

NORTHWEST BORDER ZONE

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CHAPTER 1 – BASIC OPERATIONS OF THE ZONE

Rule 1 – NAME

Name of the Zone shall be Northwest Border Zone (hereinafter NWBZ or “the Zone”) of Washington State Horsemen (hereinafter WSH), a Washington non-profit corporation.

Rule 2 – PURPOSE

It shall be the purpose of the Northwest Border Zone (NWBZ) to join together in common bond the individuals throughout the Zone interested in horses, whether for business or pleasure, and:

1. To serve and promote the best interests of NWBZ horse owners and riders who participate in Zone-recognized Horse Shows, Games, Competitive Trail Rides, and Trails & Pleasure Riding;
2. To make adequate and fair rules governing NWBZ competition, and to enforce them for the common benefit, guided by the regulations of the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc., WSH Horse Show Rules, WSH Games Show Rules, and WSH Competitive Trail Riders Rules;
3. The Zone may license NWBZ Judges, Technical Delegates, and Timers for NWBZ activities;
4. To adjudicate questions of violations of the NWBZ rules and to impose penalties thereto in accordance with the rules, providing the Zone has a method and rules to accomplish this. Alternatively, the Zone may call upon WSH for assistance;
5. To maintain proper Zone records in connection with NWBZ High Score Awards;
6. To approve dates for Horse Shows, Games Shows, and Competitive Trail Rides within and for NWBZ;
7. To establish a Zone information center (phone numbers and addresses for information);
8. To promote and publicize the operations of NWBZ through the WSH Canter magazine and a Zone bulletin if available;
9. To establish rules for NWBZ activities such as Horse Shows, Games, Competitive Trail, and Trails & Pleasure, and to publish the rules for the benefit of all members of NWBZ;
10. To better existing conditions within NWBZ on trails and roadways, and laws pertaining to horses and horsemen;
11. To approve but not sponsor any show or activity where money and liability are involved. If an activity is done for the benefit of NWBZ, such as a benefit show or any fundraising activity, it must be sponsored by a club or individual.

Rule 3 – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in NWBZ shall be established by membership in WSH. Member shall be affiliated with only one Zone.

Section 2. Any WSH member belonging either through a NWBZ club, as a regular member residing within the boundaries of NWBZ, or as a transfer member from another zone (listed by WSH as a member of NWBZ) is eligible for NWBZ High Score Awards, provided all other Zone requirements have been met.

Rule 4 – BOUNDARIES OF NWBZ

The State is divided into geographical areas called “Zones” (WSH Bylaws, Article CII, Sec. 2). The geographical boundaries of NWBZ are as follows: Island, San Juan, Skagit, and Whatcom Counties.

Rule 5 – OFFICERS

Section 1. There shall be at least three (3) elected officers: President, Vice President, and Director to the State Board, no two of which shall be combined.

Section 2. Any additional officers may be elected if required or desired by the Zone membership.

Section 3. The Secretary and Treasurer may be appointed by the NWBZ President with the approval of the Zone membership. These two positions may be combined.

Section 4. The term of office for the President and Vice President shall be for one (1) year, beginning January 1 and ending December 31, or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Section 5. The term of office for the Zone Director to State shall be for two (2) years, beginning January 1, 2019, and ending December 31, 2020, or until his/her successor is elected and qualified.

Rule 6 – NWBZ BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The NWBZ Board of Directors shall consist of elected officers and any others that the Zone Standing Rules specify.

Section 2. The Board of Directors of NWBZ shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary Treasurer, Zone Director to the State Board of Directors, and the immediate Past President. In addition to the aforementioned members, NWBZ will include the following on the Board of Directors: Horse Show Division Chair, Games Division Chair, Trails & Pleasure Division Chair, Competitive Trail Division Chair, Youth Merit Chair, and Parliamentarian.

Section 3. The President of each club in NWBZ shall be an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. All members of the Board of Directors must be members in good standing of WSH, Inc.

Rule 7 – ELECTIONS

Section 1. Election of officers shall be held prior to the WSH annual convention. This will allow the incoming and outgoing officers the opportunity to attend the annual convention.

Section 2. The officers shall be elected by the Zone membership at the October meeting, from the membership of NWBZ, except the Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be appointed by the President. Elections shall be held by ballot.

Section 3. The nominating committee shall be appointed by the President. The committee shall be comprised of five (5) members, who shall present at the September meeting one or more nominees for each office. Nominations may also be made from the floor.

Rule 8 – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Zone President – The duties of the Zone President shall be: To preside at all NWBZ meeting of the membership and the meetings of the Board of Directors;

- A. To appoint with the approval of the NWBZ Board of Directors the following: officers who are not elected, and all committee chairs who may be necessary;
- B. To sign as President, together with the Secretary, all contracts and other instruments in writing, including evidence of indebtedness, which have been approved by the NWBZ Board of Directors;
- C. To call such meetings as are required to be called;
- D. To see that the WSH Bylaws and NWBZ Rules and Regulations as may be adopted by the NWBZ membership are properly enforced;
- E. To supervise generally the affairs of NWBZ;
- F. To serve as an ex-officio member of all committees;
- G. To report to the membership at NWBZ meetings the activities and general progress of the Zone;
- H. To represent NWBZ at the WSH Zone Coordinating meeting.

Section 2. Zone Vice President - The duties of the Zone Vice President shall be to perform the duties of the President in his / her absence or in his / her inability to serve.

Section 3. Zone Secretary – The duties of the Zone Secretary shall be:

- A. To conduct the correspondence of NWBZ and keep proper records;
- B. To keep the minutes of the meetings of the membership and the Board of Directors;
- C. To sign, together with the President, all contracts and other instruments in writing, including evidence of indebtedness, which have been approved by the NWBZ Board of Directors;
- D. To carry out such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors; and
- E. To report to the members in convention assembled.

Section 4. Zone Treasurer – The duties of the Zone Treasurer shall be:

- A. To have custody of all the funds and securities of NWBZ;
- B. To keep full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements in appropriate account books;
- C. To deposit all monies and other valuable effects in the name of, and to the credit of, NWBZ in such depositories as may be designated by the President and/or Board of Directors, which shall be drawn upon with the signatures of the President and Treasurer;
- D. To carry out such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors; and
- E. To report the financial status to the Board of Directors when requested and to the members in convention assembled.

Section 5. Director to State

- A. The duties of the Director to State shall be:
 - i. To represent NWBZ at WSH Board meetings;
 - ii. To attend WSH Board meetings and present anything to that body on behalf of NWBZ, as instructed by the Zone; and
 - iii. To report back to NWBZ at the first Zone meeting after the WSH Board meeting on business conducted.
- B. The Director to State shall vote at WSH Board meetings for the good of NWBZ and the organization, and not for their own personal benefit.
- C. If, at any time, the Director to State is unable to attend the WSH Board meeting, he/she shall notify the Zone President, who in turn shall appoint an alternate, other than him/herself. The alternate must be authorized in writing by the Zone President, and said authorization will be presented to the WSH Secretary prior to the WSH Board meeting.

Section 6. Zone Board of Director The duties of the NWBZ Board of Directors shall be to conduct the business of the Zone between regular meetings.

Section 7. Additional Duties of Officers The duties of the retiring presiding shall be to act in an advisory capacity and to serve as an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors. Any officer that misses three (3) successive meetings, without valid excuse, shall have his/her office declared vacant.

Rule 9 – MEETINGS

Section 1. There may be monthly meetings, but no fewer than seven (7) meetings per calendar year. Meetings will be held within NWBZ. Notice of meetings (date, time, location) must be published at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting in the Zone bulletin or the WSH Canter.

Section 2. It is recommended that meeting dates be established for the entire year and be published in the NWBZ newsletter for convenience.

Section 3. Meetings shall be conducted in an informal manner, but if formal rules of proceedings are deemed necessary, Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the manner of conducting the meeting.

Section 4. Those members wishing to qualify for year-end high score awards will be required to attend two (2) NWBZ meetings per year, except as provided for by division rules, excluding specific Division meetings and the Awards Banquet. Alternatively, members may pay \$50 per meeting to have meeting requirement waived. Any monies paid for meeting waivers will go to the year-end high score award division of the members choice.

Section 5. Parents/guardians/spouses of members may fulfill requirements, provided they are also members of NWBZ.

Section 6. Members who must ride a Washington State Ferry to attend a meeting may opt to do one (1) non-competitive zone service and get signed proof of such from the function coordinator or chairperson, or from a NWBZ officer in attendance. These will be turned in to the Zone Secretary by the member.

Rule 10 – VOTING

Section 1. The voting system must be identified in the Standing Rules. Any voting system may be adopted for the efficient and continued operation of NWBZ.

Section 2. If a delegate vote is called for on a matter, it should be voted on by club delegates only. Refer to WSH Bylaws, Article XI, Sections 1 & 2.

Section 3. All division discussion and decisions are to be made within a division meeting and the results presented at the general NWBZ meeting for adoption.

Rule 11 – ZONE-RELATED PROBLEMS

If, at any time, NWBZ cannot resolve a Zone-related problem, the Zone President may take it to a regular or special Zone Coordinating meeting for discussion. If the problem cannot be resolved with the assistance of the Zone Presidents, it may be referred by them to whatever channels required to solve the problem. Between the Zone Coordinating regular meetings, the Zone President may contact the Zone Coordinating Chair in order that he/she may call a special meeting as needed.

