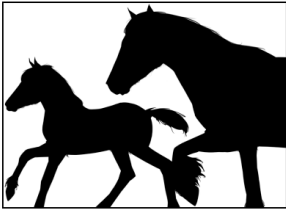


EQUUS SURVIVAL TRUST



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Equus Survival Trust STEWARDSHIP AWARDS OF NORTH AMERICA

SANA RULES & REGULATIONS and Class Descriptions

for the Frying Pan Farm Equestrian Park

- SANA Dressage
- SANA Driving
- SANA Trail Obstacles
- SANA Farm Obstacles

GENERAL SANA RULES & REGULATIONS

- ANY purebred breed may compete in Open Discipline classes.
- All entries that are ridden or driven must be at least turning 4 years old in the present calendar year.
- Except where noted, entries will not be judged on grooming, equipment, tack or clothing. Appropriate turnout, gear, and clothing are encouraged but not required.
- Exhibitors must wear suitable, safe close-toe footwear for all classes. Proper helmets are required for all youth exhibitors, for all ridden classes, and recommended for all driven discipline classes. All classes require safe, proper fitting tack and equipment.
- The Announcer will make gate calls to the stabling and grounds area via the facilities speakers as time allows. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping track of what class is in the ring and when their own class should be ringside or in the warm-up area. Exhibitors are responsible for letting the In-Gate Keeper know they are present.
- Once the class enters the ring, unless an exhibitor has notified the Ring Steward and been a granted additional gate time by the judge, there is a one-minute hold on the gate for missing exhibitors to make the class before judging starts, after which the gate will be closed for entries and judging begins.
- With the exception of multiple entries by a handler or rider in the same class, no horses will be allowed entry to a class once the judging begins. If an exhibitor has multiple entries, it is their responsibility to alert the Ring Steward so suitable timing arrangements can be approved.
- Exhibitors may show more than one entry in the same class *notification to the Show Secretary no less than one hour prior to the class*. A reasonable amount of time (as deemed by the judge) to allow a handler or rider time for his/her multiple entry switch is permissible if the additional entry is in the warm-up, ready for the class.

-Horses will enter the ring in exhibitor # order at a walk.

-While every effort will be made by SANA staff to alert Exhibitors to pending classes and/or changes, it is the Exhibitor's responsibility to be aware of class or schedule changes and be timely to the warm-up, on-deck, and in the ring at the appropriate time.

- The Event Coordinator, SANA Show management, Ring Stewards and Judges have the right to refuse an exhibitor entry into any class if they deem that entry unsafe for the exhibitor, horse or other exhibitors or horses, and they may also dismiss any entry from the ring for similar reasons.

-Cruelty or rough handling of horses, or severe tack applications will not be tolerated at any Equus Survival Trust event. A horse and exhibitor may be excused by the judge or by SANA personnel from the ring, show, or event for lack of control, cruelty, rough handling, or un-sportsmanlike conduct.

- SANA reserves the right to combine or cancel any class. Any exhibitor whose class is canceled may put in request for a class entry refund at the SANA Show Office.

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

SANA DRESSAGE -----

SANA Dressage is patterned after USDF judging using USDF test forms. We encourage but do not require proper USDF Clothing and tack requirements (with the exception of bits which must be a snaffle) Bitless is allowed.

SANA DRIVING -----

- 1) Open to all pneumatic, wooden and steel wheeled vehicles
- 2) Whip *in hand* is *mandatory* in all classes including obstacles.
Optional: hats, gloves, apron and other traditional dress are encouraged.
- 3) Helmet required for youth, recommended for ALL exhibitors. Youth exhibitors 14 and under must have an adult passenger.
- 4) The judge may require three trots (slow trot, working trot, strong trot) a walk and a rein back.
- 5) Removal of the bridle while the horse/pony is between the shafts means instant elimination.
- 6) No horse(s) hitched to a vehicle shall be tied and left unattended.
- 7) Equine leg protection permissible in Obstacle classes.
- 8) Exhibitor may show more than one entry in the same obstacle class
- 9) If any questions or safety issues arise, final deciding factors are made by the Judge(s).

NOTE: The whip is **MANDATORY** and should be of the appropriate style and length for the turnout. Whips should be held in the hand throughout and should remain unfurled.

PLEASURE DRIVING: SINGLES

Entries will be judged on performance & manners by Discipline Judge. No breed scores will be added to driving classes.

A vehicle suitable to the horse or pony and properly fitting harness are vitally important accoutrements and should complement the entry. While the vehicle, driver, and equipment will not be judged, proper fit is required, and appropriate turnout is encouraged.

The judge is looking for an entry that is going forward in correct outline in a rhythmic, balanced manner showing good movement for its breed with hind legs well engaged. Sound with regular strides. At higher levels should be able to show two clearly defined trot paces. The entry must be under control at all times. Unsoundness, uncontrolled behavior (kicking, rearing) or any dangerous behavior including loss of control will be grounds for elimination. The judge will have the final opinion.

Serious Performance Faults:

Uneven gait. Head to one side. Above the bit. Inability to stand still. Excessive pulling. Anticipation or resistance to rein back. Refusal to walk.

Minor faults: breaks of pace that are quickly controlled. Lack of extension. A little on the forehand. Outline not quite correct – nose a little poked or slightly overbent. Not always straight. Slight fidgeting in halt. Rein back not straight or not far enough. Not tracking up in walk.

