



Deer Run Horse Show Club, Inc.

Newport News Park
700 Old Stable Road, Newport News, VA 23608

2025 Rules, Class Descriptions and By-Laws

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Deer Run Horse Show Club Rules

COGGINS REQUIRED!!

All participants are **REQUIRED** to bring a current negative Coggins for us to copy and keep on file.

Deer Run Horse Show Club, Inc. (DRHSC) cannot ascertain any rider or horse's level; it is up to you to place you and horse in the proper level of experience within a class or division. We trust your decision as to what level you belong coincided with other shows, the decision you make will follow you throughout the year and coming years. We reserve the right to extract any rider or horse that does not belong in the appropriate classes for their level of experience.

Stallions are NOT permitted on the show grounds. DRHSC considers a stallion to be an uncastrated male equine age 2 and older.

Age of rider on January 1st of current year decides age eligibility for class entry. ALL RIDERS UNDER 18 MUST WEAR an American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) standard Safety Equipment Institute (SEI) approved equestrian helmet. Age of horse is determined by how old the horse will be that fiscal year. Example: If your horse will turn 3 on April 5 your horse is a 3 year old that year.

DRHSC will follow American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) rules.

Please remove or spread ALL MANURE left by your horses, throw it back in your trailer and take it home, or stay after and help load manure up for disposal!!

No selling of any items on Public property without proper permits.

No alcohol/profanity allowed in Public Park.

Please keep all pets on a leash.

Show the utmost respect to our Park Rangers, park employees and most of all your show buddies.

Any misconduct will be reviewed by club officers. We reserve the right to proceed with any disciplinary action if deemed necessary. Any and all complaints brought to a club officer will be reviewed and dealt with expediently.

Remember we created DRSHC for the sole purpose of establishing a pleasant horse show experience, for exhibitors to have fun and to bring back good conduct & respect by creating a learning environment for all.

Fees and Costs

Membership Fees: Membership fees are \$40.00 for Individual Membership. An immediate family member can be added to an Individual Membership for \$20

Class Fees: \$10 per class, \$15 Jackpot. Members can purchase a day pass for \$50 for one horse/rider combo to show in unlimited classes, with the exception of Jackpot Classes. A member can also add a second horse (same rider) to the day pass for \$25.

A \$25.00 check fee will be charged for returned checks, any unpaid balances will be cause for elimination at future shows and year-end awards.

Waiver of Liability

Riders/volunteers MUST sign a waiver releasing DRHSC and Newport News Park of all liability to any/all injuries while riding or attending our shows or Grounds.

Classes and placings

Riders are responsible for knowing which classes to enter. If there is a question, please ask before entering.

Judge and or any Officer will decide what requirements for participants to accomplish tie break. Must be present for tiebreak to take place.

If there are more than 16 horses in a class, the class will be split.

No training aids allowed in the ring during a Judged class.

Judges decision is final!! Judge has the authority to dismiss any competitor for improper conduct. Report any problems to the show secretary; please refrain from asking questions to Judge during a class. Please do not speak to exhibitors during a judged class.

There will be a one minute gate call, please be prepared to enter the ring when called, once gate is closed classes will start and there will be no entry in the ring and no refund of money.

Abuse will not be tolerated in or out of the ring.

Broken tack will disqualify you from your class.

Proper tack/attire required for each event; BOOTS required for all events, no tube tops, spaghetti strap tops, or halter-tops. Tee shirts for speed will be allowed. During hot weather certain attire will be optional, to be announced day of the show.

Gaited horses may show barefoot, and if shod must comply with the "Horse Protection Act": no plastic wraps, hoof bands, or action devices allowed, shanks on bits must not exceed 8 1/2 inches, no gag bits or blinders allowed, and horses must be sound at time of showing.

Membership

The success of our club depends on membership support and participation. Points will not count until membership is paid. Example is if you pay membership at the June show, any May points will NOT count. To qualify for a family membership has to be immediate family, and be under the age of 18. Membership rates are reasonable and all fees are used to support the club and coordinate shows and year end awards.

