

Oregon Family Equestrian Activities Rulebook 2015



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RULEBOOK OF OREGON FAMILY EQUESTRIAN ACTIVITIES, INC.

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INTRODUCTION

Oregon Family Equestrian Activities (OFEA) is a statewide club which is an alternative to breed associations. It is our objective to hold and authorize performance horse events that are consistent and fair to competitors while at the same time are friendly and relaxed.

PURPOSE: To join families and their horses together, to encourage friendly competition and meet other people with similar interests. We are here to have fun with horses and promote them in a positive and enjoyable manner. In short, it is our goal to hold family oriented outings for fun!

SECTION 100.00 MEMBERSHIP – AS SET FORTH IN THE BYLAWS

100.10 Classes and Voting

There shall be one class of members of this corporation. Each member shall be entitled to one vote on all matters for which a membership vote is permitted by law [ORS 65.227 (2)].

Family memberships entitle each member of the family to one vote (maximum 4 votes per family).

Individual members must be at least 13 years of age to vote.

Membership fees (annual):

Membership Categories	2014 Fees
Individual Junior (17 and under)	\$ 10.00
Individual Adult	\$15.00
Couple/Family	\$30.00

100.20 Qualifications

Membership in this Corporation shall not be restricted because of race, creed, gender, or national origin.

Prospective members submit an application along with the annual dues payment.

The Board may choose to deny the application on any grounds with the exception of those stated above. However, the Board is directed that it is the policy of the OFEA to welcome any applicant unless there are negative factors that are clearly evident. The Board may defer action and request an interview with the applicant by a committee of Board members to resolve areas of concern.

SEE BYLAWS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND PROCESS.

SECTION 200.00 SHOW APPROVAL PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS

200.10 Approval Process

Show applications (including judge selection), application fee, and final show flyer shall be submitted to the OFEA Secretary at least 45 days prior to the desired date of the show. Preliminary approval may be obtained by telephone or email—to be confirmed with a written application form with appropriate fee and show flyer to be received within two weeks. (See Section 500.00.)

Show management is restricted to no more than 6 Open Division or Schooling Division **show dates** and 6 Gaming Division shows each show season (February 1st through November 15th). A maximum of three of the dates may be multiple judged shows. If a show is multiple judged, each judge's placing must be announced and suitable awards should be given for each judge's placing. Combined Open and Schooling Division shows are no longer allowed. However, points earned by exhibitors in walk trot classes in Open Division shows will count toward year-end points in the appropriate Open Division category.

Judges for OFEA approved open shows will be only those on the OFEA approved judges list unless prior approval is obtained from the OFEA Judges Committee. (See Section 300.00). Show management shall not be eligible to judge a show that is hosted by said judge. The Judges Committee may approve one or more weekly (back to back) show judgments by an individual if the distance between the show locations is at least 100 miles.¹

Show approval for shows requesting the same date will both be approved if there is a 50 mile span between the two locations. Otherwise show approval is on a first come, first served basis. The Secretary will forward to the applicant an approval packet that shall include a copy of the OFEA Rules, suggested class sheet form, and additional information that may be helpful to the show management. Packet will also include a liability disclaimer paragraph that must be used on show entry forms similar to the following:

***Participation Agreement, Notice Release, and Acknowledgement of Risk:** I accept and clearly understand that riding a horse can be hazardous, especially in an equestrian event; that there are inherent and other risks involved in riding a horse; and that injuries are a common and ordinary occurrence. I freely accept and assume those risks. I therefore release Oregon Family Equestrian Activities, Inc. (OFEA), its members and show grounds' owners and all of their agents and employees, from any and all liability for damage and injury to myself, my horse, or to any person or property resulting from my riding a horse in this equestrian event, accepting myself the full responsibility for any and all such damage or injury of any kind which may result. I agree to fully indemnify, defend, and hold OFEA, show grounds' owners and all of their agents and employees, harmless from any and all claims, actions, liability, or costs including attorney fees and other costs of defense, arising out of or in any way related to my riding a horse in this equestrian event. The limitations on liability provided in ORS 30.691 shall apply to an adult participant in the circumstances listed in subsection (1)(b) of this section if the participant, prior to riding, training, driving, grooming or riding as a passenger upon an equine, knowingly executes a release stating that as a condition of participation, the participant waives the right to bring an action against the equine professional or equine activity sponsor for an injury or death arising out of riding, training, driving, grooming or riding as a passenger upon the equine. A release so executed shall be binding upon the adult participant.*

⁶ **200.20 Show Stewards**

OFEA does not have an official steward program. However, whenever possible, the OFEA Executive Secretary, or appointee, will be present at all approved shows to act in the capacity of Show Steward. If the Executive Secretary, or an appointee, cannot be present at an approved show, OFEA requires that a member of show management be familiar with the OFEA rules and serve as a Show Steward at the show. Show management shall research questions that arise that the Show Judge cannot answer. The opinion of the Show Judge shall prevail at the show. However, the show management, or any participant, may request a clarification by a letter to the OFEA Secretary.

SECTION 300.00 JUDGES QUALIFICATIONS AND AUTHORITY

It is the desire of OFEA that we maintain simplicity and a low-key approach to our horse show competition. However, it is also important that our events be judged in a consistent and fair manner and that the OFEA rules are administered properly.

