

Oregon Family Equestrian Association Rulebook



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For further details, consult the USEF Rulebook.

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**RULEBOOK OF
OREGON FAMILY EQUESTRIAN ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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INTRODUCTION

Oregon Family Equestrian Association (OFEA) is a statewide organization which is an alternative to breed associations. It is our objective to hold and authorize performance horse and educational events that are consistent and fair to competitors while at the same time are friendly and relaxed.

PURPOSE: To join families and their horses together, to encourage friendly competition and meet other people with similar interests. We are here to have fun with horses and promote them in a positive and enjoyable manner. In short, it is our goal to hold family-oriented outings for fun!

SECTION 100.00 YEAR END AWARDS PROGRAM – AS SET FORTH IN THE BYLAWS

100.10 CLASSES

There shall be no members of this corporation.

Participants may elect to join the Awards Programs. Points from OFEA Shows and/or approved OFEA shows and OFEA sponsored activities are accumulated for competition in year-end points.

To participate in the Awards Program an application needs to be completed along with a participation fee.

Awards Program Categories	2024 Fees
Individual 17 & under	\$15.00
Individual 18 & over	\$20.00

SEE BYLAWS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND PROCESS.

SECTION 200.00 SHOW APPROVAL PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS

200.10 APPROVAL PROCESS

Show applications (including judge selection), application fee, and final show flyer must be submitted to the OFEA Show Secretary at least 45 days prior to the desired date of the show. Preliminary approval may be obtained by telephone or email – to be confirmed with a written application form with the appropriate fee and show flyer to be received within two weeks. (See Section 500.00)

Show management is restricted to no more than 6 Open Division or Schooling Division **show dates** each show season (February 1st through November 15th). A maximum of three of the dates may be multiple judged shows. If a show is multiple judged, each judge's placing must be announced, and suitable awards should be given for each judge's placing. Combined Open and Schooling Division shows are not permitted. Points earned by exhibitors in walk/trot classes in Open Division shows will count toward year-end points in the appropriate Open Division category.

Judges for OFEA approved open shows will be only those on OFEA approved judges list unless prior approval is obtained from the OFEA Judges Committee. (See Section 300.00). Show management shall not be eligible to judge a show that is hosted by said judge. The Judges Committee may approve one or more weekly (back-to-back) shows judging's by an individual, if the distance between the show locations is at least 50 miles.

OFEA code of conduct prevails for all judges, exhibitors, and show personnel (see Section 300.50)

There is no limit to the number of approved shows held on the same date. Every effort will be made by OFEA to inform all shows affected when other shows request the same date. The Secretary will forward to the applicant an approval packet that shall include a copy of the OFEA Rules, suggested class sheet form, and additional information that may be helpful to the show management. On the show flyer, it must state that OFEA Rules prevail. Packet will also include a liability disclaimer paragraph that must be used on show entry forms similar to the following:

***Participation Agreement, Notice Release, and Acknowledgement of Risk:** I accept and clearly understand that riding a horse can be hazardous, especially in an equestrian event; that there are inherent and other risks involved in riding a horse; and that injuries are a common and ordinary occurrence. I freely accept and assume those risks. I therefore release Oregon Family Equestrian Activities, Inc. (OFEA), its members and show grounds' owners and all of their agents and employees, from any and all liability for damage and injury to myself, my horse, or to any person or property resulting from my riding a horse in this equestrian event, accepting myself the full responsibility for any and all such damage or injury of any kind which may result. I agree to fully indemnify, defend, and hold OFEA, show grounds' owners and all of their agents and employees, harmless from any and all claims, actions, liability, or costs including attorney fees and other costs of defense, arising out of or in any way related to my riding a horse in this equestrian event. The limitations on liability provided in ORS 30.691 shall apply to an adult participant in the circumstances listed in subsection (1)(b) of this section if the participant, prior to riding, training, driving, grooming or riding as a passenger upon an equine, knowingly executes a release stating that as a condition of participation, the participant waives the right to bring an action against the equine professional or equine activity sponsor for an injury or death arising out of riding, training, driving, grooming or riding as a passenger upon the equine. A release so executed shall be binding upon the adult participant.*

200.20 SHOW STEWARDS

OFEA does not have an official steward program. However, whenever possible, an OFEA appointee, may be present at an approved show to act in the capacity of Show Steward. The appointee is entitled to a \$25.00 payment or mileage reimbursement, if requested. If the appointee, is not present at an approved show, OFEA requires that a member of show management be familiar with OFEA rules and serve as a Show Steward at the show. Show management shall research questions that arise that the Judge cannot answer. The rulings of the Judge shall prevail, however, the show management, or any participant, may request clarification by a letter to the OFEA Secretary.

SECTION 300.00 JUDGES QUALIFICATIONS AND AUTHORITY

It is the desire of OFEA that we maintain simplicity and a low-key approach to our horse show competition. However, it is also important that our events be judged in a consistent and fair manner and that the OFEA rules are administered properly.

