein contact.
 - b. Ranch Horse Riding will be a pattern class with exhibitors working individually to demonstrate their horse's gait, flexibility, and response. There will be no rail work for this class.
- G. Ranch Horse Conformation – Sweat marks and mud, if raining, will not count against any horse. Judges will be looking for a horse suitable for ranch work.

30. NEOHA YEAR-END HIGH POINT DIVISIONS

HALTER DIVISION

A Year-End High Point Division Award will be presented for the highest point accumulation in any **ONE** Halter Class. If an exhibitor shows the same horse in more than one Halter Class, their points will not be combined.

SMALL FRY 10 & UNDER WALK-TROT DIVISION

A Year-End High Point Division Award will be presented to the exhibitor with the highest combined point accumulation in the following classes:

- **Small Fry 10 & Under W/T Showmanship (E/W)**
- **Small Fry 10 & Under W/T Hunter Under Saddle**
- **Small Fry 10 & Under W/T English Equitation**
- **Small Fry 10 & Under W/T Western Horsemanship**
- **Small Fry 10 & Under W/T Western Pleasure**
- **Walk-Trot Egg & Spoon (E/W)**
- **Walk-Trot Trail (E/W)**

NOVICE RIDER 11 to 18 WALK-TROT DIVISION

A Year-End High Point Division Award will be presented to the exhibitor with the highest combined point accumulation in the following classes:

- **Novice Rider 11 to 18 W/T Showmanship (E/W)**
- **Novice Rider 11 to 18 W/T Hunter Under Saddle**
- **Novice Rider 11 to 18 W/T English Equitation**
- **Novice Rider 11 to 18 W/T Western Horsemanship**
- **Novice Rider 11 to 18 W/T Western Pleasure**

- **Walk-Trot Egg & Spoon (E/W)**
- **Walk-Trot Trail (E/W)**

When a Novice Rider Walk-Trot exhibitor has won the Novice Rider Walk-Trot Division, the exhibitor may continue to participate in the Novice Rider Walk-Trot classes, however, will not be eligible to win the division again.

YOUTH 18 & UNDER DIVISION

A Year-End High Point Division Award will be presented to the exhibitor with the highest combined point accumulation in the following classes:

- **Youth Showmanship 18 & Under**
(E/W; Pts. Exhibitor)
- **Youth English Equitation 18 & Under**
(Pts. Exhibitor)
- **Youth Western Horsemanship 18 & Under**
(Pts. Exhibitor)
- **Youth Hunter Under Saddle 18 & Under**
(Pts. Same horse/same rider)
- **Youth Western Pleasure 18 & Under**
(Pts. Same horse/same rider)

ADULT 19 to 39 DIVISION

A Year-End High Point Division Award will be presented to the exhibitor with the highest combined point accumulation in the following classes:

- **Adult Showmanship 19 to 39**
(E/W, Points Exhibitor)
- **Adult English Equitation 19 to 39**
(Points Exhibitor)
- **Adult Western Horsemanship 19 to 39**
(Points Exhibitor)
- **Adult Hunter Under Saddle 19 to 39**
(Pts. Same horse/same rider)
- **Adult Western Pleasure 19 to 39**
(Pts. Same horse/same rider)

40 & OVER DIVISION

A Year-End High Point Division Award will be presented to the exhibitor with the highest combined point accumulation in the following classes:

- **40 & Over Showmanship**
(E/W, Pts. Exhibitor)
- **40 & Over English Equitation**
(Pts. Exhibitor)
- **40 & Over Western Horsemanship**
(Pts. Exhibitor)
- **40 & Over Hunter Under Saddle**
(Pts. Same horse/same rider)
- **40 & Over Western Pleasure**
(Pts. Same horse/same rider)

OPEN DIVISION

A Year-End High Point Division Award will be presented to the owner of the horse with the highest combined point accumulation in the following classes:

- **Open Junior Hunter Under Saddle**
- **Quarter Horse Hunter Under Saddle**
- **Open Senior Hunter Under Saddle**
- **Open Trail (E/W)**
- **Open Junior Western Pleasure**
- **Quarter Horse Western Pleasure**
- **Open Senior Western Pleasure**

31. ROYALTY CONTEST**Dusty Boots Riding Club Royalty Contest Rules****SENIOR CONTEST**

- A. Contestants competing for the title of Dusty Boots King/Queen may be any male or female competing in the Dusty Boots Riding Club canter/lope or walk/trot classes, ages 14-24 as of January 1st of the show year. Qualifying contestants must be members in good standing of Dusty Boots and may not be married or divorced, may not be a parent, or expecting a child while competing for the title during their reign. If a contestant's status changes at any time, they must withdraw from the competition or if having been crowned, must relinquish the title to the first runner-up, as well as returning all awards.
- B. The Senior Royalty contest will be compromised of four separate parts, each contributing a different percentage to the total score.
- a. Horsemanship - 30% of total score
 - i. There will be at least three opportunities offered to execute a horsemanship pattern. At least two attempts are required to receive a score for the competition. If the contestant participates in more than two attempts, the two highest scored attempts will count towards the competition.