Accordingly, OFEA has approved the following criteria for Judges' qualifications for open shows (show management may use any qualified Judge or official(s) they choose for schooling and gaming shows):

All judges must be members in good standing with OFEA, have a current rulebook on hand at all shows, and complete the annual renewal program and/or apprentice program. Judges must dress in appropriate and professional attire. Cell phone use, smoking, and drug/alcohol use are prohibited while officiating.

Each judge is to judge each class in union with OFEA rules and specifications of that class as outlined in OFEA, USEF, and/or breed rulebooks.

Each judge must place classes 1st through 5th place (or more places if show requires) with a reserve. In the event of a disqualification, reserve will move up to the 5th place and all others accordingly.

300.10 Qualified Judges

*Any person from the list of approved judges in Section 1200.00

*Any guest carded judge (upon OFEA approval)

300.20 OFEA Judges

OFEA judges must be at least 19 years of age, a current OFEA member in good standing with an updated rulebook, and pay a \$20 processing fee.

All OFEA judges must complete a yearly open book test (information and rules) with a satisfactory score, as well as an open judges' seminar/discussion once every two years.

Any OFEA carded judge must attend a judge's clinic every 2 years and must provide proof of participation.

300.30 Guest Card

A guest card may be issued to any person who carries another horse judge's license (i.e., OHA, USEF, 4-H, or breed carded judge) upon approval of the OFEA Judges Committee. A guest carded judge may only judge one OFEA approved show per calendar year.

The OFEA Judges Committee may also issue a guest card to any person who does not qualify as an OFEA licensed judge provided the person presents adequate information relative to experience and qualifications that satisfy the committee that OFEA standards will be maintained and that the person has adequate experience as a horse show judge.

Each person applying for a guest card will be reviewed by the OFEA Judges Committee according to background and qualifications. There will be a \$10 fee per show for guest judges.

Each guest-carded judge must obtain a copy of the OFEA rulebook prior to the show.

300.40 Apprentice Program

Any person who is at least 19 years of age and is interested in becoming an OFEA judge and who does not qualify under Paragraphs 300.10, 300.11, and 300.12 may apply to the OFEA Judges Committee as an apprentice. The Judges Committee shall have the sole responsibility and authority for approving judges under the apprentice program.

Apprentice judges can obtain an application through the OFEA office. A \$5 non-refundable application fee shall apply. Once licensed, the \$5 will be applied towards the apprentice judge's first year judges' card fee.

Minimum requirements shall include a satisfactory score on a test (information and rules) and apprentice at two OFEA approved open shows under any OFEA senior judge.

Apprentice judges shall have two years to complete their apprenticeship.

300.50 Judge's Authority

The Judge at a horse show shall have the final authority for all matters pertaining to the judging and rating of competitors, eligibility for participation in a particular class based on tack and dress, type of horse, and other issues relative to conduct within a class.

Show management shall have final authority relative to issues such as gate holds, payment process, classes to be combined, deleted, or added, and other matters not specific to in-ring performance.

Either the Judge or show management may stop a class if he or she observes an unsafe condition.

Either the Judge or show management may disqualify a competitor in matters of unsportsmanlike conduct, practices that involve inhumane treatment of a horse; and/or any action on the part of a competitor that is disruptive or unsafe.

The Judge may define at any show the level of conversation that is permitted between the Judge and competitors or observers including timing and extent of such conversation. However, Judges shall be responsive to show management requests for expediting the flow of classes.

300.60 Judge's Ethics and Conduct

It is the responsibility of the judge to demonstrate professionalism and knowledge of equines. Politeness and courteousness must be demonstrated throughout the show. It is important to know the OFEA rules and judge accordingly. Judges should be prepared to answer any possible show related questions and/or know where to refer for answers. Judges should be familiar with the classes offered on the show flyer class listing prior to the show. Any comments to exhibitors, show management and staff, and spectators should be in a positive, courteous manner.

Good judging depends on the correct observation and selection of the fine points of the best equine and/or exhibitor for that particular class. A judge should honestly, fairly, and impartially judge each equine/exhibitor being shown to them. A judge serves three interests: his own, the exhibitors, and the spectators, and should make it clear that the best equine/exhibitor win.

A judge may not be an owner of any equine being shown to them, nor judge any exhibitor that has taken lessons from them within 180 days of the show date. A judge may not judge any horse that has been sold or trained and/or boarded by said judge within 3 months of show date.

As an OFEA judge you will represent OFEA in a professional manner at all times both in and out of the arena. A judge may be terminated by the Board of Directors if it is found that their activities/actions are embarrassing to OFEA, do not promote the welfare of OFEA, causes dissention with OFEA or is otherwise contrary to the purposes of OFEA.

SEE BYLAWS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND PROCESS.

SECTION 400.00 POINT SYSTEM FOR OFEA YEAR END AWARDS

The following point system applies to OFEA year-end awards only. Show management may choose whatever point system they desire for any particular show.

400.10 General

*DEFINITION OF "YEAR": OFEA will offer awards at year-end as described in this section. **The award year shall be February 1st through November 15th**.

