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MID-STATE HORSE SHOW ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE

This association shall be known as the Mid-State Horse Show Association and at all times shall be operated and conducted as a non-profit organization in accordance with the laws of the state of Arkansas providing for such organizations and by which it shall acquire all rights as granted to associations of this kind.

The purpose of this association shall be aimed toward the younger riders in an effort to increase their ability, to promote friendship and fair play, and to provide experience in competition where they are not out-classed by older riders, and to give them a goal toward which to work.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Section A: Club Membership

1. The membership in this association is extended to clubs in mid Arkansas interested in the promotion of horse shows, provided they have met the requirements of this association and are approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
2. The Board of Directors shall have the power to drop from the role any club member who has failed to comply with the rules, by-laws, and regulations of this association, or a club, which the Board thinks, has not given sufficient support to this association's approved shows.
3. All clubs are responsible for an annual \$25 membership fee.
4. The secretary from each club must give a list of members to the Mid-State secretary before the show begins, so that members' points will count toward year-end awards.

ARTICLE III: OFFICERS

Section A: Board of Directors

1. The Board of Directors shall consist of two elected representatives in good standing from each club.
2. These delegates shall hold the voting power of the association, except in the case of a tie, wherein the president has the authority to break the tie.
3. All motions voted on by the clubs are to be represented by one vote. All motions from the floor will be one vote from each representative.

Section B: Election of Officers

1. Mid-State officers must be a member of an association club, in good standing.
2. The officers shall be elected by popular vote. One vote from each club.
3. The following officers shall be elected:
 - a) President
 - b) Vice President
 - c) Secretary
 - d) Treasurer

- e) Point Keeper
- f) Parliamentarian

Section C: Duties of Officers

1. The President shall be the Chief Executive of the association and shall preside at all meetings. He/she shall see that the by-laws, rules and regulations of the association are enforced.
2. The Vice-President shall serve in the absence of the President. He/she will also secure the Judges.
3. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings and shall be custodian for all documents and records of the association. Only rulebooks and banquet booklets will be kept as permanent history records of the association. All records older than 3 years can be destroyed.
4. The Treasurer shall receive the money turned over to him/her by a member club and all other money and shall deposit to the credit of Mid-State Horse Show Association in a bank, within ten working days of receipt. Any disbursement shall be made by check. The Treasurer must submit an itemized written Treasurer's Report at each meeting.
5. There will be a requirement of two signatures on the Mid-state checks. (02/09)
6. The Point Keeper duties will be to keep points for the year-end awards, and state show participation. He/she will also publish point sheets, the minimum required being after the 3rd, 6th, and 10th shows.
7. The Parliamentarian will oversee the rules helping the President and the Board of Directors when issues arise with the rules. This position will be a three-year term. The Parliamentarian will not have a vote. The Parliamentarian will speak with the Judge and the Show Manager before each show begins to give them a list of rules that need to be brought to their attention. The list is to be compiled for him/her to give to the Judge (2/02).
8. Association officers shall be non-voting officers as the Board of Directors if the voting power of the association, except in the case of a tie, when the association President has the authority to break all ties and enforce all rules.
9. The President shall appoint a nominating committee composed of three active members in good standing in the middle of the show season. This committee shall be responsible for the nomination of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, and Points Keeper to be submitted by September 1, so that an election can be held in October for officers to take office on January 1.
10. Between January and April, the Mid-State President will appoint an audit committee, consisting of three members of the association. This committee will be responsible for auditing the Mid-State Treasurer's records and books. The records and books should be audited in May, September, and following the year-end banquet. The committee will submit a written report of their findings, comments, and/or suggestions.
11. Officer's terms will be from January 1 through December 31.

12. Before show season starts, the President will appoint a three-member sportsmanship committee. This committee shall be known to the President only, and will report their nominations to him/her. A meeting of the committee can be called anytime.
13. At the beginning of the fiscal year, the President will appoint a three-member scholarship committee. This committee will be responsible for obtaining educators to select a recipient of the scholarship. Club representatives will give scholarship applications to the Mid-State President by April of the calendar year. Before these are given to the scholarship committee, the names on the applications will be replaced with numbers. The Mid-State Secretary will keep a record, matching number with name. No picture will be required. The name will be blotted from the transcript and it will be attached to the application. (2/07). The scholarship committee will see that all guidelines applicable to the scholarship are adhered to.
14. If a Mid-State officer's position becomes available during the year. The Mid-State Board of Directors will appoint someone to fill this position from the current Mid-State Board for the remainder of the year.

Section D: Concerning New Members

Any new member who pays their dues at a make-up show when the original show had already started, their membership will become effective at the following scheduled show. The new member's points accumulated at the make-up show will not count, since their points would not have counted if the show had not rained out. This rule will not apply to a show that had been rained out before the show started.

ARTICLE IV: SHOWS

Section A: Approval of Shows

1. The Board of Directors will set the number of shows each year.
2. The requirements for approval of shows are as follows:
 - a. Members in good standing of Mid-State Horse Show Association.
 - b. Abide by all rules and regulations set forth by the association.
 - c. Willingness to accept show dates as set.
3. Approved shows must cover the mandatory classes set by the Board of Directors at the beginning of the year.
4. The President and/or Board have the authority to impose a penalty on the clubs that exhibit infractions of the rules.