Rule 12 – ZONE FINANCES

NWBZ has no authority to levy dues or assessments from any individual or club under its jurisdiction. Expenses for the Zone shall be paid for from general fund for the following:

1. Secretarial expenses;
2. Travel expenses for the NWBZ Director to State to attend WSH Board meetings, if funds are available;
3. Travel expenses for any NWBZ appointed representative to WSH committee meetings, if funds are available;
4. A maximum of \$100 per WSH convention and \$50 per WSH Board meeting shall be allotted, to be divided between the NWBZ President and the NWBZ Director to State if both attend, or the full amount to one if only one attends, funds permitting. All bills for expenses shall be submitted to the treasurer within thirty (30) days of the date on which the expenses were incurred.

Rule 13 – AUDIT

The Zone shall have a committee to review its financial record each year. This committee may consist of members of the zone. It is not required that the audit be done by a CPA or someone outside the Zone unless the members of the Zone so desire. A financial statement shall be sent to the current WSH Secretary/Treasurer or be presented to the Secretary/Treasurer at the (WSH board meeting. WSH Bylaws, Basic Operation of Zones)

Rule 14 – DIVISION FINANCES

Section 1. The only monies to be used for a division's year-end high score awards will be those collected within that particular division, individual donations included.

Rule 15 – STANDING RULES, COMMITTEES, & DUTIES

- Section 1.** Additional standing rules particular to NWBZ should be readily distinguishable from the Basic Operations Rule (i.e. italicized, font, underlined, or indented).
- Section 2.** The Zone's completed standing rules must be sent to the WSH office. Any additions or changes made through the year should be reported to the state office.
- Section 3.** There shall be the following committees to represent NWBZ and to function as needed: Horse Show, Games, Trails & Pleasure, Competitive Trail, Working Horse, Bylaws, Finance, Rule Book, Zone Banquet, and Newsletter.
- Section 4.** The duties of the Horse Show Committee shall relate to the functions of Horse Show Division, including, but not limited to, English & Western performance divisions. The Horse Show Committee shall submit a NWBZ horse show calendar, must approve all NWBZ horse shows, and appoint a Zone Recorder for recording all scores for the year and high point award scores. The Horse Show Committee shall determine fees to be charged to approve horse shows and the participation fees for high score awards. The Horse Show Division Chair shall appoint the English and Western performance chairpersons. The Chair of the Horse Show Committee shall be the Horse Show Division Chair for NWBZ. The Horse Show Committee shall consist of all NWBZ members interested in the NWBZ Horse Show Division.
- A.** The duties of the English Performance Committee shall be to formulate rules and regulations governing the English Division of NWBZ shows and to set up English classes for NWBZ high score awards. It shall be the responsibility of the English Performance Chair to contact the Zone Recorder and obtain a list of all riders who qualify to ride for the Bovon Junior Huntseat Equitation Award and the Hento Good Hands & Seat Over Fences Award. The Chair will notify riders and prepare certificates to be distributed at the year-end awards banquet.
- B.** The duties of the Western Performance Committee shall be to formulate rules and regulations governing the Western Division of NWBZ shows and to set up the Western classes for Zone high score awards. It shall be the responsibility of the Western Performance Chair to contact the Zone Recorder and obtain a list of all riders who qualify to ride for the Trost Junior Stockseat Cup. The Chair will notify riders and will prepare certificates to be distributed at the year-end awards banquet.
- C.** The duties of the Zone Recorder shall be to record and compile all points for the NWBZ horse shows. The Zone Recorder shall collect and submit all fees, registrations, and money to the treasurer in connection with the horse show high score award system.
- D.** The duties of the Judges & Stewards Committee shall be to propose rules and regulations for approving and governing judges and stewards. Such rules and regulations shall not conflict with those set forth by WSH. The Judges & Stewards Committee shall give tests for all judges and stewards, and recommend such qualified persons to the President for approval. The committee shall set up a judging school for breed and performance when requested by the Zone President. The Chair of this committee shall be the Horse Show Division Chair.
- Section 5.** The duties of the Working Horse Committee shall be to promote, sign up, and receive exhibitor reports for the Working Horse Division of NWBZ. The Chair shall be appointed by the Zone President. The duties of the Chair will be to provide WSH Working Horse brochures and Working Horse year-end award sign up sheets. The Chair will collect and send sign up sheets and fees to the NWBZ Treasurer. The committee will supply to the newsletter editor all show or event options as soon as they are available throughout the year, in addition to providing them to the website and social media manager(s). The Chair will be responsible for collecting exhibitor reporting forms throughout the show season and keeping track of points for year end awards. The Committee shall provide year-end awards at the NWBZ Annual Awards Banquet. The Committee shall consist of all NWBZ members interested in the Working Horse division.

Section 6. The duties of the Trails & Pleasure Committee shall be to promote and coordinate the mileage program for NWBZ. The committee will inform NWBZ members, as well as the newsletter editor of upcoming trail rides or non-competitive riding events throughout the year. The year begins October 1st and runs through September 30th. The Zone President shall appoint the Chair. It will be the responsibility of the Chair to keep track of rider sign-ups, collect and send registration money to the NWBZ Treasurer, and keep track of riding hours and year-end awards. The Chair will also submit to the WSH Trails & Pleasure Director all rider hours for those who signed up for WSH year-end awards. The Committee shall consist of all NWBZ members interested in trail and pleasure riding.

Section 9. The duty of the Bylaws Committee is to review annually the Basic Operations of the Zone Chapter of the NWBZ Rule Book, bringing it up-to-date and correcting it as needed. The Chair of this committee will be the Zone Parliamentarian.

Section 10. The duties of the Finance Committee shall be to provide ways and means to finance NWBZ.

Section 11. The NWBZ Rule Book Committee shall prepare for distribution a rule book which sets out the rules, regulations, and classes as set forth by the various standing committees. This rule book shall be in effect for the duration of the show season for which it was submitted, and alterations, changes, and exceptions shall not be made during this time. The Committee shall consist of all standing committee chairpersons and two (2) knowledgeable persons as appointed by the Zone President. The Chair of this committee will be the Zone Parliamentarian. The current NWBZ President shall be an ex-officio member of all standing committees.

Section 12. The duties of the Zone Banquet Committee shall be to determine the type and location of the annual awards dinner. It shall present an award schedule from all participating divisions.

Section 13. The duties of the Newsletter Committee are to collect NWBZ news and advertising, and to write the newsletter. The Committee shall also collect and bank all advertising monies, purchase the bulk mailing permit, if needed, and arrange the newsletter distribution. Editor of the NWBZ Newsletter Committee shall be appointed by the Zone President.

Section 14. These standing rules may be amended by a majority of vote of the NWBZ membership, provided that the proposed amendments shall have been presented at one meeting in resolution form and the vote properly returned at the next meeting.

CHAPTER 2 – PERPETUAL ZONE AWARDS

Rule 1 – JOHNSTON INSPIRATIONAL TROPHY

A perpetual inspirational trophy sponsored by Mrs. George Johnston of Bellingham, WA, in honor of George Johnston. The Johnston Inspirational trophy will be awarded to a junior rider selected by a non-partisan group and based on recommendations received from riding clubs within NWBZ. This award will be presented at the annual awards banquet. The following rules shall govern the selection of the recipient of this award:

1. The recipient shall be:
 - a. A member of NWBZ;
 - b. A junior rider (he/she must not have reached age 18 on January 1st of the year the trophy is to be awarded.
2. Letters are to be submitted to the zone president by members of NWBZ by the September meeting. The letters shall contain the rider's name, age, and reasons why he/she was chosen. It is suggested that the following be taken into consideration: What has the individual contributed to their fellow riders to inspire them to continue to participate despite hardships or poor placings, as well as being good winners? It is further suggested that the junior members nominate from among their peers.

Rule 2 – FRYE MEMORIAL TROPHY

This trophy is sponsored in memory of Mr. William Frye, a charter member of NWBZ. It is presented to a person in the Zone who has done a great deal to promote the trail system in NWBZ. This person is selected by the Trails & Pleasure Chair and a committee of at least two knowledgeable persons chosen by the Trails & Pleasure Chair.

CHAPTER 3 – HORSE SHOW DIVISION

Rule 1 – GENERAL RULES

From WSH rules and regulations as adopted by NWBZ. Unless local conditions prevail, refer to United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) and/or WSH rules. NWBZ will conform to WSH on all class specifications. NWBZ will adopt any extraordinary rule modification and/or additions passed and approved by USEF and WSH during any given year.

Section 1. The Horse Show Division shall handle its own finances and its own affairs, subject to approval of NWBZ.

Section 2. NWBZ shall not produce horse shows.

Rule 2 – SHOW APPROVAL

Section 1. NWBZ show season shall be January 1 through October 15.

Section 2. Requests for show date applications and approvals must be submitted to the Horse Show Division Chair.

Section 3. NWBZ approval may be granted to shows outside the zone, provided it is in addition to WSH “A” or “B” approval. Within NWBZ, two (2) shows will be permitted on the same date, provided they are held on the same grounds.

