

**GUILFORD FAIR GENERAL HORSE SHOW RULES
163 FAIRGROUND ROAD, GUILFORD, VT 05301**

-PRE-ENTRIES MUST BE INTO THE SHOW MANAGER NO LATER THAN THE WEDNESDAY BEFORE THE SHOW, PRE-ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED LATE.

-Proof of negative Coggins and rabies certificate on ALL HORSES is required within one year of the date of the show. To save time, please send a copy with your pre-entry.

- **Please do not send payment with your pre-entry, it will NOT be refunded without a vet certificate. You may pay cash or check the morning of the show when you come to the booth to get your number. All entry fees must be paid before entering the show ring.**

-Guilford Fair or any person connected with the planning of this event will NOT be held responsible for any accident or injury to horse, rider, spectators or property.

-The show committee reserves the right to split, combine or cancel classes and or divisions.

- Members: once your membership has been paid, you must show at 3 out of 4 shows with the SAME horse to qualify for year-end awards. Points are not carried over to a different division or horse.

- One horse, One rider combination to earn points in a division. **You must enter a showmanship class and at least one performance class in the same division to qualify for day-end awards.** In the event of a tie the equitation class will be used to break the tie. Barrels will be used in the gymkhana divisions.

- Any protest, please see the show manager. Anyone approaching the judge without the show managers consent will forfeit all of their points for the day. **THE JUDGE'S DECISION IS FINAL!**

- There will be a 2 minute gate call in effect. If you need a hold please let the show booth know at least 2 classes prior to yours. Once the class has started you may NOT enter the ring. If you need to scratch a class it needs to be done at least 2 classes prior to yours or you will be charged.

- Any horse that is out of control or posing a danger may be asked to leave the ring and or show grounds. In the same regard any exhibitor or spectator causing a disturbance will be asked to leave the show grounds.

- Known kickers MUST wear a RED ribbon in their tails.

- Stallions MUST be shown by a handler 18 years old or older.

- **ALL HORSES MUST BE TIED TO A TRAILER OR HELD ON A LEAD ROPE BY A HANDLER. ABSOLUTELY NO PORTABLE FENCING ALLOWED DUE TO INSURANCE REASONS!** Any horse caught unattended will be asked to leave the show grounds and exhibitor will lose their points for the day.

-Any walk trot rider or walk trot green horse caught cantering or loping on the show grounds WILL BE DISQUALIFIED and lose all of their points for the day, without a refund of money!

-Once a walk trot rider or a green horse advances to a canter class or division, they may NOT go back to a walk trot class or division.

-NO DOGS ALLOWED BY THE SHOW RING! You will be asked to leave the ring area.

-Attire must be appropriate to the seat being ridden. Shoes or boots with a heel must be worn. NO SNEAKERS OR FLAT-SOLED SHOES. We encourage ALL riders of any age or seat to wear an approved helmet at all times while mounted. **All riders 17 years old or younger must wear an approved helmet for all gymkhana classes no exceptions!! If you have to be told more than once to put your helmet on you will be disqualified for the day without a refund of entry fees.**

- **CHAPS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN EQUITATION CLASSES!**

-You must wait until the gate is closed in gymkhana classes before you start. If you run through the gate you will be disqualified!

- If the timer in the gymkhana classes malfunctions the rider will be given a re run. If the rider goes off course or breaks the timer they will be disqualified for that class. If the rider knocks over an obstacle they will receive a 5 second penalty for each obstacle knocked over.

-Show management has the right to first give a verbal warning, second a disqualification for that class and third rider will be disqualified for the day without a refund of money and asked to leave the show grounds if there is excessive spurring, whipping, yanking on the horse's mouth, or swearing.

-There will be a \$40 fee on all returned checks.

- Please bring a muck fork and pick up around your trailer! THANK YOU!

- **Age divisions are as of January 1st of the current year.**

Divisions:

Beginner 11 & Under: This is a division for riders 11 years of age or UNDER that only walk trot.

Beginner 12 – 17: This division is for riders aged 12 years to 17 years old that only walk trot.

JR English 11 & Under: This division is for riders 11 years of age or UNDER that ride at the walk trot canter.

SR English 12 – 17: This division is for riders aged 12 years to 17 years old that ride walk trot canter.

Adult Walk Trot: This division is for riders 18 years of age or older that ONLY walk trot and open to all seats.

Adult: This division is for riders 18 years of age or older that walk trot canter and open to all seats.

Green Horse: This division is for any age HORSE in their first or second year of showing under saddle. **NOT for green or beginner riders.** This is a walk trot division. Green horses may **NOT** enter any other division under saddle but may enter other showmanship classes for experience. Once a green horse enters a walk trot canter performance class they may not go back to green horse.

Western Youth: This division is for riders 17 years of age or under that walk trot canter.

Lead Line: This division is for riders 10 years of age or under that do not ride off of a lead line. Once a lead line rider enters a class riding alone, they may not go back to lead line.

Gymkhana Divisions:

W-T Youth: This division is for any youth rider that does not canter or lope. If the rider canters more than 3 strides they will be disqualified for that class.

Open Youth: This division is for any youth rider that does canter or lope.

Walk Trot Adult: This division is for any walk trot adult rider that does not canter or lope. If the rider canters more than 3 strides they will be disqualified for that class.

Open Adult: This division is for any adult rider that canters or lopes.