



## **Kaysinger Horse Show Circuit**

### **Official Rules and Information**

The Kaysinger Horse Show Circuit assumes no responsibility in case of loss or damage to persons, horses, or personal property from any cause only upon these conditions is entries received.

KHSC is not responsible for any accidents, escapes, thefts, nor will it tolerate inhumane treatment of horses or people.

The Kaysinger Horse Show Circuit Grievance & Rules Committee reserves the right to disqualify any exhibitor from this or any and all the KHSC activities for the following reasons.

- Owner, exhibitor, or his employees whose conduct is unbecoming.
- Further, we reserve the right to prohibit any horse from the grounds without being liable for compensation.
- If a person shows excessive abuse in any manner, he/she will be disqualified and/or asked to leave.
- KHSC Officers reserve the right to excuse any horse that appears unsound in running events with the consensus of the present officers.
- Any act of discourtesy or disobedience to a judge or to an official of this association, or a member of the show on the grounds as well as in the show ring by owner, exhibitor, agent, employees, rider, driver, stable manager, groom, husband, wife, or other relatives of such competitor shall be deemed to constitute conduct prejudice to the best interest of this association. Upon request, the Kaysinger Horse Show Circuit's Board of Directors shall have the power to disbar from showing any member of the party concerned for such a period of time that is deemed by the offense warranted. All members' shows will be immediately notified of any such action taken by the Kaysinger Horse Show Board of Directors. (Board of Directors are: Pres., Vice Pres., and Secretary/Treasurer.

Any un-sportsmanship like or inappropriate conduct will not be tolerated. Any violation on the part of the exhibitor, his/her family or representative may result in dismissal of the exhibitor from showing in any further classes. The Judge's decision is FINAL and shall be uncontested. Any questions may be brought to the attention of the KHSC Grievance Committee & Rules Committee.

## **GOVERNING**

- The officers of the KHSC will be elected at the ANNUAL KHSC AWARDS BANQUET.
- The KHSC board members shall be elected for a term of two years.
- The KHSC governing body will meet as necessary.
- Rules and class changes will be made at the general membership meeting. The governing body made up of officers and committee members shall transact all other KHSC business.

- The governing body has the power to change or amend any bylaws that said changes and amendments are changed before April 1.
- A class must average 4 entries per show or it will be voted whether to drop the class the following year.
- There must be at least \$1,000.00 in the KHSC treasury after all year-end awards have been settled in order to start the next show year.

## **GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- KHSC Officers will act as rule interpreters or as mediators.
- All participants will abide by the KHSC Rules and Regulations. If a question arises that is not in the KHSC Rules and Regulations, the circuit will abide by, the AQHA rule book for performance classes and ARHA rule book for ranch classes.
- Once the showbill is published for the year, no additional classes may be added.
- An exhibitor may join KHSC at any time, but all membership fees must be paid before the start of the show for that shows points to accumulate towards year end awards.
- Exhibitors will be required to obtain \$50 in sponsorship each year.
- There will be a \$30.00 charge for each returned check. Exhibitor will not be allowed to participate until a cash payment to settle account is paid in full. A second returned check requires exhibitor to be on a cash basis only.
- The exhibitor's age as of January 1 of each year will determine the class, he/she will ride in the entire year.
- If a horse should die or be crippled during the show season, the rider may substitute a new horse if he/she shows proof by a veterinarian. In case of disability it must for a period of at least 30 days. The points will then be carried over to the new horse and horse/rider in appropriate classes. He/she may receive the yearend award to which they participated in at least one more over half the number shows for that season. (NO ADDITIONAL NOMINATION FEE ARE REQUIRED FOR THE REPLACEMENT HORSE).
- If a rider is injured or ill (with a doctor's written excuse) and will miss three shows or 30 days, then a substitute rider may take his/her place without a loss of points, unless otherwise approved by the KHSC.
- Regular show dates will have preference over rain dates. Show's starting time will be at 9:00a.m.
- If a show is rained out or canceled due to any unforeseen conditions, it may hold another show in conjunction with another circuit show. The show will become double judged, and each judge will make a set of placings and points will be awarded. Two gate fees, two class fees will be collected.
- Entry fee will be \$3.00 per class. Non-members will pay an additional \$2.00 per class. There will be a \$2.00 office charge added to every class.
- All classes shall list at least 6 places.
- The secretary shall prorate 80% of entry fees to 4 places pay back. Where there is only one entry in the class, pay back will be 100% of 80%. Two entries will be pro-rated 60%, 40%, of 80%. Three entries will be 50%, 30%, and 20% of 80%. Four entries will be 40%, 30%, 20%, and 10% of 80%.

- No exhibitor, owner, or groom is allowed in the ring during a class except in their official capacity. A handler may enter the arena for safety precautions only, and if caught agitating or deliberately abusing Rule # 1 under judges, he/she will be disqualified by the judge or the show rules committee.
- All show arenas must be clear of any objects not essential to the class that is performing. This includes barrels, poles, trucks, tractors, discs, etc.
- There will be an intermission of 30 minutes during the show.
- A horse cannot enter in any KHSC class more than once.
- In trail, ranchmanship, reining, and running events, the rider may ride more than one horse per class in said events.
- Helmets and Safety vests are optional in all classes and will not be counted against the rider.
- A rider cannot enter in any class without a saddle and bridle. Exception: If there is a bareback class, the horse must have a bridle.
- Failure of equipment will disqualify the rider from the class.
- A stallion cannot be shown by any person 18 years of age and under in any classes at a KHSC show.
- The full arena will be used according to the judge's discretion except for lead-line.
- All patterns will be posted before the show.
- Per AQHA rules, all (Walk/Trot) Novice classes will allow a snaffle bit to be used with two hands on any age horse. This rule is only for the Walk/Trot classes and no other class unless otherwise stated.
- Refer to show bill for class restrictions.

