

GUIDELINES FOR TENNESSEE STOCK HORSE ASSOCIATION (TNSHA) COLLEGIATE TEAM COMPETITION

- a. Collegiate teams will make up four riders from either of the following divisions offered at a TNSHA show: Limited Non-Pro, or Collegiate Novice. Riders do not have to be evenly spread among divisions.
- b. Collegiate Members may also compete in other eligible divisions at the show.
- c. A college or university may enter more than one team, but must designate differences in team by giving the teams a different color or letter title. Example: MSU Team White & MSU Team Blue or WKU Team A, WKU Team B
- d. Coaches must designate point riders at least one hour before the start of competition on the first day. No changes can be made in point rider designations even if the rider is a scratch after classes start.
- e. Collegiate Stock Horse Teams and Collegiate Individuals must meet the following eligibility requirements:
 1. Undergraduates must be enrolled in a minimum of ten (12) hours of classes and graduate students in a minimum of nine (9) hours of classes. Graduating students may enroll in fewer hours during the semester of graduation.
 2. Students must be in good academic standing with their school. Example: Maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA and/or not be on academic probation.
 3. Students will be limited to eight (8) semesters of collegiate eligibility over a five-year period, including both graduate and undergraduate years.
 4. Any questions or disputes about eligibility should be directed to the educational liaison, or the TNSHA president if there is a conflict of interest.
 5. Each college student must have a TNSHA membership to enable students to compete in collegiate approved events. If competing in Limited Non Pro, students must also purchase a \$15 ASHA collegiate membership and competition license, since it will run concurrently with the official ASHA division. Novice riders only need a TNSHA membership. All paperwork can be done online or at the show. Grade and leased horses can be shown. Memberships purchased at the November show are valid for 2025 year as well.

e. Any college or university student who can furnish proof of meeting the eligibility requirements may compete in a collegiate competition whether their college has a team or not. Collegiate students must present documentation of their collegiate status and academic standing to the secretary of the show at time of entry (typically a dated college transcript will suffice). Coaches may certify students on their point cards if the student has a college coach representing them. If a college has a Stock Horse Team, students must receive permission from the coach to compete for that team. Coaches must abide by eligibility requirements when placing collegiate members on a team.

F. A fee of \$25 must be submitted with each per-team submission to confirm participation towards collegiate team awards. Colleges submitting more than one team will be charged \$25/team. Fees will go towards furnishing team awards.

DESCRIPTION OF COLLEGIATE STOCK HORSE TEAM

The collegiate stock horse team shall consist of 4 total members. Designated representatives can compete in the Limited Non-Pro and Collegiate Novice. Collegiate riders will only be placed against other collegiate riders if competing in the regular limited non pro division. (see calculation of points for collegiate team riders for more info).

A school may enter a team with less than 4 members as its representatives, but will forfeit those points for any missing representatives. Each team member must ride a different horse.

COLLEGIATE COMPETITION AWARDS

a. Both a High Point and Reserve High Point Team Award will be given if at least two teams from different colleges or universities competing are entered in competition. Awards may exceed to Top 3 or Top 5 awards

RULES

- a. Division eligibility, rules, and scoring will be governed by the American Stock Horse Association rulebook and TNSHA rulebook.
- b. Judges have final say and ruling otherwise.

a. A class must have at least 3 entries to be considered valid in calculation for collegiate points. Collegiate limited non-pro will run concurrently with the TNSHA limited non-pro division. Riders will only be calculated for team points against other collegiate riders in that class. For individual awards riders will be calculated with other TNSHA limited non-pro division participants.

2a. Team point rider point values depend on the number of team point riders participating in the largest collegiate division for the competition. The class winner will gain 2 points above second place, then points will fall in descending order in 1-point increments based on placing. Example: If there are 8 team point riders across teams in a class, the class winner will receive 9 points. Second place receives 7 points, third place 6 points, etc. *Point values are set based on the largest collegiate team point rider group.

Example 1: If the collegiate novice division has more participants than the collegiate limited non pro division, the highest possible amount of team point rider points is based on the the collegiate novice division size for the entire competition.

Example 2: There are 14 collegiate novice team point riders. The highest amount of points earned is 15 for 1st place, 13 points for second place, 12 for third place, etc. If there are only 8 collegiate limited non pro riders, the 1st place rider will still receive 14 points, 13 points for second place, 12 for third place, etc.

b. Incomplete teams with less than four members shall still be eligible for team awards if their team totals exceed those of teams having complete teams. In the event of a tie between teams, the tie will be broken on the basis of most first place class wins and then on points won in the working cow horse class, reining class, trail class and then pleasure class, respectively.

ESTIMATED SHOW FEES TO ASSIST WITH BUDGETING

Office charge: \$10/rider

Clinic fee (optional) \$155

Limited Non-Pro:\$160 (all four classes - Pleasure, Reining, Trail, Cowhorse-incl. Cattle fee) Novice:

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Stalls: \$35/night

Shavings: \$10/bag

RV: \$35/night

TNSHA membership: \$15 (valid for 2025 year)

ASHA collegiate membership: \$15 (required for Limited non pro)

ASHA horse competition license: \$15 (required for Limited non pro, can be leased or grade horses)

*FREE OF CHARGE EXHIBITORS DINNER EACH COMPETITION DAY

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