

SSRMHC EVENT

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR THE SHOW!

1. Classes must be entered, added, or scratched at least 4 classes prior to the class you wish to enter, add or scratch.
2. Show entries will require an open check or cash to be put into your file at the show office. If you show RMHA and do not currently have a membership or riders card, we will have forms available, but will need a separate check to be written to the RMHA for membership and riders card. This can also be done online or over the phone prior to the show. Please remember that the show secretary will need to see a copy of your horses RMHA papers to verify certification. THERE IS NO MEMBERSHIP OR RIDERS CARD REQUIRED FOR NON-RMHA SANCTIONED CLASSES.
3. **The Schooling Trail Obstacle Session** with Diane Sept has a separate entry form. Space is limited. Those planning to attend will meet during the lunch break on Friday to breakdown the times that work for each exhibitor based on their class schedule. The session will run during the afternoon to allow for exhibitors to find the time to attend the session. Session Fee is \$30 and provides the participant with one-on-one time with Diane to practice the trail obstacle course and learn what the judges are looking for and tips on how to achieve success!
4. **The Working Trail class #3** on Friday is a class in the covered arena with a small obstacle course and rail work in gait. Horses will be judged on their combined effort for the trail obstacles as well as their gait work. The class will have the horses come in at a gait to be judged on the rail, and then after the line up will be called by number to do a simple obstacle course individually.
5. **RMHA classes** will follow the RMHA rulebook specifically. If you have questions regarding the structure and rules of these classes, please see the RMHA rulebook. It will be available in the show office and is also available online for anyone to research.
6. **All Open Gaited Classes and KMSHA classes** will follow the standard RMHA/KMSHA ring protocol for sequence. Meaning: Horses will come into the ring doing their " show gait", followed by their "pleasure" gait (if required), followed by the request to "trail walk". A show gait is simply the "slow gait" and the pleasure gait is a "second gear" faster version. Example: a show gait for a TWH would be a flat walk and a pleasure gait would be a running walk. In the case of a Paso, it would be a corto followed by a largo....etc, etc. A trail walk is a relaxed universally defined *PLAIN OLD WALK*. Reverse and Repeat. Line up, back your horse when asked and wait to be placed just as all classes required regardless of breed. **AGAIN, THE CALLS FOR THE OPEN GAITED CLASSES WILL BE: SHOW GAIT, PLEASURE GAIT and TRAIL WALK.**

7. **Missouri Foxtrotter Classes** will follow the MFT ring protocol. Meaning: Horses will be required to flat walk, foxtrot, and canter depending on whether a 2 gait or 3 gait class. The "trail walk" is not applicable for the MFT classes. (however MFTs will still be required to "trail walk" in the OGB classes with the rest of the horses)

8. **Paso Fino classes** will follow Paso Fino ring protocol. Meaning: Horses will enter the ring at a Paso Corto, followed by the Paso Largo and then the flat walk. (style of each determined by the the division) Reverse. Repeat. **Note: there will be no sounding board.** (Fino and Trote y Galope classes will follow standard protocol for those divisions. See breed specific rulebook for more information)

9. **TWH/SSH/RH** classes will follow ring protocol for these breed types. Meaning: horses will enter the ring at a flat walk(show walk), followed by the running walk or (slow rack) and then the walk. Reverse, repeat. Speed racking classes will have the fast rack. For purposes of simplicity in the combined championship, the classes will be called "Show Gait" and "Pleasure Gait" as there will be both Racking and Walking horses in the Championship.

9. Open Gaited Classes: please be courteous to your fellow exhibitors. These classes will be featuring different breeds with different speeds and styles. Please be aware that your horse may be faster than others and you will need to be courteous and give plenty of room when passing, and also be aware that your horse may be slower and to not to become frustrated with those horses that need to pass you. These classes will be diverse and the riders must be respectful and open minded to their fellow exhibitors.

10. KMSHA classes do not require proof of KMSHA paperwork. They are classes for All Mountain Horses and offer no points. For this show, you may cross-enter divisions due to no points or sanctioning.

10. Neat attire and a clean appearance of the horse is required for all classes. RMHA exhibitors will be required to be in full dress. It is recommended to be in compliance with the overall look of your specific breed regarding tack and apparel, but THIS IS A NON-POINTED SHOW for everything but RMHA. Riders will not be penalized for dress rules as long as horse and rider are neat and cohesive in appearance. In other words, please don't come into the ring as a mishmash of several different show ring attire.

For clarification:

OGB Trail Pleasure definition: “a nice working frame” suitable for a horse out on a trail, purposeful, exhibiting both a slow gait and a faster gait, followed by a relaxed “trail walk”, preferably “on the buckle” or loose reined.

OGB Show Pleasure definition: “a performance frame” that is collected and exhibiting a showy presentation in style and speed. A slow gait and a fast gait will be required followed by a relaxed “trail walk”.

OGB Favorite Gait classes: allowing the horse and rider to just choose their “favorite intermediate gait”. Enter the ring at your favorite gait, followed by the “trail walk”, reverse and repeat. Please remember that your favorite gait may be A LOT slower or faster than another horse. Also remember that the judges will be looking for a horse that is balanced and correct for that gait. Speed and showy animation will not automatically be favored over more “trail oriented” going horses. Riders are encourage to exhibit their “best” gait for that horse. The CANTER is not considered a favorite gait, and will not be asked for in these classes.

Championship Classes: All Championship classes simply require the participation in one or more regular classes throughout the day to enter.

Jackpot Class: The jackpot class is a **cash entry** class on Saturday night. You must enter prior to the start of the Championship classes. The class fee is \$50 to enter. All cash will be put into the “jackpot” and the 1st place and 2nd place horses will win the pot! The cash will be split 60/40 between first and second. You must have placed 1st through 3rd in a class to enter. No youth.

(NON-RMHA definition below-See RMHA rules for rider divisions for RMHA)

NOVICE: a non-professional rider, that has not earned more than 3 blue blue ribbons in their show career prior to the start of this show.

AMATEUR: a rider that has not engaged in any activity to make them a professional.

PROFESSIONAL: a rider that accepts remuneration for riding, driving, schooling, training, or conducting clinics or seminars, or accepts remuneration to exhibit or show a horse(rewards/prizes direct from the show for the placement in the show excluded)

YOUTH: a rider under 18. 16 and older may show in Open classes and Amateur and Novice if qualified. (RMHA designates Open, Amateur and Novice as 18 and older only. No youth in RMHA classes unless designated youth or juvenile.) Riders under 16 must wear a helmet.

OPEN Classes: are designated open to Professionals, Amateurs, and Novices.

HAPPY SHOWING!!!!

**Meal tickets can be purchased in the show office for the SSRMHC Food Booth. Burgers, Hotdogs, Chili, Soda and other tasty offerings will be offered up throughout the show days. But they will not take your cash! Go to the show office and get your tickets for combo meals. There will be other food vendors on the grounds as well to select from.*

**SSRMHC will also have a Hospitality Stall for Exhibitors in the Barn with bottled water, adult beverages(at certain times), more tasty snacks, and FUN Socialization! Please visit, play some corn hole, stuff your face and get to know your Barn neighbors!*