Section 4. Show Date Application Information required for show date application:

Name of Show or Sponsor

1. Exact location of show
2. Date requested
3. Name of judges(s)
4. Name, address, phone number, and email of manager, secretary, and contact.

Section 5. Fees Remit correct show application fees as follows:

1. \$35 for WSH Clubs and WSH members
2. \$50 for non-WSH clubs, fairs, and organizations

Section 6. The manager or show secretary of a NWBZ-approved show must be a member of WSH and have a current WSH and NWBZ rule book available during the show.

Section 7. No show will be approved unless the show manager sends to the Horse Show Division Chair for approval two (2) complete copies of the prize list, prior to printing, at least sixty (60) days prior to the show. Prize lists will be reviewed and notes or corrections made and returned to the show manager for correction and resubmission to the Horse Show Division Chair within fourteen (14) days after receipt. Failure to comply will result in a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) fine to be paid before any future show approval.

Section 8. Any show which notifies the Horse Show Division Chair ninety (90) days in advance of its claimed or normal dates that it will not hold a show that season may retain priority for the date for the following year by the payment of a ten dollar (\$10.00) date-hold fee.

Section 9. In the event an approved show is cancelled, a sixty (60) day written notice must be given to the Horse Show Division Chair, and the approval fee, less a five dollar (\$5.00) administrative fee, will be returned.

Rule 3 – NWBZ-RECOGNIZED HORSE SHOWS

Section 1. Prize List Contents

A. It is mandatory that managers submit to the Horse Show Chair for approval two (2) completed copies of the prize list, which includes general rules for the show, officials, etc.

B. Prize list contents shall include:

1. Name of show;
2. Location of show;
3. Date and time of show;
4. Name, address, and phone number of secretary or manager;
5. The statement: "APPROVED BY NWBZ;"
6. Name of, WSH, USEF, CEF, or Breed Approved judge;
7. This statement: "For specifications of all approved classes, refer to NWBZ rule book." A NWBZ rule book may be obtained from the NWBZ Horse Show Division Chair or the show management.
8. Time schedule for any pre-judging or elimination;
9. The general rules of the show;
10. This statement: "Juniors may not exhibit stallions except as provided in the division rules;"

C. Entry Form Must Include:

1. Form fields for contestant's age (month, day, and year) and Amateur number if applicable.
2. Form fields for name of horse, age and registration number;
3. Mandatory release form.

Section 2. The Horse Show Division will furnish the show management a copy of the current rules to be used and digital samples of show documents.

Section 3. NWBZ-approved shows must have a minimum of six (6) English classes and six (6) Western classes from the approved list, unless the show is all English or all Western. All high point award classes must be offered three (3) times during the season for points to count.

Section 4. Show management has the option to offer classes as age-divided classes, provided complementary classes are offered. For example:

1. Junior Exhibitor 13 & under - Junior Exhibitor 14 – 17
2. Senior Amateur or Open 18 & Over - 39 & Over - 50 & Over

Other class options are Green Rider/Handler or Horse W/T, Green Rider/Handler or Horse W/T/L, Limit Horse, Maiden Horse, W/T, Junior Horse, and Senior Horse

Section 5. Classes having a minimum of two (2) entries prior to entry closing time must be judged. However, show management reserves the right to combine classes if there are fewer than three (3) participants for points to count, except drill team, which must have two (2). If 3 horses are entered prior to a class entering the ring and only 1 comes to the gate, the class will be worked and the participating entry will receive half the points for that class (3 points).

Section 6. Show form submittal requirements

- A.** Immediately after printing the prize list, and not later than two (2) weeks prior to the show, two (2) copies must be sent to the Horse Show Division Chair, and one (1) each to the judge, show officials, and Zone Recorder.
- B.** Show result forms and class sheets must be mailed to the Zone Recorder within ten (10) days after the show. Show result forms and class sheets must be signed by the show secretary before being mailed to the Zone Recorder. Each class sheet must show the number of horses registered, scratched horses, the placings with exhibitor number, horses name, and rider name. The signed judges card can be attached to this sheet or the show manager can retain the card as part of the show records. However, the signed judge's card must be available should a question arise at a later date. If a show secretary fails to file results showing all placing, entered, and scratched horses, as well as horses not showing and post-entries within thirty (30) days of the closing of the show, the Horse Show Division shall levy a fine of \$25. If the fine is not paid, it shall be added to the show approval fee the following year, and future show dates will not be approved until both the penalty and approval fees have been paid.

Section 7. Judges See Rule 9, "Judges & Stewards" in the WSH Rule Book for rules governing these officials. Judges must be WSH, USEF, CEF or breed association carded for current year and be supplied with a current WSH and NWBZ rule book. It is up to show management to provide USEF, CEF, and breed judges with the current NWBZ and WSH rule books. A judge may only adjudicate two (2) NWBZ-approved shows per year.

Section 8. Protests For protest procedures, see the USEF rule book. The Hearing Committee shall consist of the Zone President, a Chair appointed by the Zone President, the four major division directors, and two knowledgeable persons chosen by the other members of the Hearing Committee.

Rule 4 – YEAR-END HIGH SCORE AWARDS

Section 1. To compete for high score awards in NWBZ, an exhibitor/rider must fulfill the following requirements prior to the first show in which he/she wishes points to count:

- A.** The exhibitor/rider must be a current member of WSH and NWBZ, either through a 100% club, an affiliated club, individual membership, or family membership.
- B.** Each exhibitor/rider must designate in advance the high score award(s) for which he/she is competing and remit the proper fees as listed on the high point award sign up form. Fees are to accompany the sign-up sheet. No points from placings at NWBZ-approved shows to count until fees are paid in full. Fees are non-refundable.
- C.** When two (2) or more riders and/or horses compete as a unit (i.e. pairs and teams), each of the horses must be recorded. If a horse has been recorded, it must be entered under its original name unless the name has been officially changed in accordance with USEF Rule VII, Chapter IV, Article 816. A horse must be entered in shows under the name of the owner or lessee of record, or the registered farm or stable name. When entered by an agent, the owner's name must be given.

Section 2. Applications for recording may be accepted at a show by the show secretary prior to the first class in which the horse or rider is entered. The secretary will note date and time received, sign, and send the form to the Horse Show Division Chair with the show report. Application for recording may also be submitted directly to the Horse Show Division Chair.

Section 3. Exhibitor Age

Exhibitor/rider age will be determined as of December 1st of the previous year. Juniors are defined as seventeen (17) years and younger. Seniors are defined as eighteen (18) and older.

Section 4. Class Qualification for Year-End High Score Awards

- A.** A class must be offered three (3) times during the season.
- B.** If three (3) horses are entered prior to a class entering the ring and only one (1) comes to the gate, the class will be worked and the participating entry will receive half the points for that class (3 points).
- C.** Results from the YEA (Challenge) Show and Jerry Prigge Memorial Show will be included in year-end high score calculations.
- D.** Two Additional out-of-zone shows may be counted for points provided they have WSH or NWBZ approval. The exhibitor must submit a request for inclusion with a copy of the show premium, which must show another zone's approval. The exhibitor must also request official results from the show secretary who shall send them to the Horse Show Division Chair.

Section 5. Audit An individual exhibitor/rider may audit only his/her recorded points. At the end of each season, before the annual banquet, the English and Western Chairpersons of the Horse Show Division will audit the points for the year.

Section 6. Horse Show Records

- A.** A horse's show record transfers with the horse to any new owner, lessee, or rider.
- B.** The following are clarifications for specific class categories:
 - 1. A MAIDEN CLASS is open to horses which have not won a first place ribbon at a NWBZ, WSH, USEF, or breed approved show.
 - 2. A LIMITED CLASS is open to horses which have not won six (6) first place ribbons at NWBZ, WSH, USEF, or breed approved show.
 - 3. A JUNIOR CLASS is open to horses aged five (5) years or younger.
 - 4. A SENIOR CLASS is open to horses aged six (6) years and over.
 - 5. A GREEN RIDER CLASS is open to riders in their 1st or 2nd year of showing in Zone, WSH, or Breed Classes.
 - 6. A GREEN HORSE CLASS is open to horses in their 1st or 2nd year of showing in Zone, WSH, or Breed Classes.

Section 7. Points for high score awards are to be counted the same as the WSH "B" system and based on the eight (8) best shows of a specific class. Results for overall high score awards will be tabulated in the same manner.

Section 8. Zone high score awards will be determined and distributed by the Horse Show Div. Chair

Section 9. Overall High Score Awards A champion and reserve champion will include exhibitors in each age group for the following:

- A. English Equitation** – 13 & Under, 14-17, and 18 & Over Amateur W/T 17 & Under and W/T 18 & Over Amateur. Points to count from Hunt Seat Equitation, Saddle Seat Equitation, English Bareback, and English Showmanship classes.
- B. English Pleasure Horse** 13 & Under, 14-17, and 18 & Over, certain and other division pleasure classes (see Rule 5, "class specifications" for examples). Points to count from any NWBZ class in the English performance division (including trail) except over fences. Exhibitors are required to declare color/non-color and breed/all other breed classes.
- C. Western Seat Equitation Rider** – 13 & Under, 14-17, and 18 & Over Amateur, W/T 17 & Under, W/T 18 & Over Amateur. Points to count from Western Seat Equitation, Western Showmanship, and Western Bareback classes.

