

North Interlake Show Circuit Rules and Regulations:

Updated February 2011

These rules are suggested to maintain consistency between the shows, although each show may have its own set of rules. AQHA rules are followed with the exception of the following:

Purpose (Goals):

- Promote attendance at all shows within the circuit
- Motivate Competitors
- Promote Good Horsemanship and Sportsmanship

Circuit Shows:

- **Stonewall Horse Show**- Stonewall Fair -1st Saturday in June
- **Lundar Horse Show**- Lundar Agricultural Fair - 2nd Friday and Saturday in June
- **Ashern Horse Show**- Ashern Horse Show- July 1st
- **Selkirk Horse Show**- Saturday of Selkirk Triple S Fair & Rodeo in July
- **Arborg Horse Show**- Arborg Fair & Rodeo- 2nd last weekend in July
- **Eriksdale Horse Show**- Eriksdale Equestrian Society- 4th Saturday in August (tentative)

Circuit Membership Fees:

- **\$100.00** per club. This is the only source of income for the circuit and pays for the year-end awards. This comes to a total annual income of \$600.00.

NISC Classes:

1. **Showmanship**
2. **English Pleasure/Hunter Under Saddle**
3. **English Equitation/Hunt Seat Equitation**
4. **Western Pleasure**
5. **Western Horsemanship**
6. **Rookie Reining** –It was suggested that we designate simple reining patterns to help the exhibitors stay on pattern. Going off pattern meant no placing which results in no points. The NISC adopted Rookie Reining patterns which allow the rider to ride in a 2 hand position in any bit (including a leverage bit) and actually switch from 1 hand to 2 hand positions without going off pattern. It gives grassroots contestants or green horses a better chance of getting around the pattern. They are attached.
7. **Barrel Racing**
8. **Pole Bending**
9. **Flag Race** –It was decided that there is no actual pattern around the Barrels. The only rule is to take the first flag out and place it in the second pail, then take the second flag out and place it in the first pail.

Shows are required to host 7 of the 9 classes, with Junior, Intermediate and Senior age divisions, although the clubs are strongly urged to host all 9. A high-point is awarded for the champion and reserve in each age division. Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Pee Wee.

Age Divisions:

All ages are as of January 1st of the current year.

- **Pee Wee** – 8 and under

Offered to give beginner riders, a class to enter that is not as demanding as the Junior class. Usual Pee Wee classes offered are; *Showmanship, Barrels and Western Pleasure*. They are required to walk and jog/trot only. Lopping is not permitted. Loping will be penalized with a 5 second penalty per incident up to two to three strides with disqualification after a duration of 4 strides. Pee Wee contestants may compete in Junior classes (listed as 13 & under) but are required to complete the Junior class maneuvers. Shows are not required but only recommended to hold Pee Wee classes for yearend awards.

- **Junior** – 13 years and under.
- **Intermediate** – 14 to 17 years
- **Senior** – 18 years and over

Correctly fitting riding helmets are required for Pee Wee and Junior age divisions for all events.

All competitors must only compete in their specified age categories.

Circuit Entry:

- Anyone who competes in a NISC show automatically becomes part of the NISC, there are no membership fees. **Points are collected on the same horse/rider combinations.**

Show Results:

- Show committees need to provide a copy of their show results to the NISC tabulator as soon as possible after the show. Show results can be copied onto an accompanying sheet. Very important to count ALL competitors in the class including scratches or disqualifiers. A current points chart travels from show to show. It is important that competitors **enter their horse under its registered name** and not its barn name (the same name needs to be used through-out the whole season, otherwise you may find yourself collecting points on 2 different horses.) This is also important for the **NAERIC** program results as well. This is the responsibility of the exhibitor. It may be helpful for the show committee's to post this note at their entry station at each show.

Placing of Classes:

- **NISC Classes must be placed to 5th place.** Points are awarded to 5th. Each NISC class must have Junior, Intermediate and Senior age divisions.

NISC Cross Entry Rule:

- A horse may only be ridden twice per event and only once per age division. Only a Junior or Pee Wee competitor may cross enter and compete with an intermediate or senior horse in the same class.

NAERIC Incentive Program:

- Some of the NISC shows are sanctioned with the NAERIC program. Each show must publish the results of the show online or in a printed publication placing 1st to 3rd for each class. Contestants can go online to www.naeric.org to enter their placing for each class to redeem their NAERIC rewards.

NISC ROOKIE REINING PATTERN

Western Reining Pattern:

1. Begin at center of the arena. Complete two circles to the right. The first small and slow and the second circle large and fast.
2. Change leads at the center of the arena.
3. Complete two circles to the left. The first circle small and slow, the second circle large and fast.
4. Change leads at the center of the arena.
5. Run to the far end of the arena – past end marker and do a left rollback – no hesitation.
6. Run to the opposite end of arena – past end marker and do a right rollback – no hesitation.
7. Run past center of the arena and do a sliding stop.
8. Back straight to the center of the arena. Hesitate.
9. Complete two spins to the right.
(Juniors are only required to do one spin)
10. Complete two spins to the left.
(Juniors are only required to do one spin)
11. Hesitate to demonstrate the completion of the pattern.
12. Riders may be requested to drop bridle to the judge.