Accordingly, OFEA has approved the following criteria for Judges' qualifications for open shows (show management may use any qualified Judge or official(s) they choose for schooling shows).

All judges must be members in good standing with OFEA, have a current rulebook on hand at all shows, and complete the annual renewal program and /or apprentice program. Judges must dress in appropriate and professional attire. Cell phone use, smoking, and drug/alcohol use are prohibited while officiating.

Each judge is to judge each class in union with OFEA rules and specifications of that class as outlined in OFEA, USEF, and/or breed rulebooks.

Each judge must place classes 1st through 5th place (or more places if show requires) with a reserve. In the event of a disqualification, reserve will move up to 5th place and all others accordingly.

300.10 OFEA JUDGES

OFEA judges must be at least 19 years of age, with an updated rulebook and have paid a \$25 processing fee.

All OFEA carded judges must attend a judge's clinic every two years and must provide proof of participation.

300.20 GUEST CARD

A guest card may be issued to any person who carries another horse judge's license (i.e. OHA, USEF, 4-H, or breed carded judge) upon approval of the OFEA Judges Coordinator. A guest carded judge may only judge one OFEA approved show per calendar year.

The OFEA Judges Coordinator may also issue a guest card to any person who does not qualify to act as an OFEA licensed judge provided the person presents adequate information relative to experience and qualifications that satisfy the committee that OFEA standards will be maintained, and that the person has adequate experience as a horse show judge.

Each person applying for a guest card will be reviewed by the OFEA Judges Coordinator according to background and qualifications. There will be a \$10 fee per show for guest judges.

Each guest-carded judge must obtain a copy of the OFEA rulebook prior to the show.

300.30 APPRENTICE PROGRAM

Any person who is at least 19 years of age and is interested in becoming an OFEA judge and who does not qualify under Paragraphs 300.10, 300.20, and 300.30 may apply to the OFEA Judges

Coordinator as an apprentice. The Coordinator shall have the responsibility and authority for approving judges under the apprentice program.

Apprentice judges can obtain an application by contacting the OFEA Judges Coordinator . A \$5 non-refundable application fee shall apply. Once licensed, the \$5 will be applied towards the apprentice judge's first year judges' card fee.

Minimum requirements shall include a satisfactory score on a test (information and rules) and apprentice at two OFEA approved open shows under any OFEA senior judge.

Apprentice judges shall have two years to complete their apprenticeship.

300.40 JUDGE'S AUTHORITY

The Judge at a horse show shall have the final authority for all matters pertaining to the judging and rating of competition, eligibility for participation in a particular class based on tack and dress, type of horse, and other issues relative to conduct within a class.

Show management shall have final authority relative to issues such as gate holds, payment process, classes to be combined, deleted, or added, and other matters not specific to in-ring performance.

Either the Judge or show management may stop a class if he or she observes an unsafe condition.

Either the Judge or show management may disqualify a competitor in matters of unsportsmanlike conduct, practices that involve inhumane treatment of a horse; and/or any action on the part of a competitor that is disruptive or unsafe.

The Judge may define at any shows the level of conversation that is permitted between the Judge and competitors or observers including timing and extent of such conversation. Judge shall be responsive to show management requests for expediting for flow of classes.

300.50 JUDGE'S ETHICS AND CONDUCT

It is the responsibility of the judge to demonstrate professionalism and knowledge of equines. Politeness and courtesy must be demonstrated throughout the show. It is important to know the OFEA rules and to judge accordingly. Judges should be prepared to answer any possible show-related questions and/or know where to refer for answers. Judges should be familiar with the classes offered on the show flyer class listing prior to the show. Any comments to exhibitors, show management and staff, and spectators should be made in a positive, courteous manner.

Good judging depends on the correct observation and selection of the fine points of the best equine and/or exhibitor for that particular class. A judge should honestly, fairly, impartially judge each equine/exhibitor being shown to them. A judge serves three interests: his own, the exhibitors, and the spectators, and should make it clear that the best equine/exhibitor wins.

A judge may not be an owner of any equine being shown to them, nor judge any exhibitor that has taken lessons from them within 90 days of the show date. A judge may not judge any horse that has been sold or trained and/or boarded by said judge within 90 days of show date, excluding clinics.

An OFEA judge will represent OFEA in a professional manner at all times both in and out of the arena. A judge may be terminated by the Board of Directors if it found that their activities/actions, including social media, are embarrassing to OFEA, do not promote the welfare of OFEA, causes dissension with OFEA or is otherwise contrary to the purposes of OFEA.

SEE BYLAWS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND PROCESS.

SECTION 400.00 POINT SYSTEM FOR OFEA YEAR END AWARDS

The following point system applies to OFEA year-end awards *only*. Show management may choose whatever point system they desire for any particular show.

400.10 GENERAL

*DEFINITION OF "YEAR": OFEA will offer awards at year-end as described in this section.