Section B: Show Results

1. The results of any approved show must be completed in their entirety and forwarded with original entry sheets and Judge's cards to the association Point Keeper at the completion of the show.
2. A check for 30% of entry fees and all gate fees collected must be submitted to the Treasurer within ten days after completion of the show. Assess each club \$50 per show (\$100 each show season) to be given to the Scholarship Fund. The Hosting Club of the show will keep \$1 from the gate fee and send the other \$3 to Mid-State Treasurer.

3. A 5% penalty will be assessed to sponsoring clubs if sheets and money proceeds are not submitted within ten days of completion of the show.

Section C: Age Divisions for the Shows

1. The following age of riders will be used:
 - a. Pony and Walk-Trot 10 years of age and under
 - b. Buckaroo 13 years of age and under
 - c. Junior 14 years of age through 18 years of age
 - d. Senior 19 years of age and over
2. The age of a person on January 1st will determine the age division for the entire year.
3. In the event that a question arises on the age of a rider anytime during the year, the association can ask that a birth certificate be furnished to the Board of Directors, and all ribbons, trophies and points will be held up until proof of age is established.
4. The age division will be enforced.
5. A participant that rides in Pony Barrels and/or Pony Poles cannot ride in Buckaroo Barrels and/or Poles for the entire show season. Riders must declare their division at the beginning of the season by signing up for events in that division in barrels and poles.
6. A pony division rider may move up into buckaroo division one time during the year. (0209) Participants will forfeit all points earned in the pony division and cannot move back into the pony division for the remainder of the year (2/05).
7. The three-minute rule has been amended. The three-minute rule will not apply if a person is visibly trying to get their horse into the arena or if there is a tack change (2/07).

Section D: Show Manager

1. Clubs staging an approved horse show must appoint a manager of the show. Any reputable person may act in the capacity of the manager.
2. The name of the Show Manager will be announced at the beginning of each show.
3. The manager shall:
 - a. Be held responsible by the Mid-State Horse Show Association for the maintenance of clean and orderly conditions throughout the show.
 - b. Have jurisdiction over preparing entry blanks, trophies, running of classes, etc.
 - c. Have authority to enforce all rules and regulations referring to the show.
 - d. Enforce the starting time, coordinate and expedite the movement of the classes to the best of his/her ability.
 - e. The Show Manager may check riders at the gate as they enter the pleasure class, but he/she is not supposed to be in the arena while the actual judging is going on.

Section E: Judges

1. The judges must be chosen from a list furnished by the association.
2. The judges will be contacted and scheduled for dates by the association Vice-president.

3. Neither the judge nor members of his/her family shall exhibit or act as agents or handlers of a performance class at which he/she is officiating.
4. A judge may not be a member of Mid-State. An exception will be made only in the event of a judge failing to appear.
5. A judge shall only officiate at one association show per year.
6. The Judge shall contact the Vice-President of Mid-State when he/she arrives at the show.
7. The Judge shall:
 - a. Have the power to order any person or horse from the arena for bad conduct of one or both.
 - b. Have the power to use the "sifting" method when a class consists of fifteen or more horses.
 - c. Have the authority to place a horse and rider in whatever position he/she thinks is justified. That is in accordance with the rules, and his decision shall be final. Once a class has been judged, it shall not be re-judged. Once the Judge has marked his/her card and turned it over to the announcer, there will be no change.

Section F: Protests

All protests should be taken to the Show Manager, the Parliamentarian, or the President (2/04). The Show Manager, if necessary, may contact the association President, who in turn will settle the matter then or make a decision as to whether to call a meeting of the Board at that time or a later date.

Section G: Rotation of Shows

1. Beginning in 1987, Mid-State voted to rotate shows rather than draw at the beginning of each season. The rotation will be as follows: Malvern, Benton, Sheridan, Lorange and Saline County, with the first name dropping to the bottom of the list next season.
2. Each club will host shows back to back. Benefit shows may be scheduled for anytime within the show schedule. (02/09)

Section H: Checking Horses and Ponies

1. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to have snaffle bit and junior horses checked for age and to have ponies measured. The Mid-State Secretary may ask that all horses and ponies be at the first show of the season early in order to get them all checked and on the approved list. Any horse or pony not on the approved list cannot accumulate points.
2. A committee of two Mid-State Officers will measure ponies and check age of junior and snaffle bit horses.
3. Ponies will be measured at the highest point of the withers and shoes will not count in the measurement. The Mid-State Secretary will keep and maintain a record of all ponies eligible for showing.
4. Junior horses and snaffle bit horses (two, three, four, and five year old) must have registration paper's or a vet's statement proving the age of the horse. The Mid-State Secretary will keep and maintain a record of all horses eligible for showing.

5. The Mid-State Secretary may request a copy of papers be brought to the first show and kept by the Secretary for records.

