

Cambridge Saddle Club (CSC) Horse Show Policies & Exhibitors Guide

Welcome to the Cambridge Saddle Club. Our Mission is to provide a Horse Show Experience that: Fosters a welcoming atmosphere; Promotes good sportsmanship; friendly competition and maintains an environment and facility that is safe and pleasant to visit. We look forward to your participation!

It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to be familiar and follow the policies set forth.

1. All NYS Horses must be accompanied by a current (last 12 months) Proof of Rabies, and Horses over 6 months a 2020 or 2021 Negative EIA (Coggins). All out of state horses must be accompanied by a current (last 12 months) Rabies and a Negative EIA (Coggins) from no more than 12 months preceding the event and a valid Certificate of Health. NOTE: CSC follows NY State Ag and Markets Animal Health Requirements for NY State & County Fairs. To be accepted, all EIA (Coggins) Test papers (whether from NYS or Out of State) must have a "negative" designation, the date the test was administered, complete description or picture of the horse and the veterinarian's Signature on Statement. A current Rabies certificate is required. Proof of rabies vaccination must include the date vaccination was given, the name of the product used and a veterinarian's Signature on Statement. Note: a separate signature is required for rabies if the vaccination information is contained on the EIA (Coggins) Test Certificate. You must have present with you, on the day of show documentation for the minimum information indicated by Ag and Markets for any horse on the CSC Grounds (*see www.agriculture.ny.gov for requirements*). It is the SOLE responsibility of anyone transporting an equine on CSC grounds to be in adherence to NYS Ag & Market requirements and to be in possession of required documents. Any horse that exhibits signs of contagious conditions will be asked to leave the CSC grounds immediately, at the discretion of the Show Manager/s..
2. American Quarter Horse (AQHA) rules will be used as a basis for the operation of our shows for our English and Western classes. CSC rules may be modified from AQHA as may be determined by the Show Manager or where applicable, that event's respective judge. The Show Manager/s will have the final decision, and where applicable, at the judge's discretion.
3. Age divisions for Exhibitors and information on Awards: Please refer to CSC Division and Class Description form. Age divisions are based on ages as of January 1st of the current year. Lead line exhibitors are 6 years and under and cannot participate in any other classes.
4. The Show Managers reserve the right to divide, combine or cancel any class at their discretion and if less than 3 entered in a class, that class may either be combined or cancelled.
5. No horse may be entered twice in the same class in the same age division. No horse and rider combination participating in W/T/J classes may enter any class requiring a canter/lope, nor canter/lope on grounds the day of the show (except for those who may show in the W/T/J with Individual Canter class may canter in those classes only).
6. Western and English Trail can be done by all exhibitors in those respective classes on a first come first serve basis. When reporting to trail course exhibitors are to provide their number /class/division to the judge and ring/steward and are *responsible for communicating correct information to them (i.e., Adult W/T/J, Beginner, Western Adult, etc.)*. Trail classes to open after halter and showmanship and closes posted time unless altered by show manager. It is exhibitor's responsibility to complete trail class during open intervals. Trail area is NOT open for practice prior to classes.
7. Showmanship Classes: Western Shown in halter, English shown in bridle or halter.
8. For insurance reasons, ALL participants MUST sign a release form. In case of a minor the forms MUST be signed by a PARENT or LEGAL GUARDIAN. You MUST have your horse entered, the release form signed, and your exhibitor number displayed before lunging, riding, or entering a ring including warm-up. If you are not a competitor and are only warming up a horse or lunging etc. You must go to the stand and get a number and sign a release form before doing so - there is no fee for this. *Warmup/practice, lunging, must use the West ring (available all day) or main ring (prior to start of show and during lunch break).* All horses should not go faster than a walk when not in a ring or designated practice area.
9. Any horse that is subject to kick, SHALL have a red ribbon placed in their tail.
10. All riders in all divisions, under 18 years or age, whenever mounted, SHALL wear helmets meeting NYS Law requirements (ASTM/SEI standards, properly fastened).

11. ALL participants must wear proper attire for their classes unless otherwise excused by Judge. Chaps are NOT allowed in Showmanship but are optional in other western.
12. Judge's decisions on placement of class, proper and/or safe equipment, riders/horses within in event are final. Please do not approach/question the judges without first approaching the show manger and receiving approval.
13. No martingales, tie-downs, mechanical hackamores, dropped nosebands, draw reins, etc. allowed in competition. See AQHA (www.AQHA.com) for requirements for tack, including bits, bridles, bosals, age of horses to be shown two-handed in western etc. Any questions regarding tack not discerned from the AQHA rules should be addressed to the show manager in advance of a show or class. Where questions may arise regarding tack/equipment, the show manager's decision, and/or that of the judge/s, as may be applicable, is final.
14. Drugging, altering, or misrepresenting horses is not permitted, AQHA rules will be applied.
15. Judges may excuse any horse they believe to be unsound, have final discretion regarding any equipment they determine to unacceptable/non-compliant for an event, or excuse from the ring any rider/horse they deem to be unsafe or unsportsmanlike. It is strongly suggested that should you be exhibiting a horse that could potentially be mistaken for having an unsoundness that you have a statement form a veterinarian indicating the horse's condition and physical abilities.
16. Stallions are to be handled and shown by ADULTS only.
17. Exhibitors participating in breed associations for show points should check with their associations for approval to include CSC Shows. See show management to sign off and/or provide show results needed for documentation of your performance.
18. Bathroom facilities (Portable with hand sanitation) are on the grounds. Water spigots are adjacent to large 70ft from the main ring entrance, and in front of the Club House. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning around their trailers prior to leaving the grounds. Loose hay should be picked up and trash placed in barrels and manure placed in hedge rows on perimeter of the grounds. (*Do NOT dispose of loose hay/manure on train tracks or next to brushy areas around grounds*).
19. If parking cars and trailers, please yield to marked off areas on the grounds such as the trail course area, club house/concession area, West Ring, etc. Dogs are to be always leashed when out of vehicle and require current Rabies.
20. Please respect signage on the grounds for parking and pedestrian access, such as barriers denoting the trail course, concession area, club house, west ring, etc., *Please refrain from bringing/consuming alcoholic beverages on the CSC grounds.*
21. CSC encourages good sportsmanship of riders AND spectators. Courtesy within and at ringside is expected. Spectators are asked to please be cautious to avoid leaning over and through the show and practice ring rails when horses are in the ring. Unsportsmanlike conduct, between and towards exhibitors, spectators, CSC staff and toward animals, within the ring and outside the ring will NOT be tolerated and violators shall be asked to leave the grounds. In the case that anyone feels a breach of rules or safety in any activity contrary to maintaining a safe, fair and to the extent reasonably possible, friendly, or fun experience for all is in occurrence, this should be brought to the attention of the Show Manager for that event as soon as possible. The Show Manager's decision in such cases, and if applicable, judge's decision, are final.
22. Failure to adhere to CSC Show Policies may result in disqualification of exhibitor and/or horse, and/or exhibitor and/or spectator being excused from the day's event and grounds. CSC Show Policies are intended for the safety and enjoyment of our exhibitors, their equines, and spectators. For information on individual shows, class lists, judges, show manager contact, see website at: www.cambridgesaddleclub or join CSC on Facebook at Cambridge Saddle Club.
23. **CSC will adhere to the most recent NYS and Washington County Guidance on COVID 19 – information will be provided on the website and on premises and MUST be adhered to or you will be denied access and/or asked to leave grounds for safety of all.**