



2021 Horse Show Rulebook

SHOW DATES:

Friday, September 3rd

Sponsored by:

Burke Line Farm 2312 Newark St. West Burke, VT 05871

Judge: Ray Hackett, Pre Entry Date: Aug 27th

FREE - Day End Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons 8 Divisions

Lancaster Fairgrounds, 516 Main St. Lancaster, NH

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Definition of Divisions:

Adult Open In Hand: Open to all seats. Open to handlers 18 years of age and older, any age or breed horse, pony or mini. There is NO RIDING required. *The exhibitor/horse combination must show in 2 classes at a show to be eligible for day end points - one Showmanship class and one Model class. Exhibitors may also point in any of the other divisions, your showmanship and model points will be counted for both divisions.*

Youth Open In Hand: Open to all seats. Open to handlers 17 years of age and under, any age or breed horse, pony or mini. There is NO RIDING required. *The exhibitor/horse combination must show in 2 classes at a show to be eligible for day end points - one Showmanship class and one Model class. Exhibitors may also point in any of the other divisions, your showmanship and model points will be counted for both divisions.*

Green Horse/Pony: Open to all seats. Open to “green” horses and ponies in their first or second year of showing AND that have not cantered/loped at any horse related event that was judged or timed. To be shown at the walk and trot/jog. Horse cannot be cross entered into any classes or divisions requiring the canter/lope. Horses showing in the Green Horse division may not canter/lope anywhere on the show grounds. Rider level/status does not count. WMRC does not deem a blue ribbon limit in this division. Highly recommended that Beginner riders should not be showing a green horse. *The exhibitor/horse combination must show in at least 4 classes at a show to be eligible for day end points - one Showmanship class and/or one Model class, and two of the following; Equitation, Pleasure, Command.*

Adult Walk/Trot: Open to all seats. Open to riders 18 years and older who have never cantered/loped OR have not cantered/loped in the past three years on any horse at any horse related event that was judged or timed. Riders showing in the Adult WT division may not canter/lope anywhere on the show grounds. Rider cannot be cross entered into any classes or divisions requiring the canter/lope, and may not cross enter into the Advanced WT division. WMRC does not deem a time/year, or blue ribbon limit on an exhibitor in this division. *The exhibitor/horse combination must show in at least 4 classes at a show to be eligible for day end points - one Showmanship class and/or one Model class, and two of the following; Equitation, Pleasure, Command.*

Jr. Exhibitor Walk/Trot: Open to all seats. Open to riders 17 years old and under who have never shown at the canter/lope OR have not cantered/loped on any horse at any horse related event that was judged or timed. Riders showing in the Jr Ex WT division may not canter/lope anywhere on the show grounds. Rider cannot be cross entered into any classes or divisions requiring the canter/lope, and may not cross enter into the Advanced WT division. WMRC does not deem a time/year (with the exception of age), or blue ribbon limit on an exhibitor in this division. *The exhibitor/horse combination must show in at least 4 classes at a show to be eligible for day end points - one Showmanship class and/or one Model class, and two of the following; Equitation, Pleasure, Command.* A Header may quietly enter the ring (by the small gate near the Announcer's booth) during line up with no fault made to the exhibitor. Header must be appropriately dressed to enter the show ring and over 18 years old.

Youth Open: Open to all seats. Open to riders 17 years of age and under. W/T/C division. Rider cannot be cross entered into any class or divisions which limit the rider's abilities and status to WT. *The exhibitor/horse combination must show in at least 4 classes at a show to be eligible for day end points - one Showmanship class and/or one Model class, and two of the following; Equitation, Pleasure, Command.*

Adult Open: Open to all seats. Open to riders 18 years of age and older. W/T/C division. Rider cannot be cross entered into any class or divisions which limit the rider's abilities and status to WT. *The exhibitor/horse combination must show in at least 4 classes at a show to be eligible for day end points - one Showmanship class and/or one Model class, and two of the following; Equitation, Pleasure, Command.*

Leadline: Open to all riders who cannot show unassisted (off of the leadline). There are no age limitations in this division. Supervising handler must have a "lead" attached to the equine at all times while the leadline entry is practicing or showing the horse while mounted. Handler must be 18 years old. Spotters are allowed. Please see class specs for Leadline Halter rules. SPECIAL NEEDS RIDERS ARE WELCOME! Leadline riders may not cross enter into any other divisions. *The Leadliner must show in 3 classes at a show to be eligible for day end points – Leadline Halter, and two of the following; Leadline Equitation, Leadline Pleasure, Leadline Command.*