Section I: Rain-Outs

1. The sponsoring club has authority to cancel a show up to the time of the start of the show. After that, it is the responsibility of the Mid-State Board.
2. In the event of bad weather, if there is a question of calling off the show once it has started, a meeting of the representatives will be called and a vote will be taken with the majority ruling, regardless of the quorum.
3. Meetings to cancel a show in progress because of uncontrollable circumstances should include the Judge in the meeting to determine what can be decided concerning the Judge’s compensation for working the show.
4. The show will take place on the next rain date. Only events not previously held will be run at the rain out show. However, if the sponsoring club wishes to jackpot the remaining events, it will be at their discretion (2/01).

Jackpot Pay Scale		
Entries	Place	Pay-Off
1-3	1	100%
4-5	2	60%-40%
6-9	3	50%-30%-20%
10-19	4	40-30-20-15-10%

5. On the rain date, if there is a judge’s fee, every club will split the fee (2/00).
6. Classes will be shown as originally scheduled at the rain out show.
7. A “Calling Tree” will be established to clarify confusion over cancelled shows. The Mid-State President will be notified immediately of a cancelled show by the hosting club. He will then call the Mid-State Secretary and then she, in turn, will call the secretary of each club. Then each member will call their club secretary to find out the status of the show (2/07).

Section J: Rotation of Events

1. The working order of events will be split starting with pleasure events first/speed events last during the first half and then rotating, moving pleasure to the bottom of the working order/speed to the top for the last half of the season. (02/09)
2. The first six pleasure events of every show will be in the following order and will not rotate:
 - a. Lead Line
 - b. Queens
 - c. Walk-Trot
 - d. Pony Walk-Trot
 - e. Pony Class
 - f. 2 Yr Old Snaffle

During the last six shows, the Queen Class will be omitted from the schedule. Pony Barrels and Pony Poles will be in the line up with the other classes of barrels and poles.

3. The remaining events will be arranged in order at the discretion of the Board.
4. Classes will be rotated two classes at a time, one pleasure class and one speed class, from back to front at each show, except for the first six pleasure classes. **FYI: Pony, Buckaroo, Jr., & Sr., Barrels count as one class.**
5. There will be a 30 minute intermission between the pleasure and speed events.

ARTICLE V: AWARDS

Section A: Point Distribution

1. Points will only be given to Mid-State Association members.
2. The top five riders of each class of an approved show shall receive points toward the championship award in the following manner:

First Place	5 points
Second Place	4 points
Third Place	3 points
Fourth Place	2 points
Fifth Place	1 point

Section B: Awards

1. Show Awards
 - a. Ribbons will be given to Pony and Buckaroo Classes only (2/07).
 - b. Participation ribbons will be awarded to all Pony competitors.
 - c. Non-association members will receive awards, but not points.
2. High Point Awards
 - a. There will be a Pee-wee, Buckaroo, Junior, and Senior High Point Award winner at each show (2/04). In case of a tie, all winners will receive an award (the cost of the additional award is the responsibility of the hosting club).
 - b. High Point winners from each show will be announced at the beginning of the next Mid-State Show (2/98).
 - c. Points in Queen's Class and Novice Pleasure will not count for high point.
 - d. Only points earned in 10 and under classes will count for Pee-Wee High Point. Example: Walk-Trot, Pony Walk-Trot, Pony Class, Pony Barrels, and Pony Poles.
 - e. Mid-State will award year-end high point awards for the four divisions of approximately \$100 in cost to be selected by the Board. Mid-State may award High-point saddles in all divisions contingent upon sponsorship of these saddles . . . there will be no cost to Mid-State (2/06).
 - f. Pony events will not count for Buckaroo high point.
 - g. Riders 14 and under who place in Junior or Open events count their points for Buckaroo high point.
 - h. Juniors who place in Open events count their points to junior high point.

3. Sportsmanship Award
The association will give a sportsmanship award in each division.
4. Year End Awards
 - a. The association will present year-end championship awards for the top five riders in each class at the end of the show season.
 - b. Ideas for these awards will be considered and taken back to the clubs for approval (2/07).
 - c. The association shall hold all year-end awards until all money due the MSHSA is paid. If money owed is not paid by the time of the Awards Banquet, the awards will be forfeited.
 - d. In the event a person qualifying to participate at the State Show chooses not to ride and informs the Mid-State Secretary of this decision before the conclusion of the last show, thus allowing the 6th place person to ride in their place, will still receive their year-end award. The 6th place person will not receive a year-end award, but will be allowed to compete at the State Horse Show.
5. Officers Awards
A maximum amount of \$100 will be spent per officer award. (02/09)

Section C: Participation in the State Horse Show

1. The top five riders in each state approved class will be eligible to participate in the state horse show.
2. In the event that the rider chooses to represent another association in the state show this rider will forfeit his/her year-end award. EXCEPTIONS to this can be made by the Board of Directors, if the Board feels the rider has legitimate reasons for not attending. The rider with the next highest points will be moved up so that Mid-State has five entries for the State Show and year-end awards. However, if the 6th place rider replaces a qualified State show Rider and the entry fee has already been paid by the first rider, the person moving up must reimburse the first rider.
3. If a contestant (who has paid his/her State Show entry fees) does not compete at the State Show without an acceptable excuse (deemed by the Board of Directors) simply to keep the 6th place rider from participating at the State Show, that contestant will not receive his/her year-end award and will not be allowed to participate in the State Show the following year. The Board of Directors will review each case at the end of the year prior to the Awards Banquet.
4. No ties are allowed at the State Show for the 5th rider position. In the case of a tie in the 5th position, the tie will be broken in the following order:
 - a. Person showing the most times in that event.
 - b. Person placing the most times in that event.
 - c. Placed first more times in that event.
 - d. Most seconds in that event.
 - e. Most thirds in that event.
 - f. Most fourths in that event.
 - g. Most fifths in that event.