*POINT ACCUMULATION: For all pleasure classes, points will be accumulated on the basis of the horse / rider combination regardless of ownership of the horse. Showmanship and equitation points will be accumulated on the exhibitor, regardless of

the horse shown. Halter points will be accumulated on the horse only, regardless of the owner or handler.

- **ELIGIBILITY:** An individual must be a member with current year dues paid for the current year to earn points in any particular show. Points will NOT be awarded for participation in shows that occur prior to the date of payment.

In the Open Show Point Division, an individual must compete as a paid entry in at least two OFEA approved open shows during the year in order for points to count toward year-end awards. Participation may be on different horses. However, the “Horse and Rider” rule prevails with regard to point accumulation.

In the Schooling and Gaming Show Points Divisions, an individual must only compete as a paid entry in one OFEA approved schooling and 2 paid entry gaming shows during the year in order for points to count toward year-end awards. Participation may be on different horses. However, the “Horse and Rider” rule prevails with regard to point accumulation. Schooling Equitation points will be accumulated on rider only regardless of horse ridden.

400.20 Award Category General Rules

To qualify for any OFEA year-end award, members (or their family member) are required to volunteer at least three hours at an OFEA sponsored activity, e.g. OFEA-run shows, exhibit booths or tables, the year-end banquet, or other qualifying OFEA activities as determined by the OFEA Board of Directors.

Awards will be given in the following age groups:

10 & Under Walk Trot*	13 & Under	14-17	18-38	39 & Over
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Age of rider shall be determined as of January first of that particular year.

*No cross entry into any canter classes in schooling, gaming, trail and open shows or to the Lead Line class. Once a 10 & Under competitor chooses to enter a canter class, their status will become a 13 & Under competitor, and all points earned for the current show year as a 10 & Under competitor will be forfeited.

The 10 & Under Age Division includes: 10 & Under Showmanship, 10 & Under Walk Trot English Equitation, 10 & Under Walk Trot Western Equitation, 10 & Under Walk Trot English Pleasure, 10 & Under Walk Trot Western Pleasure, and any walk-trot classes. Walk Trot open classes that are not age division will be posted to the participant's 10 and under points. This is for 10 and under only.

400.30 Year End Point Category Divisions and Point Accumulation

Open Show Division year end point categories and point accumulation are as follows:

Point Category	Accumulation of Points - Open Shows
Showmanship - Age Division	All Showmanship (both age division and open showmanship) classes regardless of horse shown
English Equitation - Age Division*	All English Equitation (both age division and open equitation) classes regardless of horse shown
Western Equitation - Age Division*	All Western Equitation (both age division and open equitation) classes regardless of horse shown
English Pleasure - Age Division*	Only age division English Pleasure class - one horse/rider combination
Western Pleasure - Age Division*	Only age division Western Pleasure class - one horse/rider combination
English Pleasure Junior/Senior Horse	Only English Junior/Senior Horse classes
Western Pleasure Junior/Senior Horse	Only Western Junior/Senior Horse classes
All Around English Pleasure Horse - Open	All open English Pleasure classes including, but not limited to, Stock/Saddle Type, Colored/Solid Horse, and Open Pleasure, as well as all points accumulated in the English Pleasure Age Division, English Pleasure Junior/Senior Horse, and Working Horse English classes
All Around Western Pleasure Horse - Open	All open Western Pleasure classes including, but not limited to, Stock/Saddle Type, Colored/Solid Horse, and Open Pleasure, as well as all points accumulated in the Western Pleasure Age Division, Western Pleasure Junior/Senior Horse, and Working Horse Western classes
Pleasure Driving	All open pleasure driving classes
Lead Line	Only Lead Line 7 & Under Classes – no cross entry allowed in any other riding classes in Open, Schooling, or Gaming Divisions
Halter Stallions	All open halter classes
Halter Geldings	All open halter classes
Halter Mares	All open halter classes

*10 & Under Walk Trot Age Division allows no cross entry into any canter classes in Schooling, Gaming, Trail, and Open Divisions or to the Lead Line class – See 400.20.

*No cross entry into any age division class (13 & under) unless show management does not offer any other walk-trot class. 10 & under exhibitors competing may not compete in any canter or loping classes. They may enter in the following classes; 10 & Under Showmanship, 10 & Under Walk-Trot English or Western, Walk-Trot Open or 10 & Under Trail, Walk Trot open classes that are not age division will be posted to the participant's 10 and under points. This is for 10 and under only.

Schooling Show Division year end award categories are as follows:

English	Western
Schooling, Walk Trot, 10 & Under	Schooling, Walk Trot, 10 & Under
Schooling 13 & Under	Schooling 13 & Under
Schooling 14-17	Schooling 14-17
Schooling 18-38	Schooling 18-38
Schooling 39 & Over	Schooling 39 & Over

Gaming Show Division year end award categories are as follows:

Gaming 10 & Under	Gaming 13 & Under	Gaming 14-17	Gaming 18-38	Gaming 39 & Over
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Other Year End award categories are as follows:

Western Versatility	Earned points in any Western Dressage, Western Riding, Reining, Mounted and In-Hand Show Trail in Western attire and Mountain and Extreme Trail in Western attire with the same rider/horse combination
English Versatility	Earned points in any Hunt Seat Over Fences, Hunter Hack, Dressage, Cross Country, Show Jumping, Mounted Trail or In-Hand Trail (shown in English attire) and Mountain and Extreme Trail classes shown in English attire with the same rider/horse combination
Trail Logged Hours	All trail hours logged January 1 through December 31
Service Award	Volunteering or donation of funds to any therapeutic riding center or horse rescue organization; fostering an abuse or neglected horse; adopting an abused or neglected horse.