Members, or a family member on behalf of member, are required to volunteer for a total of 4 hours during the horse show season to qualify for year-end awards.

Points and Year End Division Awards

Points will go to one rider/one horse or pony for the season, unless unforeseen circumstances arise with the horse or pony; i.e., death or permanent injury. If the horse/pony should die or become permanently injured, points may be transferred to a second horse or pony. If the second horse/pony is permanently injured or dies, the Board of Directors will decide if the points will go to a third horse/pony. If the horse/pony should become permanently injured a vet note is required for points to be transferred.

Points - First place = 6 points, Second place = 5, Third = 4, Fourth = 3, Fifth = 2 and Sixth = 1

To receive points towards a division year end award members must show in 3 or more shows during the show season (double pointed shows count as 2), and **you must show in every class in the division that show, plus a showmanship class.** For example, to qualify for the Adult English All Around Year End Award, you must show in Adult Hunter Pleasure GAYP, Adult Hunter Pleasure, Adult Hunter Equitation, **AND Open Showmanship** in a minimum of 3 shows. The exception to this rule is lead line and speed divisions. If you do not enter one of the division classes, none of those points in that division that show will count towards the year end award. It is the entire division that qualifies you and your horse.

In the event of a tie for Champion, two champion awards and no reserve will be awarded. If there is a reserve tie, the champion award and two reserve champion awards will be awarded, this is for the year end awards only.

JACKPOT CLASSES DO NOT COUNT TOWARDS YEAR END POINTS

There are 22 Year End Award Divisions as follow:

(Jackpot Classes do not count towards Year End Awards)

-Adult Hunter All Around (GAYP, Pleasure, and Equitation)

-Youth Hunter All Around (GAYP, Pleasure, and Equitation)

-Open Hunter Walk/Trot All Around (GYAP, Pleasure, and Equitation)

- Green Horse Hunter All Around (GAYP, Pleasure, and Equitation)
- Beginner Hunter All Around (GAYP, Pleasure, and Equitation)
- 15/50+ Hunter All Around (GAYP, Pleasure, and Equitation)
- Adult Western All Around (GAYP, Pleasure, and Horsemanship)
- Youth Western All Around (GAYP, Pleasure, and Horsemanship)
- Open Western Walk/Jog All Around (GYAP, Pleasure, and Equitation)
- Green Horse Western All Around (GAYP, Pleasure, and Horsemanship)
- Beginner Western All Around (GAYP, Pleasure, and Horsemanship)
- 15/50+ Western All Around (GAYP, Pleasure, and Horsemanship)
- Ranch Horse Open All Around (Rail, Pattern, and Trail)
- Ranch Horse Walk/Trot All Around (Rail, Pattern, and Trail)
- Peewee Speed All Around (Barrels, Flag, Poles, and Keyhole)
- Youth Speed All Around (Barrels, Flag, Poles, and Keyhole)
- Adult Speed All Around (Barrels, Flag, Poles, and Keyhole)
- In Hand (Open or Beginner/Novice Showmanship and In-Hand Trail)
- Advanced Lead Line (Pleasure and Equitation)
- Lead Line
- Open Trail
- Walk/Jog Trail

Class Descriptions

Beginner Classes: These classes are open to riders of any age, adult or youth, who have minimal riding experience and are not ready to execute a canter or lope. A beginner rider may not cross over to another class requiring a canter or lope, THIS INCLUDES THE SPEED CLASSES, but will be allowed to enter the GAYP classes at a trot/jog only. A beginner is a rider in their first or second year of showing.

Green Horse Classes: Any horse in its first or second year of showing; horse can be any age. This is a walk/trot or walk/jog division with the option of canter/lope in the GAYP class. May cross over to other divisions.

15/50+ Classes: English and Western classes open to any horse 15 years or older, and/or any adult rider 50 years or older. This is a walk/trot or walk/jog division with the option of canter/lope in the GAYP class. 15/50+ riders may cross into other divisions.