5. All exhibitors qualified to participate at the State Horse Show are required to pay their entry fees for these classes at the last Mid-State Horse Show regardless if whether or not they actually participate in the class at the last show of the season.

Section D: Qualifications for State Horse Show

Six shows will be counted as the 50% participation requirement to be eligible to compete at the Arkansas State Horse Show.

ARTICLE VI: RULE CHANGES

1. All suggestions made at the January Mid-State meeting will be taken back to the individual clubs to be voted on for the February Mid-State meeting. February will be the final deadline for all rule changes.
2. ONLY State rule changes will be brought back to the clubs to be voted on throughout the year (2/01).

ARTICLE VII: MID-STATE WEB-SITE (02/09)

WWW.MIDSTATEHORSE.COM

1. Mid-state will set up a web-site at the current cost of \$160 per year.
2. Sponsor ads can be sold for \$25 per home page ad and \$10 for sponsor page ad to allow the site to pay for itself and to raise money for Mid-State.

ARTICLE VIII: SHOW RELATED ITEMS

Coggins

1. MSHSA will require a current negative Coggins (within one year) to be eligible to bring a horse onto the show grounds. Photocopies will not be accepted (2/98). The club sponsoring the show will be responsible for checking each horse at the gate by matching papers to horses. Each club will be responsible for providing a Coggins checker at the gate during their assigned times at the benefit shows (2/04).
2. Two Coggins checkers must be on the grounds at all times from at least two hours before the show. Only one is required to be at the gate checking Coggins at a time. If there are people already present on the grounds with horses, a Coggins checker must check their horses first.

Fees

1. Mid-State entry fees will be \$3 for each entry (\$6 for Barrel Pick-Up and Switch Race) and must be paid when entering. Benefit shows will have the same entry (2/02).
2. There will be a \$1 participation fee per rider per show regardless of the number of events ridden. This \$1 will go into the MSHSA general fund to help purchase year-end awards (2/05).
3. There will be a \$4 per trailer gate fee. \$1 will go to the hosting club and the remaining \$3 will go to the MSHSA general fund to help purchase year-end awards. This will be effective for each scheduled show (2/08).

Shows

1. At 1:00 p.m., the announcer will ask all those in the arena to ride in one direction; after 15 minutes the command to reverse shall be announced. The show will begin promptly at 2:00 p.m.
2. All clubs will play the National Anthem at the beginning of each show (if facilities are available).
3. The arena will be raked at the beginning of Pleasure Classes, as necessary, and after a maximum of ten riders during all timed events, or at the Show Manager's discretion (2/04). No horses will be allowed in the arena while the tractor is dragging the arena (2/07).
4. If the timer fails to work in speed events, the rider will receive a re-ride at the time of his/her run or at the end of the event. The original run must be a qualified run. The re-ride must be a bona fide attempt to complete the event. The re-ride will be penalty free. Announcer is not to tell the rider that the clock is not working.
5. The rider is responsible for errors on the entry sheets.
6. Exhibitors can enter a class up to the announcement of the places of the previous class, except in the event of a person standing in line, trying to enter an event and there are skipped classes with no entries. Then, he/she should be given sufficient time to get themselves and their horse to the arena.
7. Any contestant withdrawing from a class after entering shall forfeit his/her entry fee except in the case of incapacitating sickness or injury to a horse or rider.
8. No show is complete until all ties in the 5th place position have been worked off.
9. During a judged event, the announcer shall not refer to the riders by name but shall refer to riders by number only.
10. An electric timer is to be used with a back-up timer available. The recorded time is the official time for timed events.
11. A rider may ride only one horse in each class.
12. Each horse may only have one rider per class.
13. All persons must have their own horses under complete control at all times after arriving on the show grounds. There will be no loose horses permitted at any time on the grounds.
14. Announcer must announce what the time would have been for the riders in timed events, even when they received a "no time" because of a disqualification.
15. All horsemanship patterns must be posted.
16. Riders must be put on entry sheet in order they enter (may not be dropped down).
17. The entry table needs to be set up at least one hour before show time.
18. No lunging of horses will be allowed in the arena.
19. Show will be stopped and parents will be called if children are playing and walking around behind the arena where exhibitors enter and exit the arena.
20. Arena will be closed until one and one-half hours before show time and will close again 30 minutes before show time for watering and raking at the Arena Director's discretion.
21. **Dogs must be on a leash at all times (2/98). There will be a \$25.00 fine for any dog not on a leash at all shows (2/06).**
22. If you scratch out of an event and then come back later and re-enter in the same event, you must sign back up at the place you originally signed up (2/01).

