



SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS

UNDER GEORGIA LAW, AN EQUINE ACTIVITY SPONSOR OR EQUINE PROFESSIONAL IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO OR DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN EQUINE ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 12 OF TITLE 4 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED.

A. General

1. Scratches are permitted prior to start of class if scratch form is filled out and signed at the office.
2. Number is assigned to horse and rider combination; however, a horse may only be entered one time per class. If a rider is showing more than one horse, a different number must be assigned and used for each horse.
3. Any disputes are to be settled by the show committee. Their decision is final.
4. For safety reasons NO warm-ups are allowed in covered arena or barn aisles.
5. No alcohol or open-carry firearms allowed on premises.
6. DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH AT ALL TIMES.
7. I grant permission and consent for Kel-Mac Saddle Club to use photographs and videos taken of me (and any minor children of whom I am Guardian) at any Kel-Mac event under any legal condition including, but not limited to, publications, news releases, advertising and web/on-line content.

B. Show Regulations

1. Arena opens at 8:00 AM for limited entry. Over fences warm-ups will be at 5-minute intervals ending at 8:50 AM. Show will start promptly at 9:00 AM.
2. **A 2-minute gate call will be enforced.** When a class is announced, if you are not at the end gate within 2 minutes, then the gate will be closed and entry denied without refund. Gate keeper must be alerted to "tack changes" 2 classes ahead. Tack changes should be made **in the holding area** (NOT AT STALLS OR TRAILERS).
3. Patterns will be provided to participants. The show committee will make the patterns available online at www.kel-mac.com on the Horse Show Forms webpage approximately 1 week prior to the start of the horse show and they will be posted 24 hours before the start of the division at the end of the barn aisle
4. The following actions may result in disqualification from a single event or all events.
 - a. Abuse of any animal.
 - b. Abuse of officials or other contestants by contestant, contestant's family, or contestant's friends.
 - c. Unsportsmanlike conduct or any other form of misconduct that is irresponsible, illegal, indecent, profane, intimidating, threatening or abusive.
 - d. Not being ready for an event when called. In all events, if the contestant is not ready to compete after being called for three times the contestant will be disqualified from that event.
5. Any bad ring manners, such as cutting riders off in the ring, MAY result in dismissal from the class with **NO REFUND.**

6. Faults that result in elimination (dismissed contestants will exit promptly)
 - a. Fall of horse and or rider (rider shall not remount in the ring)
 - b. Three cumulative refusals
 - c. Off course
 - d. Trotting or cantering through the in or out gate
 - e. Jumping a jump before it is reset
7. If any rider cannot control their horse in the arena, or is causing unsafe conditions for themselves or another rider, that rider will be dismissed without refund. **THE JUDGE'S DECISION IS FINAL.**
8. Stallions are ineligible at all Kel-Mac shows.
9. Proper adult supervision of children and guests, whether members or not, is required. If not properly supervised, they will be asked to leave the show grounds with no refund of class fees.

C. Welfare of the Horse

1. Inhumane treatment which can cause disqualification includes, but is not limited to
 - a. Placing an object in a horse's mouth so as to cause undue discomfort or distress;
 - b. Leaving a bit in a horse's mouth for extended periods of time so as to cause undue discomfort or distress;
 - c. Tying a horse up or around in a stall in the manner as to cause undue discomfort or distress;
 - d. Riding in manner as to cause undue discomfort or distress;
 - e. Use of any item or appliance that restricts movement of the tail;
 - f. Exhibiting a horse which appears to be sullen, dull, lethargic, emaciated, drawn or overly tired;
 - g. Intentional or negligent treatment which results in any bleeding;
 - h. Use of a stud chain or similar device.
2. The judge shall examine and check for lameness of all horses brought into any class. The judge has the authority to excuse any horse from the class, due to lameness, at any time while being judged. This is essential regardless of whether or not the competition indicates it is necessary.
3. Obvious lameness shall be cause for disqualification. Obvious lameness is:
 - i. Consistently observable at a trot under all circumstances;
 - j. Marked nodding, hitching or shortened stride;
 - k. Minimal weight-bearing in motion and/or at rest and inability to move.

D. Attire and equipment

1. Current and previously approved hard hats (with attached harness) are required for ALL RIDERS in Over Fences, Huntseat, Small Fry, and Leadline classes. Properly fastened hard hats are required to be worn anytime a rider who is under the age of 18 is mounted. Exhibitors may wear a helmet or traditional show attire on the head in showmanship or ground-handling classes.
2. Proper show attire is required for the respective discipline if you expect to be judged. (For example: no polo shirts, ragged jeans, tennis shoes, etc.)
3. Boot are strongly recommended at all times.
4. Any spurs worn while riding must be blunt. No spurring in front of the cinch is allowed.
5. Tie-downs and running martingales are not allowed in flat classes. Standing martingales only allowed in over fences classes.
6. Only plain smooth snaffle bits allowed in both English and Western Dressage classes.
7. Mechanical hackamores are not allowed.

E. Points

1. To accrue points towards a year end award, the rider must be a member of Kel-Mac. To be eligible for a year end award the rider must PLACE at 2 shows in a specific class. Points counting toward the year-end awards will not be given retroactively for those who join after earning those points. Any member earning points at a show will receive those points if they join by the end of the show that day.
2. Year end high point awards will be given in each class rather than a division. This does not apply to Leadline or any Championship classes.
3. Points will be awarded, according to the number of entries in a class, up to a maximum of six points for first place. (i.e., if only 3 horses are entered, then a maximum of 3 points for 1st place, etc).
4. Ties for the year-end awards will be decided by examination of the class record to determine the number of horses that showed in that class. The eligible horse and rider who has defeated the greater number of competitors will be declared the winner.

F. Class Conditions and Eligibility

1. Novice is defined as competitors in their 1st or 2nd year of showing regardless of discipline (3rd year only upon appeal to the show committee). Novices ARE allowed to compete in the Open W-T classes where canter/lope are not required.
2. Novice Crossrails Hunter O/F 18" and/or Open Crossrails Hunter O/F 18": Novice Crossrail riders may not show in any other O/F classes except Open Crossrails. Open rider may not show in any other judged O/F classes on the same horse. Both are allowed in Crossrails Championship class.
3. All riders are allowed to compete in the CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES.
4. Small Fry Class: Riders must be 10 years or under as of January 1st of the show year. Rider may turn 11 during the year and still be eligible to show. Riders may not ride in any other division, except for Leadline. **Approved helmets are required for all riders.** No parents or trainers allowed in the ring during class.
5. Junior rider must be less than 14 years of age as of January 1st of current year; Adult riders must be 14 years of age or older as of January 1st, of current year.
6. **Gaited Pleasure:** This class is for **flat shod, non-trotting horses**. Exhibitors will be asked to show at the walk and appropriate gait for their horse's breed. This excludes trotting, pacing and canter/lope.
7. Jack Benny 29 and over: Walk-Trot/Jog/Gait class is for riders 29 years of age and over in **ALL DISCIPLINES.**
8. Equitation and Horsemanship classes will be patterns only. Only exception to this rule is for Small Fry Equitation/Horsemanship and Gaited Equitation/Horsemanship which will remain rail work only.