

2024 Wild 'n Wooly Rules/Definitions

*****We will Post a PRINTED copy of this AT the WnW as well as post this on the Facebook page****

Definitions - Based on the HUMAN and NOT the Horse:

1. **“Youth”** is defined as; Anyone (Human NOT horse) under the age of 17. Youth Classes will be Judged as ONE class (Youth will be lined up in their applicable age groups for easy judging), but will fall into the below age categories for ribbons. Each Age Category will get Ribbon placings accordingly.
 - A) Youth 7 and Under; This is for our Youth 7 years of age and under (including 7 year olds).
 - B) Youth 8-12; This is for our Youth ages 8-12 (including 8 and 12 year olds).
 - C) Youth 13-17; This is for our Youth ages 13-17 (including 13 and 17 year olds).
2. **“Rookie”** is defined as; Anyone (Human NOT horse) who is still new to showing. I.e: LESS than 2 Years of showing (Maximum). For the Purpose of the WnW, Rookie's are “Newbie's” still learning the ropes of how a show works, how the classes work, the Rules of the Registries and shows, etc.
 - Rookie's CAN choose to go into a Veteran class if they choose to, however, be aware, you will be up against people who have been showing much longer and have more experience in a show ring and have a deeper understanding of shows and the rules.
 - Youth CAN also choose to show in the Rookie classes, but MUST still follow the under 2 years experience rules and also must be aware they will be against people who have been showing much longer and have more experience in a show ring and have a deeper understanding of shows and the rules. They may not get a ribbon if they choose to show in the Rookie classes.
3. **“Veteran”** is defined as; Anyone (Human NOT horse) who has been showing for 3+ years or more. For the purpose of the WnW, this is someone with more knowledge of the rules and/or how shows and classes run, has been to a few shows and has seen how things run/work. We want our “Veteran” showers to help our Rookie and Youth showers LEARN at the WnW. Don't hesitate to share your Knowledge at the Wnw!
 - Veterans can NOT go into the Rookie classes. This is so we do not discourage Rookie's who do NOT want to show with people who have significantly more show knowledge than they do. This was one of the biggest complaints in the previous WnW shows.

Other “Show” Definitions:

****Pulled directly from both the AMHA and/or AMHR Rulebooks****

Spotter – Any class where a Youth (7 & younger) is competing is allowed a spotter for safety reasons. The spotter must be at least 16 years of age or older. The spotter must stand back 2 paces from the Youth and pony/horse, where they are to remain except in an emergency.

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Attendant – An “attendant” is a person who is assisting another in a class, whether it be as a rider in a cart or present in a class for safety reasons (i.e., youth/COOL classes). An attendant is not a header. Must be 16 years of age or older and appropriately attired. (AMHR)

Youth or COOL driving classes requiring an accompanying person for safety, (Adult for all Youth classes), requires that the accompanying person remain in the cart at all times until the exhibitor leaves the arena. A separate header will be required for all youth drivers with an accompanying adult. The accompanying adult will not assist the driver verbally or physically. The touching of the driver by hand will constitute assistance. The accompanying adult’s hands must remain on the seat, on the cart, or in their own lap. Any assistance will result in automatic disqualification of that entry. (AMHA)

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Youth Halter Obstacle – Attendants 16 years of age or older, may be allowed in the ring during Youth Halter Obstacle for safety purposes only. Attendants must not interfere with or influence individual’s or equine’s performance.

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Headers:

- Must be 16 years or older.
- Enter the ring when the line-up is called.
- May assist in setting up the animal.
- Stand two paces back from the horse’s head and will remain there, except in emergency, until the Judge’s card(s) are turned in.
- The header should not step back to allow the Judge in between horse and header.
- Headers are required in ALL youth driving classes.
- All youth drivers exhibiting in any non-youth driving class must have a header.

All headers should be appropriately attired (show attire or unlettered smock with suitable footwear).

- In Versatility Classes a “groom” is a header.
- A header must be physically able to restrain and assist in any emergency situation with the animal.
- Only one header is allowed per horse.
- The header must not have a whip.
- The header must stand quietly where the ring steward indicates and shall not gesture or signal to any of the drivers.
- The exhibitor is responsible for controlling the horse.

Rules From The Didsbury Ag:

****THESE RULES MUST BE ADHERED TO OR WE WON'T BE WELCOMED BACK****

1. The Didsbury Agricultural Society is not responsible for any loss, personal injury, or damage to any animal or for any article of any kind or nature that may be lost or destroyed or in any way damaged.
2. All facilities used by rental participant(s) are at their own risk.
3. **Stall Clean-up:** stalls must be cleaned out. There is a designated area to put shavings from the stalls. Fork and bucket is supplied. Stalls will be checked to determine if the deposit is returned. **(For Anyone Renting a Stall)**
4. **Facility Clean-up:** Facility(s) must be left exactly as you found them. Remove anything you brought in and put garbage in the dumpster that is on-site. Facility(s) will be checked to determine if the deposit is returned. **(The WCMHC has put down a \$500 Deposit, which we do NOT want to lose – PLEASE clean up after yourself and your Horse)**
5. You must advise us if you will be bringing any mechanical equipment (i.e. Bobcat, tractor etc.) for setting up and cleaning up your event.
6. No portable heating is permitted in the facility(s).
7. **No smoking is permitted** inside the Indoor Arena or the Stabling Barn.
8. It is the responsibility of the organization renting the facilities to obtain their own liability insurance (if required).
9. It is the responsibility of the organization to obtain a Special Event Permit from Alberta Health Services for food vendors that will be onsite. Charges for power may apply. 1-877-355-6689 specialevents@albertahealthservices.ca
10. Traffic of any kind (horse, vehicular or other) is forbidden on any crop land, or grassed areas, including the berm.
11. Truck and trailer parking is at the north ends of the Outdoor and Indoor Arenas on the gravel.
12. Report any concerns or unusual circumstances to the Didsbury Agricultural Society immediately.
13. **The Didsbury Agricultural Society has the right to refuse admission to the grounds to anyone who has a sick animal.**