- D. Western Performance Horse** – 13 & Under, 14-17, and 18 & Over, certain color and other division pleasure classes (see Rule 5, “class specifications” for examples). Points to count from any NWBZ class in the Western performance division, including trail. Exhibitors are required to declare color/non-color and breed/all other breed classes.
- E. Versatile Pleasure Horse** – Points from versatile horse class will be awarded one-half to English performance and one-half to Western performance.
- F. All-around Hunter/Jumper Award** – All NWBZ-approved classes requiring horse to go over fences to count. Hunter Under Saddle classes receive one-half point.
- G. Overall English/Western Performance Horse** – The overall award for English / Western performance horse is one horse/rider combination, no points to count with other riders.
- H. Overall Green Award** – Classes to count include Showmanship, Hunt Seat Equitation, Saddle Seat Pleasure Equitation, Western Seat Equitation, English Pleasure, Western Pleasure, and Trail. If green classes are offered at a show, only those points will count toward the year-end green award.
- I. Overall Green Horse** – Classes to count include all pleasure classes as well as trail and Halter. If green classes are offered at a show, only points from those classes will count toward the year-end green award.
- J. Overall Walk/Jog-Trot Award** – Classes to count include Huntseat or Saddleseat Equitation Walk/Trot, Western Seat Equitation Walk/Jog, English Pleasure Walk/Trot, Western Pleasure Walk/Jog, and Trail Walk/Jog-Trot (English or Western).
- K. Ranch Horse Award** – Champion and reserve champion will be awarded. All ranch riding classes will count if offered. Classes offered may include Ranch Pleasure, Ranch Trail, and Ranch Reining and ranch riding. Show management to choose which rule book to be used regarding these classes: WSH, American Stock Horse Association (ASHA) or Stock Horse Of Texas (SHOT).

Section 10. Special Horse Show Awards

A. Trost Junior Western Seat Cup

Conditions governing holding of the Cup class and final ride-off:

1. Rider must be a junior member of WSH and NWBZ in good standing that has not reached his/her 18th birthday as of December 1st of the previous year.
2. Rider must win one (1) 1st or one (1) 2nd at a NWBZ-approved show;
3. Each qualifying rider will receive a certificate;
4. All who qualify are eligible to compete in the final ride-off free of cost, which will be held at an approved show at the end of the season;
5. To fill the class, five (5) competitors must show in proper tack and attire. (Chaps are optional);
6. All contestants will be required to perform rail work as well as a pattern determined by the judge. Other tests are optional. Tests 1-11 of the USEF Rule Book are eligible for use in this class;
7. No NWBZ or WSH points to count;
8. All who qualify will receive written invitation by August 1st. Qualifications earned after that date will be accepted the day of the ride-off competition;
9. The qualifying rider names will be obtained from the Zone Recorder;
10. Rider must compete on the horse he/she used to qualify; and
11. The judge for the class must be WSH-approved.

B. Bovan Junior Hunt Seat Trophy

1. Rider must be a junior member of WSH and NWBZ in good standing that has not reached his/her 18th birthday as of December 1st of the previous year.
2. Rider must win one (1) 1st or one (1) 2nd at a NWBZ-approved show;
3. Each qualifying rider will receive a certificate;
4. All who qualify are eligible to compete in the final ride-off free of cost, which will be held at an approved show at the end of the season;
5. To fill the class, five (5) competitors must show in proper tack and attire;
6. All contestants will be required to perform rail work as well as a pattern determined by the judge;
7. No NWBZ or WSH points to count;
8. All who qualify will receive a written invitation by August 1st. Qualifications earned after that date will be accepted the day of the ride-off competition;
9. The qualifying rider names will be obtained from the Zone Recorder;
10. Rider must use the horse on which he/she used to qualify;
11. The judge for the class must be WSH-approved; and
12. The name of the winning rider will be engraved on the Bovan Perpetual Trophy, which is the property of NWBZ.

C. Hento Good Hands & Seat Over Fences

Conditions governing holding of the class and the final ride-off class:

1. Rider must be a member of WSH and NWBZ in good standing. Senior riders must hold a USEF/WSH Amateur card. Rider must meet NWBZ meeting requirements prior to ride-off;
2. Rider must place in three (3) NWBZ- or WSH-approved shows held within NWBZ;
3. Each qualifying rider will receive a certificate;
4. All who qualify are eligible to compete in the final ride-off free of cost, which will be held at a NWBZ-approved show at the end of the season;
5. To fill the class, five (5) competitors must show in proper tack and attire. Three (3) riders must complete the jump course. Other tests are optional. Tests 1-18 in the USEF Rule Book are eligible for use in this class;
6. A rider does not have to use the horse on which he/she qualified. However, only one rider per horse;
7. No NWBZ or WSH points to count;
8. The qualifying rider names will be obtained from the Zone Recorder; and
9. The judge for the class should be Hunter/Jumper approved.

D. All-Around High Point 18 & Over Pleasure Horse Award

1. Exhibitor must be a member of WSH and NWBZ in good standing
2. Recipient must meet the meeting requirements of NWBZ
3. Points from the following classes to count:
 - a. English Pleasure Hunter Type 18 & Over or English Pleasure Other than Hunter Type 18 & Over (or open if age groups not available).
 - b. English Pleasure Non-Color or Color Open
 - c. Road Hack
 - d. Western Pleasure 18 & Over
 - e. Western Pleasure Non-Color or Color Open
 - f. Trail

E. Performance Horse Rookie Award

To be nominated in writing to the Horse Show Committee. Nominee to be in first year of participation in NWBZ High Score Awards.

F. Zone Spirit Award

To be nominated in writing to the Horse Show Committee. Nominees need not be a participating rider. Nominees may be a junior or senior WSH member belonging to NWBZ.

G. NWBZ President's Cup

1. The NWBZ will offer a special perpetual award each year called the President's Cup. This award will be given to the horse that accumulated the most points from NWBZ-approved English and/or Western performance classes. Points will count from any or all NWBZ-approved shows toward this award.
2. To be eligible for this award, a horse must be registered for NWBZ High Score Awards. Owner and rider must be members in good standing of WSH and NWBZ. A plaque will be awarded each year for the recipient to keep.

Section 11. Any individual who makes a payment for entry fees, which are not negotiable, will be subject to disciplinary action as outlined by WSH.

Rule 5 – CLASS SPECIFICATIONS

Section 1. All Other Breeds Division

A. Registration papers not required.

B.

C. Halter, English, and Western points count toward Breed Division Halter, English, and Western year end high score awards when the following conditions are met:

1. A horse registered in a Breed for which no Halter, English, or Western class is offered in that show may earn points toward its breed award from placings in the All Other Breeds class;
2. A horse entered in a regular Breed class at a show that offers an other breeds Halter, English, or Western class may be transferred to the All Other Breeds class at the owner's option only if the regular breed class does not fill sufficiently to have points counted;
3. A horse with multiple registrations entered in a regularly scheduled breed class may enter the All Other Breeds class for points for a different breed that is not offered. Example: A show offers halter for Paints, Quarter Horses, and Other Breeds, but none for Buckskins or Pintos. A Paint-Pinto and a Buckskin Quarter Horse may enter Other Breeds for points toward their Pinto and Buckskin Halter awards;
4. In any case, the exhibitor must specify to what Breed award the points from the All Other Breeds class are to be applied, and the show secretary must include this information with the show results. It must be included on the entry blank;
5. No horse may enter the All Other Breeds class if the Breed class for which they were eligible has filled and been judged; and
6. Classes may be divided by type, with wording optional by the show committee. Suggested divided classes – Stock Type and Non-Stock Type. No cross-entry at the same show.

D. All Other Breeds English Pleasure – Tack and attire shall be suitable to horse's type; martingale prohibited. To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, trot/intermediate gait, and canter. Judged on manners and performance 60%, quality and conformation 30%, and suitability of horse to rider 10%.

E. All Other Breeds Western Pleasure – Horses are to be shown at a flat-footed four-beat walk, free-moving easy-riding two-beat jog, and three-beat lope both ways of the ring on a reasonably loose rein without undue restraint. Extended gaits may be called for by the judge. Entries shall be penalized for being on the wrong lead. Special emphasis shall be placed on the walk. Horses may be asked to back at judge's discretion. All horses chosen for a workout must be worked both ways of the ring at any gait requested by the judge. To be judged on performance 60%, conformation 30%, and appointment 10%.

Section 2. Appaloosa Division

A. Appaloosa Horse Club (ApHC) registration papers required and horse must be shown under full registered name.

- B. ApHC English Pleasure Open – Tack and attire shall be suitable to horse's type; martingale prohibited. To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. To stand quietly and back readily. It is the judge's option to extend any gait. To be judged 60% on performance and manners, 30% on type, conformation, quality, and substance, and 10% on appointments.
- C. ApHC Western Pleasure Open – To be judged at a walk, jog-trot, and lope both ways of the ring on a reasonably loose rein. To be judged 60% on performance, 30% on type, conformation, quality, and substance, and 10% on appointments.

