

# Tennessee Stock Horse Association

## GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

\*highlighted sections are any rule changes for the current calendar year

### SECTION 1

#### **GR-001. AFFILIATION WITH AMERICAN STOCK HORSE ASSOCIATION.**

The Tennessee Stock Horse Association agrees to affiliate, cooperate with and aid in every way possible the programs and functions of the American Stock Horse Association and to uphold the policies, rules and regulations of the ASHA.

#### **GR-005. TENNESSEE STOCK HORSE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP.**

1. Annual memberships in the Tennessee Stock Horse Association may be purchased by any interested persons. Proper receipts and membership cards shall be issued upon payment of fees.
2. The application for membership should indicate clearly the name (limited to 30 spaces) in which the membership is to be recorded. By applying for membership, the applicant automatically agrees to be bound by and to abide by all rules, regulations and policies of the Association.
3. Upon completion and acceptance of a membership application form, an applicant is issued a membership card with an identification number. This number must be used in all official communication with the Association and the card must be presented when participating in Association approved events.
4. A membership fee is not refundable.
5. As reciprocal assistance to the Association for privilege of membership and participation, the Association may use any photograph or other form of likeness reproductions of a member, event participant, horse owner, or their horse and registered equine names to promote the Association's objectives and activities including, but not limited to, use by third parties with authorization from the Association.
6. Types of Membership
  - a. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS – Membership is available for individuals for a one year period beginning with the first day of month of purchase (based on postmark, postal meters are not acceptable) and expiring the last day of December of that year. Renewal notice to the members shall be sent to their last known address not less than 30 days prior to the end of the calendar year. When an annual membership expires, the membership can be reinstated by simply paying the

current year's annual fee. Memberships may only be issued to individuals and may not be transferred. The following designations of annual membership in the Association are currently available. An individual membership is restricted to one person, carried in that person's legal name only.

- i. ADULT ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS – An annual membership for persons 19 years and older provides privileges of participating in all Association events and activities.
    - 1. The adult annual membership fee is \$10.00 per individual per year.
  - ii. YOUTH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS -- A youth membership is provided for boys and girls age 8 to 18, as of January 1 of the current year, which entitles a youth to receive a membership card of eligibility to show in the youth division, and to participate in Association events and activities. Youth may not vote or hold office in the Association.
    - 1. The youth annual membership fee is \$10.00 per individual per year.
  - iii. COLLEGIATE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS – A collegiate membership is provided for students enrolled in colleges and universities which entitle a student to receive a membership card of eligibility to show in the collegiate division, and to participate in Association events and activities. Students may not vote or hold office in the Association.
    - 1. The collegiate annual membership fee is \$10.00 per student per year.
7. Termination or application rejection proceedings shall be conducted under the Association's disciplinary procedure for notice, hearing and temporary suspension. The effect of termination or rejection may be denial of the privileges of the Association as set forth in the Association's disciplinary procedure.

**GR-010. TELEVISION AND MEDIA RULES.**

- 1. Attendance at an Association sponsored or approved event, in whatever capacity, shall constitute authorization for the Association, its agents, designees, or assigns to photograph, video tape, televise, or record by other means (hereinafter referred to as "photographic material" ) any person or animal on the premises of an Association-approved event, and shall further constitute authorization for the use of such person's name, voice and biography, or the name, pedigree and performance record of any animal on the premises (hereinafter referred to as "related information") in conjunction with any photographic material.

2. The photographic material and related information referred to above may be used in any manner that the Association, in its sole discretion, determines would be beneficial to promoting the purposes and goals of the Association, provided, however, that no photographic material or related information will be used in conjunction with the endorsement of any product unless prior written consent is obtained.

**GR-020. BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

1. The current number of Board of Directors of this Association shall be six (6) members elected by members in good standing. The number of directors is at the discretion of the Executive Committee. The elections will be staggered with one third (1/3) of directors being elected each year with a term of three (3) years.
2. Initial selection of six Directors to the Board will be based on individuals who have distinguished themselves by the length of service and/or accomplishments and members who are serving or have served as liaisons to other organizations. Board members will serve for two years initially beginning in 2011. After which time, one third (1/3) of the Board will be open for elections. The remaining Director positions will be elected over the next two years with one third (1/3) being elected each year. The year which each Director position is open for election will be determined by random draw.