English and Western Casual Showmanship: This is not a halter class. The ideal showmanship performance consists of a poised, confident neatly attired exhibitor leading a well-conditioned and groomed horse that performs the requested pattern with smoothness, willingness and precision. In our Casual Showmanship, we don't require braids, bands, or bling in order to show well. The pattern will be posted in the pattern book. **Advanced Lead Line participants may show in Beginner Showmanship.** While both English and Western disciplines will show in a combined class, the exhibitor should show in attire of his/her discipline:

*English Showmanship - Exhibitors must wear traditional English attire. Horses/ponies may be shown in a bridle or a halter with lead.

*Western Showmanship - Exhibitors must wear traditional Western attire. Horses/ponies may be shown in a halter with lead.

Open Showmanship is intended for more advanced exhibitors showing in open canter/lope classes. Novice/Beginner Showmanship is intended for exhibitors showing in walk/trot or walk/jog classes.

Hunter Pleasure Go As You Please (GAYP) Jackpot: This class will be judged on the performance, manners, and condition of the horse. Class will be judged on the rider's gait of choice, but the judge may call for additional maneuvers such as extending the gait, back, or two point/jumping position. A rider showing in a beginner walk/trot division may not canter. There must be at least 5 entries to run the Jackpot Class. **Cash Prizes only will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd placings. Minimum prizes will be \$50.00 for 1st place, \$25.00 for 2nd place and \$10.00 for 3rd place. Prize earnings for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd will increase based upon the number of entries exceeding 5**

Hunter Pleasure Classes: These classes will be judged on the performance, manners, and condition of the horse. All horses will be judged at the walk, trot, canter & back as well as on all transitions, except the green horse, beginner, and 15/50+ classes which are walk/trot divisions.

Hunter Equitation Classes: These classes are to evaluate the rider's ability to execute, in concert with their horse, a set of maneuvers prescribed by the judge with precision and smoothness while exhibiting poise, confidence, and maintaining a balanced, functional and fundamentally correct body position. There is a rail class and a pattern class.

Leadline (Walk Only): Age 8 and under, will be judged, and receive points child will be led by adult around ring at a walk to show willingness and capabilities of young riders. **RIDER MAY NOT CROSS INTO ANOTHER DIVISION OTHER THAN BEGINNER SHOWMANSHIP**

Advanced Leadline (Walk and Trot/Jog): Age 10 and under, will be judged, and receive points child will be led by adult around ring at a walk and trot/jog to show willingness and capabilities of young riders. For young riders who are in their first or second year of showing who are not quite ready to perform rail work on their own. **RIDER MAY NOT CROSS INTO ANOTHER DIVISION OTHER THAN BEGINNER SHOWMANSHIP OR PEEWEE SPEED WITH AN ADULT LEADER**

Trail: Summarized from the AQHA Handbook: This class will be judged on the performance of the horse over obstacles, with emphasis on manners, response to the rider, and quality of movement. A minimum of six obstacles will be used, three of which must come from a mandatory list. The three mandatory obstacles are operating a gate, riding over four or more logs/poles, and a backing obstacle. Optional obstacles include but not limited to a bridge (3'x6' min walk only), sidepass, and 6'x6' square. After 3 refusals rider must move to next obstacle. Spacing for logs/poles: Walkovers- 20" to 24", Trotovers- 3' to 3'3", Lopeovers- 6' to 6'6", Backing obstacles minimum of 28" wide. Walk/Jog Trail is intended for exhibitors and horses that show in Beginner, Green, or 15/50+ classes. A horse/rider combo showing in Walk/Jog Trail MAY NOT show in Open or Ranch Open Trail.