Section 3. Arabian/Half-Arabian Division

- A. Arabian Horse Association (AHA) registration papers required and horse must be shown under full registered name.
- B. Arabian/Half-Arabian English Pleasure Open – To be shown at a walk, normal trot, strong trot, canter, and hand gallop. To be judged on manners, performance, attitude, quality, and conformation.
- C. Arabian/Half-Arabian Western Pleasure Open – To be judged according to the Arabian division of the USEF rulebook. To be shown on a light rein at a walk, jog-trot, lope, and hand gallop; extreme speed to be penalized. To be judged on manners, performance, substance, and conformation.

Section 4. Buckskin Horse Division

- A. International Buckskin Horse Association (IBHA) or American Buckskin Registry Association (ABRA) registration papers required and horse must be shown under full registered name.
- B. Buckskin Hunter Pleasure Open – To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. The judge must ask that horses be backed, but may, at his/her discretion, require only those considered for a placing to back. To be judged on performance and conformation.
- C. Buckskin Western Pleasure Open – To be shown at a walk, jog, and lope both ways of the ring on a reasonably loose rein without undo restraint. The judge must ask that horses be backed, but may, at his/her discretion, require only those considered for a placing to back.

Section 5. Driving Division

A. General Class Specifications

1. Classes open to any suitable two- or four-wheeled vehicle (except racing sulkies) to single animals, pairs, or tandems; to horses or ponies, unless otherwise stated. Vehicle to have a footrest, minimum of ten (10) inches front to back, securely fastened. Classes may be divided into horses and ponies; or mares, geldings, or stallions. When classes are divided, complementary classes must be offered. A championship class may be offered if Pleasure Driving Open is offered. To have points count from championship classes, a horse must be entered, shown, and judged in the qualifying classes.
2. Horses to be shown at a flat-footed, brisk, and ground-covering walk; trot/intermediate gait; and trot on/increased intermediate gait, which must be faster and well-balanced with an extension of stride.
3. Reverse will be done on the diagonal at the walk or trot as directed by the ringmaster.
4. Show management may divide pleasure driving classes into ponies (14.2 hands and under) and horses (14.3 hands and over); two-wheeled vehicles and four-wheeled vehicles; both complementary classes must be offered by the show if points are to count.
5. Headers will be optional (at exhibitor's choice) and may ride with the whip.

6. Refer to WSH Show Division Rule Book (Rule 18, Section 1, Part 5) for appointment recommendations.

B. Driving Division High Score Awards

1. Pleasure Driving Horse Open

Open to horses and ponies. To be shown with a suitable two/four-wheeled vehicle according to breed type. To enter the ring at a trot or intermediate gait. To be shown at a flat-footed walk, show trot or intermediate gait, and extended trot or intermediate gait (extreme speed to be penalized) both ways of the ring, with emphasis on the walk. To stand quietly & back readily. Light harness is recommended. A snaffle or Liverpool bit, with or without checks, collar and harness are acceptable. Quarter boots are prohibited. To be judged 70% on manners, performance, condition, and style; 20% on fit condition and appropriateness of harness and vehicle; 10% on conformation. Pts. from championship classes (ladies or gentlemen; junior or senior horse; horse or pony; stallions, mares, geldings) will count toward the Pleasure Driving Horse Open award.

2. Reinsmanship Open

May be divided Junior and Senior Whip. When divided, both classes must be offered. This class is designed to test the knowledge and ability of the driver. To be conducted in the manner of an open pleasure driving class. To be judged as an equitation class, on hands, proper harness and hitching, and correct driving techniques.

Reinsmanship test must include the following elements:

- a. Back
- b. Drive a large circle
- c. Drive a figure eight
- d. Extended trot/intermediate gait
- e. Negotiate simple obstacles (i.e. drive between two obstacles)
- f. Pivot ninety (90), one-hundred-eighty (180), and/or three-hundred-sixty (360) degrees with inside wheel in place, left or right
- g. Back between two markers
- h. Extended walk

3. Precision Driving Open

May be offered as Precision Driving Open, Precision Driving 1, or both. Precision Driving Pattern 1 or 2 may be offered (see WSH Rule Book, Rule 18, Section 4, Parts 8-9). The purpose of the competition is to test the skills of the driver and the obedience and hardiness of the animal. Entries are required to drive over a course consisting of at least six (6) to eight (8) obstacles. The tract of the course will be irregular, necessitating changing of direction. Markers indicating obstacles must be at least twelve (12) inches wider than the outside wheel of each vehicle. Judged 80% on the fault system, 20% on manners and performance.

4. Obstacle Driving Open

1. Equines are required to work over and through obstacles.
2. The show committee and/or course designer must keep in mind that the course must accommodate suitable two or four wheeled vehicles. Equines in the obstacle driving class must not be asked to jump over any obstacles, but may be asked to drive over flat obstacles. Obstacles should simulate conditions normally encountered on a pleasant afternoon drive.
3. This is not a timed event and the speed with which the course is completed should not be used in whole or part to determine placings.
4. See WSH Rule Book, Rule 17, Section 4, Part 2 for further requirements and recommendations.

Section 6. English Division

A. General Class Specifications

Mandatory: All exhibitors riding hunter/jumper and hunter seat equitation sections must wear protective headgear passing ASTM testing standards while riding in the designated schooling and exercise areas, the show ring, and while jumping anywhere on the show grounds. Harnesses must be secure, and if said headgear has a brim, it must be flexible or semi-flexible. Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until his/her headgear is properly in place

Open to horses and ponies ridden by riders of any age.

B. English Pleasure Other than Hunter Type Open

Open to horses of any breed or combination of breeds. No forward seat saddle and/or hunt attire. Martingales are prohibited. Roached manes and/or set or gingered tails are prohibited. To carry a pleasure foot in accordance with breed specifications. To be shown according to breed type at a flat walk, trot/intermediate gait, and easy canter. Light contact must be maintained. To stand quietly and back readily. To be judged 80% on manners and performance, with an emphasis on a pleasurable ride, and 20% on conformation.

C. English Pleasure Color Open

Open to horses, including Albino, Appaloosa, Buckskin, Dun, Grulla, Paint, Palomino, and Pinto horses, not shown in English Pleasure Non-Color. Horses must show a recognizable coat and/or color pattern. To be shown at a walk, trot/intermediate gait, and canter, both ways of the ring. Light contact shall be maintained. To be judged 40% on colorful qualities, 40% on performance, way of going, and manners, and 20% on conformation.

D. English Pleasure Non-Color Open

Open to horses of any breed or combination of breeds not eligible for English Pleasure Color. To be shown at a flat walk, trot/intermediate gait, and canter, both ways of the ring. Light contact shall be maintained. To be judged 80% on manners and performance, with emphasis on a pleasurable ride, and 20% on conformation.

E. Road Hack

Tack and attire shall be suitable to horse's type, martingale prohibited. To be shown both ways of the ring at a flat walk, trot/intermediate gait, extended trot/intermediate gait, canter, and hand gallop with the ability to move on. Light contact shall be maintained. To stand quietly and back readily. To be judged 60% on performance, 20% on manners, and 20% on substance.

F. English Pleasure Open

Tack and attire shall be suitable to horse's type, martingale prohibited. To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, trot/intermediate gait, and canter. Judged 60% on manners and performance, 30% quality and conformation, and 10% suitability of horse to rider. No cross entry between age groups. This class must be open to both hunter type and other than hunter type horses.

G. Versatile Pleasure Horse Open

Show management shall have the option to determine which section shows first. If Western section is first, riders shall enter the ring in western tack and appointments. Horses to be shown both ways of the ring at a flat walk, jog/intermediate gait, and easy lope without undue restraint. If English section shows first, riders shall enter the ring in saddle seat or hunt seat tack and appointments. Horses to be shown both ways of the ring at a flat walk, trot/intermediate gait, and collected canter. Extended gaits may be requested by the judge.

Following the first section, entries shall line up in the center of the ring and tack appointments shall be changed for the second section. All changes must be made in the ring, and entries are allowed the assistance of one (1) groom, and safety will be judged. Horses must stand quietly and back readily. Judged 70% on performance, 20% on conformation, and 10% on appointments. Each section to count equally. The same rider shall ride in both sections.

H. Trail Horse, English or Western

Shall be shown in English or Western tack and appointment. To be shown over and through obstacles at a walk, trot/jog/intermediate gait, and canter/lope without undue restraint. To be judged 70% on performance and way of going, with emphasis on manners, 20% on appointment, equipment, and neatness (silver not to count), and 10% on conformation.

Section 7. Equitation Division

A. Amateurs 18 & Over

Exhibitors 18 & Over may show in Equitation classes without a WSH Amateur card only by filling out a NWBZ Amateur Affidavit provided by the show management and/or steward. Horse show division chair may require further proof of amateur status.