The award year shall be February 1st through November 15th. Under certain circumstances, board approval could happen if a schooling show is within 7 days beginning or ending of the OFEA Year.

*POINT ACCUMULATION: For all pleasure classes, points will be accumulated on the basis of the horse/rider combination regardless of ownership of the horse. Showmanship and equitation points will be accumulated on the exhibitor, regardless of the horse shown. Halter points will be accumulated on the horse only, regardless of owner or handler.

*ELIGIBILITY: As individual must have applied to participate in the Awards Program for the current year to earn points in any particular show. Points will NOT be awarded for participation in shows that occur prior to the date of payment.

In the Open Show Point Division, an individual must compete as a paid entry in at least *two OFEA open shows* during the year in order for points to count towards year-end awards. Participation may be on different horses. However, the "Horse and Rider" rule prevails with regard to point accumulation with the exception of Showmanship and Equitation categories.

In the Schooling Division, an individual must compete as a paid entry in at least *two OFEA schooling shows* during the year for points to count towards year-end awards. Participation may be on different horses. However, the "Horse and Rider" rule prevails with regard to point accumulation. Showmanship and Equitation points will be accumulated on rider only regardless of horse ridden.

400.20 AWARD CATEGORY GENERAL RULES

Exhibitors must declare their intent and pay the required fee to participate in the Awards Program. To qualify for any OFEA year-end award, participants are required to volunteer at least three hours at an OFEA sponsored activity, e.g., OFEA run shows, exhibit booths or tables, the

year-end banquet, or other qualifying OFEA activities as determined by the OFEA Board of Directors. In lieu of volunteering, exhibitors may contribute \$25/hour to the Club or contribute an item or service equal to that amount to the Annual Awards Banquet Auction.

Awards will be giving to the following age groups:

10 & Under Walk/Trot* 13 & Under 14-17 18-38 39 & Over

Age of rider shall be determined as of January 1st of the particular year.

**No cross entry into any canter classes in schooling, gaming, trail, and open shows or to the Lead line class. Once a 10 & Under competitor chooses to enter a canter class, their status will become a 13 & Under competitor, and all points earned for the current show year as a 10 & Under competitor will be forfeited.*

The 10 & Under Age Division includes: 10 & Under Showmanship, 10 & Under Walk/Trot English Equitation, 10 & Under Walk/Trot English Pleasure, 10 & Under Walk/Trot Western Equitation, 10 & Under Walk/Trot Western Pleasure, and any walk-trot classes. Walk/Trot open classes that are not age division will be posted to the participant's 10 & Under points. This is for 10 & Under only.

400.30 YEAR END POINT CATEGORY DIVISIONS AND POINT ACCUMULATION

Open Show Division year end point categories and point accumulation are as follows:

Point Category	Accumulation of Points – Open Shows
Showmanship – Age Division	All showmanship – both age division and open showmanship classes regardless of horse shown
English Equitation – Age Division*	All English Equitation – both age division and open equitation classes regardless of horse shown
Western Equitation – Age Division*	All Western Equitation – both age division and open equitation classes regardless of horse shown
English Pleasure – Age Division*	Only age division English Pleasure classes – same horse/rider combination
Western Pleasure – Age Division*	Only age division Western Pleasure classes – same horse/rider combination
English Pleasure – Junior/Senior Horse	Only English Junior/Senior Horse
Western Pleasure – Junior/Senior Horse	Only Western Junior/Senior Horse
All Around English Pleasure Horse – Open	All Open English Pleasure classes including, but not limited to Stock/Saddle Type, Colored/Solid Colored Horse, and Open Pleasure, as well as all points accumulated in the English Pleasure Age Division, English Pleasure, and Junior/Senior Horse classes

All Around Western Pleasure Horse – Open	All Open Western Pleasure classes including, but not limited to Stock/Saddle Type, Colored/Solid Colored Horse, and Open Pleasure, as well as all points accumulated in the Western Pleasure Age Division, Western Pleasure, and Junior/Senior Horse classes
Leadline	All Leadline 7 & Under Classes – no cross entry allowed in any other riding classes in Open and Schooling Division
Halter Stallions	All open halter classes
Halter Geldings	All open halter classes
Halters Mares	All open halter classes

*10 & Under Walk/Trot Age Division allows no cross entry into any canter class in Schooling, Gaming, Trail, and Open Division or to the Leadline class – See 400.20.

*No cross entry into any age division (13 & Under) under show management does not offer any other walk-trot class. 10 & Under exhibitors competing may not compete in any canter or loping classes. They may enter in the following classes: 10 & Under Showmanship, 10 & Under Walk-Trot English, 10 & Under Walk-Trot Western, Walk-Trot Open or 10 & Under Trail. Walk-Trot Open classes that are not age division will be posted to the participant's 10 & under points. This is for 10 & Under only. If a competitor wants to enter into the 13 & Under age category, all 10 & Under classes will be forfeited.

