

**Carroll County Western Circuit
2010 Rule Book**

**Constitution
Article I**

Section 1. TITLE:

This association shall be known as the "Carroll County Western Horse Circuit", and shall at all times be operated as a non-profit Association in accordance with the laws of the State of Maryland.

Section 2. OBJECTIVE:

The purpose of the Association shall be to:

- A. Coordinate shows dates.
- B. Promote and/or conduct English/Western horse/pony shows, clinics and trail rides.
- C. To stimulate and regulate any and all matters such as may pertain to the Carroll County Western Horse Circuit.
- D. To work in the interest of and for the improvement of horse/pony activities in Carroll County and the State of Maryland.

Section 3. PLACE OF BUSINESS:

The principle place of business shall be in Carroll County, Maryland, but business may be carried on at any place convenient to such member of officers, as may be participating.

Article II

Section 1.

This association is open to organizational groups sponsoring English/Western horse/pony shows, clinics and trail rides.

Section 2.

Application for membership in the Carroll County Western Circuit shall be filed with Association Secretary. The Executive Committee will set dues. An annual fee of \$10.00 for individuals, and \$20.00 for families (families must be immediate or resident members of the family home) shall be paid for each annual membership. This fee shall be due and payable each year. Notice to the member of fees payable shall be sent to members at their last known address not less than 30 days prior to the end of the calendar year, which is March. When annual membership becomes delinquent, paying the current dues can reinstate the membership.

Annual membership is not transferable.

Section 3.

Membership in the Association is a privilege, not a right. Application for which shall be made on forms and by fees and procedures prescribed from time to time by the Association. Membership or application thereof may be terminated or rejected by the Executive Committee for cause detrimental to the interest of the Association, its programs, policies, objectives and harmonious relationships to its members.

Section 4.

All officers must attend all board meetings. If any vacancies are incurred during the year, the Executive Committee will fill the vacancy.

Article III

Section 1.

In the event the Association should fail to meet the obligations of its by-laws, all money will be turned over, by check to the Carroll Hospital Center, in Westminster, Maryland.

Section 2.

The Executive Committee must approve dissolution of the Carroll County Western Circuit in writing.

Section 3.

All assets will be held for thirty (30) days after notification of the organization and individual members of the proposed dissolution of the Circuit pending rebuttal by any member, organization or individual.

BY-LAWS
Article I

Section 1.

The business and property of the Circuit shall be managed and controlled by the Executive Committee.

Section 2.

The Executive Committee will consist of ALL elected officers.

Section 3.

Special meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held whenever called by the direction of the President.

Section 4.

The circuit has the right to refuse those entries who have been unsportsmanlike in conduct, or who have cast aspersions on any member of this Circuit at previous horse/pony shows of an organization, of any circuit or have unpaid debts to this circuit, upon approval by the officers.

Article II

Section 1. OFFICERS

The officers shall be elected at the October meeting by the members in good standing of the Carroll County Western Circuit no less than 90 days and no less than the age of 18 years. These officers will assume their positions at the December meeting.

Section 2. PRESIDENT

The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association and shall preside at all meetings. He/She shall see that the by-laws, rules and regulations of the Association are enforced and shall perform all other duties that may be prescribed from time to time. He/She shall appoint all committees except as provided in the by-laws.

Section 3. VICE PRESIDENT

In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall have the powers and shall perform the duties of the President.

Section 4. SECRETARY

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all membership meetings, confirm show dates and advise on conflicting dates, mail minutes to the members and be responsible for records.

Section 5. TREASURER

The Treasurer shall receive and deposit all monies of the Circuit. The money will be disbursed only upon an itemized statement or receipt. He/she shall account for all of the same by itemized statements in detail at each annual meeting of the members. All checks issued by CCWC will require two (2) signatures by the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer or Director, or any combination thereof.

Section 6. CHIEF RING STEWARD

The Chief Ring Steward will be responsible for seeing that all the rules of the Circuit in all Divisions will be adhered to and to report to the President.

Section 7. DIRECTORS

The Directors will take any suggestions, compliments, complaints, etc and share them with the other board members at the monthly meeting.