B. Showmanship in Hand

1. Horses to be fitted and shown in one of the following ways:
 - a. Western – Appropriate show halter and Western attire to be used. Acceptable neckwear for NWBZ shows include neckties, kerchiefs, bolo ties, or pins (acceptable for western seat equitation also).
 - b. Hunter – Hunter type bridle and hunter attire to be used. Plain leather halter will be allowed.
 - c. Saddle – Appropriate bridle or show halter and saddle Seat attire to be used.
2. Horses may be shown according to breed type, and whips will be allowed in junior and senior exhibitor classes. Stallions permitted in 18 & Over. Exhibitors will be asked to lead, turn, set up, and move animal as the judge directs. Judge may ask exhibitor to perform other tests. Judge's techniques and procedures will vary. To be judged 60% on showmanship and handling, 30% on fitting and grooming, and 10% on neatness and handling. The following principles shall always apply:
 - a. Exhibitor shall always lead, back, or move horse from left (near) side unless otherwise specified in the pattern.
 - b. All haunch turns of 180° or more shall be to the right with the exhibitor walking to the right around the horse.
 - c. Forehand turns of any degree to either direction are permissible.
 - d. Quarter system of showing is recommended.
 - e. Points go to handler as in equitation

C. Bareback Equitation, English or Western

1. Riders are to be judged on hands, seat, and suitability of horse to rider. Horses are to be worked both ways of the ring at a flat-footed walk, trot/jog/intermediate gait, canter/lope, and shall always be on the correct lead. Chaps are optional in Western. Riders shall not be asked to dismount and mount.

D. Western Seat Equitation

1. Riders will be judged on seat, hands, performance of horse, appointments of horse and rider, and suitability of horse to rider. Horses are to be worked both ways of the ring at a flat-footed walk, jog, lope and shall always be on the correct lead.

E. Saddle Seat Pleasure Equitation

Class enters the ring turning to the right and proceeding counter-clockwise. Class shall proceed at least once around ring in each gait and, on command, reverse and repeat. The order to reverse may be executed by turning either towards or away from the rail. Entries shall line up on command and any or all riders may be required to execute appropriate tests included in class requirements. Judges are encouraged to call for at least two (2) tests of the top contestants. Judges may not penalize for non-conventional colors; day coats are allowed. Class may not be combined with hunter seat equitation.

F. Hunter Seat Equitation

1. Riders should have a workmanlike appearance; seat and hands light and supple, conveying the impression of complete control should any emergency arise. Contestants shall enter ring and proceed at least once around the ring in each gait and, on command, reverse and repeat. Entries shall line up on command and any or all riders may be required to execute any appropriate tests included in class requirements.

G. Hunter Seat Equitation Over Fences – Junior/Amateur

All NWBZ-approved classes in the equitation over fences division to count. If a show is NWBZ-approved only, juniors and seniors may be combined and fences may be a minimum of 2'6". However, a show must offer classes for both juniors and seniors if points are to count.

H. Green Rider – Walk Trot – English or Western

Riders must be in their first or second year of showing in Zone, WSH, USEF, or Breed approved shows. Class may be divided if entries warrant. To be judged at a walk, jog/trot. Entries being considered for an award must back.

I. Green Rider – English or Western

Riders must be in their first or second year of showing in Zone, WSH, USEF or Breed Approved Shows. Class maybe divided if entries warrant. To be judged at walk, trot/jog, canter/lope, entries being considered for an award must back.

Section 8. Halter Division

A. Halter Mares Open

To be judged 100% on conformation according to breed type. Judge shall make individual examinations and check the action of each horse brought into the halter class, whether or not competition indicates that it is necessary. It will be considered a fault for an exhibitor to touch a horse below the shoulder or stifle with either his/her hand or foot. The effect of such fault in the placement of the class is left to the discretion of the judge.

B. Halter Geldings/Stallions Open

To be judged 100% on conformation according to breed type. Judge shall make individual examinations and check the action of each horse brought into the halter class, whether or not competition indicates that it is necessary. It will be considered a fault for an exhibitor to touch a horse below the shoulder or stifle with either his/her hand or foot. The effect of such fault in the placement of the class is left to the discretion of the judge. Stallions of any age must be handled by an exhibitor 18 year and older.

Section 9. Hunter/Jumper Division

A. General Class Specifications

Mandatory: All exhibitors riding hunter/jumper and hunter seat equitation sections must wear protective headgear passing ASTM testing standards while riding in the designated schooling and exercise areas, the show ring, and while jumping anywhere on the show grounds. Harnesses must be secure, and if said headgear has a brim, it must be flexible or

semi-flexible. Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until his/her headgear is properly in place.

B. English Pleasure Horse – Hunter Type

1. To be shown at a walk, trot/intermediate gait, and canter. To be judged on manners, performance, quality, and suitability of horse to rider. Martingales prohibited; light contact is recommended.

C. Hunter Hack

To be shown at a walk, trot/intermediate gait, and canter both ways of the ring. At least eight horses, if available, are required to jump two (2) fences 2' to 2'6" and gallop one way of the ring. Martingales are prohibited.

D. Low Working Hunter Open

Open to horses of all ages in their first or second year of showing in any classes at NWBZ, WSH, or USEF shows that require horses to jump 2' or higher. Equitation classes over fences included. To be judged on performance and soundness over a course with a minimum of eight (8) fences at 2' minimum and 2'6" maximum.

E. Regular Working Hunter Open

Open to horses of all ages. To be judged on performance and soundness over a course with a minimum of eight (8) fences from 2'9" to 3'0".

F. Open Jumper

Open to horses and ponies of any height or breed. To be judged on numerical faults only, over a minimum of eight (8) and maximum of sixteen (16) jumps. Minimum height 3'0".

Section 10. Paint Horse Division

A. American Paint Horse Association (APHA) registration papers required and horse must be shown under full registered name.

B. APHA Hunter Under Saddle Open – Horses are to be shown at a walk, trot/intermediate gait, and canter both ways of the ring. Hunters under saddle should be suitable to purpose. At the option of the judge, all or just the top eight (8) horses may be required to hand gallop, one or both ways of the ring, but never more than eight (8) at one time. At the hand gallop, the judge may ask the group to halt and stand quietly on a free rein (loose rein).

C. APHA Western Pleasure Open – Horses are to be shown at a walk, jog, and lope on a reasonably loose rein without undue restraint. Horses must work both ways of the ring at all gaits to demonstrate their ability with different leads. The judge shall have the right to ask for additional work from any horse. Judge may, at his/her discretion, back only the finalists.

Section 11. Palomino Horse Division

A. Palomino Horse Association (PHA) or Palomino Horse Breeders of America (PHBA) registration papers required and horse must be shown under full registered name.

B. Palomino English Pleasure Open – To be shown at a walk, trot/intermediate gait, and canter both ways of the ring. It is the judge's option to extend any gait. Emphasis shall be placed on actual suitability to purpose and on a pleasurable ride.

C. Palomino Western Pleasure Open – To be shown at a walk, jog, and lope both ways of the ring on a reasonably loose rein without undue restraint. Horses being considered for high score awards must be backed. To be judged on performance and conformation at the discretion of the judge.

Section 12. Quarter Horse Division

- A. American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) registration papers required and horses may be shown under full registered name.
- B. AQHA Hunter Under Saddle Open – Horses are to be shown at a walk, trot/intermediate gait, and canter both ways of the ring. Hunters under saddle should be suitable to purpose. At the option of the judge, all or just the top eight (8) horses may be required to hand gallop, one or both ways of the ring, but never more than eight (8) at one time. At the hand gallop, the judge may ask the group to halt and stand quietly on a free rein (loose rein).
- C. AQHA Western Pleasure Open Horses are to be shown at a walk, jog, and lope on a reasonably loose rein without undue restraint. Horses must lope with forward motion. Entries will be penalized for excessive speed or being on the wrong lead. Horses must back easily and stand quietly. Judged on performance and conformation of the horse at the discretion of the judge; however, a minimum of 20% of the judging shall be based on condition and conformation.

Section 13. Western Division

A. General Class Specifications

Entries may be of any height and may be shown by riders of any age. To be conducted under NWBZ, WSH, and USEF rules except that “intermediate gait” be added as an alternative to jogging. Chaps, lariat, and hobbles are recommended, but not mandatory, for NWBZ-approved shows. A junior horse is one which, as of January 1st, is 5 years old or younger.

Exhibitor numbers may be worn on each side of the saddle pad or on the back.

B. Western Pleasure Horse

1. Horses are to be shown at a walk, jog/intermediate gait, and lope both ways of the ring on a reasonably loose rein without undue restraint. To be judged 60% on performance, 30% on conformation, and 10% on appointments.

C. Western Pleasure Color Open

Open to horses, including Albino, Appaloosa, Buckskin, Dun, Grulla, Palomino, Paint, and Pinto horses, not shown in Western Pleasure Non-Color Open. To be shown at a walk, jog/intermediate gait, and lope both ways of the ring on a reasonably loose rein without undue restraint. To be judged 40% on colorful qualities, 40% on performance and manners, and 20% on conformation.

D. Western Pleasure Non-Color Open

Open to horses of any breed or combination of breeds not eligible for Western Pleasure Color. To be shown at a walk, jog, and lope, both ways of the ring on a reasonably loose rein without undue restraint. To be judged 60% on performance, 30% on conformation, and 10% on appointments.

E. Reining Horse Open

To rein a horse is not only to guide him, but also to control his every movement. The best reining horse should be willfully guided or controlled with little or no apparent resistance. Any movement on his own must be considered a lack of control. Any deviation from the exact written pattern must be considered a lack of, or temporary loss of, control. Therefore, it is a fault that must be marked down according to the severity of the deviation. After deducting all faults set here within, against execution of the pattern and the horse's overall performance, credit should be given for smoothness, finesse, attitude, quickness, and authority of performing various maneuvers, while using controlled speed which raises the difficulty level and makes him more exciting and pleasing to watch. Patterns as per USEF accept use of two (2) spins instead of four (4) spins.