SPONSORED AWARDS: Privately sponsored awards will be accepted providing they are submitted by February 1st of each show year, and paid in full yearly.

Currently, sponsored awards are:

- Pleasure Driving
- Western Versatility
- English Versatility

400.31 Definitions of Awards

Equitation awards are classes that are judged on the rider and their ability to show their horse.

Pleasure awards are classes that are judged on the horse (to include performance and conformation).

Showmanship awards are judged on the exhibitor's ability to show the horse at halter (conformation is not to be considered).

Halter awards are classes judged on the horse's conformation.

Lead Line awards are classes for exhibitors aged 7 years and younger and must have a handler leading the exhibitor's horse. No cross-entry into any other riding class in any OFEA award division will be allowed for Lead Line exhibitors competing for year-end awards.

Schooling awards are based on points earned in any OFEA approved schooling show.

Gaming awards are based on points earned in any OFEA approved gaming show and any gaming classes in any show (including "play day" type classes) provided it is a timed competition class.

Trail Logged Hours award will be awarded to the exhibitor with the most logged trail riding/driving hours (in formal basis). Riders/drivers will log their trail riding time. Open to any OFEA member. Hours must be on the trail—ring or arena riding/driving does not count.

Ponying another horse does not count towards trail logged hours. Trail logged hours must be on the open trail, not in an arena or clinic setting. All trail logged hours log sheets must be submitted to the OFEA Secretary on or before December 31st of each point year.

Western Versatility Horse Award -- award will be awarded to the exhibitor with the most earned points in Western Dressage, Western Riding, Reining, Mounted and In-Hand Show Trail (shown in Western attire) and Mountain and Extreme Trail (shown in Western attire) classes. Competitor will need to submit a Western Versatility Horse form signed by the Show Management for any non-approved OFEA shows. For OFEA approved shows, points will be submitted by show management along with the show points. Western Versatility Horse points will be calculated in the same manner as Open Show point tabulation and will only count for the Western Versatility Horse award. Regular Open Show Trail or Extreme Trail points will count towards Western Versatility Horse award if they are shown and ridden in Western attire.

English Versatility Horse Award -- award will be awarded to the exhibitor with the most earned points in Hunt Seat Over Fences, Hunter Hack, Dressage, Cross Country, Show Jumping Trail or In-Hand Trail (shown in English attire) classes. Competitor will need to submit a English Versatility Horse form signed by the Show Management for any non-approved OFEA shows. For OFEA approved shows, points will be submitted by show management along with the show points. English Versatility Horse points will be calculated in the same manner as Open Show point tabulation and will only count for the English Versatility Horse award. Regular Open Show Trail or Extreme Trail points will count towards English Versatility Horse award if they are shown and ridden in English attire.

OFEA Service Award is a volunteer award to promote OFEA members to volunteer their time and money to better our human and animal communities. Points will be turned in and tabulated at year-end, with recognition to the top five volunteers made at the year-end banquet. Year end awards and a perpetual trophy will be awarded to the volunteer with the most points earned in that specific point year.

The Jean Sirotek Sportsmanship Award was created to recognize an individual displaying outstanding sportsmanship through the show season. To be eligible for this award you must be an outstanding representative of OFEA. The nominee should have the following qualities; helping out your fellow competitor, being polite, respectful, courteous and compassionate while in or out of the show ring, taking it upon yourself to help when and wherever needed.

The Spirit of OFEA Award was created by the Oregon Family Equestrian Activities, (OFEA) Board of Directors December 19, 2010, to recognize individuals or organizations who truly represent OFEA and all it stands for. They can be seen working and riding for OFEA. They are always there lending a hand, praising others and in general sending positive messages to others.

OFEA Horsemanship Award was created by Oregon Family Equestrian Activities, (OFEA) Board of Directors December 19, 2010, to recognize individuals or organizations who exemplify integrity, sportsmanship, helpfulness, cooperation, stewardship and horsemanship. The individual or organization nominated has made a positive contribution to the equine industry as a whole.

Nominations can be made by sending a written explanation and name and sent to the OFEA mailbox. Nominations will be read by the OFEA Board and make final decisions.

(RETIRED AWARD) The Larry Spielman Memorial Award was created by the Oregon Family Equestrian Activities, (OFEA) Board of Directors October 21, 2003 to recognize individuals or organizations that have made outstanding contributions to OFEA and to the improvement and well being of equine and equine activities. The purpose of this award is to further promote the purpose of OFEA, which Mr. Spielman was instrumental in creating: to join families and their horses together; to encourage friendly competition and meet other people with similar interests; and to have fun with horses and promote them in a positive and enjoyable manner. This award was “retired” on November 12, 2007 by the OFEA Board of Directors as a special tribute to the last recipient, Edra Spielman (wife of the late Larry Spielman) to recognize the Spielmans’ contributions to OFEA over the years.