Section 8. POINT STEWARD

The Point Steward will keep and update all show points and records and point sign ups. **Points will be posted at each show.**

SHOW AND CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS

These rules and regulations shall become effective 1/11/2010 and shall be used at all approved shows and contents of the Carroll County Western Circuit.

RULE A. MEMBERSHIP
Individual \$10.00 Family \$20.00

RULE B COGGINS TEST
Effective November 1, 1975

A regulation went into effect which states that all horses over the ages of 9 months assembled for horse shows shall be accompanied by a copy of an official negative test for Equines Infectious Anemia (Coggins Test) made within 12 months of the date of the event for the club to keep on file. All members must provide CCWC with a copy of their horse's coggins to keep on file for the entire show season.

RULE C POINT REGISTRATION OF HORSE/PONY

Application for registration of points must be a CCWC member at the time of registration. Registration fee will be \$6.00 per horse/rider team to entitle them for points in all pointed classes and a permanent number.

RULE D JUDGES

1. A judge **may not** officiate in any shows in which a member of his family, any of his/her clients, or any of his/her horses, are competing unless relationship terminated 90 days prior to said show.
2. A judge may order any person or horse from the competition for bad conduct of one or both.
3. All judge's decisions are final.
4. Any act of disobedience or discourtesy to a Judge or a Steward by any person shall constitute a violation.
5. Once a class has been judged, it shall not be re-judged; and once the Judge has marked his records and placing for awards made, there shall be no changing of the Judge's records except for mathematical errors.
6. **Any request to speak to the Judge must be made through the Ring Steward.** When an exhibitor makes a request, it is urged that the Judge, in the presence of the Ring Steward, give his opinion in a courteous and sincere manner. **However there will be no fraternization between the exhibitor and the Judge during the show.**
7. All Judges' cards must be signed.

RULE E EQUIPMENT AND ATTIRE

1. It is mandatory that show management supply exhibitors with entry numbers. Failure by the exhibitor to wear numbers in a visible manner shall result in disqualification.
2. **Western Attire** shall include a button down front shirt with short or long sleeves collar, western hat/**helmet** (youth 17 & under) and boots. Jackets and sweaters acceptable. Spurs and chaps are optional. During speed events, the exhibitor may wear a long or short sleeve polo shirt with a button down front collar, western hat/**helmet** (youth 17 & under) or no hat at all. No baseball caps, t-shirts tank tops are to be worn in any event. **All exhibitors age 17 & under riding/or sitting on a horse must wear an ASTM/SEI approved helmet.** No tapederos allowed in A, B, Y & W/J/T divisions. Sliver equipment will not count over a good working outfit. In speed events, tie downs are optional; however, jerk lines and tack collars are prohibited.
3. **English Attire** shall include coat, breeches high English boots or Jodhpur pants and boots. Stock, tie, or choker is required. Spurs of the unrowelled type, crops, or bats are optional. No schooling chaps with the exception of saddle seat entries that will adhere to their breed regulation. Hair must be neat and contained (net or braid). The judge may penalize a contestant who does not conform. Standing or running Martingales, boots and leg

wraps in jumping only. Hunting Cap of any type is mandatory for all pleasure riders over the age 18 in all-flat classes. **All riders 17 & under, regardless of division must wear an ASTM/SEI approved helmet with a fixed harness. Anyone jumping over fences, regardless of age or division must wear protective headgear ASTM/SEI approved helmet with harness.**

4. **ALL YOUTH 17 and under, mounted or riding in English, Western or Speed classes, or just sitting on a horse, while on the show grounds, MUST wear an ASTM/SEI approved Helmet with a fixed harness, at all times. THIS RULE WILL BE ENFORCED.**

RULE F TIMERS

Equipment timers will be used in speed events along with a stopwatch. In the event the timers fail, the time from the stopwatch will be the official time. The Judge will not judge timed events. **Riders in timed events who are 17 & under must wear an ASTM/SEI approved helmet with a fixed harness.**