**GR-030. STANDING COMMITTEES.**

1. All Standing Committees shall consist of not less than two (2) Association members and not more than ten (10). All committee members must be Association members in good standing. In making appointments to the committees, the President shall appoint committee members for not less than one (1) year, and not more than three (3) years. Future appointments to fill vacancies and for new members shall be by the President with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee
2. The Chairperson of each committee shall be appointed annually by the President from the current Board of Directors.
3. Committee members may be appointed from the Board of Directors and the general membership and a listing of all committee members shall be published as soon as possible after appointment.
4. Some suggested Standing Committees are education, finance, collegiate, shows and awards, communications and promotion, and sponsorships.
5. Special committees may be appointed by the President from time to time to attend to special business. These committees serve for the duration of the special problem or

until replaced or until the committee is disbanded. Special Committees may be Annual Meeting and Convention, Special Events, etc.

**GR-050, COMPETITION and SPECIAL EVENTS.**

1. Applicants desiring to hold ASHA/TnSHA approved shows must following the guidelines as described in the ASHA General Rules. A letter of request for affiliate approval must be submitted to the Executive Secretary for the Board of Directors approval 90 days prior to the event.
2. Event applications are approved based upon the date of the week. A TnSHA approved event having been held the previous year is considered an established event and has priority to reserve identical dates for the current year until terminated by either ASHA or TNSHA.
3. TnSHA sanction of an event approval is the sole discretion of the Board of Directors. Approved events will count towards TNSHA year-end awards.
4. Sanctioned events require compliance with all ASHA Association rules and guidelines, fees, and documentation.
5. A regular ASHA Event is considered to be a clinic and a competition. The recommended schedule is to have a clinic one day and a competition the following day or day(s).
6. Person(s) requesting show approval must have prior knowledge of competing in or hosting ASHA events. In addition, the show management must document adequate cattle handling facilities are present, provide adequate stalling, and maintain adequate arena footing during the entire competition.
7. It is recommended that each approved show carry \$1,000,000 per claim/\$2,000,000 aggregate liability insurance.
8. Year end points shall be awarded to qualifying horses entered and exhibited in TnSHA approved competitions and events according to ASHA rules. Each class must be placed through the total horses actually judged in that class and points awarded to each horse that placed. Points will be awarded with the horse placing first receiving one point for every horse they placed above plus 1.
9. Competition Assessment Fees – Competition management must collect a \$5 bookkeeping fee per horse/rider entry per show AND FORWARD TO TnSHA OFFICE WITH THE COMPETITION RESULTS IN ORDER FOR COMPETITION RESULTS TO BE PROCESSED. These fees help to defray the costs of record keeping and TnSHA Certificates and/or awards.

**GR-060. PROPOSED CHANGES TO RULES AND POLICIES.**

1. An Association member, a standing committee, a special committee, the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee or the Association staff may propose a rule change. A Rule change is defined as any change to the Bylaws or Rules.
2. All proposed changes must be submitted on the form designated for that purpose and available free of charge from the Association Office. All blanks must be completed and a justification for the proposed change cited. Forms which are incomplete, lacking the justification, or failing to cite the specific change requested, will be returned to the originator.
3. A proposed change form should be sent to the Association office.
4. All proposed procedural changes must be
  - a. Researched and reviewed by the Association Office Staff, Budget and Finance Committee, Executive Committee and the Association Attorney, if deemed necessary. A proposed Rule Change that contains possible legal or financial implications or any consequences deemed not in the best interest of the Association may be subject to action by the Executive Committee. If tabled by the Executive Committee, the proposed change will be returned to the originator with comments from the reviewers. If deemed appropriate for further study, the proposed change will be referred to the appropriate Standing Committee Chairman and the Rules Committee.
  - b. Referred to the appropriate Standing Committee(s) Chairmen and the Rules and Regulations Committee.
  - c. Referred back to the Executive Committee from the standing committee(s) chairmen and/or rules committee with a report and recommendations. If reviewed favorably by the Executive Committee, the proposed change will be presented for consideration to the Board of Directors.
  - d. Presented to the Board of Directors in a legal and properly worded form for consideration on the agenda of the next Board of Directors meeting.
  - e. The Board of Directors will then vote on the proposed change.
5. If a proposed Rule Change is considered to be of such extreme importance by the Executive Committee that it must be acted upon immediately, such proposed change must be presented to the Board of Directors and is subject to amendment. The emergency status of the proposed change should then be put to a vote by the Board of Directors. The emergency status must first be approved and requires a motion and majority vote in favor.
  - a. If the Board of Directors approves the Emergency Status, the proposed change with any amendments attached shall then be put to a vote by the Board of Directors for immediate action and/or implementation. If approved, the Change