400.32 Colored – Solid Horse Definitions

*Colored horse – color must be visible to the judge under the lip, bald face, on the body, and/or above the knee, including:

Dun or Buckskin.	Paint or Pinto	Palomino
Appaloosa (must have visible color)		

*Solid horse – as follows:

Black or Bay	Brown	Sorrel
Chestnut	Grey or White	Roan (regardless of breed)

400.33 Junior Horse Definition

A “Junior Horse” is five (5) years old or less. For the purpose of determining the age of the horse, the birthday of the horse is deemed to be January 1st regardless of the actual birth date.

400.40 Western and English

Western and English include all classes in the respective division except:

- Amateur classes
- Novice or Green horse or rider classes
- Limit or maiden horse
- Any other restricted classes

The term “restricted class” in this context means any class that is offered by show management that is not open to everyone in that age group or does not have a complimentary class offered by show management. Examples include breed classes, color definition classes, classes for a particular age group of horse or rider, "Ladies to Ride" classes where no "Gentlemen to Ride" class is offered, etc.

Driving classes shall count towards the English Division unless a particular driving class is clearly designated as a Western attire class.

400.50 Schooling and Gaming

A year-end award will be given for highest accumulated points in each age category in approved Schooling Shows. All classes, except Halter, in an approved Schooling Show will count for this award. Currently, showmanship points at approved schooling shows are counted towards both English and Western age division categories. However, in order to qualify for year-end awards in each category, the exhibitor must also compete in at least one riding class in the designated category.

A year-end award will also be given for highest accumulated points by age group for approved Gaming Shows. All events, except restricted gaming classes, will count toward this award, including “play day” type games, provided the event is timed.

Any training aid i.e., bit, martingale or training fork may be used as long as it is not deemed abusive.

400.60 Ponies and Mini Horses

There are no special year-end awards for ponies or mini horses. However, ponies may earn an award in the general categories by participating in classes.

Mini horses may earn points and year-end awards in halter, showmanship or driving classes.

400.70 Mules

Consistent with Rule 500.50, mules may compete at OFEA Open shows.

400.80 Point Tabulation

One point will be earned for any paid entry for each individual who completes a class, even if disqualified for being off course in a pattern. This is sometimes referred to as a “participation point.”

Additional points shall be awarded to anyone who places fifth or higher. Tabulation for these additional “placing points” at OFEA approved OPEN SHOWS shall be based on the number of horses in a class. There will be a minimum of 5 points earned for each class.

Example: In a class of ten horses First place = eleven points (one point for participation and ten more for the number of horses in the class), all other placings to fifth place receive one less point (Second = ten points, Third = nine points, Fourth = eight points, and Fifth = seven points).

Example: In a class of two horses, First place = 5 points, second place = 4 points.

In the event Show Management chooses to award ribbons through sixth point place, the person who is awarded sixth place shall receive one point only (the “participation point”).

The number of horses counted for tabulation shall be the number of paid entries who enter the arena and begin the class as noted on the class sheets.

Double and/or triple points shall be awarded to any Open Show only if a corresponding number of judges are used in each class.

Schooling and Gaming Show points shall be on the basis of “ten, eight, six, four, two and one participation point given to each competitor. There will be no points given if a competitor has a “no time”, or “off course disqualification” or if the competitor places in the class. Competitors may choose to pay for another ride, but it will not count toward show or year end points.

SECTION 500.00 HORSE SHOW – GENERAL PARAMETERS

500.10 Show Management Authority and Responsibilities

Show management is required to obtain a copy of the current OFEA rulebook prior to the date of the show.

Show management shall have complete authority and responsibility relative to the organization of the show, gate hold policy, and collection of any and all fees from participants, policies about additions and “scratches” during the show and other matters that logically fall within the purview of management. OFEA does not assume any responsibility in these areas and shall not interfere with show management prerogatives except as necessary to assure that OFEA rules are followed within the competition.

OFEA does not assume any liability relative to horse shows other than those that are conducted by OFEA as Show Management. Show Management must carry insurance to protect themselves and the owners of an outside facility. **Show management must include OFEA in the liability disclaimer used on all show entry forms.** A sample liability disclaimer is provided in Section 200.00.

All approved OFEA gaming classes must require all entrants 17 years of age and younger to wear an approved safety helmet. Competitors may wear standard safety helmets in any classes and shall not be penalized for doing so. Approved USAE helmets are required in all jumping classes regardless of the age of the rider.

The use of appropriate protective headgear is encouraged for all OFEA horse riding activities, including all Open Division, Schooling Division, and Gaming Division classes. Judges and show management are encouraged to warn and if warranted, dismiss from the class/show any entrant whose tack and equipment is deemed unsafe.

500.11 Show Approval Application

Application for OFEA show approval must be submitted to the OFEA Secretary a minimum of 45 days prior to the desired date of the show. Preliminary approval may be obtained by telephone with the OFEA Secretary and confirmed with a written application form and appropriate show approval fee. The completed show approval application, a copy of the show flyer to be used, and the appropriate show approval fee (payable to OFEA) should be mailed to the OFEA Secretary at the OFEA office listed in Section 1100.00.

