

2022 Virginia State Championship Horse and Pony Show

Rulebook and Schedule Changes

Rulebook Changes – 2022

1. New enrollment deadline February 1: Members wishing to show at the State 4-H Show must be enrolled by Feb. 1 of the show year. Check with your Extension agent to verify.
2. Entry fees for 2022 will be \$200 per horse/rider Primary Division.
 - a. A Primary Division includes any number of eligible classes per horse/rider within that division, plus a horsemanship and showmanship class, and miscellaneous classes (with the exception of Jumpers).
 - b. All competitors will identify their Primary Division within the entry system.
3. Cross division class entries are allowed at \$20 per class.
 - a. **Must be pre-entry only. No adds allowed at the show.**
 - b. **No refunds at any point. No exchanging fee for another class.**
 - c. Jumpers will be \$20 per entry.
 - d. Gymkhana and Dressage entries will be limited by priority in this order:
 1. Primary Division entries
 2. A cap of balanced entries per class based on time available to add entries.
 3. If there are more entries than time available, older riders will be given priority, balanced over junior and senior classes.
 - e. Classes will not be held for any reason or the order of classes changed to accommodate any rider. We cannot advise or predict when or how long a class will run by the tentative schedule. Note that opening for cross entries will add time to the schedule.
 - f. Class lists will be available at the time of the program printing in August.
4. There is no charge for classes dropped and no fee for Classic entries. Changes of primary division can be made at the show if necessary however it is encouraged to call the show secretary well before the show. Division manager can request division changes if necessary.
5. Horsemanship Skills: All Virginia enrolled Junior and Senior 4-H Members must take and pass Levels 1 and 2 once to show at the State Show. A change of horse does not require passing Level 1 and 2 again, once the 4-H member has passed Level 1 and 2 on any project animal. Riders that have previously shown at the State Show do not have to re-test. [Read the FAQs for more detailed information.](#)
6. The winning Freestyle Drill Team from the previous year is given a bye on the current year's show entry. Two drill teams are allowed to enter per District, not including the previous year's winning drill team.
7. Entry deadline – July 18.
8. Scratch deadline for refunds is August 22 for Primary Division entry fees only.

Please note that not all arenas will be open (unlocked) due to the change in pricing structure with rings paid on per day and ring use. Schooling rings will be identified.

REPOSTING Rulebook Changes – 2021

1. Juniors may bring two horses as long as they are not in their first year showing at the State Show. This rule excludes walk/trot riders.
2. Freestyle Reining is now a miscellaneous class.
3. Drill Team: Two entry spots, selected at District level, are allowed. Open spots per District for the Freestyle Drill Team Class will not be filled by other Districts. There will be a class fee per team.
4. Senior Stampede entries will be due with entry forms.
5. Per Virginia Horse Center contract rules, golf cart drivers must be licensed drivers, at least 18 years of age.

REPOSTING Rulebook Changes - 2020

1. If you wish to compete in a showmanship or equitation 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 or equitation class (example: gymkhana) or you have a second horse, you may choose any of the showmanship or equitation 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 and a Hunter Equitation. You may not compete in Dressage Showmanship or Dressage Equitation.
 - b. Example #2 if you are competing in the Dressage riding classes, you may only choose to compete in Dressage Showmanship and Dressage Equitation. You may not choose to do Hunter Showmanship or Hunter Equitation.
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 these minis cannot be ridden.
6. Miniature showmanship will be removed out of division points and a Versatility Class is added.
7. Trail/Jumper Pre-Qualifying Form

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

Jumper: Every year, horse/rider combinations **must still pre-qualify for the State Show.**