can become effective immediately. If the Emergency Status of the proposed Change is rejected by the Board of Directors, the proposed change itself cannot be put to vote at this time but can still be presented for a vote by the regular procedure.

**GR 080. RELEASE OF LIABILITY.**

1. The Association and co-sponsoring organizations, if any, shall not be responsible for any personal injury, or for loss or damage to property, occurring at any Association activity. Each owner, exhibitor, handler, or consignor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Association, its officers, directors and employees from and against all claims, demands, causes of actions, and expenses of every kind, including attorney's fees, arising out of or related in any manner to the acts or omissions of an owner, exhibitor, handler, or consignor, or the actions of any animal under the care, custody or control of the owner, exhibitor, handler or consignor. Presentation of signed entry or consignment forms shall be deemed acceptance of the conditions of this rule. In the event an entry or consignment form is not signed or presented, appearance on the grounds or at the sale ring of any Association activity as an exhibitor, handler, owner, or consignor shall be deemed to be acceptance of the conditions of this rule.
2. Disclaimer of Responsibility for Safety of Show or Event Participants.
  - a. Show/event management is responsible for the condition of show/event premises, including arena and exercise areas, the conduct and competence of show/event employees and other representatives, implementation of show/event activities and events, and all other aspects of an Association approved show/event.
  - b. The Association does not assume or accept duty or responsibility for safety at this show/event in regard to participants or any other third parties, or for the horses or other property thereof.
  - c. As an express condition of the privilege to participate at an Association approved or sponsored show or event, each horse owner, exhibitor, trainer, and participants assumes the risks of participation and thereby releases and discharges the Association and its officers, directors, representatives and employees from any and all liability, whenever or however arising, as to personal injury or property damage, occurring as a result of participation in a show/event conducted by the Association or on the show/event grounds thereof.
  - d. Without assuming the affirmative duty to monitor possible physical or mental handicaps of exhibitors, if condition of exhibitors' physical or mental disability comes to the attention of the Association, the individual may be denied participation privileges in Association approved events until such time as he or she provides the Association with sufficient information to conclusively establish physical or mental capability to participate, without posing a significant risk to the health or safety of the individual and/or the other exhibitors of the class in which he or she desires to participate. At Association's sole discretion, the

individual may be authorized to use special equipment to enhance physical ability to safely exhibit in Association approved or sponsored shows/events.

#### **GR-090. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES.**

The Association reserves the right to independently direct disciplinary action or sanction against individuals coming under the jurisdiction by participating in Association sponsored events. The Association Executive Committee is the forum within the Association that initially or ultimately hears or reviews evidence of alleged violations of rules and regulations by members and/or participants in Association approved events. A member may be disciplined, suspended, fined, and/or expelled from the Association, and any non-member participant may be denied any or all Association privileges.