Schooling Show Division year-end award categories are as follows:

English	Western
Schooling, Walk-Trot, 10 & Under	Schooling, Walk-Trot, 10 & Under
Schooling 13 & Under	Schooling 13 & Under
Schooling 14-17	Schooling 14-17
Schooling 18-38	Schooling 18-38
Schooling 39 & Over	Schooling 39 & Over

Other Year End award categories are as follows and go from January 1st through December 31st:

Western Versatility	Earned points in any Western Dressage, Western Riding, Reining, Pleasure Driving, Obstacle Driving, Reinsmanship, Mounted and In-Hand Show Trail in Western attire and Mountain and Extreme Trail in Western attire with the same rider/horse combination.
English Versatility	Earned points in any Hunt Seat Over Fences, Hunter Hack, Dressage, Cross Country, Show Jumping, Pleasure Driving, Obstacle Driving,

	Reinsmanship, Mounted Trail or In-Hand Trail shown in English attire and Mountain and Extreme Trail classes shown in English attire with the same rider/horse combination.
Gaming Versatility	Earned points in any Gaming Show/Playday that has at least three of the following events: Flags, Barrels, Pole Bending, Figure 8, Key Hole, Single Stake Race, Bi-Rangle
Trail Logged Hours	All trail hours logged January 1 through December 31
Service Award	Volunteering or donation of funds to any therapeutic riding center or horse rescue organization; fostering an abuse or neglected horse; adopting an abused or neglected horse

SPONSORED AWARDS: Privately sponsored awards will be accepted providing they are submitted by February 1st of each show year and paid in full yearly.

400.31 DEFINITIONS OF AWARDS

Equitation awards are classes that are judged on the rider and their ability to show their horse.

Pleasure awards are classes that are judged on the horse (to include performance and conformation).

Showmanship awards are judged on the exhibitor's ability to show the horse at halter (conformation is not to be considered).

Halter awards are classes judged on the horse's conformation.

Gaming Division Award will be awarded to the top 5 exhibitors with the most points from any gaming show that has at least three of the following events: Flags, Barrels, Pole Bending, Figure 8, Keyhole, Key Race, Single Stake Race, Bi-Rangle. Points will be submitted by the exhibitor on the Gaming Division Form and signed by show management. All points must be emailed/postmarked to OFEA on or before January 5th following the end of prior point year.

Trail Logged Hours award will be awarded to the exhibitor with the most logged trail riding/driving hours (in formal basis). Riders/Drivers will log their trail riding time. Open to any participant in the Awards Program. Hours must be on the trail – ring or arena riding/driving does not count. Ponying another horse does not count towards trail logged hours. Trail logged hours must be on the open trail, not in an arena or clinic setting. All trail logged hours must be emailed/postmarked to OFEA on or before January 5th following the end of prior point year.

Western Versatility Horse Award will be awarded to the exhibitor with the most earned points in Western Dressage, Western Riding, Pleasure/Obstacle Driving, Reining, Mounted and In-Hand

Show Trail (shown in Western attire) and Mountain and Extreme Trail (shown in Western attire) classes. Competitor will need to submit a Western Versatility Horse form signed by the show management for any non-approved OFEA shows. For OFEA approved shows, points will be submitted by show management. Western Versatility Horse points will be calculated in the same manner as Open Show point tabulation and will only count for the Western Versatility Horse award. Regular Open Show Trail or Extreme Trail points will count towards Western Versatility Horse award if they are shown and ridden in Western attire. All classes are to be emailed/postmarked to OFEA on or before January 5th following the end of prior point year.

English Versatility Horse award will be awarded to the exhibitor with the most earned points in Hunt Seat Over Fences, Hunter Hack, Dressage, Cross Country, Show Jumping, Pleasure/Obstacle Driving, Trail or In-Hand Trail (shown in English attire) classes. Competitor will need to submit a English Versatility Horse form signed by the show management for any non-approved OFEA shows. For OFEA approved shows, points will be submitted by show management along with the show points. English Versatility Horse points will be calculated in the same manner as Open Show point tabulation and will only count for the English Versatility Horse award. Regular Open Show Trail or Extreme Trail points will count towards English Versatility Horse award if they are shown and ridden in English attire. All classes are to be emailed/postmarked to OFEA on or before January 5th following the end of prior point year.

OFEA Service Award is a volunteer award to promote OFEA members to volunteer their time and money to better our human and animal communities. Points will be turned in and tabulated at year-end, with recognition to the top five volunteers made at the year-end banquet. Year-end awards and a perpetual trophy will be awarded to the volunteer with the most points earned in that specific point year.

The Jean Sirotek Sportsmanship Award was created to recognize an individual displaying outstanding sportsmanship through the show season. To be eligible for this award the individual must be an outstanding representative of OFEA. The nominee should have the following qualities: helping out your fellow competitor, being polite, respectful, courteous and compassionate while in and out of the show ring, taking it upon yourself to help when and wherever needed.

