

UPHA Chapter 11 Academy Winter Tournament Rules

General:

1. Horses are not to be judged. Horses in Academy classes MUST be lesson horses used regularly in a professionally operated lesson program. These horses must display the characteristics of such.
2. All Instructors must be members of UPHA.
3. All academy classes are judged on the ability of the rider to control and show their horse to the best advantage.
4. **Academy Equitation** classes are judged on basic equestrian skills with correct diagonals and leads.
5. **Academy Pleasure** classes should be judged on the riders' horsemanship abilities. The horse is not to be judged. Judging should be on rider's ability to control and show their horse. Promptness in finding correct diagonals and canter leads are important as well as the rider's command of the horse. For example, speed, placement in the ring and collectiveness.
6. Open classes are for show and/or lesson horses. Full suits can be worn but not required.
7. Beginner classes will be split if six (6) or more riders are entered.
8. Entry fees are \$25 per class. Stall fees are \$25. Stalls must be picked up before leaving.
9. No smoking in barn.
10. Warm-up area: so all exhibitors have a fair opportunity to warm-up only horse and riders in the next class are allowed in the warm-up area. All observers, video and camera people are not allowed in the warm-up area.
11. Judges attire: we are wanting to instill a sense of what a show is like and would appreciate judges dressing appropriately.
12. We must remember the purpose of these tournaments is to create an enjoyable and affordable division for the beginner rider. We also need to remember our ethics and follow the rules for these classes. Those instructors whose riders are found in violation of these rules will be dealt with in a private quiet manner. The student will not be approached. Students not complying with the rules will simply not be judged but will receive a participation ribbon.

Rider:

1. No full riding suits are allowed in academy classes. Riding pants and boots for said discipline recommended. Gloves and vests are optional. No chaps. No sweatshirts with logos will be allowed in the show ring. **Helmets** are required on all 17 & under riders.
2. Riders must be participating in a professional operated program and show on a lesson horse.
3. A rider may show their own horse as long as the horse is used regularly in a lesson program.
4. Once a rider has shown in walk/trot/canter class, a return to walk/trot classes is not allowed.
5. Age is determined on November 1, 2024.
6. Riders in the walk and trot on the line classes will be worked and judged individually on the rail.
7. Intermediate walk/trot classes are for riders who have shown at the academy level but are not ready to canter. It is up to the Instructor to decide if rider should stay in Beginner or move up to the Intermediate level.

Horse:

1. All horses in academy classes must be lesson horses and not "in training". Open classes are the exception.
2. Work bridles and martingales are allowed.
3. No hoof back or braiding is allowed.
4. Any out of control horses will be excused.

High Point Awards:

Points will be award depending on the number of riders in the class. Example: 3 riders in a class, 1st place received 3 points, 2nd place received 2 points, 3rd place received 1 point

Awards will be given for the following divisions:

Saddle Seat Advanced W/T/C – Adult, 17 & Under

Saddle Seat Intermediate W/T/C – Adult, 14-17, 11-13, 10 & Under

Saddle Seat Advanced W/T – 12 & Under

Saddle Seat Intermediate W/T – Adult, 14-17, 11-13, 10 & Under

Saddle Seat Beginner W/T – Adult, 14-17, 11-13, 9-10, 7-8, 6 & under

Hunt Seat W/T/C – 18 & Over, 17 & Under

Hunt Seat W/T – 18 & Over, 17 & Under

Western Seat W/T/C – 18 & Over, 17 & Under

Western Seat W/T – 18 & Over, 17 & Under

Leadline

Walk and trot on the line/pattern

Rider must participate in two more shows in order to be eligible for high point awards. Rider must stay in the same division to receive points.