#### **GR-095. VIOLATIONS.**

1. Financial Violations – Any member may be suspended and denied privileges of the Association or any nonmember may be denied the privilege of the Association by the Executive Committee of the Association, for the failure to pay, when due, any obligation owing the Association. Upon receipt of a fraudulent payment, a member or non-member will be notified in writing and given a reasonable amount of time to make the payment good. Failure to pay the owed amount to the Association or its sponsoring groups will result in suspension of membership and all privileges. Repeat offenders will be put on a cash only basis.
2. Unsportsmanlike Conduct – Conduct by Association members, non-members, exhibitors, trainers, owners, owner’s representatives, spectators, and all other persons present on the Association event grounds of facilities shall be orderly, responsible, sportsmanlike, and humane in the treatment of horses. Any of these violations will be subject to disciplinary procedures.
3. Inhumane Treatment  
No person may treat a horse in an inhumane manner which includes, but is not limited to:
  - a. placing an object in a horse's mouth so as to cause undue discomfort or distress.
  - b. tying a horse in a manner as to cause undue discomfort or distress including but not limited to in a stall, trailer or when longeing or riding.
  - c. use of inhumane training techniques or methods, poling or striking horses legs with objects ( i.e. tack poles, jump poles, etc.)
  - d. excessive spurring or whipping
  - e. excessive jerking of reins
  - f. excessive fencing or spinning ( defined as no more than eight (8) consecutive turns in either direction)
  - g. use of inhumane equipment, including, but not limited to, saw tooth bits, hock hobbles, tack collars or tack hackamores

- h. exhibiting a horse which appears to be sullen, dull, lethargic, emaciated, drawn or overly tired
- i. any item or appliance that restricts the movement or circulation of the tail, or
- j. intentional inhumane treatment which results in bleeding

### TNSHA DIVISIONS AND AWARDS

#### **TNSHA award eligibility (applies to all divisions):**

- Rider must be a TNSHA member to earn a year-end high point award.
- Rider must have attended 2 shows to be eligible for year-end awards.
- Rider must remain in good standing with TNSHA to receive any award.

*Open:* The Open Division is open to any professional or non-professional member, in good standing, with any horse regardless of past winnings. In addition to the normal entry fee, this division may collect and offer jackpot fees which will be paid back to winners according to the payout schedule in the ASHA Rule Book. These jackpot fees may range from a minimum of \$10 to a maximum of \$20 per class except for special events or championships.

*Non-Pro:* The Non-Pro Division is open to riders who (1) have not received payment, directly or indirectly for riding, training, assisting in training, showing horse(s) at any time during the past 5 years; (2) have not received payment directly or indirectly for instructing another person or conducting a seminar in riding, training, driving or showing a horse any time during the past five years; and (3) have not had any expenses (including lodging, transportation, mileage, etc.) paid by someone else other than family members

*Limited No-Pro:* Exhibitors who qualify as a Non Pro Rider may choose to show in this division because of class routine or other personal choice. Exhibitors may also show in the Open or Non-Pro divisions without losing their eligibility in the Limited Non Pro division. There will be no jackpot in this division. Riders in this division will work a modified version of the working cow horse class which will not involve turns down the fence, circling or roping (see ASHA LTD Non Pro and Green Horse Working Cow Horse rules for specifics on rules for this division.)

*Novice:* The Novice Division is reserved for individuals with limited riding and showing experience who wish to learn more about showing in ASHA at a beginners pace. Novice riders must (1) adhere to all non pro eligibility requirements, (2) have never won a High-Point or Reserve High-Point Championship in any division at any ASHA show or similar association (see 2013 ASHA Handbook Page 23 of 49), (3) have never won an End-of Year All Around High Point Champion or Reserve All around High Point Champion in any division in ASHA or similar association, and (4) have had limited (less than one year) showing experience in cow horse, cutting or any other cattle-working events, have not earned money, points or awards in cattle working events and has had less than four years showing experience in other classes prior to participating in ASHA. If a member loses their novice eligibility through competition, they may finish that year as a novice. In the future, the member is eligible only for Limited Non-Pro, Non-Pro, Open or Green Horse Divisions. Novice riders will work Novice and Youth Reining Patterns



and a Novice and Youth Working Cow Horse Pattern. The cow horse pattern is a shortened version of cow work which will not involve turns down the fence, circling or roping. (See ASHA Novice and Youth Reining and ASHA Novice and Youth Working Cow Horse rules for specifics on rules for this division.) Stallions are prohibited in this division.