The Eleni Boston Spirit of OFEA Award was created by the Oregon Family Equestrian Association (OFEA) Board of Directors on December 19, 2010 and renamed in 2024, to recognize individuals or organizations who truly represent OFEA and all it stands for. They can be seen working and riding for OFEA. They are always there lending a hand, praising others, and in general sending positive messages to others.

OFEA Horsemanship Award was created by Oregon Family Equestrian Association (OFEA) Board of Directors on December 19, 2010, to recognize individuals or organizations who exemplify integrity, sportsmanship, helpfulness, cooperation, stewardship, and horsemanship. The individual or organization nominated has made a positive contribution to the equine industry as a whole.

Nominations can be made by sending a written explanation and name and sent to the OFEA mailbox. Submissions open October 1 and nominations must be received by December 1.

400.32 COLORED-SOLID HORSE DEFINITIONS

Colored Horse – color must be visible to the judge under the lip, bald face, on the body, and/or above the knee, including: Dun or Buckskin; Paint or Pinto; Palomino, Appaloosa (must have visible color); Cremello

Solid Horse – as follows: Black or Bay; Brown; Chestnut; Grey or White; Sorrel; Roan (regardless of breed)

400.33 JUNIOR HORSE DEFINITION

A “Junior Horse” is five (5) years old or less. The birthday of the horse is deemed to be January 1st regardless of the actual birth date.

400.34 SENIOR HORSE DEFINITION

A “Senior Horse” is six (6) years old or more. The birthday of the horse is deemed to be January 1st regardless of the actual birth date.

400.40 ALL AROUND ENGLISH AND WESTERN HORSE

All Around English and Western Horse include all classes in the respective division **except**: Amateur classes, Novice, Green or Maiden Horse or Rider classes or any other restricted classes.

The term “restricted class” in this context means any class that is offered by show management that is not open to everyone in that age group or does not have a complimentary class offered by show management. Examples include breed, classes, color definition classes, classes for a particular age group of horse or rider, “Ladies to Ride” classes where no “Gentleman to Ride” class is offered, etc.

400.50 SCHOOLING

A year-end award will be given for highest accumulated points in each age category in approved Schooling Shows. All classes, except Halter and Leadline, in an approved Schooling Show will count for this award. Currently, showmanship points at approved schooling shows are counted towards both English and Western age division categories. However, in order to qualify for year-end awards in each category, the exhibitor must also compete in at least one riding class in the designated category.

Any training aid, i.e., bit, martingale or training fork may be used as long as it is not deemed abusive.

400.60 PONIES AND MINI HORSES

There are no special year-end awards for ponies or mini horses. However, ponies may earn an award in the general categories by participating in classes.

Mini horses may earn points and year-end awards in halter or driving classes.

400.80 POINT TABULATION

For OFEA Open Show Daily High Point Award Point Tabulation

1st Place = 10 Points

2nd Place = 8 Points

3rd Place = 6 Points

4th Place = 4 Points

5th Place = 2 Points

Show Management at OFEA approved shows may have their own daily high point tabulations.

For Year-End Awards Point Tabulation

One point will be earned for any paid entry for each individual who completes a class, even if disqualified for being off course in a pattern. This is sometimes called a "participation point".

Additional points shall be awarded to anyone who places 5th or higher. Tabulation for these additional "placing points" at OFEA approved OPEN SHOWS shall be used on the number of horses in a class. There will be a minimum of five points earned for each class.

Example #1: In a class of ten horses...

1st Place = 11 points

2nd Place = 10 points

3rd Place = 9 points

4th Place = 8 points

5th Place = 7 points.

One point for each horse in the class plus one participation point.

Example #2: In a class of 4 or less horses...1st Place = 5 points, 2nd Place = 4 points, 3rd Place = 3 points, 4th Place = 2 points

In the event Show Management chooses to award ribbons through sixth place, the person who is awarded sixth place shall receive one point only (the "participation point").

The number of horses counted for tabulation shall be number of paid entries who enter the arena and begin the class as noted on the class sheets.

Double and/or triple points shall be awarded to any Open Show only if a corresponding number of judges are used in each class.

Schooling points shall be tabulated on the basis of "1st Place = 10 Points, 2nd Place = 8 Points, 3rd Place = 6 Points, 4th Place = 4 Points, and 5th Place = 2 Points. There will be no points given if a competitor has a "no time" or "off course disqualification" or if the competitor does not place in the class. Competitors may choose to pay for another ride, but it will not count toward show or year end points.

SECTION 500.00 HORSE SHOW – GENERAL PARAMETERS

500.10 SHOW MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Show Management is required to obtain a copy of the current OFEA rulebook prior to the date of the show.

Show Management shall have complete authority and responsibility relative to the organization of the show, gate hold policy, and collection of any and all fees from participants, policies about additions and “scratches” during the show and other matters that logically fall within the purview of management. OFEA does not assume any responsibility in these areas and shall not interfere with Show Management prerogatives except as necessary to assure that OFEA rules are followed within the competition.