All Western Rail Go As You Please (GAYP) Jackpot: This class will be judged on the performance, manners, and condition of the horse. It is open to Western Pleasure horses as well as Ranch horses. The horse will be judged according to their discipline. Class will be judged on the rider's gait of choice, but the judge may call for additional maneuvers such as extending the gait, back, or a pivot. A rider showing in a beginner walk/jog division may not lope. There must be at least 5 entries to run the Jackpot Class. **Cash Prizes only will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd placings. Minimum prizes will be \$50.00 for

1st place, \$25.00 for 2nd place and \$10.00 for 3rd place. Prize earnings for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd will increase based upon the number of entries exceeding 5**

Western Pleasure Classes: These classes will be judged on the performance, manners, and condition of the horse. All horses will be judged at the walk, jog, lope, and back as well as on all transitions; except the green horse, beginner, and 15/50+ that are only walk/jog divisions.

Western Horsemanship Classes: These classes are to evaluate the rider's ability to execute, in concert with their horse, a set of maneuvers prescribed by the judge with precision & smoothness while exhibiting poise, confidence, & maintaining a balanced, functional & fundamentally correct body position. There is a rail class and a pattern class.

Ranch Riding Open Classes: Open to riders of all ages. The purpose of the ranch riding class is to measure the ability of the horse to be a pleasure to ride while being used as a means of conveyance from performing one ranch task to another. The horse should reflect the versatility, attitude and movement of a working ranch horse riding outside the confines of an arena. The horse should be well-trained, relaxed, quiet, soft and cadenced at all gaits. The ideal ranch horse will travel with forward movement and demonstrate an obvious lengthening of stride at extended gaits. The horse can be ridden with light contact or on a relatively loose rein without requiring undue restraint, but not shown on a full drape of reins. The overall manners and responsiveness of the ranch riding horse to make timely transitions in a smooth and correct manner, as well as the quality of the movement are of primary considerations. The ideal ranch riding horse should have a natural head carriage at each gait. Posting the extended trot and touching or holding the saddle horn are acceptable. This division includes a rail, pattern, and trail class. The trail pattern will be the same pattern as the Open Trail class, and the pattern class will be one of the fifteen ranch riding patterns in the most current AQHA Official Handbook.

Apparel and Equipment: No hoof polish, No braided or banded manes or tail extensions, Trimming inside ears is discouraged, Trimming bridle path is allowed, also trimming of fetlocks or excessive (long) facial hair, Equipment with silver should not count over a good working outfit. Silver on bridles and saddles is discouraged.

Ranch Riding Walk/Trot Classes: Open to riders of all ages, but rider/horse pairs MAY NOT cross into any lope classes. This division includes a rail, pattern, and trail class. It will follow all the guidelines listed above in the Ranch Riding Open Classes.

Speed: Patterns and their measurements are listed in the pattern book. To qualify for year-end awards all speed riders are required to participate in all events at 3 or more shows for the division awards. There will be NO running in the gate for the speed classes. If you do so it will result in a no time score. You may be lead in by an adult if your horse will not walk in but it is not the club's responsibility to walk you in. The rider must find someone to lead them in and it must be an adult.

Peewee Division: only available for participants age 12 and under and is a JOG ONLY class and participants may be on or off lead line with handler. **Participants in this division MAY NOT cross into any other division that requires a canter/lope**

Barrels: Three barrels are set in a cloverleaf pattern. Exhibitor may begin to the right or the left. Barrels/poles knocked over will be a 5 second penalty for each one knocked over. Incomplete pattern will disqualify rider.

Jackpot Barrels: This class will be solely on speed. There must be at least 5 entries to run the Jackpot Class. **Cash Prizes only will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd placings. Minimum prizes will be \$50.00 for 1st place, \$25.00 for 2nd place and \$10.00 for 3rd place. Prize earnings for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd will increase based upon the number of entries exceeding 5**

Flag: Three barrels are set in a cloverleaf pattern with a bucket with sand and flag placed at the first and third barrels. Exhibitor must pick up a flag from either barrel and run to the opposite by way of the second barrel. Failure to get the flag in the bucket before crossing the timer line will result in a no time.

Poles: Six poles are set in a line 21' apart and 21' from the timer line. Exhibitor must run to the end pole, weave towards the timer line (without crossing it), weave back, run straight back to cross the timer line. Exhibitor may begin from the right or the left. Poles knocked over will result in a 5 second penalty for each one knocked over.