*Collegiate Novice:* The individual collegiate novice division will run as a separate TNSHA division eligible for high point awards at each show and TNSHA year-end. A minimum of 3 riders must be entered for division to occur at each show. Collegiate riders must be verified through ASHA's collegiate rider membership process and must meet all requirements to compete as a novice rider (see novice requirements). Riders must declare on their entry form if they wish to compete in the collegiate division and provide their university information. Collegiate riders can compete in other divisions that they are eligible for, but it will be considered a separate entry fee and class entry. Collegiate classes will not be run concurrently within any other division. Collegiate riders can be an individual from any university, and the university does not have to have an established team. Riders must prove their full-time enrollment in university via providing a class schedule with at least 12 hours. Collegiate team competition will be offered and arranged upon request of a collegiate team's coach to the TNSHA board. Requests must be given at least 60 days prior to the event and must be approved by the TNSHA board.

*Select Novice:* The select division will run as a separate TNSHA-only division eligible for high point awards at each show and TNSHA year-end. Select riders must be aged 50 years old & up and must not be a professional rider and must meet novice requirements according to ASHA handbook. Riders must declare on their entry form if they wish to compete for select high point and provide birth date. A minimum of 3 riders must be entered for division to occur at each show. Select riders only require a TNSHA membership, not an ASHA membership or competition license. Select riders can compete in other divisions that they are eligible for, but it will be considered a separate entry fee and class entry. An ASHA membership is required for divisions outside of select and walk-trot, and collegiate novice. Select Classes will not be run concurrently within any other division. Select patterns will follow closely with novice class pattern requirements. Select Division is not eligible for National ASHA year-end awards, only TNSHA year-end division and class awards.

*Select Limited Non Pro:* The select Limited Non Pro division will run as a separate TNSHA-only division eligible for high point awards at each show and TNSHA year-end. Select riders must be aged 50 years old & up and must meet non pro requirements according to ASHA handbook. Riders must declare on their entry form if they wish to compete for select high point and provide birth date. A minimum of 3 riders must be entered for division to occur at each show. Select riders only require a TNSHA membership, not an ASHA membership or competition license. Select riders can compete in other divisions that they are eligible for, but it will be considered a separate entry fee and class entry. An ASHA membership is required for divisions outside of select and walk-trot. Select Classes will not be run concurrently within any other division. Select patterns will follow closely with novice class pattern requirements. Select Division is not eligible for National ASHA year-end awards, only TNSHA year-end division and class awards.

*Youth:* Exhibitors in the youth division must aged 8 through 18 as of January 1 of the current year. Riders in this division will work a Novice and Youth Reining Pattern and a Novice and Youth Working Cow Horse Pattern. The cow horse pattern is a shortened version of cow work which will not involve turns down the fence, circling or roping. A youth may not show in both the Youth and Novice Divisions at the same show. Stallions are prohibited in this division. Youth is divided in to Jr. Youth (aged 8 to 13 Per ASHA rules) and Sr. Youth (14-18 ages).

*Green Horse:* Horses in this division will show in the same patterns as the Open and Non-Pro with the exception of the working cow horse class which will be the Modified Working Cow Horse pattern. A horse is eligible to be shown in this division if the horse (1) is five years of age and younger as of January 1 of current year and (2) has never won a Champion or Reserve Champion All-Around in any ASHA approved division. If a horse loses their green horse eligibility through competition, they may finish that year as a green horse. In the future, that horse is eligible only for other divisions. A green horse may be shown by a rider from any division.