RULE G EXHIBITORS

1. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to be ready and at ringside when his/her class is called.
2. Any exhibitor who sets or incites to act in a manner deemed dishonest, unsportsmanlike, or unethical shall be subject to barring by the Executive Committee.
3. No one will be allowed in the show-ring once the class has started and there will be no additional sign-ups. **Sign-Ups must be completed at least two (2) classes prior to the one you are signing up for. Entries will close on class prior to the current class.**
4. **NO REFUNDS.**

RULE H CRUELTY

Cruelty or abuse to a horse/pony by any person is in violation of the rules and renders the offender subject to a penalty. The offender will be barred from further participation for the remainder of the show. All entry fees will be forfeited. The Judge will enforce the rule in the ring and the Stewards will enforce the rule outside the ring.

RULE I AGE DIVISIONS

For horse show purposes, the age of an individual as of January 1st shall be maintained throughout the entire year. Proof of age (copy of birth certificate, or driver's license) must be handed in for all exhibitors 17 years or younger before being eligible to accumulate points. **Divisions as follows:** Mini Horse, Lead Line 9 & under; Western A - 18 & Over; Western B -17 & under; Western W/J 13 & Under; English A - 18 & Over; English B -17 & under; English W/T 13 & Under; W/T Speed A - 18 & Over; W/T Speed B - 17 & under; Speed A - 18 & Over; Speed B - 17 & under; Speed Y - 13 & under, Lead Line Speed 9 & Under; Adult Novice. Anyone wishing to move forward to the next age division may do so, however, once done, may not return to their previous age division.

RULE J PROTESTS

1. A protest must be made within one (1) hour of the alleged violation by one individual with a \$50.00 deposit to the Chief Steward and will be announced to all exhibitors.
2. All ribbons and prize money must be returned to the Steward until the protest has been resolved. If the protest is sustained, the deposit shall be returned to the protestor; if not sustained, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Carroll County Western Circuit.
3. The Judge or Ring Steward's decision is final unless it is alleged to be in violation of the rules. The soundness of a horse when determined by a judge is not protestable unless a veterinarian is present.

RULE K TIES

1. **Ties for English and Western** classes will be at the discretion of the Judge. The Horsemanship/Equitation pattern will be used for that day. The Judge will decide if you ride off or take placing for the day.
2. **Speed** ties will be ran with the last class standing or TBA at that time.

3. **Year End** Ties will be the last show placings, most blues or reds.

RULE L SUBSTITUTION OF HORSE/PONY

No substitutions of horses/ponies will be made with the exception of Leadline, Horsemanship and Showmanship classes where the points stay with the person rather than the horse/pony.

RULE M AWARDS

1. High Point will be given out in the following divisions at each show: Grand Champion, Reserve Champion Awards to Speed W/T A; Speed W/T B; Speed A; Speed B; Speed Y; Leadline Speed; Mini Horse; Novice; Leadline; Western A; Western B; Western W/J; English A; English B; English W/T.
2. Year End Awards will be as follows: Awards will go to the overall high point earner in Speed W/T A; Speed W/T B; Speed A; Speed B; Speed Y; Leadline Speed; Mini Horse; Novice; Leadline; Western A; Western B; Western W/J; English A; English B; English W/T. Points will be determined with a horse/exhibitor combination only.
3. Exhibitors 18 & over **MUST** attend 5 of the 6 shows in order to qualify for year-end awards. **Exhibitors 17 & Under MUST attend 50% of shows and complete two (2) hours of volunteer service time for Carroll County Western Circuit to qualify for year-end awards.** Service time is available on a first come first serve basis. Forms will be available at the entry booth. If your horse is ill or unsound and you help at a show, your points will still count. You must talk to a board member the morning of the show.

