



Short Circuit Horse Show Association 2011 Rules for Show Managers

IT IS STRONGLY SUGGESTED THAT YOU SEND YOUR JUDGE A COPY OF THIS MEMO AS WELL AS THE DIVISION SPECIFICATIONS PRIOR TO YOUR SHOW DATE SO THAT THEY ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE SHORT CIRCUIT

Dues

Dues are \$25 per date on our calendar and are due and payable at the Show Managers' meeting when your date is assigned. Make checks payable to Short Circuit Horse Show Association, c/o Cynthia Hair, PO Box 3303, Warrenton, VA 20188.

Date

Dates are assigned at the Show Managers' meeting. Your date and show name, contact and phone number will be printed on the Short Circuit Horse Show Calendar.

Entities holding a Short Circuit Show agree to hold only one horse show (the Short Circuit Show) on that date. Duplicate divisions are not to be held on Short Circuit show dates.

Judges

Judges must be a current member of the VHSA. We prefer current licensed "R" or "r" judges, current trainers or someone who is an active member of the horse industry, currently showing horses and ponies. **Submit the name or names to the Short Circuit Executive Committee for approval.** If you have trouble selecting or locating a judge, please call and we will be happy to assist you. **Important Note:** A separate Judges card is required for Best Child Rider.

ALL SHORT CIRCUIT SHOWS TO BE VHSA ASSOCIATE SHOWS and comply with all their rules/regulations.

Prize lists must:

- A. Use current rules, division specifications and Short Circuit points (10, 6, 4, 2, 1, 0.5)
- B. Include all current Short Circuit Divisions
- C. List upcoming Short Circuit shows, dates, locations and telephone numbers of the manager
- D. Be circulated around at local tack and feed stores
- E. Be placed at a show prior to a scheduled one if possible
- F. Be mailed out First Class Mail 3 to 4 weeks before show date to last year's exhibitors and current members (US Postal Service Bulk Mail is VERY unreliable)
- G. Show manager will mail a copy of the prize list with the rules and specifications to the Judge before the show so he/she is familiar with Short Circuit policies, classes, rules, etc.
- H. Show manager shall allow open schooling. If it is not allowed then have it noted on the prize list! Last 10 to 15 minutes of schooling should be allowed for beginner riders only.

Point System

For Short Circuit results, points awarded for six ribbons per class are: 10, 6, 4, 2, 1, 0.5, and must be used for calculating all class results and championships at the Short Circuit show (note: this aligns with VHSA 2011 points reporting). **Important Note:** When reporting points, please note the name of the rider who rode in each class. This is especially important when there is a change of rider within the division.

Snow Secretary

- A. Should be familiar with Short Circuit rules, divisions, and specifications so exhibitors will not enter classes for which they are ineligible. **SHORT CIRCUIT RULES ARE TO BE POSTED AT THE SECRETARY'S STAND ON DAY OF SHOW.**
- B. If Divisions are combined, specify which division each horse/pony/rider's points should go towards; specify Child/Adult and size of pony.
- C. **Results must be reported on the Short Circuit provided point sheets. Using the VHSA approved sheets is also acceptable for the VHSA divisions/ classes.**
- D. Forward results and list of new members who signed up at your show to the Short Circuit **no more than two weeks after the show date** using one of the following options. NOTE: Please also send the judge's selection for Best Child Rider with the points.

Via email	Via fax	Via snail mail
Email results to: secretary@horseshowbiz	Fax to: 703.834.5650	Glorianne Langan 1686 Oaktree Court Reston, VA 20194

- E. Results of each class placing through 6th place need to be sent along with the name of Pony/Horse, Owner and rider during that class. Short Circuit awards points for places one through six.
- F. Results should be sent to the local newspaper (Fauquier Times-Democrat / Loudoun Times etc).
- G. Keep your show results through the end of the season.

Combining and Cancellation of Classes

- A. Show manager, ringmaster, or judge should determine when to split classes for the safety of the exhibitors. The age and level of ability should be a factor as well as the size of the ring for the number of exhibitors, **SAFETY IS OUR TOP PRIORITY.**
- B. If there are 4 or fewer entries in either Small/Medium or Large Pony, these classes should be combined
- C. If there are 4 or fewer entries in either Children's or Adult, these classes should be combined

Entry Blanks

- A. Age of Junior rider on entry blank
- B. VPBA registration #, recorded owner, and pony's registered name **MUST** be on entry
- C. Exhibitor's complete name, address, zip code and phone numbers (with area code)
- D. Exhibitor or agent must sign entry blank saying that they understand and agree to abide by current Short Circuit Rules
- E. Height of pony
- F. Name of Trainer
- G. Coggins must be reviewed by the show secretary and marked with date blood was drawn and accession number and be current within the past year per VHSA rules.

Short Circuit Membership Applications

- A. Make Short Circuit Membership Applications available where riders sign-up for classes.
- B. Forward Short Circuit Membership Applications with payment to:
Cynthia Hair
PO Box 3303
Warrenton, VA 20188

Age of Junior Exhibitors

- A. Junior Exhibitors must not have reached their 18th birthday as of December 1, 2010.

Facilities

All show facilities must have adequate clean water for horses to drink.