23. A rider under the age of 18 may not use any restraints with the exception of rubber bands on the feet. A rider over the age of 18 with a physical disability may use a specially designed saddle with or without restraints at the discretion of the Board. Each case must be brought before the Board and approved before the exhibitor is allowed to compete with restraints. An additional signed and notarized release form may also be required (2/05).
24. A contestant must sign up at the first show with the name they plan to use for the entire year. If the contestant's name changes during the show season, the contestant must notify the point keeper. If the contestant fails to do this in writing, points will be separated into the two names.
25. Mid-State will offer exhibitors the opportunity to purchase laminated numbers to be used in judged classes at all scheduled shows throughout the year. Additional numbers will be provided at the shows for those who choose not to purchase a number or for non-members. These numbers will be assigned and a record will be kept to avoid confusion.
26. A pony exhibitor may transfer to Buckaroo one time during the year in the event a pony gets sick or dies.

Exhibitions:

Exhibition Barrels and Poles will be offered at the Benefit Shows only. Entry fee will be \$4 per entry. Exhibition Poles will be held prior to Pony Poles and Exhibition Barrels will be held prior to Pony Barrels. The barrels will be set off of the stakes and the tractor will not drag during these events. There will be a 60 second time limit per entry with a \$25 fine if that limit is exceeded. Each club is to post a notice on their event sheets stating the \$25 penalty and that will be strictly enforced (2/04).

Exhibition Pleasure and Gaited will be offered at the Benefit Shows only. Entry fee will be \$4 per entry. Exhibition Pleasure will be held before the first pleasure class of the night after the Snaffle Bit Class. Exhibition Gaited will be held before the first Gaited Class of the night and is open to both Slow and Open Gaited (2/05).

Stallions:

The state rule of stallions is as follows:

No youth may exhibit a stallion with the exception that a Buckaroo or junior may ride a stallion in an event where only individual work is required, if an adult is with the rider and horse other than when he/she is competing. The owner of the stallion is to take full responsibility at all times at the show. A stallion must be attended at all times.

Un-Sportsmanlike Conduct

1. A contestant or member of his immediate family deemed guilty of misconduct or unsportsman-like conduct in the opinion of a majority of the Board shall be penalized by any or all of the following:
 - a. Contestant and/or his/her immediate family may be suspended from further participation from this and/or other Mid-State Shows.
 - b. Contestant and/or his/her immediate family will forfeit any points earned and forfeit all entry fees.

- c. Contestant and/or his/her immediate family will be suspended from participation in the annual State Horse Show.
 - d. The Board will deal with the violation according to its severity.
2. In the case of unsportsman-like conduct, if the Board deems necessary to impose a penalty on any member of Mid-State, the member must be notified by certified mail seven days prior to the meeting with an outline of the charges that they are being charged with, so the member has an opportunity to be present.
 3. No action can be taken without at least one representative from each club being present at the meeting.
 4. If anyone verbally or physically abuses the judge, the abuser will be barred from Mid-State for the remainder of the year and his/her points will be taken away.
 5. If the exhibitor feels that he/she must speak to the judge, he/she may do so immediately following a class, in the presence of the Show manager, to discuss questions regarding that class.

Wearing Apparel:

1. Rider in speed events will wear shirts with sleeves and shirttails long enough to be tucked into pants.
2. Riders in Gaited or Pleasure classes will not be allowed to show in a tee shirt or sweatshirt.
3. All riders except the jump man in Barrel Pick-Up will be disqualified if he/she is not wearing boots.
4. Boots must have a well-defined heel as stated in the State Rules, except riders may compete without a heeled boot in the event of an injury that prevents them from fitting into a boot, but only after a signed release from the competitor or the competitor's guardian has been given to the Mid-State Secretary, so our association will not be held accountable.
5. Heel-down tennis shoes will be allowed in speed events.
6. All exhibitors must wear long pants or ankle length skirts.
7. AQHA dress code will apply to all Pleasure Classes.

Contestant Numbers:

1. All entries in Western Pleasure Classes must have a number that is uniform. These numbers will be purchased by Mid-State, with the exception of the laminated numbers (that can also be purchased from Mid-State) that can be used all year in every judged event you participate in. We will still have numbers available at the entry booth for those who don't want the laminated number or non-members (2/07).
2. If a contestant enters the arena without a number or without the correct number, he/she will be dismissed from the arena and will not be allowed to re-enter the class.
3. All exhibitors except those with English tack shall have two numbers, one on each side of the saddle pad. Exhibitors with English tack can choose to have one number to wear on their back or two numbers on the saddle pad (2/04).

Benefits:

The club hosting the Benefit Show will not be in the working rotation of clubs for that show. They are responsible, however, for the set-up and clean-up of the show.

Corporate Sponsorship:

Mid-State will allow the donation of money or items to the association by corporate sponsors (2/06).

Rules and Regulations for Working Classes**Lead Line (not state approved)**

3. Age limit will be extended to any age so handicapped riders might be able to participate with written consent from parent or guardian (2/08).
4. Rider cannot ride in any other Pleasure Class.
5. Points and year-end awards will be for the rider only.
6. AQHA dress rules will apply.
7. Lead may be by halter or bridal.
8. All contestants must have pad numbers.
9. All participants will receive ribbons.
10. Winners will receive an award of recognition (2/04).
11. Lead Line will be the first event of the Pleasure events.