- ii. The Royalty contestant may use any horse for the Royalty Horsemanship as long as that horse is signed up to receive Dusty Boots points. The contestants may use a different horse for each attempt. A \$5.00 entry fee will be paid at the show for each attempt.
 - iii. The horsemanship attempts will be scored by the judges, not placed in reference to each other.
 - b. Written Test - 25% of total score
 - i. Contestants will be given a written test of the NEOHA rule book.
 - ii. The written test will be administered by the Royalty Committee.
 - c. Interview - 25% of total score
 - i. Contestants will be interviewed by a panel of judges selected by the Royalty Committee. There will be at least 3 judges on the panel.
 - ii. The interview will take place on the same date as the written test.
 - d. Attendance - 20% of total score
 - i. Royalty contestants will be required to attend two Dusty Boots Riding Club membership meetings during the calendar year in which they are competing. Contestants must sign the attendance sheet at the meeting.
- C. A Royalty sponsorship of at least \$50.00 per contestant is required and must be turned in to the Royalty Chairperson, no later than the last Dusty Boots show of the year, in order to complete the competition.
- D. A Royalty contestant is required to perform a minimum of four service hours for Dusty Boots Riding Club at shows or other DBRC functions OR serve on a committee as a participating member.

- E. The individual with the highest cumulative score at the end of the competition will earn the title of King/Queen. One winner will be crowned along with a first and second runner up. Winner will be crowned at the annual awards banquet held the following spring.
- F. In the event of a tie, the winner will be the contestant with the highest overall horsemanship score.
- G. Once an individual has earned the title of King/Queen, they are eligible to compete in the contest every other year.
- H. There must be at least one contestant signed up by the 4th of July horse show in order for the Royalty Contest to be held.
- I. Requirements of the King/Queen during their reigning year may include but not limited to:
 - a. Pass out awards at the banquet following crowning;
 - b. Pass out awards at Dusty Boots shows (when they are not showing);
 - c. Remain a Dusty Boots member in good standing;
 - d. Present royalty contestants at the shows;
 - e. Serve on and participate in fundraising or donation collection for the Royalty Committee;
 - f. Represent DBRC at all social and fundraiser events;
 - g. If duties are not fulfilled then the contestant will not be eligible to compete in the contest in the future.

JUNIOR CONTEST

- A. The Junior Royalty contestants are eligible males and females, ages 7 to 13 on January 1st of the show year. Open to W/T and W/T/C riders.
- B. The Junior Royalty contest will be compromised of four separate parts, each contributing a different percentage to the total score.
 - a. Horsemanship - 30% of total score
 - i. There will be at least three opportunities offered to execute a horsemanship pattern. At least two attempts are required to receive a score for the competition. If the

- contestant participates in more than two attempts, the two highest scored attempts will count towards the competition.
- ii. The Royalty contestant may use any horse for the Royalty Horsemanship as long as that horse is signed up to receive Dusty Boots points. The contestants may use a different horse for each attempt. A \$5.00 entry fee will be paid at the show for each attempt.
 - iii. The horsemanship attempts will be scored by the judges, not placed in reference to each other.
- b. Written Test - 25% of total score
- i. Contestants will be given a written test covering safety around horses, identification of parts of the horse and equipment, and some basic knowledge of Dusty Boots.
 - ii. The written test will be administered by the Royalty Committee.
- c. Interview - 25% of total score
- i. Contestants will be interviewed by a panel of judges selected by the Royalty Committee. There will be at least 3 judges on the panel.
 - ii. The interview will take place on the same date as the written test.
- d. Attendance - 20% of total score
- i. Royalty contestants will be required to attend two Dusty Boots Riding Club membership meetings during the calendar year in which they are competing. Contestants must sign the attendance sheet at the meeting.

- C. A Royalty sponsorship of at least \$50.00 per contestant is required and must be turned in to the Royalty Chairperson, no later than the last Dusty Boots show of the year, in order to complete the competition.
- D. A Royalty contestant is required to perform a minimum of four service hours for Dusty Boots Riding Club at shows or other DBRC functions OR serve on a committee as a participating member.
- E. The individual with the highest cumulative score at the end of the competition will earn the title of Prince/Princess. One winner will be crowned along with a first and second runner up. Winner will be crowned at the annual awards banquet held the following spring.
- F. In the event of a tie, the winner will be the contestant with the highest overall horsemanship score.
- G. Once an individual has earned the title of Prince/Princess, they are eligible to compete in the contest every other year.
- H. There must be at least one contestant signed up by the 4th of July horse show in order for the Royalty Contest to be held.
- I. Requirements of the Prince/Princess during their reigning year may include but not limited to:
 - a. Pass out awards at the banquet following crowning;
 - b. Pass out awards at Dusty Boots shows (when they are not showing);
 - c. Remain a Dusty Boots member in good standing;
 - d. Present royalty contestants at the shows;
 - e. Serve on and participate in fundraising or donation collection for the Royalty Committee;
 - f. Represent DBRC at social and fundraiser events;
 - g. If duties are not fulfilled then the contestant will not be eligible to compete in the contest in the future.

The NEOHA / Dusty Boots Riding Club would like to say "Thank You" for your support, attending our shows and functions. We can not do this without you!