500.12 Show Results

Show results must be submitted to the OFEA Secretary at the OFEA office listed in Section 1100.00 within ten days of completion of the show. If show results are not returned within ten days, a penalty of \$5 per day will be assessed until results are received, and future show approval may not be granted. Results MUST include (for each class): class name, number of entries in each class, exhibitor name, horse name, and judge's placings (a copy of the class sheets is preferable). A sample class sheet can be obtained by calling the OFEA Secretary at the OFEA office listed in Section 1100.00.

500.20 Placings in Classes

Judges must place everyone in a class up to six paid participants. In other words, if there are a sufficient number of paid entries, the Judge must give placings of First through Fifth plus reserve (or Sixth place if Show Management chooses to give ribbons through sixth place).

Anyone who is awarded a sixth place ribbon will receive one "participation" point toward the year-end awards.

Paid entry individuals that are schooling with their number upside down shall not be placed.

500.30 Special Classes

Show management may conduct special classes, as they desire. The OFEA Board shall determine whether such special classes shall count for year-end awards.

For OFEA point tabulation, it is the show management's responsibility to specify on class sheets rider's attire as "E" for English and "W" for Western in all classes where either English or Western appointments and tack may be used (i.e., Trail and Riding Pattern classes).

500.40 Special Classifications

Show management may, at their option, hold classes in special or restricted classifications (such as: Amateur, Maiden, Novice, Limit and Green Horse or Rider) using whatever criteria they choose for eligibility in these classifications. THESE CLASSES SHALL NOT COUNT FOR YEAR END AWARDS (except as outlined in Rule 400.40), but may be counted at show management discretion for any award at that particular show.

OFEA may choose to give a special year-end award, “First Year Rookie,” to recognize outstanding achievement by beginning competitors or horses, excluding leadline division.

500.41 Schooling in OFEA Approved Open Shows – Regular Classes

Schooling in regular classes in OFEA approved open shows MAY be allowed at the Judge’s discretion. However any schooling must be conducted in a manner that does not disrupt the class in any way. An individual who wishes to school their horse must be a paid entrant in that particular class and must wear their number upside down and conform to the general tack and dress requirements for the division of that class.

An individual who schools his or her horse in a regular class in an Open Show shall not be placed and shall not receive points toward any year-end award (schooling year-end award points cannot be earned because the individual who is schooling in a regular class in an open show is not placed).

The Judge shall have final authority relative to a determination that the particular schooling activity is disruptive in any way.

Schooling equipment and aides (e.g. martingale, sidepull, draw reins, etc.) shall not be allowed in regular classes. However, show management may choose to have special schooling classes at open shows. Schooling aids are allowed in these special classes.

500.50 General Rules for OFEA Open Horse Shows

Competitors must wear their numbers on their backs or on BOTH sides of the horse so that the number is visible to the Judge at all times. Numbers must be displayed upside down when schooling in an Open Show (see Paragraph 500.41 above).

Proper attire and tack clothing which includes hats/helmets, long sleeves, long pants/breeches and boots will be required for all classes.

Competitors may wear standard safety helmets in any classes and shall not be penalized for doing so. Approved USEF helmets are required in all jumping classes regardless of the age of the rider.

Any individual walking a lead line exhibitor must be at least 16 years of age.

Ponies may compete in any class. However, the Judge or show management may disqualify a pony if it is determined to be disruptive or presents a safety hazard.

Mini horses may compete in any halter or driving class.

Mules may be shown in any class, other than a “breed” class, at approved OFEA shows - SUBJECT TO THE DISCRETION OF SHOW MANAGEMENT. However, the Judge may disqualify and exclude any mule if the show is disrupted or a dangerous situation exists.

Stallions are permitted only if the rider or handler is 18 years of age or older.

Any intermediate gate that is normal for a particular breed shall be acceptable in lieu of trot or jog and that horse shall not be penalized.

Coaching from the sidelines is allowed, if done as quietly as possible. Any coaching that is disruptive or overly loud is prohibited. The Judge and/or show management are fully authorized to request that it be discontinued if it is obnoxious or disruptive.

Mechanical hackamores are allowed only in gaming shows.

Any horse that is unsound in the opinion of the Judge shall be disqualified.

Patterns may be used at the discretion of the Judge or Show Management and shall be designed by either.

A member or the member’s family member exhibiting poor sportsmanship (e.g. negative verbal language, frustration or anger taken out on either their horse or another person) will not be tolerated. A warning will be issued on the first offense. If a second offense occurs, the member will be suspended from membership for one calendar year.

500.51 General Rules for OFEA Gaming Shows

When ever possible, starting line markers or electric timers shall be placed against the arena fence. An electric timer or at least two watches shall be used. The electric timer must have a back up watch. When two watches are used one is designated as official time and the other is back-up timer.

All measurements given in gaming rules are desired if arena space allows. However, when space does not allow prescribed measurements, common sense must prevail for safety reasons.