Pony/Mini: Open to miniature horses 38 inches and under and any Pony under 14.2 HH. Open to Adult and Youth Handlers. Pony/Mini may cross enter into other classes or divisions. *Pony/ Mini exhibitors must compete in 3 classes at a show to be eligible for day end points– at least 2 in hand (showmanship and/or model) and Pony/Mini In Hand Command performance classes.*

ALL WALK TROT DIVISIONS:

****Walk trot horse/rider combinations are not permitted to canter anywhere on the show grounds.***

****Walk trot horse/rider combinations may not have competed or shown, at any Show, Gymkhana, or horse related events that requires a canter/lope or faster gait that has been judged or timed.***

****Any horse/rider combinations that are noncompliant with Walk Trot rules will be moved up to a higher division and will result in loss of Day End points.***

Non Division Classes:

4 & Under Halter	WT Egg & Spoon
Colorbreed Model	WTC Egg & Spoon
Open W/T Colorbreed Pleasure	WT Mint Julep
Open Colorbreed Pleasure	WTC Mint Julep
Costume Class	Riding for Mackennah WT Pleasure
Pony/Mini In Hand Egg & Spoon	Riding for Mackennah WTC Pleasure

Class Specifications:

IN HAND:

Showmanship: To be judged on showmanship of the posted pattern. To be shown with the equine in hand, standing, turning, backing, also at a walk and trot. Handler should show the horse to the best of their ability, failure to misread and not execute the pattern or course correctly will result in being marked as a fault by the judge. Patterns will be posted online and at the announcer's booth. Leadliners are not permitted in Showmanship.

Model: To be shown in hand and judged standing only. Judged on type, conformation, finish and suitability as a mount to seat shown. (Some judges prefer your horse to stand like a "Breyer Model" during this class being judged based on the perfect model of your horses breed/discipline, perky eyes and ears, feet squared, etc.). All entries will walk in and line up head to tail. Exhibitors must have attire appropriate for the seat specified. Example: Stock type exhibitor should be dressed in stock attire. Hunt type exhibitor should be dressed in hunt attire.

4 & Under Halter: Open to horses and ponies four years of age and under. To be shown at a walk and trot on the line. To be judged on conformation, quality substance, and soundness. May not have more than two handlers. Horses age as of January 1, 2018

Command:

Command Class: Is an advanced pleasure class which tests the skills of both horse and rider, as they execute specific gaits, transitions and movements as requested by the judge. This will be run as a normal class with all additional gaits, transitions and movements being performed on the rail. The judge will not ask for any individually performed patterns. The class is judged on performance and manners. This is NOT a game or a fault and out class, and shall not be judged on an elimination basis. The Judge may not continue to work the class to determine a winner based on elimination. Final judging shall be on the basis of the best overall disciplined rail performance.

EQUITATION:

Equitation Classes: To be judged on rider's seat and hands; performance of the horse due to riders equitation. Additional testing at Judge's discretion, however, exhibitors will not be asked to perform individual patterns. Wearing of chaps is not permitted in an equitation class.

PLEASURE:

Pleasure Classes: To be judged on manners, performance (to give a pleasurable ride), and suitability of equine for rider and quality. May be asked to back. Additional testing at judge's discretion.

LEADLINE:

Leadline: Supervising handler must have a "lead" attached to the equine at all times while the leadline entry is practicing or showing the horse while mounted. Handler must be 18 years old. SPECIAL NEEDS RIDERS WELCOME!!

Leadline Halter: Leadline entry must be accompanied by a supervising handler. The handler is not required to have a "lead" on the horse IN THIS CLASS ONLY, however if the supervising handler does have a "lead" on the horse the exhibitor will not be penalized/marked down. Leadliners are not permitted into Showmanship or Model classes.

COLOR BREED:

Color Breed Model: Open to such as Palominos, Buckskins, Appaloosas, Paints and Pintos, etc. Judged on conformation and characteristics of its color breed, judged as a Model class. 80% color, 20% conformation.

Color Breed Pleasure: Open to such as Palominos, Buckskins, Appaloosas, Paints and Pintos, etc. May be shown under English or Western tack. To be judged on performance and best color example of that breed. To be shown at a walk, trot/jog or alternative gait, and canter or lope.