F. Western Riding Horse Open

This contest is neither a stunt nor a race. It is a competition in the performance and characteristics of a good, sensible, well-mannered, and free and easy moving ranch horse which can get a person around on the usual ranch chores, over the trails, and give a quiet, comfortable, and pleasant ride in the open country through and over obstacles. A judge may require an exhibitor to repeat or reverse any part of the routine. Horses will be judged on riding qualities of gaits (walk, jog, and lope), flying lead changes, response to the rider, manners, and disposition. Use Western Riding pattern from USEF.

G. Versatile Pleasure Horse Open

See NWBZ Rulebook, Chapter 3, Rule 5, Section 6, Part G

H. Trail Horse, English or Western

See NWBZ Rulebook, Chapter 3, Rule 5, Section 6, Part H

I. Ranch Riding Open

1. The purpose of Ranch Riding is to reflect the versatility, attitude, and movement of a working horse. The horse's performance should simulate a horse riding outside the confines of an arena and that of a working ranch horse. This class should show the horses ability to work at a forward and working speed while under control of the rider. Light contact should be rewarded and horse shall not be shown on a full drape of reins. Posting and holding the saddle horn is allowed. The horse's head position should be elevated and above level at all gaits. The overall manners and responsiveness of the horse while performing class requirements and the quality of movement are the primary considerations. See WSH rulebook for further class specifications and patterns.

2. Ranch Riding Open Pattern and Open Championship Pattern classes may be offered.

3. Ranch Pleasure, Ranch Trail, and Ranch Reining may offered and will count for points. Show management to publish which rule book to be used regarding these classes: American Stack Horse Association (ASHA) or Stock Horse Of Texas (SHOT)

Section 14. Walk/Trot Division

A. General Class Specifications

Open to all riders. Riders may not cross-enter with any lope/canter class in the same show. Cross entry restriction applies to rider only, horse may be cross entered.

Riders to be neat and clean, and boots are required. Riders shall not be penalized for incomplete appointments.

B. Walk/Trot Showmanship In-Hand

1. Horses to be fitted and shown in one of the following ways:

a. Stock – Appropriate show halter and Western attire to be used. Acceptable neckwear for NWBZ shows includes neckties, kerchiefs, bolo ties, or pins (acceptable for Western Seat Equitation also).

b. Hunter – Hunter type bridle and hunt attire to be used.

c. Saddle Seat – Appropriate bridle or show halter and saddle Seat attire to be used.

2. Horses may be shown according to breed type, and whips will be allowed. Exhibitor will be asked to lead, turn, set up, and move animal as the judge directs. To be judged 60% on showmanship and handling, 30% on fitting and grooming, and 10% on neatness of handler. The following principles shall always apply:

a. Exhibitor shall always lead, back, or move horse from left (near) side.

- b. All Haunch turns of 180° or more shall be to the right w/exhibitor walking to the right around the horse.
 - c. Exhibitor shall not stand directly in front of horse.
 - d. Quarter system of showing is recommended.
 - e. Points go to handler as in equitation.
3. Class divisions may be as follows:
- a. 10 & Under
 - b. Junior (17 & Under)
 - c. Senior (18 & Over)

C. Walk/Jog-Trot Pleasure

1. May be divided into English and Western at the discretion of show management. However, if a Western class is offered and English class must be offered. Saddle Seat, Hunter, or Western Seat tack and appointments. To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk and jog/trot/intermediate gait. Not to canter. To be judged 60% on performance, 30% on conformation, and 10% on appointment.
2. Class divisions may be as follows:
 - a. 10 & Under
 - b. Junior (17 & Under)
 - c. Senior (18 & Over)

D. Walk/Trot Equitation

1. A horsemanship class with rail work as well as pattern work at judges discretion. Saddle Seat, Hunter, or western seat tack and appointments are acceptable. To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk and trot/jog. Not to canter. To be judged on seat, hands, and general horsemanship. Suitability of horse to rider to be considered.
2. Class divisions may be as follows:
 - a. 10 & Under
 - b. Junior (17 & Under)
 - c. Senior (18 & Over)

E. Walk/Trot Trail Horse, English or Western

1. To be shown in Western Pleasure, Hunter, or Saddle Seat appointments. To be shown over and through obstacles at a walk and jog/trot/intermediate gait. To be judged 70% on performance and way of going, with emphasis on manners, 20% on appointment, equipment and neatness (silver not to count), and 10% on conformation.
2. Class divisions may be as follows:
 - a. 10 & Under
 - b. Junior (17 & Under)
 - c. Senior (18 & Over)

Section 15. Longe Line, 3 & Under

1. To be shown in a regular type halter with only a longe line attached by the snap. A longe whip is permitted.
2. Use of circle is necessary and should be 25' radius.
3. Personal attire and appointments should be that of halter or showmanship appropriate to horse's type. English prospects may be braided if appropriate.
4. Judge to be outside of longeing circle.
5. At the signal, each exhibitor will have 90 seconds to individually present his horse, starting in either direction. The horse should demonstrate a walk, jog/trot/intermediate gait, and lope/canter each direction. Playing on the line not to be penalized. This class is to reward movement, manners, expression, attitude, and conformation. Judged as a pleasure prospect. May be penalized for excessive bucking, charging, or displaying traits undesirable in a pleasure horse (e.g. pinning of ears or wringing of tail).

6. Bleeding, raw, or broken skin will result in elimination.
7. Exhibitors to remain in the ring after showing.
8. Judged 60% on movement, 20% on manners, and 20% on conformation. Balanced and athletic capabilities are to be emphasized.
9. Equines shown in longe line cannot be cross-entered in riding classes at the same show.

May be shown in other in-hand classes.

CHAPTER 4 – GAMES DIVISION

Rule 1 – SHOW APPROVAL

Section 1. Season Games Show season will be January 1 to September 30.

Section 2. Request for show dates must be made to the Games Chair (Horse Show Chair in the absence of a Games Chair).

Section 3. Approval Fees Approval fees: \$10 per day for 100% WSH Club; \$15 per day for affiliated WSH club or non-member club.

Section 4. Request for show dates must contain:

1. Name, date, and location of show
2. Name and address of sponsoring club
3. Name and address of show manager
4. Correct approval fees

Section 5. Approval

No Games show will be approved unless manager sends two (2) complete copies of the prize list to the Games Chair at least sixty (60) days in advance of the show. Games Chair will check and note any corrections and return the prize list to the show manager, who must make corrections and resubmit the prize list to the Games Chair within seven (7) days of receipt. Show packets will be sent out only when the corrected list has been approved.

Section 6. Prize List Contents Prize list must include:

1. The following statement: "Approved by NWBZ"
2. Name & address of show manager
3. Any event offered that is not registered with NWBZ for Year End Awards must state the following: "No NWBZ points to count"
4. Fields for name of horse and rider

Section 7. Show result forms must be sent to the Zone Recorder within five (5) days after the show, with a complete prize list, in order for points to count toward Year End High Score Awards.

Section 8. A games show must offer at least two (2) events that qualify for NWBZ Year-End awards.

Section 9. Timers & Judges Timers and judges may be anyone that is familiar with Games rules. There shall be two (2) timers. One shall be the official timer, and the second will serve as back-up timer. Times must match to within one-hundredth of a second.

Section 10. Events will be regulated under WSH Games Division Rules, with modifications allowed on set-up to accommodate arena dimensions (i.e. in pole bending, four (4) rather than six (6) poles).

Section 11. Placings will be determined by speed: fastest ride wins.

Rule 2 – HIGH SCORE AWARDS

Section 1. All riders must be members of WSH to qualify for NWBZ Year-End Awards. All riders are required to be members of WSH before placings will count for NWBZ Year-End Awards.

Section 2. Each horse/rider combination participating for NWBZ Games Division High Score Awards must pay a sign up fee of ten dollars (\$10.00), five dollars (\$5.00) of which will go to the general fund.

Section 3. Protest procedures will follow WSH and NWBZ Horse Show Division rules and regulations.

Section 4. Year-End High Score Awards will be made to six (6) places. In the case of ties, points for that placing and the following placing will be combined and divided between the placings. In a tie for sixth (6th) place, two (2) sixth places will be given.

Section 5. Riders may qualify two (2) or more horses in an event, provided each horse is registered for Year-End Awards.

Section 6. NWBZ Year-End High Score Awards will be offered for the following events:

1. Individual Flags – Buckaroo/Junior/Intermediate/Senior
2. Pole Bending (may use 4 or 6) – Buckaroo/Junior/Intermediate/Senior
3. Figure 8 Stake – Buckaroo/Junior/Intermediate/Senior
4. Key Pole Race – Buckaroo/Junior/Intermediate/Senior
5. Barrels – Buckaroo/Junior/Intermediate/Senior

Section 7. Age Division shall be as follows:

1. Buckaroo – 10 & Under
2. Junior – 11 through 13
3. Intermediate – 14 through 17
4. Senior – 18 & Over

Section 8. At least three (3) riders must sign up in an age division to be included in Year-End High Score Awards. At the rider's option, he/she may be moved to the nearest age group for placing if the age division does not meet minimum participant requirements. Alternatively, the rider may accept a participation ribbon.