### **Halter Classes**

- A Horse shall show in only one halter class division.
- Halter class exhibitors may show in Western or English Attire.

### **English Classes**

- 18 and under riders doing running events and Hunter/English classes must wear a certified helmet. NO EXCEPTIONS!!

### **Western Classes**

- All western pleasure and horsemanship classes will be strictly under western equipment (this includes saddle and bridle). No bridle less riding allowed.
- Western attire is required in all western performance and ranch classes, excluding English classes where English equipment is used. Western attire consists of western hats, western boots, long sleeved shirt, and number. Chaps are optional.

### **Ranch/Trail Classes**

- Trail class can take place inside or outside the arena. The pattern will be set up but no exhibitors will be allowed to practice their horse. Western attire only is permitted.

- TRAIL CLASS: There will be 4 to 6 obstacles. No more than 3 refusals or 30-seconds per obstacles allowed.
- A horse cannot enter in any KHSC class more than once. Except in trail, ranchmanship, reining, and running events, the rider may ride more than one horse per class in said events.

## **Running Events**

- 18 and under riders doing running events and Hunter/English classes must wear a certified helmet. NO EXCEPTIONS!!
- Running classes will require a t-shirt to be worn at a minimum. No tank tops
- Western saddles will be required for running events.
- No horse is to run in or out of the gate during games classes. Exhibitor not to start until gate is closed.

## **JUDGES**

- The KHSC and Grievance & Rules Committee will back the judge to the extent that the JUDGES DECISION IS OFFICIAL AND FINAL.
- A judge can judge only one KHSC approved show per year.
- The judge will be required to stay for halter and performance classes only.
- The ringmaster must stand at least 5 feet from the judge while classes are being judged.
- Neither the judge, nor a member of his/her family, shall exhibit or act as agent or handler of a horse in any class at a show which he/she is officiating. Nor may any horse be shown under a judge if the judge has been or is owner, trainer, or handler of that horse within the previous 6 months. If such a horse is entered in a show, its entry fee shall be refunded and it is not to be exhibited.

## **AWARDS**

- All horses must be nominated before any points will count and **MUST BE SHOWN UNDER THE NAME USED ON THE NOMINATION FORM**. Nomination fee will be included into the Membership fee's per year. All exhibitors of the horse must be on the nomination form for the year-end awards to count. All High Point Awards are to be figured on one horse and rider.
- The year-end awards will be figured on the point system. The points will be awarded as follows:

Six or more horses in a class-

1<sup>st</sup> = 7 pts, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 6 pts, 3<sup>rd</sup> = 5 pts, 4<sup>th</sup> = 4 pts, 5<sup>th</sup> = 3 pts, 6<sup>th</sup> = 2 pts

Five or more horses in a class-

1st = 7 pts, 2nd = 6 pts, 3rd = 5 pts, 4th = 4 pts, 5th = 3 pts

Four horses in a class-

1st = 7 pts, 2nd = 6 pts, 3rd = 5 pts, 4th = 4 pts

Three horses in a class-

1st = 7 pts, 2nd = 6 pts, 3rd = 5 pts

Two horses in a class-

1st = 7 pts, 2nd = 6 pts

One horse in a class-

1st = 7 pts

- Each exhibitor will receive at least one point for showing in each class, provided the horse is nominated.
- In case of a tie, the tie breaker will be the most 1<sup>st</sup> places, then most 2<sup>nd</sup> places, etc. until the tie is broken.
- A list of year-end awards and which classes count for awards must be decided on before the start of the season. Additional awards may be given if seen fit.
- All show points toward KHSC awards must be won at shows with a membership in good standing in the KHSC.
- The governing body shall meet prior to the annual dinner to tabulate points and designate awards winners. A committee may be appointed to figure and purchase year-end awards.
- The KHSC Board of Directors will determine double point shows.
- Anyone exhibiting for a class high point award must NOT change the name of the horse during the show season. The horse must complete the year with the same name.
- Before you start earning points and to be eligible for year-end awards you must:
  - Be a member and have a completed membership form with fees paid. Have a completed nomination form for each horse with fees paid and have shown in at least half of the total shows for the season. Any points received before the horse is nominated will not count towards awards. In order for horses to qualify for high point and rider awards rider must not change horses during the show season, awards are given for one horse one rider. For high point horse awards any amount of handlers/riders may exhibit and all points earned by the horse and riders will be counted as long as all the riders have been listed on the horses nomination form.
- A horse or rider can win as many year-end awards as he/she has earned.
- Showmanship classes will be counted as performance in regard to high point awards.
- The KHSC Board of Directors shall determine what awards will be given based on the previous show season class participation, with the minimum number of awards to be given set at 10. Additional awards may be given on a year by year basis. The list of awards to be given must be published prior to the first point show of the year.

## **GRIEVANCE**

- Anyone having a grievance against an individual, member, club, or judge shall put it in writing and submit it along with a \$25.00 refundable protest charge to the KHSC Board of Directors. The KHSC Grievance Committee will meet, discuss the protest, and decide what course of action shall be taken.

The Kaysinger Grievance and Rules Committees reserve the right:

- To close the gate on any exhibitor who delays a class for more than 3 minutes.
- To measure any and all horses for any class. Ponies should be 56 inches or under, unless otherwise specified.
- To mouth all junior horses. If registration papers are not produced, the horse may be classified according to mouth.