



## Short Circuit Horse Show Association General Rules – 2011

1. Exhibitors at Short Circuit shows shall be responsible for complying with all Short Circuit Horse Show Association (SCHSA) rules. Improper, unethical, dishonest, rude, unsportsmanlike and/or intemperate conduct will not be tolerated, nor will conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the show and/or the SCHSA. The show committee and/or the Short Circuit Committee reserves the right to bar any exhibitor or trainer from the grounds of member shows and from the grounds of future SCHSA shows for any infraction of these rules. Ignorance of these Rules and Regulations is not an excuse.
2. ***In order for points to be recorded towards year-end awards, one must be a member of the SCHSA.*** Individual membership is \$25 per year for individual junior or senior members or \$35 per year for a family. **POINTS ARE NOT RETROACTIVE.**
3. Junior riders must not have reached their 18th birthday as of December 1, 2010. A birth certificate **MUST** be produced if the age of the rider is questioned in any division where age is a specification for eligibility. For all classes that have a maximum age, 'as of December 1, 2010' will be the guiding date.
4. All shows must be a VHSA Associate Show and comply with VHSA rules.
5. ASTM/SEI approved helmets are required for all riders and must be worn at all times **while they are mounted**. Management reserves the right to do what it deems necessary to ensure safe schooling.
6. ***For Short Circuit results, points awarded for six ribbons per class are: 10, 6, 4, 2, 1 and 0.5. (Note: this aligns with the points reported to VHSA in 2011).***
7. Negative Coggins test required within one year of date of show. A current negative Coggins must be presented to the secretary at each show. It is helpful to give the show a copy. Persons not in compliance with the state law will be refused entry.
8. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor, the owner, the coach and/or trainer to enter animals and exhibitors only in divisions in which they are eligible. Any animal exhibited is subject to a height protest. If another exhibitor protests your animal, a licensed veterinarian or steward prior to the next Short Circuit show must measure your animal at a mutually convenient time and place. The owner, the protestor, and a representative of the SCHSA must be present at the time of the measurement in order for the animal to be eligible for future SCHSA competitions. The Protest must be made in writing by a member of the SCHSA showing in the same class as the animal in question, on the same date as the horse show, to a member of the SCHSA Committee, together with a \$50 non-refundable fee.
9. Hunter classes to be judged on performance, manners, way of going, style of jumping, suitability and soundness.
10. Exhibitors in the Virginia Pony Breeders Association division must comply with all current VPBA rules for points to count. The pony must be registered with the VPBA, shown under its registered name and in the name of its last recorded owner who must be a member of the VPBA. VPBA ponies are to be ridden by junior exhibitors. ***The VPBA is to be run as a separate division. Any ineligible entry will be removed from the standings.***
11. The show management may combine classes or divisions as necessary when ***4 or less*** exhibitors show. Management also may split classes or divisions as appropriate. Every Short Circuit division or class will be run with a least one entry - your points won't count for VHSA if less than three entries.
12. The member shows, show officials and staff, and/or the SCHSA will not be responsible for accident, loss, or injuries which may occur to any exhibitor, spectator, rider, guest, groom, attendant, or other employee, animal or equipment at the show. Any equine activity, sponsor or equine professional is not liable for any injury to, or death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.
13. SCHSA shows are designed for hunter seat riding on horses and ponies by Juniors and Adults. Proper attire and tack equipment is expected at all times, with the exception of removal of jackets at the discretion of the judge; per VHSA rules.
14. Trainer's/coach's name must be on each entry blank at the shows and each member/exhibitor must list the trainer for their ponies and horses on their Short Circuit Membership Form prior to them receiving credit towards the year-end trainer/coach award. Trainers need to be members of SCHSA to accumulate points.