RULE N POINTS MONEY AWARDS

1. Points are as follows: First Place 6pts; second Place 5pts; Third Place 4 pts; Fourth Place 3 pts; Fifth Place 2 pts; sixth Place 1 pt.
2. All pointed classes with 12 or more Exhibitors will be a payback class. Paybacks are as follows: **Top four placings**; First Place \$8.00, Second Place \$6.00; Third Place \$4.00 Fourth Place \$2.00.
3. Points will be posted at each show and the exhibitor has the responsibility of checking his/her point standings. Points will be tallied on a horse/rider combination only.
4. Exhibitors 18 & over **MUST** attend 5 of the 6 shows in order to qualify for year end points.
5. Exhibitors 17 & Under must attend 50% of shows and complete two (2) hours of volunteer service time for Carroll County Western Circuit to qualify for year end awards.
6. Champion and Reserve Champion Ribbons/Awards will be given out at each show in the following divisions: Speed WTJ A, Speed W/T B, Leadline Speed, Speed A, Speed B, Speed Y, and the Mini Horse Adult, Western A, B and W/J, English A. B, W/T.
7. All ties for Day End Awards will be ridden off - Speed will run the last class standing or TBA at the day of the show. Western and English will use the Horsemanship pattern Posted for that day.

RULE O MINI HORSE CLASSES

1. Mini Showmanship: This class is judged on the exhibitor's ability to fit and show in a halter class. A pattern will be required at the Judges discretion. Show the horse to his/her advantage and keep showing until the class is dismissed.
2. Mini Horse Halter: This class is for Mini Horses, Maximum height for mini horse of 38 inches. Horses will be lead at a walk and jog, if all confirmation factors are the same judging preference will go to the smaller horse. Show the horse to his/her advantage and keep showing until the class is dismissed.
3. Mini Horse Trail: The mini Horse will be lead over obstacles. The horse may be asked to walk and jog. Performance is judged over obstacles & response to handler and intelligence.
4. Mini Driving Class: Dress Code: Drivers should be dressed in appropriated dress to compliment the overall appearance of the unit. Hat, long sleeves, and boots required (no t-shirts or shorts). Whips, leg wraps, side-/over-checks, breeching and martingales are optional. Any type of cart and harness may be used. Horses should never be left unattended while hitched to a vehicle. Youth exhibitors may drive with an adult passenger (over 18) but the passenger is only there for safety and emergency situations. Passenger

must be appropriately dressed in hat, long sleeves and boots. All driving horses shall show on the rail at all times except while passing (on the inside of the circle). Exhibitor numbers must be pinned to the back of the driver. It is permissible for the driver to talk to the horse in a subdued tone of voice. Talking loud, whistling, or shouting at a horse is not acceptable. **Ring Procedure:** Horses are to enter the ring counter-clockwise (to the right) at a pleasure trot. To be shown both ways of the arena at a walk, pleasure trot and extended trot. **Walk:** a free regular and forward moving 4 beat gait. The horse walks energetically, but calmly, with even and determined gait. **Pleasure Trot:** A balanced, easy moving, relaxed, forward impulsion while showing submission to the bit. The trot is slower and more collected, but the horse should indicate willingness to be driven on the bit while maintaining a steady cadence. **Extended Trot:** a clear, but not excessive, increase in gait and length of stride. The horse moves freely on a taut but light rein, while maintaining a balanced gait and forward movement. Excessive knee action and speed shall be penalized. **Reverse Direction:** The judge will point to the driver that's at the corner of the ring (not along the sides in the middle) and that person must come across the center (like a figure "S") and change direction. Everyone behind this driver is to follow the leader in order to keep the ring flowing without any collisions. **Line Up:** Horses must display good manners, stand quietly on the line-up and back readily. A pattern will be posted for the Obstacle Class.

RULE P LEADLINE SPEED DIVISIONS

1. Exhibitors should dress in Western or English Style clothes, short, long sleeve or polo shirt, Western or English boots, breeches and an **ASTM/SEI approved helmet** with a fixed harness. The exhibitor will be timed the person leading the Child into the ring must be at least fifteen (15) years of age. If the child goes off course the normal mentalities will be used as listed in the Speed Divisions.
2. The Leadline division will consist of the following classes for year-end awards: Barrels, Figure 8 and Plug.