Section 9. High Point Over-All Individual and Reserve High Point Over-All Individual will be given in each age group. Awards for placement in each event will also be given to sixth (6th) place. To qualify for High Point All-Around Individual, rider must place in top six (6) in a minimum of three (3) events offered.

Section 10. In order to qualify for NWBZ Year-End High Score Awards, riders age fourteen (14) years and older must attend two (2) NWBZ meetings and contribute two (2) hours of service at a NWBZ event (see NWBZ Standing Rules for exceptions).

Section 11. Points to be counted as follows:

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| 1. 1 st = 6 points | 4. 4 th = 3 points |
| 2. 2 nd = 5 points | 5. 5 th = 2 points |
| 3. 3 rd = 4 points | 6. 6 th = 1 point |

CHAPTER 5 – WORKING HORSE DIVISION

Section 1. The Working Horse Division is open to all horses and riders in events in NWBZ that offer competition to exhibitors in any
of the working horse division categories.

Section 2. Working Horse events are as follows: Extreme/Obstacle/Mountain Trail/Challenge (non-timed), Ranch Sorting, Team
Penning, Cutting, Working Cow, and Mounted Shooting.

Section 3. NWBZ/WSH membership is required to sign up for year-end awards.

- Section 4.** To compete for high score awards in NWBZ, an exhibitor/rider must fulfill the following requirements prior to the first show in which he/she wishes points to count:
- A.** The exhibitor/rider must be a current member of WSH and NWBZ, either through a 100% club, affiliated club, non-member individual, or family membership, and attend two (2) NWBZ meetings.
 - B.** Each exhibitor/rider must designate in advance the high score award(s) for which he/she is competing and remit the proper fees as listed on the high point award sign-up form. Fees are to accompany the sign-up sheet. No points from placings at NWBZ-approved shows to count until fees are paid in full. Fees are non-refundable.
 - C.** When two (2) or more riders and/or horses compete as a unit (i.e. pairs and teams), each of the horses must be recorded. If a horse has been recorded, it must be entered under its original name unless the name has been officially changed in accordance with USEF Rule VII, Chapter IV, Article 816. A horse must be entered in shows under the name of the owner or lessee of record, or the registered farm or stable name. When entered by an agent, the owner's name must be given .
- Section 5.** High Point Working Horse awards will be given to the highest scoring Junior (17 & Under), Amateur (18 & Over), Open, and Green (First & Second Year Horse and/or Rider).
- Section 6.** Each horse/rider combination must remit the proper fee as listed on the Working Horse Division sign-up form. Fees are to accompany the form and no points from placings at shows to count until fees are paid in full. All fees are non-refundable. The use of the Working Horse Division Recording Form for NWBZ and WSH Year-End Awards is required.
- Section 7.** Once the recording form is received and fees are paid in full, members can begin recording points earned on the Working Horse Division Exhibitor recording form.
- A.** After competing at a Working Horse event, show secretary must sign the recording form to verify the class name, number of exhibitors in the class , and member's placing in the class.
 - B.** Within 30 days of the event, member must submit the signed and completed Exhibitor Recording Form to the Working Horse Division Director along with the event class schedule or premium. The Working Horse Division Director will record and maintain all points submitted for both NWBZ and WSH points.
- Section 8.** Point tabulations for all Working Horse Division categories will be as follows, with a minimum of three entries in the class:
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| A. 1st place – _6 points | D. 4th place – _3 points |
| B. 2nd place – _5 points | E. 5th place – _2 points |
| C. 3rd place – _4 points | F. 6th place – _1 point |
- Section 9.** The competition year begins on October 1 and ends on September 30. A grace period for recording and submitting points is allowed following initial sign-up for year-end awards.
- Section 10.** All year-end awards for the Working Horse Division shall be presented at the NWBZ Awards Banquet.

CHAPTER 6 – TRAILS & PLEASURE DIVISION

- Section 1.** The Trails & Pleasure Division is comprised of a group of horsemen that find owning a horse a pleasure and riding them a relaxing hobby. Each year, riders pay a fee and submit their number of hours ridden. This riding information is used by different agencies to track trail use by horsemen. All riding, driving, and in-hand use counts, including arena, pleasure, and trail riding. Please note that only actual riding, driving, and in-hand time counts; travel time, grooming, and saddling/harnessing do not count for trails and pleasure, nor do competitive uses (show, endurance competitions, etc.).
- Section 2.** Rider must be a current member of NWBZ/WSH. Participant must submit registration and fee of ten dollars (\$10.00), as well as an additional five dollar (\$5.00) administration fee to the Trails & Pleasure Division Chair. Ride hours count after registration is submitted and fees are paid.

- Section 3.** To be eligible for state year-end awards, a separate sign-up form is required with payment to the WSH Trails & Pleasure Division.
- Section 4.** Hours to count must be sent in on Saddle Log Forms provided by the Trails & Pleasure Division; photocopies of the form are acceptable. Participant will send the Saddle Log to the Trails & Pleasure Chair on a regular basis. The last form must be received by the Division Chair no later than October 1st to count for year-end score.
- Section 5.** The ride season starts October 1st and concludes September 30th.
- Section 6.** To ensure fairness, participants riding more than one horse must sign up each horse separately.
- Section 7.** Participants must deduct for time not actually spent riding, driving, or working with a horse in-hand.
- Section 8.** Trail riding is not limited to the NWBZ area.
- Section 9.** All hours will be kept on the honor system. Any person knowingly falsifying information will be disqualified.
- Section 10.** See WSH Trails & Pleasure Rule Book for further information on state awards.

CHAPTER 6 – YOUTH MERIT

- Section 1.** Youth Merit is a free program for WSH members age 17 & Under to encourage them to further their understanding and skills with horses. Horse ownership is not required to participate.
- Section 2.** Members meet on a monthly basis for various activities pertaining to horse care, handling, education, and all the elements that make up the WSH.
- Section 3.** Field trips to the various equine events such as the race track, clinics, and shows are arranged throughout the month.
- Section 4.** Workbooks are offered through WSH to be completed in order to earn various awards at the Annual Convention. Points can be earned from showing, taking lessons, and community and school involvement.
- Section 5.** Year-End Award Eligibility Requirements
1. Join Washington State Horsemen through your local zone.
 2. Visit the WSH website to download a registration form or receive one from the NWBZ Youth Merit Director.
 3. Complete and return form to the Youth Merit Director or the WSH West Side Chair no later than March 15.
 4. Visit the website to download a workbook.
 - Workbook 1: for kids not quite ready to write
 - Workbook 2: all others
 5. Begin filling in the workbook and participating in NWBZ Youth Merit activities
 6. Make a copy of your completed workbook and turn in the original to NWBZ Youth Merit Director or WSH West Side Chair by August 1.
- Section 6. Points**
- A. Points count from the date of enrollment, provided that the participant is a current NWBZ/WSH member. Credit is not given for tasks that are accomplished prior to enrolling.

Points are carried forward into the next year without interruption. Tasks cannot be redone unless they are marked with an asterisk or they are not completed in the prior year.

Additional points cannot be earned unless dues for the new year have been paid and the new NWBZ/WSH member number is turned in to the Youth Merit Director.

- B. Through WSH, Youth Merit members may earn up to one medallion level per year. For example, a youth earning 650 points their first year will receive the Participation Plaque, Certificate of Merit, Certificate of Excellence, Honor of Excellence, and Bronze Medallion. The following year, they will receive the Superior Jacket as long as they earned at least an additional 100 new points during the year and renewed their WSH membership. In order to receive a Scholarship Award, Youth Merit members must earn the minimum points listed, write a 500+ word essay, and present the essay verbally at the WSH Convention. Only one scholarship per year will be awarded to a Youth Merit member.
- C. Verification of task performance is accomplished with the signature of an adult (preferably not a parent of the youth) who can verify, based on personal knowledge, that the task was satisfactorily completed. The completion certification date must be provided. The adult should include his/her title (show official, club officer, or other).
- D. The deadline for submitting records for awards to be presented at the WSH Convention is August 1. All awards will be presented annually at the WSH Convention. Those unable to attend will receive their awards via their Zone Advisor and/or Zone Representative.

Section 7. WSH Awards available:

1. Participation Plaque & Certificate (50 points)
2. Certificate of Merit – Yellow Tag & Certificate (100 points)
3. Certificate of Excellence – Red Tag & Certificate (200 points)
4. Honor of Excellence – Blue Tag & Certificate (300 points)
5. Bronze Medallion & Certificate (500 points)
6. Superior Award – Embroidered Jacket & Certificate (650 points)
7. Silver Medallion & Certificate (800 points)
8. Supreme Award – Belt Buckle & Certificate (1,000 points)
9. Gold Medallion & Certificate (1,200 points)
10. Scholarship, Level 1 - \$50 Cash Award & Certificate (1,400 points)
11. Scholarship, Level 2 - \$75 Cash Award & Certificate (1,600 points)
12. Scholarship, Level 3 - \$100 Cash Award & Certificate (1,800 points)
13. Special Awards – Each year, the WSH Youth Merit Program awards five (5) perpetual trophies based upon current year points earned. They include: High Point 10 & Under, 11 to 13, and 14 to 17. Additionally, the youth with the most new points will receive the Del Hack Junior Achievement Award, and the youth with the most community service points in workbook sections 14 & 15 will receive the Chet Kelley Memorial Award.