Events for OFEA approved gaming shows shall include seven of the following events based on the arena size: Flags, California Speed Barrels, Texas Barrels, Rhombus, Pole Bending, Idaho Figure 8, Key Hole, Single Stake Race, Bi-Rangle.

Penalties: Any of the following shall disqualify an entry: 1) Failure to start course within one minute after ready signal, 2) Fall of horse or rider while on course, 3) Striking or spurring of the equine forward of the cinch, 4) Equine being unruly or out of control, 5) Excess use of bat or crop.

If tack or equipment break while on course and rider and/or equine are unable to complete the course, the entry shall be disqualified. If the rider and/or equine are able to complete the course without difficulty, they may continue the course without penalty.

If for any reason the timer fails, a re-ride will be given at the end of that event. If an entry chooses to pay for another ride, they may do so but the time will not count towards daily or year end points.

Any competitor while on course who's equine loses forward motion will be disqualified or given a no-time, but will be allowed to finish the course. If rider and equine crosses the start/finish line before the course has been completed, this will be considered a disqualification or a no-time but will be allowed to finish the course.

Riders in the 10 and under category may only walk-trot their classes. If their horse lopes more than 3 strides they will be given a 5 second penalty.

500.60 Age of Horse or Rider

For the purpose of determining the age of the horse, the birthday of the horse is deemed to be January 1st regardless of the actual birth date.

Rider's age shall be determined, for all purposes in this rulebook, as the ACTUAL age the person is as of January 1st of that year. Birthdays later in the year do not change the age classifications for that show year.

SECTION 600.00 ENGLISH CLASSES

600.10 Tack

Standard English tack is to be used. Any standard English bit including any snaffle is permitted at judge's discretion. Any bit that is acceptable per any breed rules is considered "standard" for that particular breed in the context of this rulebook. Sidesaddles are permitted. Martingales and tie downs are prohibited. Curb chains may be used but must be flat, at least 1/2" in width, and lie flat along the jaw of the equine. No wire, rawhide, metal or other substance can be used.

600.20 Personal Appointments and Dress

Required dress includes breeches or jodhpurs, English boots, hunt cap or standard safety helmet, and long sleeved shirt or sweater. Saddle seat riders may wear appropriate hat or safety helmet.

Jackets, whips, crops or English spurs are optional.

600.30 Gaits

All horses must perform all required gaits to be placed in English classes. At a minimum, this includes walk, trot (or intermediate gait) and canter. Additionally, the Judge may call for variations of the standard gaits and may request that the horse back up.

SECTION 700.00 WESTERN CLASSES

700.10 Tack

Horses shall be shown under standard Western saddle with Western equipment (Western sidesaddles permitted). Reins shall be split or romel. Western shank bits with broken mouthpieces are permitted, ridden with one hand, for any age horse.

Horses shall not be penalized for any standard Western bit. A bit that is acceptable in any breed rulebook shall be considered “Standard” under this rule for that particular breed. The general rule, subject to qualifications below, is that ANY non-English bit is permitted. Leather chin straps must lie flat and be at least ½” wide. No wire, rawhide, metal or other substance can be used in conjunction with or as part of the leather chin strap. Rounded, rolled, braided or rawhide curb straps are prohibited.

OFEA rules do not address measurement of components or configuration of the bit.
Mouthpieces and shanks are not regulated

However, any bit or other tack element that the Judge determines to be inhumane shall be grounds for disqualification for that class. The competitor may choose to correct the bit or equipment item that is objectionable and participate in subsequent classes.

Discernable bleeding shall be cause for immediate disqualification for the remainder of the show.

Bandages, boots, and artificial appliances or training aids of any type are prohibited.
Bandages are permitted for minor injuries that do not render the horse to be unsound.

Bits that require two hands (e.g. ring snaffle and/or bosals) are prohibited unless the horse is five years old or younger as of January first of that show year.

Western bits with broken mouthpieces are permitted for any age horse.

A rider shall not be disqualified for using two hands on the reins, but shall be penalized in the scoring of the class **and placed no better than last place**, unless the horse is five years old or younger and there is no shank on the bit (e.g. ring snaffle or bosal).

700.20 Personal Appointments and Dress

Required dress includes Western hat (or standard safety helmet), long sleeved shirt, long pants, and boots. Chaps of any sort, jackets, vests, and Western spurs are optional.

700.30 Gaits

Other than walk/trot classes, Western classes shall include walk, jog (or intermediate gait) and lope, in both directions. The judge may also require an extended gait and hand gallop. The judge may also request that the horses back up.

700.40 Required Movement in Gaits

Movement in all gaits should be relaxed and natural. The walk SHALL be a natural flat footed and true walk. An overly slow, peggy, hippity hop looking false walk SHALL be penalized. The jog SHALL be a true two beat jog. The lope SHALL be a true three beat gait—any horse that is “four beating” shall be penalized.

Horses shall be penalized if the head is below the horizontal (ears are below the withers).

Penalties for violation of the above rule shall be such that the horse and rider shall not be placed higher than fifth place in any class. Placement in fifth place will give recognition to an outstanding performance except for this violation.

SECTION 800.00 HALTER**800.10 General**

A halter class is a class of equines (as specified in the show class listing) judged on confirmation. It is open to all equines. Judges must choose the best representatives of the breeds that are before them.