14. Closed toed shoes are REQUIRED at all times while on the Didsbury Agriculture grounds. **Per Didsbury Ag**

WnW Specific Rules for 2024:

1. **Misbehaving Stallions:**

Unruly or Misbehaved stallions WILL be asked to leave/be excused from the show. Unfortunately we have had a number of complaints in the past due to the behavior of stallions and the handling of said stallions. "Unruly/Misbehaving" is defined as: disorderly, disruptive or difficult to control. ANY kind of rearing, kicking, striking out, or other excessive or obnoxious stallion behavior will be asked to leave. The Safety of people and horses at the show is our utmost priority.

2. **Youth and Stallions:**

Youth under the age of 13 will not be allowed to handle Stallions (Miniature, Shetland, or otherwise), with the exception of yearling colts. (Current AMHA standards are 12 and AMHR standards are 13 - We are going with Age 13 for the Wild N Wooly).

3. Youth Aged 13-17 May show a Senior (3 years or older) Stallion in Hunter, Halter/Driving Obstacle, Driving or Halter classes. However, they may NOT show a Stallion in Youth Halter or Youth Showmanship (for Safety of other Youth and Horses - See Rules for Youth and Stallions).

4. **Helmets:**

ALL Youth (under 17) are Required to wear a Helmet in ALL Driving Classes. Helmet harness must be secured and properly fitted.

5. **Headers:**

Youth Performance Classes (Driving, Driving Obstacle, etc): Headers are Required for ALL youth under the age of 17 years of age. Proper Footwear (closed toed shoes) is required. Headers will enter the ring when the line-up is called (by the judge/ring steward), and stand back 2 paces, where they are to remain, except in an emergency, until the judges card is turned in.

6. **Youth Classes/Judging:**

Youth Halter (Mare or Gelding or any age, shown by a youth): To be judged on breed, character, conformation, performance, quality and manners. The exhibitor is to have complete control of the horse throughout the class.

For Youth in the 7 and Under division, an attendant/spotter 16 years of age or older is permitted, but are there only for a safety factor and must stand back from the child and horse two paces.

7. **IN THE RING:**

For Safety Reasons, an unruly pony/horse, unsafe vehicle, unsafe equipment or unsafe

hitching of ponies/horses will be excused from the ring. Excessively large classes will be divided as conditions warrant. All driving ponies/horses shall show on the rail at all times except while passing. The Judge is to take this into consideration while judging and ponies/horses shown off the rail shall be penalized.

8. DRIVING SAFETY:

A) All persons involved in driving – drivers, grooms, competition officials, spectators, etc., should place safety first (ALWAYS).

B) Horses should never be left unattended while hitched to a vehicle.

C) A driver should never allow passengers to enter a vehicle until the driver is seated with reins in hand and the driver must never dismount while passengers are in the vehicle.

D) All rules of the road should be observed unless officials direct otherwise.

Youth Drivers; may choose to have an attendant in the cart with them for safety reasons. The attendant is NOT a header, and must remain in the cart at all times until the class is over. A separate header is required for all youth drivers. For the WnW, attendants CAN help verbally (like helping them understand staying on the rail, going around other drivers, etc), but the youth driver must do the driving (except in emergency/safety situations).

9. Hunter Class:

NO horses under the age of 3 shall be permitted to be in this class.

Hunters may show with braided manes and tails in the manner of their larger counterparts.

A practice jump of similar construction to the jumps on course must be provided in the warm up area at least 5 minutes prior to the first over fences class, and must remain in the warm up area for the duration of all over fences classes (It may not be removed and used as a jump on the course).

The following are NOT allowed and will be cause for Disqualification - You will be allowed to Finish the Course, but will not get a placing if any of the following happen:

NO baiting of performance horses is allowed - Hunter, Jumper, Liberty, Obstacle. Baiting in these classes is a disqualification. (AMHA)

Exhibitors are NOT permitted to go over jumps.

Whip may NOT be carried.

10. Absolutely NO Dogs in/around the Arena during the show. Dogs can be kept ON A LEASH at your vehicle/trailer, but not near or in the arena for the safety of people and horses. (with the exception of certified service animals).

11. Halter/Driving Obstacle:

Horses must be a MINIMUM of 2 years old for Halter Obstacle and a MINIMUM of 3 years old for Driving Obstacle (Per AMHA/AMHR Rules).

Entries will be evaluated on responsiveness and willingness, plus general attitude with an emphasis on manners throughout the course(s).

Unnecessary delay or Excessive time at an obstacle will be penalized.

Judge(s) will ask the exhibitor to move onto the next obstacle after a Maximum of 30 seconds or Three (3) attempts/refusals per obstacle.

Cantering in Driving Obstacles will be penalized.

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Baiting/Treats to encourage an animal to perform are NOT allowed.

Whips are NOT allowed.

Physically moving/touching your horse is NOT allowed.

Off Course/Off Pattern is NOT allowed.

Taking an obstacle in the wrong direction is NOT allowed.

Negotiating an obstacle from the wrong side is NOT allowed.

Skipping an obstacle unless directed by the judge is NOT allowed.

Negotiating obstacles in the wrong sequence is NOT allowed.