OFEA does not assume any liability relative to horse shows other than those that are conducted by OFEA as Show Management. Show Management must carry insurance to protect themselves and the owners of the facility. *Show Management must include OFEA in the liability disclaimer used on all show entry forms.* A sample liability disclaimer is provided in Section 200.00.

All approved OFEA gaming classes must require all entrants 17 years of age and younger to wear an approved safety helmet. Approved USAE helmets are required in all jumping classes regardless of the age of the rider. Competitors may wear standard safety helmets in any classes and shall not be penalized for doing so.

The use of appropriate protective headgear is encouraged for all OFEA horse riding activities, including all Open Division, and Schooling Division classes. Judges and Show Management are encouraged to warn and if warranted, dismiss from the class/show any entrant whose tack and equipment is deemed unsafe.

500.11 SHOW APPROVAL APPLICATION

Application for OFEA show approval must be submitted to the OFEA Secretary a minimum of 45 days prior to the desired date of the show. Preliminary approval may be obtained by telephone, email, online registration, or social media with the OFEA Secretary and confirmed with a written application form and appropriate show approval fee. The completed show approval application, a copy of the show flyer to be used, and the appropriate show approval fee (payable to OFEA) should be mailed to the OFEA Show Secretary at OFEA c/o Carol Smith, 2305 N Locust St, Canby, OR 97013.

500.12 SHOW RESULTS

Show results must be submitted to the OFEA Secretary at the OFEA office listed in Section 1100.00 within ten days of completion of the show. If show results are not submitted within ten days, a penalty of **\$5 per day** will accrue until results are received, and future show approval(s) may not be granted. Results for each class **MUST** include: judge’s cards, class name, number of entries in

each class, exhibitor name, horse name, and a copy of the class A sample class sheet can be obtained by contacting the OFEA Secretary at the OFEA office listed in Section 1100.00.

500.20 PLACINGS IN CLASSES

Judges must place everyone in a class up to six paid participants. In other words, if there are enough paid entries, the Judge must give placings of First through Fifth plus Reserve (or Sixth place if Show Management chooses to give ribbons through sixth place).

Anyone who is awarded a sixth-place ribbon will receive one "participation point" toward the year-end awards.

Paid entry individuals that are schooling with their number upside down, shall not be placed.

500.30 SPECIAL CLASSES

Show Management may conduct special classes, as they desire. The OFEA Board shall determine whether such special classes shall count for year-end awards.

For OFEA point tabulation, it is the Show Management's responsibility to specify on class sheet's rider's attire as "E" for English and "W" for Western in all classes where either English or Western appointments and tack may be used (i.e. Trail and Riding Pattern classes).

500.40 SPECIAL CLASSIFICATIONS

Show Management may, at their option, hold classes in special or restricted classifications (such as: Amateur, Maiden, Novice, Limit and Green Horse or Rider) using whatever criteria they choose for eligibility in these classifications. THESE CLASSES SHALL NOT COUNT FOR YEAR-END AWARDS (except as outlined in Rule 400.40), but may be counted at Show Management discretion for any award at that particular show.

OFEA may choose to give special year-end award, "First Year Rookie", to recognize outstanding achievement by beginning competitors or horses, excluding Leadline division.

500.41 SCHOOLING IN OFEA APPROVED OPEN SHOWS – REGULAR CLASSES

Schooling in regular classes in OFEA approved Open Shows MAY be allowed at Judge's discretion. However, any schooling must be conducted in a manner that does not disrupt the class in any way. An individual who wishes to school their horse must be a paid entrant in that particular class and must wear their number upside down and conform to the general tack and dress requirements for the division of that class.

An individual who schools his or her horse in a regular class in an Open Show shall not be placed and shall not receive points toward any year-end award (schooling year-end award points cannot be earned because the individual who is schooling in a regular class in an Open Show is not placed).

The Judge shall have final authority relative to a determination that the particular schooling activity is disruptive in any way.

Schooling equipment and aides (i.e. martingale, sidepull, draw reins, etc.) shall not be allowed in regular classes at Open Shows, however, show management may choose to have special schooling classes at Open Shows. Schooling aids are allowed in these special classes.

500.50 GENERAL RULES FOR OFEA OPEN HORSE SHOWS

Competitors must wear their number on their backs or on BOTH sides of the horse so that the number is visible to the Judge at all times. Numbers must be displayed upside down when schooling in an Open Show (see Paragraph 500.41 above).

Proper attire and tack clothing which includes hats/helmets, long sleeves, long pants/breeches and boots will be required for all classes.

Competitors may wear standard safety helmets in any classes and shall not be penalized for doing so. Approved USEF helmets are required in all jumping classes regardless of age of the rider.

Any individual walking a leadline exhibitor must be at least 16 years of age. The lead-end may not be attached to the bit. A halter must be underneath a bridle. The leadline exhibitor must be wearing an appropriately fitted helmet. Leadline is walk-trot only.

