

2020 Virginia 4-H Horse and Pony Championships Rule and Schedule Changes

Rule Changes

****FOR 2020 ONLY**** - the entry deadline is August 3rd due to COVID-19 Restrictions placed on Qualifying Shows and Clinics

1. If you wish to compete in a showmanship class, you must choose from the division of the riding classes that you are entered in. However, if your division does not offer a showmanship class (example: gymkhana) or you have a second horse, you may choose any of the showmanship classes.
 - a. Example #1 if you are competing in the Hunter Pleasure or Hunter riding classes, you may only choose to compete in Hunter Showmanship. You may not compete in Dressage Showmanship
 - b. Example #2 if you are competing in the Dressage riding classes, you may only choose to compete in Dressage Showmanship, You may not choose to do Hunter Showmanship
2. Bridles are required for Hunter and Dressage Showmanship
3. Equitation Over Fences Height Change – choice will be made **at the arena** with the division managers. Order of Go to be assigned with division managers **at the arena** once choice is made.
 - a. Classes 21 and 22 – option to Jump 2’9” or 3’
 - b. Class 23 – option to jump 2’6” or 2’9”
4. Driving Reinsmanship will now have a pattern and will be posted.
5. Miniature height will increase to 40” but cannot be ridden
6. Miniature showmanship will be removed out of division points and a Versatility Class will be added.
7. Freestyle Drill Team will now be offered. Teams will be selected at the District Level with 2 teams per district allowed to compete. Districts will decide how teams are chosen.
8. Trail/Jumper Pre-Qualifying

Trail: If a horse/rider combination participated in a trail class at the 2019 State Show, they do not need to pre-qualify again.

Jumper: Pre-qualifying does not change, even if the horse/rider combination competed in the class at the 2019 show. **They must still pre-qualify for 2020**
9. Senior Stampede Forms must be turned in with Entry Form. **Forms will NOT be accepted at the show office!**

Schedule Changes:

1. Connie Collier, Leg Up, Record Book, Portfolio and Horsemanship Skills Achievement awards will be moved to the Evening Performance on Saturday. Art, Photography, Top 10 Educational Contest, District Challenge, Stall Decoration and Trail awards will remain at the Ice Cream Social.
2. Dressage Equitation Classic will be moved up to 4:30pm
3. The Jumper classes will be moved to the Waldron Arena following the Dressage Equitation Classic. Not to start before 6:15pm.
4. Following the Jumper classes, Freestyle Reining will run.
5. Following the Freestyle Reining, the rest of the Evening Performance will happen.
6. Equitation Over Fence Classes will start Saturday at 7:30am
7. Hunter Classics will start Sunday at 8:30am
8. The Driving Classics will be first on Sunday in the Waldron, followed by the English/Gaited Classics.
9. Barrels will now run on Friday Evening. Stakes race will run on Saturday morning, followed by Pole Bending.