

Hello MWA Members & Exhibitors!

We had a exhibitors being confused about some rules lately and wanted to provide some reminders and clarifications.

Please note this is a general announcement with the intention of being informative, If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to a Show Steward (either Beckie Peregoy or Kait Dudley) or any other BOD member for more information!

1) All speed horses MUST walk in the entry gate or be DQed. We will be watching for this, not because we wish to DQ anyone, but rather as it is a matter of safety as we have multiple disciplines, spectators, parents and exhibitors to be mindful of, and we do not want ant humans or horses injured. We know that many speed horses are used to running down an alleyway but our showgrounds does not have the set-up and design to permit this. We are looking at ways to alleviate some of the traffic at Speed (& Pleasure) ingate(s), but there is no feasible way to accommodate an alleyway with safe footing.

2) Speed classes, including leadline, can be shown English or Western with proper casual attire. Proper English or western tack is required including bridles & saddles. There are no restrictions on bits or hackamores, as long as they are found to be safe & humane.

3) Leadliners *may* use a halter over or under the bridle with the lead attached to halter, and as opposed to attaching to bit, or not, as judged most suitable by handler. Leadliners are also require to have feet in stirrups upon entry to arena, lost stirrups would not be DQed but rather only incur appropriately deduction in equitation. Buddy stirrups or other safe accommodations to size stirrups to child are allowed. The rider may not use straps, or anything to attach the rider to the saddle, stirrups or horse in any way, except breakable rubber bands connecting boots to stirrups.

4) It is the exhibitors responsibility to be on time to the class when called. If there is a tack change or ring conflict, let stewards know as soon as possible and arrangements will be made to hold start or change draw order. Once a class has begun, it is unfair to other exhibitors to restart class. Therefor, show management need prior knowledge to arrange to accommodate tack changes or ring conflicts or other extenuating circumstances, in advance.

We want everyone to have a fun & safe show season, please do not hesitate to bring questions to show management! We are happy to explain rules, advise on ways to meet them, and any other things we can do to help & create a positive experience for EVERYONE!

Sincerely,
The MWA 2024 BOD