#### **Walk/Trot: Youth 18 & under and Adult divisions**

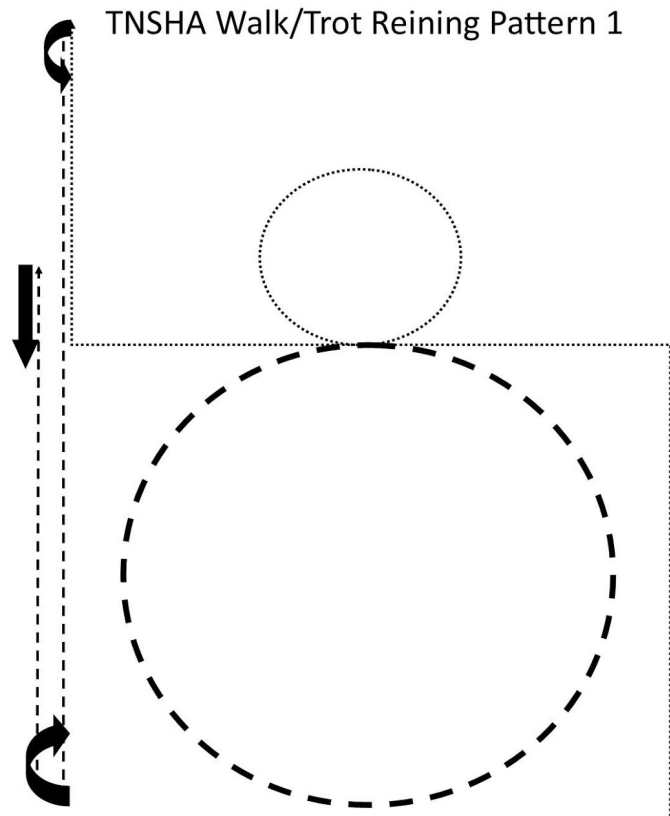
The walk/trot division will run as a separate TNSHA-only division eligible for high point awards at each show and TNSHA year-end. Youth Walk/Trot riders must be aged 18 years and under and must meet ASHA youth requirements. Adult Walk/Trot riders must be aged 19 years and over and must meet ASHA non-pro (novice) requirements. Youth walk/trot riders must provide on their entry form birth date. A minimum of 3 riders must be entered for age division to occur at each show. Less than 3 riders will require the combining of Youth and Adult Walk/Trot divisions at each show for class procedures and high point however each will still accrue points as separate divisions for Year-End awards. Walk/Trot riders only require a TNSHA membership, not an ASHA membership or competition license. Walk/Trot riders may not compete in any canter divisions or other ASHA divisions that they are eligible for at the same show. Walk/Trot division applies to rider only and not horse. Horses may cross enter canter divisions with different rider. If a walk/trot rider moves up to a canter division during the same year, then all Walk/Trot points are forfeited for year-end awards and they cannot go back to competing in walk/trot classes. Only Walk/Trot patterns included in the TNSHA handbook will be used for all classes in the walk/trot division. Walk/Trot is not eligible for National ASHA year-end awards, only TNSHA year-end division and class awards.

**Walk/Trot Pleasure:** Class to be judged following ASHA rules and guidelines excluding lope portion in class. Individual markers will set up to designate gait changes.

Pattern will run as follows:

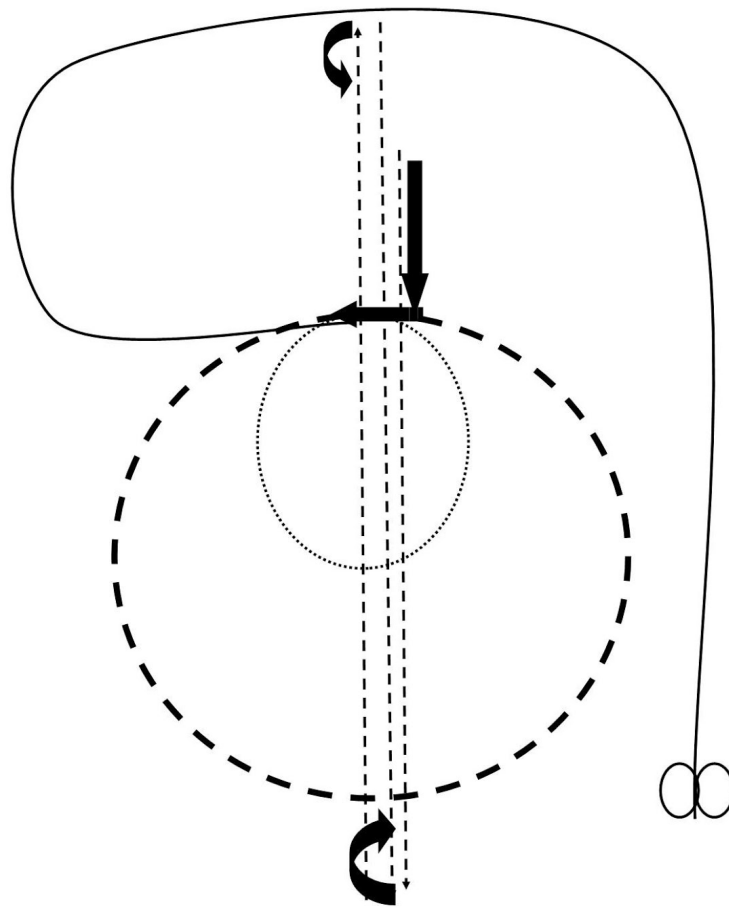
Extended Walk, Trot, Extended Trot, Stop and Reverse, Ordinary Walk, Trot, Stop and Back