Ponies may compete in any class. However, the Judge or show management may disqualify a pony if it is determined to be disruptive or presents a safety hazard. Mini horses may compete in halter or driving classes.

Mules may compete in any class, other than a "breed" class at OFEA shows – SUBJECT TO DISCRETION OF SHOW MANAGEMENT. However, the Judge may disqualify and exclude any mule if the show is disrupted or a dangerous situation exists.

Stallions are permitted only if the rider or handler is 18 years of age or older.

Any intermediate gait that is normal for a particular breed shall be acceptable in lieu of trot or jog and that horse shall not be penalized.

Coaching from the sidelines is allowed, if done as quietly as possible. Any coaching that is disruptive or overly loud is prohibited. The Judge and/or show management are fully authorized to request that it be discontinued if it is obnoxious or disruptive.

Mechanical hackamores are allowed in gaming shows ONLY.

Any horse that is unsound in the opinion of the Judge shall be disqualified.

Patterns may be used at the discretion of the Judge or Show Management and shall be designed by either.

A participant or the participant's family member exhibiting poor sportsmanship (i.e. negative verbal language, frustration or anger taken out on either their horse or another person) will not be tolerated.

500.51 GENERAL RULES FOR OFEA GAMING SHOWS – *Retired until gaming shows are reinstated.*

500.60 AGE OF HORSE OR RIDER

For the purpose of determining the age of the horse, the birthday of the horse is deemed to be January 1st regardless of the actual birth date.

Rider's age shall be determined, for all purposes in this rulebook, at the ACTUAL age the person is as of January 1st of that year. Birthdays later in the year do not change the age division for that show year.

500.70 NOVICE HORSE OR RIDER

A Novice Horse or Rider is classified as exhibitor or horse who hasn't won three or more 1st place ribbons in English or Western. If horse or exhibitor enter into Novice classes and win three or more 1st place ribbons, horse and exhibitor can stay in Novice throughout the year.

SECTION 600.00 ENGLISH CLASSES

600.10 TACK

Standard English tack is to be used. Any standard English bit including any snaffle is permitted at judge's discretion. Any bit that is acceptable per any breed rules is considered "standard" for that particular breed in the context of the rulebook. Sidesaddles are permitted. Martingales and tie downs are prohibited. Curb chains may be used but must be flat, at least ½" in width, and lie flat along the jaw of the equine. No wire, rawhide, metal or other substance may be used.

600.20 PERSONAL APPOINTMENTS AND DRESS

Required dress includes breeches or jodphurs, English boots, hunt cap or standard safety helmet, and long-sleeved shirt or sweater. Saddleseat riders may wear appropriate hat or safety helmet.

Jackets, whips, crops, or English spurs are optional. Rowel English spurs are only allowed in Dressage and are prohibited in any other English class.

600.30 GAITS

All horses must perform all required gaits to be placed in English classes. At a minimum, this includes walk, trot (or intermediate gait) and canter. Additionally, the Judge may call for variations of the standard gaits and may request that the horse back up.

SECTION 700.00 WESTERN CLASSES

700.10 TACK

Horses shall be shown under standard Western saddle with Western Equipment. Western sidesaddles are permitted. Reins shall be split or romel. Western shank bits with broken mouthpieces are permitted, ridden with one hand, for any age horse.

Horses shall not be penalized for any standard Western bit. A bit that is acceptable in any breed rulebook shall be considered "standard" under this rule for that particular breed. The general rule, subject to qualifications below, is that ANY non-English bit is permitted. Leather chin straps on a snaffle bit must be flat and be at least ½" wide. On a curb bit, no wire, rawhide, or other substance can be used in conjunction with or as part of the leather chin strap. Curb straps may not be rounded, rolled, braided or rawhide.

A twisted wire snaffle is prohibited in Open Show classes. (For any additional clarification, see USEF rules)

However, any bit or other tack element that the Judge determines to be inhumane shall be grounds for disqualification for that class. The competitor may choose to correct the bit or equipment item that is objectional and participate in subsequent classes.

Discernible bleeding shall be cause for immediate disqualification for the remainder of the show.

Bandages, boots, and artificial appliances or training aids of any type are prohibited. Bandages are permitted for minor injuries that do not render the horse to be unsound.

Bits that require two hands (i.e., ring snaffle and/or bosals) are prohibited unless the horse is five years old or younger as of January 1st of that show year.

A rider shall not be disqualified for using two hands on the reins, but shall be penalized in the scoring of the class *and placed no better than last place*, unless the horse is five years old or younger and there is no shank on the bit (i.e., ring snaffle or bosal).

700.20 PERSONAL APPOINTMENTS AND DRESS

Required dress includes Western hat or standard safety helmet, long sleeved shirt, long pants, and boots. Chaps of any sort, jackets, vests, and Western spurs are optional.

700.30 GAITS

Other than walk/trot classes. Western classes shall include walk, job (or intermediate gait) and lope, in both directions. The judge may also require an extended gait and hand gallop. The judge may also request that the horses back up.

