

MVPHC HORSE SHOW RULES 2011

MVPHC uses APHA rules as a general guideline, with some exceptions.

- 1) ATTIRE AND TACK:** Helmets or Western hat, boots, and long sleeve shirts for Western classes. Helmets or hunt caps, breeches or jodphurs of any color, and boots with a heel for English classes. Saddles and bridles must be appropriate for class entered. All English style saddles accepted. No Training Devices are allowed.
- 2) BEGINNER RIDER:** Beginner Riders are of any age who are not yet ready to canter in any discipline at a show. The beginner rider cannot cross enter into other division, including showmanship.
- 3) NOVICE HORSE:** Novice Horses can be of any age, but have not won more than 5 first place ribbons in total prior to the start of the MVPHC 2011 show season. Eligibility does not change during the show year. If the horse qualifies, it will be eligible to compete in Novice Horse classes through the 2011 season. Any aged horse may be ridden two handed in a bosal or snaffle. Any western shanked bit must be ridden single handed. If the horse is 6 years or older, it must be ridden single handed with a shank bit in any other western division. All riders who compete in Novice are "on their Honor" regarding their eligibility. The committee will investigate if a written complaint is filed against any rider. Any horse found unqualified will not receive points for that show or towards year end awards.
- 4) HIGH POINT:** There will be daily High Point and Reserves awarded to each division. Halter classes do not count towards high point, with the exception of Paint halter classes 39,40, and 41 which count towards Paint All Around. Showmanship points will count towards either Western or English Age Group. Rider must indicate choice on entry form and wear discipline appropriate attire.
Point System: Competitors will be given 1 point + 1 point for each exhibitor who places after them, with a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 6 points awarded. (Example- For six or more entries in a class, points will be counted as follows: first place- 6 points, second place- 5 points, third place- 4 points, fourth place- 3 points, fifth place- 2 points, sixth place- 1 point).
- 5) DIVISIONS:** There are eleven divisions. They are as follows- English Beginner Rider, English 12 and under, English 13-17, English 18 and over, Western Beginner Rider, Western 12 and under, Western 13-17, Western 18 and over, Novice English Horse, Novice Western Horse, and Paint Horse All Around. (See class list for specific class numbers)
- 6) YEAR END AWARDS:** To qualify for any year end award you *must be a MVPHC member*, compete in at least 2 of the 3 shows, and volunteer more than 2 hours of work that year at a show, event, or club activity (see a board member for details). The total points from all shows will count. A special "All Around High Point Champion" award will be given to the competitor who finishes the year with the single total highest English and Western combined points.
- 7) SCHOOLING:** No gimmicks or training devices are allowed unless you are auditing the class. (In such cases you will pay for the class but not be judged, and upon entering the arena you must notify the gatekeeper that you are auditing. You may only audit a class for which you would normally be eligible for. Ie your age group, etc.) Only junior horses (5 years and younger), and senior horses (6 years and older) in the Novice Horse classes will be allowed to be ridden Western two handed with a snaffle bit or bosal. Senior horses must be ridden single handed in a shank bit in all other Western classes.
- 8) ETIQUETTE:** Discourteous manners and unsportsmanlike conduct in or out of the arena towards horses or humans will not be tolerated. Expulsion from the show without refund will occur. Have fun!
- 9) RIBBONS** will be presented at the in-gate after placing is announced. You may only pick up ribbons won that day.
- 10) CLASS STARTS:** All competitors must be at the gate before the beginning of their class or notify the gatekeeper.
- 11) ADDING CLASSES:** Anyone adding a class must do so at the entry booth at least 3 classes ahead of time, not with the gatekeeper or announcer.
- 12) NUMBERS:** Exhibitor numbers will apply to Horse/Rider combinations and will be kept the same for the whole show season.
- 13) FEES:** There will be a \$5.00 office fee charged to each rider/handler who is a MVPHC member, and \$10.00 to non members. Office Fee will be waived if entry form is mailed and postmarked 7 days before the show. Faxes must received by the Wednesday before the show.
- 14) CHARGES:** There will be a service charge on all bounced checks. The bank will determine the amount charged. Points will not be awarded until payment is received.
- 15) REFUNDS:** No refunds will be given except for an injured horse or rider, or at the discretion of the show manager.

NO DOGS ALLOWED FOR SAFETY REASONS.

Please direct show questions to Alison Eddy.