Equines should show a positive combination of balance, structural correctness, breed, and sex characteristics. They should be serviceably sound and in good condition. Transmissible weakness and/or unsoundness are strongly penalized.

See 900.20 for attire and tack clothing requirements.

800.20 Appointments

Attire: Handlers should be dressed in attire according to breed being shown. For example, stock type equine would be best suited in Western attire or Hunter attire.

Equipment: Equines should be shown in a halter and a lead. Some breed standards and/or discipline permit a bridle and some allow a whip (whips should not exceed 6 feet with no attachments).

800.30 Class Procedure

All equines must be judged individually - standing, at a walk, and trot/intermediate gait in a line or on profile.

SECTION 900.00 SHOWMANSHIP

900.10 General

This performance class shall be judged strictly on the contestants' ability to fit and show at halter. Conformation of the horse is not to be considered. The ideal showmanship performance consists of a poised, neatly attired exhibitor leading a well-groomed and conditioned horse that performs the requested pattern with smoothness and precision.

Patterns may be posted, at least one hour before the class, or called by the judge in the class. Patterns must be appropriate for each age division, and due to time limitations, judges are asked to use simple patterns to place the class. Contestants must not be asked to change horses in the class.

900.20 Attire and Tack

Attire and Tack Clothing may be English or Western. Boots, breeches, long pants, hat or helmet are required in an Open Show. Spurs or chaps are not allowed. Horses are to be shown with a properly fitted halter or show bridle, each completed with a throatlatch. The lead should be 6'-8' long and may have a chain, which can be run under the chin, or over the nose. Whips are not allowed.

900.30 Class Procedure

At the judge's discretion, all exhibitors enter the arena and then work individually, or each exhibitor may be worked from the gate individually. Suggested tests that judges may request are leading at the walk and trot in a straight or curved line, forehand and/or haunch turn, stop, pose, back. The judge must have the exhibitor pose the horse for inspection some time during the class. The horse should stand square and balanced. A saddle type horse may be shown in the stretch position.

The exhibitor must lead on the horse's left side, unless specified by the judge to lead from the off side. Acceptable leading positions for the exhibitor would be across from the horse's eye to the mid-point of its neck. When executing a back-up, the exhibitor shall turn and face the

rear of the horse. Switching hands when backing, as required in 4-H rules, is allowed, but not required, and shall not be penalized.

The quarter method is recommended when presenting the entry. The exhibitor must keep the judge within his/her field of vision at all times, and should never stand directly in front of the horse. The position of the exhibitor should not obstruct the judge's view of the horse.

900.40 Faults

Faults of the exhibitor include excessively stiff or artificial movement around the horse; improper position when showing; holding the chain portion of the lead shank; touching the horse; or unnecessary discipline of the horse.

Faults of the horse include resistance to the exhibitor's commands; drifting off line while being led or backed; not set up properly; not standing quietly.

900.50 Disqualification

Disqualifications include loss of control of the horse and excessive schooling.

SECTION 1000.00 EQUITATION

1000.10 General

The exhibitor is to be judged on his/her basic position in the saddle as well as his/her ability to properly hold the reins and cue the horse at all gaits. Exhibitors may also be judged on the performance of the horse, appointments of horse and rider, and suitability of horse to rider. Results as shown by the performance of the horse are NOT to be considered more important than the method used in obtaining them. Patterns may be used at the judge's discretion. Possible maneuvers that the judge may ask the exhibitors to perform may include, but are not limited to, dropping stirrups, extending gate, halt, back, sidepass, or turn on the haunches or forehand.

Loss of control of the horse, or unnecessary schooling by the exhibitor will be penalized.

1000.20 English

Proper attire and tack, as referred to in Section 600.00, is to be used. Two hands on the reins are required and the bight of the reins may fall on either side. If riding with double reins, all reins must be picked up at all times.

1000.30 Western

Proper attire and tack, as referred to in Section 700.00, is to be used. When split reins are used on a shank bit, and ends of split reins fall on the same side as the reining hand, one finger between the reins is permitted. When using romal reins, or when ends of split reins are held in the hand not used for reining, no finger between the reins is allowed. Exhibitors will be penalized for using two hands on a shank bit, or for using a snaffle bit on a horse six years or older, as referred to in Section 700.00.

SECTION 1100.00 TRAIL CLASSES**1100.10 Appointments and Tack**

Either English or Western appointments or tack (as described in the appropriate paragraphs above) may be used in a Trail Class and points will be awarded respectively. It is the show management's responsibility to mark class sheets accordingly for point tabulation.

1100.20 Trail Procedure

To be counted for OFEA year-end awards, the trail class will be judged. It is strongly recommended that the trail classes have a time limit.

The Judge has the authority to have a time limit on the trail courses. The time allowance shall be announced prior to the beginning of the first competitor. The competitor will naturally receive a score for only those obstacles completed and for staying on course.

1100.30 Obstacles

Show Management or the Judge may design a course using any obstacle desired as long as the obstacles are safe in the opinion of Show Management and the Judge. The course must include at least six obstacles.

SECTION 1200.00 OFEA BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

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SECTION 1300.00 APPROVED JUDGES

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