

# New Virginia Saddle Club

Rules apply to events held at the New Virginia Saddle Club Arena only

General Show Rules & Regulations for 2010

(Revised February 2010)



FEDERAL PROTECTION ACT IS IN EFFECT AT ALL TIMES.

## Show Rules

1. Any disputes, concerns, or complaints must be sent in writing within 5 days of the event to New Virginia Saddle Club P.O. Box 461 New Virginia, IA 50210. Complaints shall be handled in appropriate and professional manner.
2. No swearing or use of vulgar or threatening behavior towards spectators, exhibitors, judges, or officers shall be tolerated.
3. Any disputes, dishonesty, immoral actions or statements will be handled by any means necessary upon agreement of the show committee. At least 2 committee members must be present in deciding best action to be made.
4. Unsportsmanlike conduct is unacceptable in both children and adults and may result in asking such persons to leave the premises as well as disqualification for event or events were misconduct was observed. If this conduct continues action will be taken resulting in disqualification from end of year awards as well as royalty contest.
5. No hitting, whipping, or smacking of animals in front of the saddle. Violators will be disqualified.
6. New Virginia Saddle Club encourages a code of honor in distinguishing ages, riding levels, awards and general conduct at any meeting or event associated with this club. Any dishonest actions may result in termination of membership as agreed upon by committees and/or officers.
7. Horses with height restrictions may be measured upon entry by present show committee member.
8. Gaited horses must be either registered or be visibly gaited to enter any gaited horse classes or events.
9. Entry booth will remain open for registration. Class registration will close 2 classes prior to event.
10. Entry fees are \$10.00 per person all day, \$25.00 all day per family or \$3.00 per person per class.
11. Entry Fees and Sponsorships are non-refundable.
12. Upon paying entry fee of \$3.00 per class instead of the \$10.00 all day fee, entrant can later enter additional classes throughout the day, however they must continue to pay the \$3.00 per class fee.
13. To show additional horses in any one class, a \$3.00 per entry must be paid for the additional horse.
14. Age determination shall begin as of January 1st of each year both horse and rider. (Verification may be requested).
15. All riders ages 17 and under must dismount before leaving arena in timed events.

16. There will be a 5-second penalty for knocking down poles or barrels, and a disqualification (no time) resulting from broken pattern or dropping of flags.
17. Proper show attire long shirts, blouses, nice jeans, show slacks, approved riding boots, western hat, or helmet, if preferred.
18. Shows will be cancelled upon poor conditions of the arena. See website [www.newvirginiasaddleclub.org](http://www.newvirginiasaddleclub.org) or [www.cowboycalendar.com](http://www.cowboycalendar.com) for any updates.
19. Upon registering for classes, a liability waiver must be signed in order to take part in horse-related activities.
20. The NVSC is not responsible for accidents or theft on the premises.
21. Mules are welcome at any time.
22. Dogs must be on a leash at all times and may be permitted unless they display disruptive behavior such as aggressiveness or continual barking.
23. No alcoholic beverages allowed on the grounds.
24. Lead line riders 5 and under, must be accompanied by persons 18 & over with consent of parent or guardian and are not eligible for performance classes. But, can be led in the games.
25. Riders 9 and under cannot be lead in performance classes. A parent can stand in the center of arena without touching horse or rider. But can be led in the games.
26. No guns, weapons, or firearms of any nature allowed on the premises.
27. Safety Helmets are strongly recommended for any riders.
28. The cost of sponsoring a class is \$50.00 per year and may be split between parties. Names of persons or business will be printed on show bill.
29. In the event of adding additional classes to the show bill such as novice, Jr. Horse, Green Horse, or beginner riders, each division will be distinguished by these definitions and restrictions:

Novice English or Western riders shall be defined as those riders that have limited showing experience or have not placed above third in a class. Once the contestant places 1st, three times in the novice class, they will no longer be eligible to participate in novice classes.

Junior Horse - Is a horse below the age of 5 and above the age of 2.

Green Horse - Determined by the amount of hours under the saddle.

30. To enter the Special Challenges class the rider must wear a helmet and be accompanied by an adult of at least 18 years of age. (For qualifications see Special Olympics Equestrian Guidelines)
31. Entrants must be ready at the gate for classes entered in unless the announcer is notified of a tack change at least one class in advance.
32. New Virginia Saddle Club reserves the right to combine or omit classes if necessary.

### **High Point Rules**

1. No more than 3 horse/rider combinations may enter year end or high point awards.
2. High point is calculated on one horse and one rider combination.
3. Points are calculated on the HORSE/RIDER COMBINATION.
4. Points scale 1st=7pts 2nd=6pts 3rd=5 pts 4th = 4 pts 5th = 3pts 6th= 2pts participant =1pt.
5. Members must work 4 additional hours along with the member's hours (See member rules section for specification) and/or members can pay fee of \$85.00 instead of working their members hours and high point hours.
6. Hours worked shall be tracked and verified in a log with registration. You must have show committee chairperson VERIFY WORK HOURS BEFORE LEAVING ASSIGNED POST, WITH THEIR SIGNATURE.
7. Qualifying events for the year end awards shall be determined by the show committee at the end of the show season
8. Awards given shall be determined by the club\*s financial status and majority vote at the end of the show season.
9. Results from shows will be posted on the website prior to the following show.

#### **Membership Rules and Guidelines**

1. Membership dues: Family - \$20.00 per year (defined as any persons residing together in the same house). Single - \$10.00 per year.
2. Membership is required in order to show or ride at the New Virginia Saddle Club arena.
3. Membership hours: Family - at least two family members are expected to work three hours each at any club related activity per year in order to receive year end awards. (These are separate from High Point Hours or Royalty Contest Hours)
4. No more than 1.5 hours may be served by attendance at meetings.

#### **Royalty Contest Guidelines**

1. The contestant must have been a member 6 months prior the show in order to participate.
2. The contestant must complete all membership hours and an additional hour, one show prior to the contest, in order to participate. (See rules 5 and 6 of Royalty Rules.)
3. Horse and rider combination must have participated/competed together in at least 2 NVSC shows of the current year.
4. The participant must be willing to represent the club. (Examples: Iowa Horse fair, parades, Iowa State Fair, any NVSC function, etc.)
5. Western hat or helmet is required.
6. Proper western attire is required. (Long-sleeved shirt, nice jeans, and proper riding boots, or show outfits.)
7. See NVSC Royalty Contest Rules.