**Walk/Trot Reining:** Class to be judged following AHSA rules and guidelines using one of the TNSHA approved Walk/Trot Reining patterns.



1. Trot to center of arena, stop and show hesitation before departure.
2. Trotting make a small right circle coming back to the center.
3. Make a large left circle at the extended trot
4. Resume the ordinary trot thru the center and make a right corner down the side of the arena past the end marker. Stop and rollback to the left no hesitation.
5. Extend the trot down the side of the arena past the end marker. Stop and rollback to the right no hesitation.
6. Extend the trot past the center marker, stop and back 10 feet. Hesitate to show completion of the pattern.

TNSHA Walk/Trot Reining Pattern 2

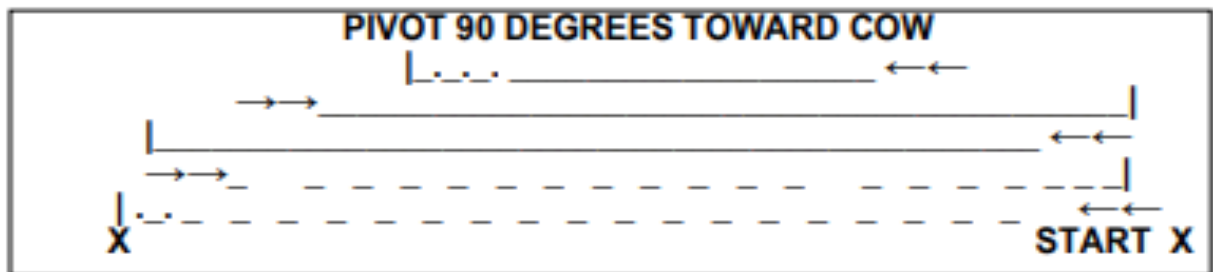


1. Extended Trot to the far end of the arena past the end marker , stop and perform a left rollback
2. Extended Trot to the far end of the arena past the end marker , stop and perform a right rollback
3. Extended Trot past the center marker , stop
4. Back to the Center and perform a ¼ turn to the left

5. Make a large left circle at the extended trot and then a small left circle resuming the ordinary trot
6. Start a large right circle at the trot but do not close this circle.
7. Continue trotting down the side of the arena past the end marker and stop.
8. Complete one spin to the left and one spin to the right. Hesitate to show competition of pattern.

**Walk/Trot Cow Horse:** Class to be judged following AHSA rules and guidelines.

**Part One – Cow Horse Pattern –** The rider shall trot into the arena, trot to first cone and start pattern. Markers: Marker placement shall be a minimum of 20 ft. from the wall.



1. Enter the arena at a trot and trot to the cow side of the first cone.
2. Continue trotting to second cone stop and back two steps, Rollback towards the cow
3. Trot back to first cone, stop and back two steps, rollback towards the cow
4. Extend the trot back to second cone, stop and back two steps, roll back towards the cow
5. Extend the trot back to first to cone, stop and back two steps, roll back towards the cow
6. Extend the trot to center, stop, pivot  $\frac{1}{4}$  turn towards cow, hesitate to demonstrate competition of pattern, exit at a trot.

**NO LIVE COW WILL BE WORKED IN WALK TROT DIVISIONS**

**Walk/Trot Trail:** Class to be judged following AHSA rules and guidelines. The Walk/Trot division will follow the Novice/Youth pattern requirements substituting all lope portions of trail with the ordinary trot. Patterns may be abbreviated at show managements discretion.