RULE Q SPEED DIVISION (TIMED EVENTS)

1. Horses must leave the ring in a controlled manner. Speed event patterns will be measured and altered to fit the ring being used. The Ring Steward may prohibit the use of bits or equipment he/she considers severe. In the event there is no starting gate cones will be used. Adequate room will be provided. Riders must start and finish through the cones for qualifying times.
2. **Walk/Trot Classes:** Horse must remain at a walk/jog/trot during the entire pattern. If the horse breaks into a lope or canter, the rider has three (3) strides to bring the horse back down to a walk/jog/trot or else the horse will be disqualified. Gaited horses must hold a two (2) beat trot at all times.
3. **Barrel Race:** the horse may take either of the side barrels first. If the right is chosen, it must be circled clockwise and the second and third barrels must be circled counterclockwise. If the left barrel is chosen, it must be circled counterclockwise and the second and third barrels clockwise. A horse knocking over a barrel will result in five (5) second penalty. Cloverleaf pattern.
4. **Figure 8 Race:** Two Barrels or stakes will be set in a straight line eighty (80) feet apart. Two (2) starting markers will be placed at either end of a twenty (20) foot starting line halfway between the barrels/staked. The rider will start between the markers and circle the object at the near end, then race back across the finish line. He/She will circle the first barrel either to the right or the left, but must circle the second barrel the opposite of the first. Rider must complete a figure 8. Knocking down a barrel or stake will result in a five (5) second penalty.
5. **Plug:** Horses will run down the ring around the barrel and back across the finish line. Knocking down barrel will result in a five (5) second penalty.
6. **Four (4) Corner Stake Race:** Four (4) Standing Poles will be used. Knocking down a pole will result in a five (5) second penalty.

7. **Poles:** Horse will run to the farthest most pole, weave down and back and run towards the finish line. Knocking down a pole will result in a five (5) second penalty.
8. **Bleeding Heart:** Set up same distance as Barrels, Horse will run to either left or right Barrel go to the outside of the furthest Barrel turn to the center of the ring run to the middle barrel turning to the outside of that Barrel and run to the next farthest Barrel turning to the outside turning back and head for the start line. Knocking down a barrel will result in a five (5) second penalty.
9. **Texas Barrels:** Barrels are set up three (3) barrels in a row at thirty feet (30') apart. Enter ring and start on either left or right side of the barrel, then weaving each barrel and turning and weaving each barrel heading for the start line. Knocked down barrel will result in a five (5) second penalty.
10. **Versatility Patterns:** are attached at the end of the rules.

RULE R LEADLINE DIVISION

1. **Leadline 9 & Under E/W:** To be shown on loose leadline at a walk. Horse/pony to be judged 50 % on suitability to the rider and 50 % on hands and seat of rider. Points are accumulated on the rider only. Permanent number stays with the rider.
2. **Leadline Detached 9 & Under E/W:** To be shown without leadline at a walk. Parent/Handler may stand inside the ring along the rail. Horse/pony to be judged the same as Leadline.
3. **Leadline Trail 9 & Under E/W:** To be shown on loose leadline at a walk. Class will be judged 50 % suitability to the rider and 50 % on hand and seat of rider. Performance over obstacles, response to the rider.
4. **Attire:** *All handlers/holders in the leadline class must be dressed appropriately. Handlers/holders must wear attire for the discipline the child is wearing. Western Attire consists of western shirt, helmet/het, jeans, boots, khaki pants and collared/polo shirts. English Attire consists of English shirt, helmet, britches, boots, khaki pants and polo shirt. NO TENNIS SHOES, OPEN TOE SHOES, SHORTS OR TANK TOPS ALLOWED.*

RULE S ADULT NOVICE PERFORMANCE DIVISION

1. Open only to beginner or non-experienced show riders over the age of 18. Along with specified novice classes, novice riders can show in the following classes: Showmanship, All Halter Classes, and All Open Warm-Up Classes.
2. The year end High Point Champion must move to the A Division the following year. Anyone wishing to move forward out of the novice division may do so, however, once done, one may not return to the novice division.
3. All classes are a combination of Western and English.
4. A one-time exception was made for the 1997 show season where anyone wishing to move back to the novice division could do so.
5. **Adult Novice Showmanship:** *This class shall be judged strictly on the exhibitor's ability to fit and show in a halter class. A pattern may be required at the discretion of the judge.*
6. **Adult Novice All Day E/W:** See All day Western W/T or All day English W/T
7. **Adult Novice Pleasure:** See Western or English Pleasure.
8. **Adult Novice Horsemanship/Equitation:** See Horsemanship or Equitation. To be shown at a walk, jog/trot.
9. **Adult Novice Trail:** See Western Trail Class. To be shown at a walk, jog/trot.

