

Sonoita All Breed Circuit Rules

1. Except for any rules listed on this page Sonoita All Breed Circuit will do its best to follow generally accepted AQHA rules. We are not recognized or endorsed by the AQHA or any official equestrian organization. Exhibitors are responsible for reading and understanding Sonoita All Breed Circuit rules.
2. Members of all ages, races, and riding abilities will be eligible for participation in the Sonoita All Breed Circuit.
3. Sonoita All Breed Circuit shows are open to any equine, i.e horse, pony, donkey, mule.
4. Payment must accompany the entry form. Liability forms must be Signed by exhibitor and owner in order to show.
5. No refund of entry fees for no-shows or cancellations after closing date.
6. The decision of the judge is final.
7. A one minute gate call will be enforced, unless a tack chance is
8. Horses or exhibitors causing an undue disturbance will be disqualified from the class or the show grounds, at the judge's discretion. Spectators causing a disturbance will be removed from the show grounds. Good sportsmanship by all participants and spectators shall prevail at all times.
9. It shall be the rider's responsibility to mark (i.e; tail ribbons to indicate a kicker, etc) any horses that might endanger other horses or people. Horse Show officials may require marking a horse and enforce the same.
10. Age of riders and horses will be defined by their ages as of Jan. 1 of the show year. Junior horses are 5 and under, senior horses are 6 and over.
11. No one under the age of 18 may show or handle a stallion on show grounds.
12. No excessive coaching allowed in arena. After one warning, the exhibitor will be disqualified from the class.
13. Horses will walk in parking/gate area. No schooling on trail course prior to start of class
14. Only exhibitors for next class will be allowed in the gate area.
15. A check returned for insufficient funds will be charged a \$35 fee. The check must clear the bank before exhibitor can compete in next show.
16. All dogs must be on a leash.
17. A non-riding adult must supervise all children.
18. Only show staff is allowed in the announcer's booth.
19. Classes can be entered on a schooling only basis. You may sign up as "schooling only" or add the class by letting the gate person know one class ahead of the one you wish to add on a schooling basis. Class fees will remain the same. Proper attire is required.
20. Points will be compiled to the unique horse/rider combination in the Walk/Trot, Youth, and Amateur divisions. In the open division the horse will accumulate points no matter who rides. **

Any horse/rider combination must compete in 3 of 5 shows in the Circuit to qualify for year-end awards.
21. Ribbons and points will awarded first thru sixth place in each class at each show in the Circuit.
22. Exhibitor must declare the division they will compete in for the Circuit at their first show. The Exhibitors may show in a higher division, but points will only accumulate in their declared division.

** Jane may show Scout and she may show Skippy in different classes or divisions. Jane and Scout will earn points and Jane and Skippy will earn points. Jane will not earn points for the two horses combined. Jane may show Scout and John may show Scout in classes; Jane and Scout will earn points towards an award and John and Scout will earn points towards an award. If Scout is shown in the open division. Scout will earn points no matter who shows him.

DIVISIONS

Youth – 12 and under Youth – 13-17

Walk/Trot - Youth – 12 and under Walk/Trot - Youth – 13-17 Walk/Trot – Amateur

Amateur Open

Western Division –

Bosal and snaffle may be used on junior horses and will be ridden with two hands. A shank bit will be used on all senior horses and will be ridden with one hand.

No tie downs, hackamores, nosebands, draw reins, whips, or other training devices will be allowed in any classes. No boots or bandages are allowed (exception for reining classes). Whips are allowed when breed permits in halter/showmanship.

Foals of a current year may be accompanied by their dam. Both horses must have a handler.

Required western attire – long sleeve shirts with collar, long pants, boots, belts, and western hats or approved head gear (helmet). Chaps are optional. No polo or T-shirts allowed

Revised 4-12-2022

English Division -

No tie downs, draw reins, martingales, dropped nosebands, or any other training devices will be allowed in flat classes. Martingales will be permitted in over fence classes, with the exception of hunter hack.

Required English attire: Long or short sleeve shirt with choker, breeches, boots, and helmet. Polo shirts permitted. An ASTM-SEI approved helmet with harness is required when jumping.

Helmet Rule: Western and English Divisions:

Riders under the age of 10 must wear a helmet with secured harness when mounted.

Effective 1-1-2015, all 4H members age 19 and under MUST wear a helmet with secured harness when mounted.