<u>Virginia 4-H Horse and Pony Championship Show</u>

2019 Changes

1. **<u>Walk/Trot</u>** will still be offered at the 2019 show. There are no rule changes for the division and at this time, it is still a pilot program. There is no guarantee that it will be offered after this year.

2. **<u>Trail Class Qualifying</u>**
   a. **<u>ANY youth</u>** wishing to participate in a **trail class** at the 2019 State Show must qualify <u>PRIOR to the show</u> by participating in a trail class at any open, 4-H or breed show event or through a qualifying clinic that offers trail as part of the clinic.

   b. The **<u>Trail Qualifying Form</u>** must be turned in with State Show entry by **July 12, 2019**. This form must be fully filled out with all signatures.

   c. Youth must still also participate in the trail qualifier at the State Show offered on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning.

3. **<u>Working Western Pattern</u>**
   a. This pattern has been removed from the rulebook and new patterns will be available in the pattern book at the show. The pattern will change every year.

   b. Working Western rules have been re-written. Please read them carefully. This class will be based on a Ranch Riding class and AQHA Ranch Riding rules have been used as a framework for the class.

4. **<u>Gymkhana</u>**
   a. When starting their run, youth must enter the arena in an appropriate amount of time once the in-gate has been opened. The rule now reads:

   "Once it is opened, the rider must proceed directly to the course. Riders who take an excessive amount of time (> 3 minutes) to enter the arena will be disqualified at the discretion of the judge and committee"

5. The Freestyle Drill Team Showcase has been removed from the show schedule and will not be offered this year at the State Show in Lexington. The Drill Team Show will still be offered at the State Fair.

6. Western Dressage and Jumpers are still under consideration for being added to the 2019 Show Schedule.

7. The 2019 Show schedule is being changed! We will release it as soon as it is ready! When it is released, please look over it CAREFULLY!!