Pony Walk-Trot (not state approved)

1. Riders must be 10 years of age and under.
2. Ponies must be 52 inches and under and must be measured and be on the approved list prior to being shown.
3. Contestants will not be required to back.
4. AQHA dress rules will apply.
5. All contestants must have pad numbers.
6. All participants will receive ribbons.
7. Pony Walk-Trot contestants may not enter any other pleasure class that night.

Walk-Trot

1. Riders must be 10 years of age and under.
2. Horse shown in Walk-Trot must be over 52 inches.
3. Contestant will not be required to back.
4. AQHA dress codes will apply.
5. All contestants must have pad numbers.
6. Contestants will not be asked to lope.

Junior Horse Pleasure

1. AQHA rules will apply.
2. Only junior horses (those 2, 3, 4, or 5 years old) may be shown.
3. Rider must have pad numbers.
4. AQHA dress rules will apply.

5. May ride two handed with bosal or snaffle.
6. Proof of horse's age will be required.
7. All horses must be over 52 inches.

Novice Pleasure (not state approved)

1. Contestant must be 11 years of age or older.
2. AQHA dress rules will apply.
3. Eligibility will be determined at the first show.
4. Contestant continues to be eligible for other three gait classes.
5. Riders will be ineligible to ride Novice Pleasure if a rider has accumulated 25 points in any 3 gaited classes excluding Novice Pleasure and 10 and under classes.
6. Riders must have pad numbers.
7. All horses must be over 52 inches.
8. Junior horses may be ridden two handed with a bosal or snaffle.
9. Proof of horse's age will be required for junior horses.

Queen's Class

1. Contestant must be 21 years of age and under.
2. Widowed or divorced contestants are not eligible.
3. Horses will be worked in western pleasure.
4. Event will be the second event and shown in the first six shows only.
5. Points will not count toward high point, only for state qualification points.
6. Only members of the MSHSA may participate.
7. The Judge will use the following criteria for judging:
 - a. 50% Appearance of the Rider
 - b. 30% Horsemanship
 - c. 20% Horse
8. There will be an entry fee for Queen's.
9. Riders must have pad numbers.
10. AQHA dress rules will apply.
11. All horses must be over 52 inches.
12. Junior horses may be ridden two handed with a bosal or snaffle.
13. Proof of horse's age will be required for junior horses.

Pony Class

1. Rider will be 10 years of age and under.
2. Pony must be 52 inches and under.
3. Pony will not be required to back.
4. AQHA dress rules will apply.
5. Riders must have pad numbers.

Boys' and Girls' Western Pleasure (18 and under)

Boy's and Girl's Western Pleasure Classes will be combined into one class, if there are five or fewer contestants entered in either class. An announcement will be made three classes prior to the event and again 10 minutes before the beginning of the class. If any

participant has a conflict, they may voice it at that time and the classes will remain split. All participants will be placed. The top five girls will receive points and the top five boys will receive points. State Show participants will be determined by year-end point totals (2/04).

1. AQHA dress rules will apply.
2. Horses must be shown with one hand only. Junior horses if approved, may be shown two handed with a bosal or snaffle.
3. Proof of horse's age will be required for junior horses.
4. Riders must have pad numbers.
5. All horses must be over 52 inches.

Mens' and Ladies' Western Pleasure

1. AQHA dress rules will apply.
2. Horses must be shown with one hand only. Junior horses on the approved list may be shown two handed with a bosal or snaffle.
3. Proof of horse's age will be required.
4. Riders must have pad numbers.
5. All horses must be over 52 inches.

Youth Horsemanship

1. AQHA dress rules will apply.
2. Horses must be shown with one hand only. Junior horses on the approved list may be shown two handed with a bosal or snaffle.
3. Proof of horse's age will be required.
4. Rider must be between the ages of 14 and 18.
5. A Youth Horsemanship pattern will be provided by each judge (2/04) and posted at the entry booth.
6. Working order will be drawn.
7. Rider must have pad numbers.
8. All horse must be over 52 inches.
9. Rail work will be optional, at the discretion of each judge (2/04).

Gaited Pleasure

1. The horse is to be shown at a walk and a favorite gait.
2. English or western tack may be used.
3. One or both hands may be used on the reins.
4. Padded or flat shod horses will be allowed.
5. This class will be judged on performance and conformation of the horses at the discretion of the Judge.
6. Hats are optional for women, but mandatory for men.
7. The gaited walk will be a snappy-type walk; favorite gait should be comfortable, going gait in which speed is not a required factor. Favorite gait should be in a true form at all times. Strain on the part of the horse will be penalized.
8. Action devices except for 4 oz or less protective boots will be prohibited.