Open W/T Color Breed Pleasure: Open to such as Palominos, Buckskins, Appaloosas, Paints and Pintos, etc. May be shown under English or Western tack. To be judged on performance and best color example of that breed. Open to any W/T rider or Green Horse. To be shown at a walk, and trot/jog.

Pony / Mini Color Class: Open to solid or multi colored miniature horses. Judged 80% on color and 20% on conformation. All Miniature horses and Ponies are accepted in this class.

Costume Class: Open to ALL exhibitors, Leadline, Jr Ex, Pony, Mini, Youths, Adults, Draft, everyone! Exhibitors can ride or walk next to their horse either way is fine! This is a walk only class, all costumes are welcome, group costumes welcome, anything goes! Riding costumes must wear boots with a heel. Under 18 must wear helmet when riding or driving.

GENERAL RULES:

1. Health Requirements:

- All horses must have a Copy of Vet Certified Rabies Certificate – *Dated within 12 months of the show date.*
- Copy of Negative Coggins Test-Dated within 6 months of the show date, FOR OUT OF STATE HORSES.

2. Waivers / Safety:

- **All exhibitors, guardians, and trainers shall be responsible for a thorough knowledge of and compliance with the rules contained in this book. Situations not specifically covered by these rules shall be handled by the show officials in a manner that most closely follows the spirit of these rules. By signing the entry form you are acknowledging that you and anyone with you on show day will comply with the WMRC rulebook.**
- All exhibitors under 18 years of age are required to wear an ASTM approved helmet at all times while mounted or driving. Any exhibitor breaking this rule will be excused from the ring and will result in loss of ribbon and points earned in that class or a possibility of loss of day end points.
- **NO HORSE SHOULD BE ON THE SHOW GROUNDS IF THEY ARE NOT BEING SHOWN!!!** Every horse must be entered, shown, and judged in at least 1 class. Every horse on the show grounds must have a signed entry form/release form upon entering the grounds.
- **Required on our Horse Show Entry form is the owner of the horses signature. By the horse owner signing the Horse Show entry form, it states that the said owner acknowledges the WMRC insurance/release statement while the horse is at a WMRC Horse Show.**
- Anyone that has not signed an entry form/release form as an Exhibitor is not allowed to be riding anywhere on the fairgrounds.
- Riding/practicing is not allowed in the draft horse ring or the pulling ring.
- WMRC does not plan to but reserves the right to split or combine classes.
- ALL equines being shown under saddle must be at least 3 years old.
- Riders age and Equine age is considered as of January 1, 2019

3. Checks/Payments:

- All checks must be signed. Pre entry blank checks must be signed when mailed in by the pre entry date or you will be charged the post entry fee.
- Each show must be paid for with a separate check, you may not pay for all four shows with one check.
- Post entries: A signed blank check or cash must be left with your entry, you will not be allowed to “come up and pay later”.
- There will be a return check fee of \$30.00. Any exhibitor who does not make restitution for the returned check amount and fee will no longer be allowed to show at any WMRC show without payment in full using cash or money order only in advance.
- If you pre enter and are not able to make it to the show, your pre entry check will be made out for \$10 for every scratched entry that was being held under your name.

- Our horse shows will be run rain or shine. Announcements will be made if the show committee feels that weather conditions become unsafe.
- If you have entered into classes and decide to leave before finishing out or starting the day you will still be charged for your scratched classes.
- Cash refunds will no longer be given from scratched classes that were paid for by check.
- WMRC will no longer hold onto “credits” from scratches toward the next show.
- If you have written out your check ahead of time (you do not have an open check) and you scratch a class those funds will be forfeited.

4. **Lancaster Fair Passes:**

- Subject to change at any time due to changes made by the Lancaster Fair Association.
- Changes in 2018; the Lancaster Fair Association allows the WMRC a number of 1 day gate passes for exhibitors that are ONLY showing at our Friday show. If you are registered to show at the Class A Horse Show you will not be receiving any gate passes from the WMRC.
- At the Main gate - 2 one day gate passes for each pre-entered horse/rider combination with a limit of 6 passes.
- These passes are to get you into the fairgrounds for the WMRC horse show, they will not get you on rides. You will not get passes if your entry is not received by the pre entry date and therefore you will have to pay to get into the fair with your horse trailer. *Lost Tickets will not be reissued.* Trucks with horse trailers enter at the Main Horse Show gate, those trucks drive to and park on the infield, all other cars are to be parked in the parking lot on the backside of the horse stalls.
- If your pre entry check is not signed you will not receive fair passes.
- If you pre enter and are not able to make it to the show, your pre entry check will be made out for \$10 for every scratched entry that was being held under your name.