RULE T W/T and W/J DIVISION WESTERN AND ENGLISH

1. Open to any exhibitor who is the age of 13 years or younger.
2. Exhibitors will be asked to walk, jog/trot in their classes.
3. All youth exhibitors are allowed to enter all Halter Classes, Youth Showmanship, and any class which states OPEN.
4. Any W/T/J Rider who wishes to move up to the B Division may do so, but you are not allowed to move back to the W/T/J Division.
5. See Class listed under Western and English Performance Division for rules, only except is that you will not be asked to lope or canter.

gallop, the horse should make the transition quickly and smoothly, but not so quickly that it resembles a sliding stop.

6. **Showmanship:** *This class shall be judged strictly on the exhibitor's ability to fit and show in a halter class. A pattern may be required at the judge's discretion.*
7. **Command:** *is based on how well your horse executes and holds each command. When asked, you are to execute each gait within three (3) strides and hold it. If asked to halt, your horse must stand still, until the next command is asked. If you are "called out", you shall move to the center of the ring or be excused at the judge's discretion.*

RULE W POINTED CLASSES HALTER

1. **Open Showmanship Adult:** Showmanship shall be a separate class from all other halter classes. This class shall be judged strictly on the exhibitor's ability to fit and show in a halter class. A pattern may be required at the Judge's discretion.
2. **Open Showmanship Youth:** See Open Showmanship Adult.
3. **Open Halter Class:** Horses /Ponies of any breed. Horses will be lead at a walk and jog. Show the horse to his advantage and keep showing until the class is dismissed.

RULE X NON-POINTED CLASSES

1. **Open Warm Up Western W/J:** Horse will be shown at a Walk and Jog both ways of the ring. May be asked to back. Judged on horse only.
2. **Open Warm Up Western Pleasure:** Horse will be shown at a walk, jog and lope both ways around the ring. May be asked to back Judged on Horse only.
3. **Open English Warm Up W/T:** Horse will be shown at a walk and trot both ways of the ring. May be asked to back. Judged on the horse only.
4. **Open English Warm Up Pleasure:** Horses will be shown at a walk/trot canter in both ways of the ring. May be asked to back. Judged on the horse only.
5. **Open Speed Classes:** A timed event. You may walk, jog/trot, canter or lope.
6. **Jack Pot Classes** - Western, English W/T/J. To be judged. Speed to be timed. Payback is 1st Place 50%, 2nd place 20%, 3rd place 10%. A total of 80 %will be paid back to the exhibitors and 20 % retained for the club. There must be at least three (3) entries to run the Jackpot classes.

******Amendments to Rules 12/9/2009 are Italicize******

THE DOUGLAS WEISHAAR PERPETUAL TROPHY

The Douglas Weishaar Perpetual Trophy has been presented to Lauren Weishaar by:
The 1998 Members of the Carroll County Western Circuit.

This award will be presented to any youth (18 and under) who

- ❖ Exemplifies good sportsmanship and demonstrates a positive attitude.
- ❖ Is helpful to fellow exhibitors and club members.
- ❖ Works for the better of the club

To be eligible for this awards one must fulfill the following requirements:

- ❖ Member must be in good standing with Carroll County Western Circuit.

The above rules have been discussed and approved by:
The Board of Directors of the Carroll County Western Circuit

THE WANDA FOLTZ PERPETUAL TROPHY

The Wanda Foltz Perpetual trophy has been presented to the Foltz Family by:
Maple Grove Equine Services
Pine Rose Farm

This trophy will be awarded to the All Around High Point Exhibitor/Owner/Horse Combination.