9. Back or pad numbers are required, depending on the tack used.

Slow Gaited

1. Horses should be shown with a light rein at a flat/trial walk (NO SHOW WALK) and a moderate rein at a favorite gait. Horses will enter the arena at a walk. The horse should give the rider a pleasant ride with a true road and trail qualities.
2. The horse should be well-mannered and responsive to the rider, displaying soundness quality and the ability to stand quietly.
3. No nosebands of any kind to be used (2/07).
4. Horses will be shown with a split rein and with one hand only.
5. Horses are to be shown under western tack only. No colored brow bands or ribbons will be allowed.
6. Excessive speed in the class will be penalized.
7. Shoes will be one steel shoe per foot (flat shod). The frog must be exposed.
8. Dress will be western.
9. Riders must have pad numbers.

Reining

1. Junior Reining will be ages 18 and under. Senior Reining will be ages 19 and up.
2. AQHA dress rules will apply.
3. Patterns, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 will be used and will be rotated beginning at the first show.
4. All horses except the working horse will be kept out of the arena during reining.
5. Working order will be drawn.
6. Riders must have pad numbers.
7. Horses must be over 52 inches.
8. Junior horses will be ridden two handed with a bosal or snaffle.
9. Proof of the horse's age will be required.
10. There will be a mandatory five-minute warm-up for reining. The tractor may be in the arena during this time (2/06).
11. Scores for Jr. and Sr. Reining will be announced before the next participant rides. Walkie-talkies will be used to communicate with the Judge (2/08).

Senior Horsemanship

1. AQHA dress rules will apply.
2. Horses must be shown with one hand only. Approved Jr. horses may be shown two handed with a bosal or snaffle.
3. Proof of horse's age will be required.
4. Rider must be 19 years of age and older.
5. A pattern will be provided by each judge and be posted at the entry booth.
6. Working order will be drawn.
7. Rider must have pad numbers.
8. All horse must be over 52 inches.
9. Rail work will be optional, at the discretion of the judge.

Speed Race

1. Junior Speed will be 18 years of age and under. Senior Speed will be ages 19 and up.
2. This pattern will be run around an end barrel which is placed as follows:

Benton	72 feet from the fence
Lorance	76 feet from the fence
Malvern	50 feet from the end fence
Saline	61 feet 4 inches from end fence
Sheridan	79 feet 10 inches from end fence

3. Knocking over the end barrel will result in disqualification.
4. The Rider may enter from either side or middle of the arena.

Barrel Race

1. Pony, Buckaroo, Junior, and Senior.
2. Horse and rider may enter from either side as long as the pattern is not broken and exit is made between the two front barrels.
3. No barrel shall be placed closer than 15 feet from the fence.
4. Knocking over the barrel shall result in disqualification.
5. Touching the barrel with the hand is not a disqualification.
6. Barrels will run in this order: Pony, Buckaroo, Junior, and Senior.
7. All barrels must be staked so that they can be moved in order to drag.
8. Barrel pads must be used for Pony Barrels at all association shows. Pads will be removed for Buckaroo, Junior and Senior.

Pole Bending

1. Pony, Buckaroo, Junior, and Senior.
2. The Pole Bending pattern is to be run around six poles. Poles are to be 21 feet apart and the first pole is to be 21 feet from the starting line with the last pole at least 21 feet from the fence. Poles will be at least 6 ft. in height.
3. Touching the pole with the rider's hand is permitted.
4. If a pole is knocked down the rider will be disqualified.
5. Failure to follow the pattern shall cause disqualification.
6. Poles will run in this order: Pony, Buckaroo, Junior, and Senior.

Flag Race

1. Junior Flags will be ages 18 and under. Senior flags will be ages 19 and up.
2. This race is run by the rider picking up a flag from a bucket at either side of the arena, circling a barrel at the end of the arena and sticking the flag in the bucket as leaving the arena on the opposite side.
3. The flag may be used as a quirt. However, if the flag is broken, the rider will be disqualified.
4. Stick for the Flag Race must be 18 inches long of soft wood (broom handle) and an 8" x 9" cloth flag. Flagsticks will be painted white for better visibility (2/07). Flags will be furnished by Mid-State.

5. Plastic buckets (5 gallon) must be used for the Flag Race.
6. The bucket is to be set on the edge of the barrel and the flag is to be stuck into the center of the bucket with the sand being 3 inches from the top of the bucket.
7. The Judge must stick the flag for each incoming rider.
8. A qualified ride is any run in which the flag penetrates the top of the bucket and remains in the bucket.
9. Masonry sand must be used in the Flag Race buckets at all MSHA shows.

Keyhole Race

1. The Keyhole will be outlined in white lime. It should consist of a 12-ft. circle with a 10-ft. long by 5 ft. wide throat.
2. Both the Judge and the Show Manager must be present during the event with the Judge flagging the disqualifications.
3. Horses must turn within the circle, not in the throat or the approach to the circle.

Barrel Pick-Up

1. This race is to be run with a barrel at the opposite end of the arena at least 35 ft. from the fence.
2. The jump man must mount from the barrel and be astride the horse at the finish line.
3. The jump man must mount unassisted. Use of the rider's hand in an attempt to aid the jumper is not allowed and will result in disqualification.
4. The Judge must make the decision in Barrel Pick-Up.
5. Once the timer has started for a ride, the team will be disqualified if either touches the ground.
6. Barrel pick-Up riders will go to State as a team. If the team changes, the points start over.
7. Barrel pad must be removed for this event.
8. A contestant may enter one time in this event, either as a rider or a jumper, but not as both.
9. A knocked over barrel is allowed with no consequences.