Show must have clean restrooms or porta-johns adequate to serve all exhibitors and spectators.

Shows must have a properly instructed adult to manage the show ring for the duration of the show. All shows must provide staff adequate for smooth operations. This includes knowledgeable secretaries, jump crew, announcers and/or in-gate starters.

An adequate PA sound system shall be used and judges must be provided with walkie-talkies or runners to communicate with the announcer and show manager.

It is strongly recommended that each show provide a food concession stand, which will begin operations by the start of the show and close down no earlier than one half hour prior to the end of the show. If no food concession is to be present, it must be clearly stipulated on the prize list so exhibitors can make adequate alternate arrangements to provide food and drink.

Attire

- A. Shows are designed for hunter seat riding on horses and ponies by juniors and adults. Proper attire is expected at all times with the exception of the removal of jackets at the discretion of the Judge
- B. ASTM/SEI Helmets with safety harness fastened are to be worn at all times while mounted.

Course Preparation

Short Circuit shows offer hunter and hunter equitation classes. It is expected that all affiliated shows will offer courses that are appropriate for hunter competition. Affiliated shows shall provide a safely fenced main show ring with a minimum size of 100 feet by 200 feet. (Leadline, Pre-short stirrup, and Beginner Equitation classes may be held in smaller enclosures).

Jumps must be natural or solid colors. **No striped jumper rails will be permitted.**

Jump cups must be appropriate for hunter fences. No shallow jumper cups will be allowed. Gates and panels should be set on flat cups.

Distances must be properly measured. Lines where the heights of jumps vary, and horse and ponies compete together, shall be no less than 60 feet.

All hunter divisions must have verticals and oxers in accordance with accepted standards. Classes with jumps set at three feet or higher shall have at least two oxers. All oxers must be set rising, with the back element three inches higher than the front element. Ground lines, utilizing rails, boxes or brush, shall be used. Jumps in hunter divisions must be at least ten feet wide and feature wing-type standards of 18-24 inches width. (The USEF calls for 24 inches).

Note: According to National and International rules, jumps with a distance of 39.5 feet or less are considered combinations. This means they must be measured and re-set depending on whether ponies or horses are jumping. **(A two-stride line is an in-and-out).**

An adequate schooling and warm-up area is essential. At least two schooling jumps shall be provided. These must include enough rails to build jumps equal to the maximum heights offered in each division.

If you have any questions, please call one of these committee members:

Wendy Gaines 540-272-0469 Cynthia Hair 540-347-7897 Richard Isner 703-819-0765
Glorianne Langan 703-834-1218 Gegi Winslett 540-972-1342

For further information on the Short Circuit, see our website at www.horseshows.biz/

Examples of Division Guidelines

Virginia Pony Breeders Association

For points to count:

- A. Owner of pony (per registration papers) must be current member of VPBA
- B. If leased, the lessee must be a member
- C. Pony must be registered with VPBA and exhibited under its registered name in the name of its last recorded owner
- D. Rider must be a junior exhibitor.

Leadline

- A. Exhibitors are only to be led at a WALK and on the **Leadline AT ALL TIMES**
- B. 3 classes: 1-100% Rider's Equitation 2-100% Pony Manners/Suitability 3-50% Equit. 50% Pony
- C. May be asked to halt, jump position at the halt, drop and pickup reins, drop and pickup stirrups, move pony forward, turn pony to right or left.
- D. It is encouraged that there be ribbons for all participants.

Pre-Short Stirrup Equitation - Are Not Eligible to Compete in any other Division

- A. Split classes when necessary, keep class spread out and on the rail
- B. Clear ring or rail side of jumps (depending on size of ring) to allow room
- C. Ask Exhibitors to do jump position only at the WALK, not the trot.
- D. Safety and suitability should be stressed to judge in this division at all times.
- E. **Correctly attached anti-grazing reins are acceptable for this division only**

Beginner Equitation - Are Eligible to Compete in the Pleasure Division

- A. May trot or canter in over fences (18")
- B. Jumping phase should be four fences around the outside of the ring.
- C. In the case of a hack off, a jump position at the trot, sitting trot, and/or halt may be requested by the judge.

Young Entry Equitation

- A. In jumping classes, there will be at least 6 fences with a change of direction requiring lead changes.
- B. Both courses must be cantered with no stride break.
- C. Fences are to be simple hunter type, not to exceed 2 feet.
- D. Exhibitors are eligible to enter in the Pleasure, VPBA and Small/Medium Divisions @ 2 feet.

A. Pleasure Pony/Horse

Division consists of 3 classes: 1-walk and trot 2-walk and go as you please (same gait each way of the ring) 3-walk, trot, and canter.

Best Child Rider

A separate Judges card is required for Best Child Rider. The Best Child Rider is a year-end award given to the junior whom, in the opinion of the judges, is the most accomplished child rider showing in one or more performance divisions. Entries in the Leadline, Pre-Short Stirrup, Short Stirrup, Beginner Equitation, Young Entry, and Student Equitation are not eligible. Wearing an armband during their classe(s) will identify interested junior riders. At each show, the judge will be asked to identify the rider who best exemplifies those characteristics required for outstanding horsemanship and/or equitation. The name (number) of the rider will be given to the show manager only. Results will be kept secret and tallied for the year-end award.