To be eligible for this award one must fulfill the following requirements:

- ❖ The owner and exhibitor must be in good standing with the Carroll County Western Circuit.
- ❖ The exhibitor must be signed up for points

The above rules have been discussed and approved by, Maple Grove Equine Services and Pine Rose Farm. Our wishes are that the above rules be abided by and become part of the Carroll County Western Circuit Rules and By-Laws.

- ❖ Amendment 1. The original Wanda Foltz Perpetual Trophy will remain in the possession of the Foltz Family. The Carroll County Western Circuit will have it duplicated for the purpose of passing from winning recipient to another.
- ❖ Amendment 2. Maple grove Equine Services, Pine Rose Farm and the Board of Directors of the Carroll County Western Circuit will hold the stewardship of this award.
- ❖ Amendment 3. The Foltz Family will continue to oversee any future amendments to this award as to guarantee that it maintains its integrity and does not corrupt.

Amendments 1.2 and 3 have been presented for approval on April 2, 1997 and all Governing Parties have approved.

GENERAL RULES

1. All classes are to be judged by the Judge except for Speed Classes.
2. The judge's decision is final.
3. At all shows, six ribbons will be given in all classes.
4. All pointed classes will count for points provided there are at least two entries in each flat and halter class, and three entries in each jumping and speed event.
5. In order to Qualify for Year End Awards Exhibitors 18 & older must attend 5 out of 6 shows. Exhibitors 17 & under must attend 50 % of shows and complete 2 hours of volunteer service time for Carroll County Western Circuit. Service hours are 1st come 1st serve basis only.
6. Performance ties will be broken at Judge's discretion.
7. One hand on the reins in Western A & B except when using a bosal with a full mecate, two hands on the reins will be allowed and in Leadline. Romal reins will be allowed in performance classes except when using a snaffle bit. Two hands will be allowed in all performance classes when riding a horse 5 yrs or under and are using a non-mechanical hackamore, bosal or snaffle bit.
8. Chaps may be worn in all Western classes including Horsemanship.
9. Two hands are allowed in all Speed Events.
10. Five seconds will be added to final time for knock down of a barrel or pole in Speed Classes.
11. Spurs, bat or crop may be used in Speed Events.
12. **Protective headgear ASTM/SEI approved helmet with a fixed harness MUST be worn by exhibitors 17 & Under at all times when mounted or riding.**
13. In the event timing devices are deemed defective, two stop watches will be used.
14. No one will be allowed to practice barrels, pole or trail courses once they are set in the ring, unless a **paid** warm up round is requested.
15. Spurs and crops are allowed in flat classes.
16. Trail courses will be posted on the day of show.
17. Fences are to be free of spectators.
18. All dogs must be on a leash.
19. Children must be supervised at all times.
20. All hay and manure must be scattered and spread before leaving.
21. Anyone jumping over fences must wear protective headgear with a fixed harness.
22. No glass is allowed in the Equestrian Center.
23. No horse shall enter the spectator area; concession stand and secretary's area. Horses are not allowed on the banks around the rings.
24. No horse shall be tied to any tree or fence railing.
25. The driveway entrance to the facility may not be used for parking.
26. Exhibitors with special needs or who are physically challenged and wish to visit the show are more than welcome, provided they are able to meet the gate call. Please inform the ring steward before the class you wish to show. The judge will take this into consideration when judging the class. The board members of CCWC are committed to giving each and every exhibitor a fair chance to show his/her horse.
27. Please take your trash with you.
28. Carroll County Western Circuit strives to create a Fun, Family Atmosphere. Carroll County Western Circuit **will not** tolerate unsportsmanlike conduct and violators will be asked to leave the show grounds.

If any questions arise that cannot be resolved by the use of the Carroll County Western Circuit Rulebook, we will revert to the AQHA rules and regulations.

Canceling Due To Bad Weather

If any shows are canceled due to bad weather, the decision will be made by either 10 pm the day before, or 5:30 am the day of the show. **The weather conditions will be considered at the show grounds in Mt Airy, MD.** Please go to www.theccwc.com by 5:45 am the morning of the show. You may call one of the officers in the am. THANKS.