



2019 RULES & REGULATIONS

SHOW RULES: AQHA Rules will be strictly followed except where noted by Valley Riders rules. No stallions are allowed to be shown by youth (18 & under) in Valley Riders Open Shows.

PROPER ATTIRE: Rider to wear attire appropriate to the tack used. Long pants, long sleeve shirt, boots with heels, and appropriate hat are a must.

NEW MEMBERS: Any person or persons wanting to join the CLUB should send their paid application to the club treasurer. New member applications will be listed in the newsletter that is sent out before the next meeting. They will then be voted on at the next meeting, according to the by-laws. Applications must be submitted by June 30th.

WORKERS: To be eligible for year-end awards, members must donate hours of work to the CLUB. **Each family member eligible for awards requires 6 hours.** Hours may be earned by working any open CLUB show or CLUB breed show. For hours to be counted, workers must check in at the office prior to their scheduled work time and check back in at the end of their work time. Hours will not be counted unless check in and check out procedures are strictly followed. Workers must be at least 14 years old and must meet job qualifications. Workers must work a minimum of 3 hours at a time. Members should sign up for a show date on their membership form, and will be assigned a slot at one of those shows. They will be responsible for having a family member work at their assigned time. Members will have the option to purchase some or all of their hours for \$15/hour. The form must be filled out and returned no later than the June open show to be able to use this option.

YEAR-END AWARDS: Members must show in no less than **5** shows (double judged shows count as two shows) and **work necessary hours** to qualify for year-end awards. In order to qualify for a year-end award for an individual class, members must show no less than **5** times in that particular class. Awards will be given for 1st to 6th place (4th to 6th place may be a plaque, trophy, or certificate). Ties will be broken by number of times shown in that class, and then by number of first places in that class. Schooling classes are not eligible for year-end awards.

INCENTIVE PROGRAM: Every CLUB member is eligible for the program. You must work your required hours. Any hours worked over the required minimum will earn incentive points. You will be eligible for points beginning January 1st thru November 1st. If a member works and doesn't show, all hours worked will count toward an incentive award.

The points will be awarded as follows:

Meetings – 10 points

Working – 10 points / hour (Horse Shows)

Cleanup at Fairgrounds or any other predetermined assignment – 10 points / hour

HORSE OWNERSHIP: All horses shown by CLUB members for any year-end awards must be owned or leased by a CLUB member. Both the exhibitor and the owner/lessee must be CLUB members.

POINTS: Points will be awarded to ten places. Classes of 10 or more will receive a maximum of 10 points for first place down to 1 point for 10th place. Smaller classes will have points adjusted accordingly. First through sixth places will be announced following each class. Other results will be available from the show office. Points will not accumulate until dues are paid. Halter points are accumulated by horse/owner combination. Performance points are accumulated by horse/exhibitor combination.

HIGH POINT AWARDS: There will be overall High Point Awards in five divisions; Small Fry Youth, Youth 13 and Under, Youth 14-18, Adult 19 & over, and Select Adult (50 & over). To compete for these awards the horse must be eligible to receive CLUB points. The High Point Awards will be presented at the year-end banquet. Select High Point is based on Select classes only. Small Fry is based on Small Fry Classes only. No individual can win the High Point Award in more than one age division.

High Point Awards will be calculated as follows: The top 5 point values in each class for a horse/rider combination will be totaled. Then the top 5 classes for each horse/exhibitor combination will be totaled. This will be the high point score. See www.valleyriders.com for more information or contact Debbi Cottongim at 317-736-4456.

SPIRIT AWARD: This award is open to any CLUB member in good standing that has maintained a positive attitude, shown leadership, sportsmanship, respect, and a willingness to help others. The award will be voted on by a special committee and will be presented at the year-end banquet.

SHOW NUMBERS: All CLUB members will be assigned a show number for every Horse/Rider combination. Assigned numbers MUST be used in order to receive year end points!

STALLS: Stalls are reserved for members who plan to use stalls for the majority of the shows. ***Stall cancellations must be made at least 48 hours prior to show.*** Members will be charged for each stall not used if they are not cancelled 48 hours prior to the show. If a member doesn't use their stall(s) and doesn't cancel or cancels late more than twice, their stalls will no longer be reserved for the remainder of the year. For cancellation call Barbara West at 317-535-4597. **Due to insurance, stalls cannot be accessed before 3 PM on the day before a show.**

CONDUCT: Abusive language and/or behavior during a Valley Riders sponsored function will not be tolerated. Violators will be asked to leave the grounds. Members violating this rule will be dropped from the membership and will not be able to reapply for a period of 5 years.

THE CLUB REQUIRES THAT EVERY HORSE SHALL, AT ALL TIMES, BE TREATED HUMANELY, WITH DIGNITY, RESPECT, AND COMPASSION. Any inhumane treatment of a horse will not be tolerated. You will be asked to leave the grounds.

NSF CHECKS: Any NSF checks issued to the Club will be subject to a \$35.00 charge. The member may not show until moneys are paid in full.

GRIEVANCE: Anyone desiring to file a formal complaint or grievance during a horse show or Club function, must do so in writing to a club officer or member of the Board of Directors within

one hour of the alleged infraction. This must be accompanied by \$25.00 to be refunded only if the grievance is upheld. The grievance will be acted upon by the Board of Directors within one week of the alleged infraction with written statements sent to those involved. THE DECISION OF THE BOARD IS FINAL.

LIFETIME MEMBERS: A lifetime member is defined as a member/spouse who have been paying, good standing adult members for at least 25 consecutive years. After the 25th year, these members are considered “lifetime” and are not required to pay the yearly membership fee. Children of lifetime members do not automatically assume lifetime status, until they have their own paying membership for 25 + years.