5. **Stalls:**

- **ALL STALLS MUST BE CLEANED BEFORE LEAVING THE FAIRGROUNDS. There will be a designated area for the manure pile.** Stalls must be purchased through the Class A Lancaster Fair Horse Show. This is completely separate from the WMRC.

6. **Showing out of your trailer:**

- The fairgrounds has asked us to please be courteous and spread out any large piles of manure and to pick up any large amounts of sawdust and hay that may be left behind, please bring to the designated manure pile.
- Please be aware of the heat/temperature when leaving your horse on a trailer, your trailer must have adequate ventilation or a/c, and your horse must have access to water.

7. **Keeping the Fairgrounds Clean:**

- All persons entering the fairgrounds should be courteous in cleaning up their trash in or around trucks, trailers, and stalls before leaving the grounds. Please be courteous in keeping the grandstand and bleachers clean.

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Dogs:

- Show management requires that all dogs in and around the show grounds be restricted, at all times, on a leash to be held firmly in hand or firmly attached to truck or trailer. The Show Committee reserves the right to remove from the show grounds and/or prohibit from future competitions any dog deemed to be a nuisance. Dogs are not allowed on the grandstand and should be kept away from the show ring rail for safety purposes. Dogs are NOT to be left in any vehicle due to the heat/temperature. Please give your dog adequate shade and water.

9. **Exhibitor Conduct:**

- Exhibitors should conduct themselves in sportsmanlike manner. Foul language is discouraged and is in fact poor sportsmanship, multiple complaints will result in dismissal from the show grounds.
- All protests or complaints must be brought to the Secretaries booth and will be dealt with accordingly by respective horse show committee members.
- If an exhibitor or a representative wishes to speak with the Judge, they must do so with permission and in the presence of the Show Secretary. Exhibitors may not speak with the Judge pertaining to their performances until the show has completed and pinned the last class of the day.
- The “Judge’s” decision is final. The “Judge’s” that the WMRC hires are all professional, carded Judge’s.
- Cruelty to or the abuse of an equine by any person at a White Mountain Riding Club show is forbidden. The Judge and/or show management has the authority to dismiss from the class or show grounds any exhibitor for cruelty to or abuse of an equine. This also includes any warming up or training anywhere on the show grounds.
- Exhibitors may cross enter divisions unless specified in Definition of Divisions, however if your horse shows any signs of exhaustion, lameness, or its health is being compromised you will be excused by the Judge’s discretion from the remainder of the show.
- WMRC currently does not have any written rules regarding training equipment while warming up. However our rules regarding cruelty apply to training or warming up on the show grounds.

10. **Holds, Adds, Scratches:**

- Forms must be filled out and at the announcers booth 2 classes before the class that you either need a hold on, need to add or scratch. A form must be filled out and handed to the secretary, no more just going up to the booth and verbally saying “I need a hold” or “I want to scratch this class”. **FILL OUT THE PROPER PAPER!!**
- Pre Entries that wish to add a class during the show day will be charged the pre entry class fee. Post entries adding a class during the show will be charged the post entry fee.

11. **Bandit fee:** Exhibitors who enter the ring into the incorrect class will be charged a \$5 Bandit fee for each offense. Exhibitors that enter the ring with the incorrect show number on will be charged a \$5 Bandit fee for each offense.

12. **Lost Number Fee:** We ask that you keep and reuse your show number for the entire season. If during the season you loose your number you will be charged a \$2.00 fee for a new number.

13. **Patterns:**

- All showmanship patterns will be posted the morning of the show at the Announcer’s booth.

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Pointing:

- Pointing can be confusing so please don't hesitate to ask!!
- *In Hand divisions must compete in 2 classes (showmanship and model - Adult or Youth).*
- *Mini division must compete in 3 out of 4 classes – at least 2 in hand (showmanship and/or model) and In Hand Command.*
- *Leadline must compete in all 3 Leadline classes. Leadline Halter, Equitation, Pleasure, Command.*
- *All other riding divisions must compete in 3 out of 5 classes - at least 1 in hand (showmanship and/or model) and 2 performance classes (equitation, pleasure, command).*
- *Points will be awarded as follows: 7 points for first, 6 points for second, 5 points for third, 4 points for fourth, 3 points for fifth, 2 point for sixth, 1 point for participation. Number of entries per class does not matter.*
- The more qualifying classes you enter the more points you earn.
- Any horse/rider combinations that are noncompliant with Walk Trot rules will be moved up to a higher division and will result in loss of Day End and Year End points.
- WMRC reserves the right to alter any class or division. Any class or division may be split or combined. All changes will be announced and posted.
- Model classes are separated by a slash (/), exhibitors may show in each model class if eligible, however for day end points you must specify at the Secretaries booth which Model class that you are using for points. You can only earn points in 1 Model Class per show.
- Exhibitors may cross enter divisions unless specified under “Definition of divisions”.
- Day End ties will be broken based on the entry that earned the higher amount of points in that division's Showmanship class.
- Qualifying class numbers will be listed on each shows class list.

15. **Attire and Tack:**

- ***Hunt Seat:*** Must be shown in proper Hunt attire and tack; Shirt, hunt coat, breeches, and tall boots or paddock boots, black or brown half chaps are accepted, ASTM approved helmet or Hunt cap (must be 18 or older to wear a hunt cap with the exception of Hunter Hack), Bridle with a proper fitting english bit, All-purpose/English/Hunt Saddle, breastplate if desired. Gloves if desired. Whip or spurs if needed. Tie downs, martingales, draw reins, or training equipment of any kind will not be permitted in the show ring.
- ***Stock Seat:*** Must be shown in proper Western attire and tack; Show ring suitable long sleeved shirt and pants/or nice looking jeans, chaps when permitted, boots with a heel, cowboy hat or ASTM approved helmet, Bridle or properly fitting hackamore, Western saddle, breastplate if desired. Gloves if desired. Spurs if needed. Snaffle bits are acceptable and may be ridden with two hands on horses under 4 years old. Any exhibitor riding or steering in a shank bit must only use ONE hand. Tie downs, martingales, draw reins, or training equipment of any kind will not be permitted in the show ring.
- ***Saddle Seat:*** Must be shown in proper Saddleseat attire and tack; Suits/or Day Coats, jodhpurs, Derby or ASTM approved riding helmet, Full/Double Bridle (Curb and Bradoon or a Saddleseat Pelham is acceptable because we are not a rated show), proper English/Cutback saddle. Gloves if desired. Whip and/or spurs if needed. Martingales and training equipment of any kind will not be permitted in the show ring.
- ***Adult Open, Youth Open, Green Horse, Advanced WT:*** All are expected to be in the above attire for their respective suitability/seat.

- ***Jr Exhibitor & Adult WT:*** All are expected to be in the above attire for their respective suitability/seat with the exception that coats and jackets are optional. Riders will not be marked down if not wearing a coat or jacket. An ASTM approved helmet and boots with a heel are required. (WT riders taking lessons with a Trainer sometimes show at rated shows in a class called “Academy”, wearing a full suit with a jacket or coat could hinder their “Academy” status at a rated show). If you are not an “Academy” rider at a rated show we would prefer to see you in your full suit.
- ***Leadline:*** Riders are not required to wear a complete show outfit but should be in suitable clothing for the show ring, also required to wear boots with a heel and an ASTM approved Helmet. As it is not required, some Judges do prefer the handler to be in neat/clean show ring appropriate clothing and must have closed toed shoes on.
- ***Pony/Mini:*** The handler should be dressed in a neat, show ring or workmanlike attire, clean manner with suitable footwear. Equestrian or dress hats are acceptable.
- ***Model:*** The handler should be dressed in their respective seat attire, Handlers should exhibit a clean manner with suitable footwear. Equestrian or dress hats are acceptable.
- If you have a question about a piece of tack that you use and are unsure if it acceptable please email us.

16. **Contesting:** The books for each show are closed 3 weeks after each show date. Only an exhibitor or the exhibitor’s parent/guardian may contest point standings, placings, or fees. A written letter stating your dispute must be mailed or emailed to WMRC with in the allotted time frame.

17. **Other:**

- Any equine that has a tendency to kick should be wearing a red ribbon in their tail.
- **Stallions:** Handler must be 18 years of age to handle and/or enter a stallion at a WMRC Horse Show.
- It is the exhibitors, parents/guardians, and trainers responsibility to thoroughly read the WMRC rulebook and understand the rules, classes and divisions into which they are entering.

Any questions can be emailed to whitemountainridingclub@gmail.com