Switch Race (not state approved)

1. This is a race to be run with a barrel at the opposite end of the arena at least 35 ft. from the fence.
2. The rider rides in and gets off of the horse and switches with his partner standing behind the barrel.
3. The horse and rider must go around the barrel and be astride the horse at the finish.
4. A contestant may enter only one time in the class, either as a rider or the switch partner, but not both.
5. This event does not go to State, but both riders will receive year-end awards
6. Barrel pads must be removed for this event.
7. The barrel cannot be knocked over for a qualifying run (2/06).
8. Points for year end awards will be counted as a team.

Buckaroo Horsemanship

1. Rider must be 14 years of age and under.
2. Working order will be drawn.
3. Buckaroo Horsemanship patterns will be provided in the RULEBOOK.
4. AQHA dress rules will apply.
5. Rider must have pad numbers.
6. Junior horses may be ridden two handed with a bosal or snaffle.
7. Proof of horse's age will be required.
8. Horses must be over 52 inches.
9. Rail work will be at the discretion of the Judge.

Hunter Under Saddle

1. Hunter Under Saddle should be suitable to purpose. They should move in a long low frame and be able to lengthen their stride and cover ground. They should be obedient, alert, and responsive to their riders. Quick, short strides should be penalized. Horses which move in an artificial frame and are over-flexed and behind the bit will also be penalized. Horses should be serviceable sound. Judges should emphasize free movement and manners. This class will be judged on the performance, condition, and confirmation of the horse. A minimum of 20% of the judging shall be based on condition and confirmation.
2. Horses are to be shown at a walk, trot, and canter-both directions in the ring. Horses should be backed easily and stand quietly.
3. Horses may change gaits that of the flat foot walk or the trot at the Judge's discretion. Light contact with the horse's mouth is recommended.
4. In all English classes, exhibitors and judges should bear in mind that, at all times, entrants are being judged in ability rather than personal attire. However, riders should wear hunt coats of traditional hunt seat style and conservative color, breeches (or jodhpurs) of traditional shades of buff, gray, or rust, English boots or Jodhpur shoes. Black, navy, brown hunting cap is mandatory. A tie or choker is required. Spurs of unrowelled type, crops, or bats are optional. Hair must be neat and contained (as in a net or braid). Judges must penalize contestants who do not conform.
5. Horse must be over 52 inches.

Two year Old Snaffle Bit

1. The 2 yr. Old Snaffle Bit Class will be held after the Walk-Trot at each show and will not be in rotation.
2. Horses will be shown at a walk and trot only during the first six shows.
3. Horses that have been previously shown in anything other than a snaffle bit or a bosal are ineligible.
4. Horses can be shown in standard, plain, or silver head stalls (brow bank, shaped ear, or split ear), smooth snaffle bit with broken mouthpiece (conventional O-ring, egg butt, or D-ring, with ring no larger than 4" and no smaller than 2: from the cheek to 1" from the cheek must be a minimum 2/8" diameter with a gradual decrease to the center of the snaffle). A loose curb strap (leather or nylon only) is optional and must be attached below the reins.

5. Standard, leather or woven, split reins are mandatory. Hair reins are not permitted with a snaffle bit.
6. A braided rawhide or leather or rope bosal may be used in lieu of a snaffle bit, not larger than ¾" diameter at the cheek; there must be a minimum of one finger space (approximately ¾ ") between the bosal and the nose. Absolutely no metal can be under the jaw or on the nose band in connection with the bosal. The bosal should be properly fitted relative to the horse's size and confirmation.
7. All entries must be shown with both hands on the reins, maintaining light contact with the horse's mouth. The rider's hands should be carried near the pommel and not further than 4" out on either side of the saddle horn. Rider's hands must be visible to the judge at all times.
8. All horses will be judged as in a pleasure class at a walk, jog, lope, and back and on all transitions between gaits. Horses must work both ways of the ring at all three gaits. The judge may, at his/her discretion, require only the finalists in the class to back. Horses may reverse to the inside (away from the rail). They may be required to reverse at the walk or jog, at the discretion of the Judge, but shall not be asked to reverse at the lope or asked to extend the jog.
9. Horses are not to be called into the center of the arena from a jog or lope.
10. A tight rein or excessive slack is unacceptable. Head carriage should be quiet and natural.
11. If a horse's mouth or nose shows signs of broken skin, rawness, or bleeding, the horse will be eliminated from competition.
12. The following should be used as a measurement for gaits. The walk should be comfortable, flat and ground covering. The jog should be soft, relaxed, and quiet with a definite two beat. At no time should it resemble a running walk nor should it be rough and stilted. The lope should be rolling and comfortable with strong emphasis on a natural three beat, soft lope.
13. Horses should back on command quietly, willingly, and easily in a straight line without resistance, jawing delay, or tossing of head.
14. The exhibitor must have pad numbers.
15. AQHA dress rules apply.
16. Horses must be over 52 inches.
17. There will be a mandatory 5-minute warm-up for this class.