Keyhole: Keyhole is set between 40' and 100' away from the timer line. A circle 20' in diameter will be drawn with a 4' wide and 10' long opening. Exhibitor must run into the keyhole, turn around, and run back to cross the timer line.

Speed ties will be decided by a timed ride-off, Champion and Reserve points resulting in a tie will have times from all classes added up, rider with the lowest combined time will break tie.

Deer Run Horse Show Club By-Laws

Officers - Officers shall by virtue of their office be members of the Board of Directors.

Section 1 – Officer Positions - The officers of Deer Run Horse Show Club shall consist of the following:

- A. President
- B. Vice President
- C. Secretary
- D. Treasurer

Section 2 – Duties of Officers

- A. President
 - a. Shall preside at all Board meetings.
 - b. Shall see that all rules are followed or bring them to the attention of the Board.
 - c. Shall be available to all members to discuss club business.
 - d. If an emergency arises he/she will call a Board meeting to address the situation.
 - e. The President shall ensure that all officers and Board members comply with their respective positions.
 - f. The president shall sign all lease agreements for the club.
- B. Vice President
 - a. Will assist the president in the business of the club.
 - b. Will perform duties in the absence of the president.
 - c. Will attend all Board meetings.
- C. Secretary
 - a. Will keep a record of club business inclusive of, but not limited to, dates of events, Board meeting minutes, and general meeting minutes.
 - b. Will produce and read minutes of past meetings.
 - c. Will provide the corresponding secretary a summary of the meeting.
 - d. Keep current membership and voter eligibility list.
 - e. Maintain a permanent record of all correspondence and minutes in the permanent records of the club.
 - f. Will attend all Board meetings.
- D. Treasurer
 - a. This position is responsible for all the club funds.
 - b. Must present a current financial report at all meetings.
 - c. Duties of this position are inclusive of, but not limited to, receipt and payment of monthly bills, reimbursement of authorized expenses, monthly balance of all accounts.
 - d. File club charter with the State Corporation Commission.
 - e. Copies of bills, receipts, deposits, and payments for review shall be made within 10 days of a member's request.
 - f. This position shall be bonded if the amount in the treasury exceeds \$15,000.00.
 - g. This position shall maintain a copy of monthly financial reports and year-end financial reports, as well as year-end receipts and records, in the official records that are maintained for the club.

- h. Will attend all Board meetings.

Section 3 – Officer Resignation

- A. Resignations must be submitted in writing to a Board member of the club.
- B. The president shall appoint, within 90 days, a qualified club member to assume the vacancy for the remainder of the term.
- C. The corresponding secretary shall immediately send notice of this change to the membership.

Section 4 – Nomination and Election

- A. Members in good standing can nominate other members in good standing for all Officer and Board of Director positions. Members can nominate themselves. All nominations must be received by the presiding president no later than November 30th of each year. Members who desire to participate as an officer or board member are required to provide a brief biography or resume that illustrates their experience and ability to participate in club management activities.
- B. Officers and Board members will be voted on and elected by a quorum of the presiding Board of Directors. Announcement will be made annually at the year-end awards banquet, to be held in the first quarter of each calendar year.

Board of Directors

The business of DRHSC shall be managed by a Board of Directors (Directors) consisting of 2 members, together with the officers of this organization.

The Directors to be chosen for the ensuing year shall be announced at the annual meeting in the same manner and style as the officers and they shall serve for a term of one year.

The Board of Directors shall have the control and management of the affairs and business of this organization. Such Board of Directors shall only act in the name of the organization when it shall be regularly convened by its chairman after due notice to all the directors of such meeting.

50% percent of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum and meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held quarterly, at a minimum.

Each director shall have one vote and such voting may not be done by proxy.

The Board of Directors may make such rules and regulations covering its meetings as it may in its discretion determine necessary.

Vacancies in the Board of Directors shall be filled by a vote of the majority of the remaining members of the Board of Directors for the balance of the year.

The President of the organization by virtue of his office shall be Chairman of the Board of Directors.