700.40 REQUIRED MOVEMENT IN GAITS

Movement in all gaits should be relaxed and natural. The walk SHALL be a natural flatfooted and true walk. An overly slow, peggy, hippity-hop-looking false walk SHALL be penalized. The jog SHALL be a true two beat jog. The lope SHALL be a true three beat gait—any horse that is “four beating” shall be penalized.

Penalties for violation of the above rule shall be such that the horse and rider shall not be placed higher than fifth place in any class. Placement in fifth place will give recognition to an outstanding performance except for this violation.

SECTION 800.00 HALTER

500.10 GENERAL

A halter class is a class of equines (as specified in the show class listing) judged on confirmation. It is open to all equines. Judges must choose the best representation of the breeds that are before them.

Equines should show a positive combination of balance, structural corrections, breed, and sex characteristics. They should be serviceably sound and in good condition. Transmissible weakness and/or unsoundness are strongly penalized.

800.20 APPOINTMENTS

Attire: Handlers should be dressed in attire according to breed being shown. For example, stock type equine would be best suited in Western attire or Halter attire.

Equipment: Equines should be shown in a halter and a lead. Some breed standards and/or discipline permit a bridle and some allow a whip (whips should not exceed 6 feet and have no attachments) Lip chains are only allowed on Stallions 2 years and older.

800.30 CLASS PROCEDURE

All equines must be judged individually – standing, at a walk, and trot/intermediate gait in a line or on profile`.

SECTION 900.00 SHOWMANSHIP

900.10 GENERAL

This performance class shall be judged strictly on the contestants' ability to fit and show at halter. Conformation of the horse is not to be considered. The ideal showmanship performance consists of a poised, neatly attired exhibitor leading a well-groomed and conditioned horse that performs the requested pattern with smoothness and precision.

Patterns will be posted at least 24 hours before the show or called by the judge in the class. Patterns must be appropriate for each age division, and due to time limitations, judges are asked

to use simple patterns to place the class. Contestants must not be asked to change horses in the class.

900.20 ATTIRE AND TACK

Attire and Tack may be English or Western. Boots, breeches, long pants, hat or helmet are required in an Open Show. Spurs or chaps are not allowed. Horses are to be shown with a properly fitted halter or show bridle, each completed with a throatlatch. The lead should be 6'-8' long and may have a chain, which can be run under the chin, or over the nose. Whips are not allowed.

900.30 CLASS PROCEDURE

At the judge's discretion, all exhibitors enter the arena and then work individually, or each exhibitor may be worked from the gate individually. Judges may request leading at the walk and trot in a straight or curved line, forehand and/or haunch turn, stop, pose, back. The judge must have the exhibitor set up the horse for inspection sometime during the class. The horse should stand square and balanced. A saddle type horse may be shown in the parked out position.

The exhibitor must lead on the horse's left side, unless specified by the judge to lead from the offside. Acceptable leading positions for the exhibitor are across from the horse's eye to the mid-point of its neck. When executing a back - up, the exhibitor shall turn and face the rear of the horse. Switching hands when backing, as required in 4-H rules, is allowed, but not required, and shall not be penalized.

The quarter method is recommended when presenting the entry. The exhibitor must keep the judge within his/her field of vision at all times and should never stand directly in front of the horse. The position of the exhibitor should not obstruct the judge's view of the horse.

900.40 FAULTS

Faults of the exhibitor include excessively stiff or artificial movement around the horse; improper position when showing; holding the chain portion of the lead shank; touching the horse; or unnecessary discipline of the horse. Faults of the horse include resistance to the exhibitor's commands; drifting offline while being led or backed; not set up properly; not standing quietly.

SECTION 1000.00 EQUITATION

1000.10 GENERAL

The exhibitor is to be judged on his/her basic position in the saddle as well as his/her ability to properly hold the reins and cue the horse at all gaits. Exhibitors may also be judged on the performance of the horse, appointments of horse and rider, and suitability of horse to rider. Patterns may be used at the judge's discretion. Possible maneuvers that the judge may ask the exhibitors to perform may include, but are not limited to, dropping stirrups, extending gait, halt, back, side pass, or turn on the haunches or forehand.

Loss of control of the horse, or unnecessary schooling by the exhibitor will be penalized.

1000.20 ENGLISH

Proper attire and tack, as referred to in Section 600.00, is to be used. Two hands on the reins are required and the bight of the reins may fall on either side. If riding with double reins, all reins must be held at all times.

1000.30 WESTERN

Proper attire and tack, as referred to in Section 700.00, is to be used. When split reins are used on a shank bit and ends of split reins fall on the same side as the reining hand, one finger between the reins is permitted. When using romel reins, or when ends of split reins are held in the hand not used for reining, no finger between the reins is allowed. Exhibitors will be penalized for using two hands on a shank bit, or for using a snaffle bit on a horse six years or older, as referred to in Section 700.00.

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SECTION 1300.00 APPROVED JUDGES

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