CONES/TIMED OBSTACLES

Cones/Timed Obstacles will be a series of numbered cones set to 12" wider than the vehicle's wheels to be driven at a trot and judged for time and accuracy. Knocking over a marker or a break to the canter will result in a 5 second penalty per occurrence. American Driving Society rules for timed competitions will be used as guidelines.

DRIVEN DRESSAGE

Drivers should do their best to memorize the test for though for Training Level the test may be called. American Driving Society rules for dressage will be used as guidelines. Please indicate level on your entry. [See more guidelines here.](#)

NON-JUDGED Driving Items

Vehicle & Harness Recommendations

Any safe, well fitting harness is acceptable. Entries are encouraged to present appropriate turnouts. Judges will not assess these items except as they relate to safety. Please do not bring an unsafe vehicle. These would include: Loose spokes and/or too much play in wheels. Cracked shafts. Cracked leather on C springs and singletree straps.

Serious faults: Vehicle not balanced correctly. Size of vehicle unsuitable for horse. Shafts too long or too short. Incorrect attachment of the pair to the pole.

Driver/Groom/Passenger Recommendations

Driver: Dress should be in keeping with the style of the turnout. Aprons should cover the knees easily.

Dress code for Driving

Dress will not be judged, but drivers should be neat. Helmets and LONG sleeves and

safe footwear are REQUIRED. Though not required for this show, traditional driving dress includes brown gloves, long sleeves, and a long, driving apron and black shoes. Dark or khaki pants and a long sleeved blouse, shirt or jacket make a nice turnout.

Grooms: should be tidy, alert and looking part of the turnout. Gloves should be brown and shoes dark

Passengers: No passengers allowed.

Serious faults: Restricting the horse's forward movement. Chasing horse out of its natural rhythm. Whip not carried. Gloves or apron not worn.

Minor faults: Poor rein handling, Position of whip incorrect. Whip not suitable for turnout. Apron too short. Groom scruffy or dress not correct.

Harness Recommendations

Good quality, sound harness that is clean, fits well and is appropriate for the turnout.

Serious faults: Serious faults: Collar/breast harness ill fitting. Dried out or cracked leather. Pad ill fitting and/or incorrect position. Belly band too tight. Breeching significantly too low or high, too big or small, significantly tight or loose. Bridle ill-fitting, in particular blinkers and nosebands that do not fit. Throat lash too tight or too loose. Bit too low or narrow. Incorrect line of draught. Patent leather with country vehicles. No swingletree with breast harness.

Minor faults. Bit too high in the mouth or too wide. The swell of the pad not long enough to accommodate tug correctly. Breeching slightly ill fitting. Crupper slightly too loose. Reins incorrect color or material. Breast collar with a bearing surface that is too narrow. Bellyband too loose. Hames that are not quite correctly fitting to collar. Buckles to wrong side.

SANA TRAIL OBSTACLES -----

CLASS OVERVIEW & RULES

In-Hand and Ridden courses will consist of 8 to 10 simple obstacles to negotiate, suitable for each class. Working-Driven course will consist of 4 to 5 obstacles suitable for Working-Draft vehicles. All SANA Trail Obstacle classes are Open to any purebred breed with the exception of any draft classes which are restricted to any purebred draft breed.

Entries are judged on proficiency with time as a lesser factor. Course patterns will be posted at the EST SANA Show Office located on the concourse of the REEL Arena prior to the competition; exhibitors will be given a chance at a predetermined time just prior to the class to walk the course on foot.

In-Hand Obstacles

Course consists of 8-10 obstacles to be completed while leading your horse or pony at a walk and trot where indicated. Open to all ages and skill levels of horse, pony, handler, or rider. Novice Handlers = never shown more than two seasons in an obstacle class before.

Ridden or Ground Driven Obstacles

Entries for this class may be ridden or ground driven. Course consists of 8-10 obstacles worth 10 points each to be completed at a walk and trot where indicated. Open to all ages and skill levels of horse, pony, handler, or rider with the following exceptions:

- no ridden entries for horses or ponies under 4 yrs of age
- no ground driven entries for horses or ponies under two years of age

Prior to START: A Course Walk-Through for competitors will be held before competition begins. It is the competitor's responsibility to fully understand the course and rules *at this time*. Obstacles must be completed in the designated order.

It is acceptable to ask the judges where to go next or have the ring steward call it out for you.

SAFETY: Obstacles are designed with safety in mind. However, if you feel an obstacle is beyond the abilities of you and/or your horse, you may skip that obstacle. You will receive a zero for that obstacle but will still receive a score for the course. Helmets and proper footwear are required for all competitors.

The judge is required to walk the course and has the right and duty to alter the course in any manner. The judge may remove or change any obstacle he deems unsafe or non-negotiable prior to the start of the class. If at any time an obstacle is deemed to be unsafe by the judge, it shall be repaired or removed from the course. If it cannot be repaired and some entries have completed the course, the score for that obstacle shall be deducted from all previous works for that class.

The judge may ask a handler or rider to move on to the next obstacle if the horse is unable to complete the maneuver in a reasonable time or if the judge deems that the rider is, or will be, in an unsafe situation. The judge may also ask the rider to move on after a third refusal at an obstacle.

OBSTACLES: TACK & EQUIPMENT

All tack & equipment must be suitable fitting and safe for the work. Helmets required for handlers & riders. No severe bits are allowed.

In-Hand Obstacles:

Entries will be in any standard style halter (no bits) and lead rope of leather, nylon, or rope cord. Lead ropes may not have stud chains. Stallion tack (surcingle and side reins) are not permissible. Handlers may not carry crops or whips. The judge will be the final authority for any questionable tack or equipment.

Ridden or Ground Driven Obstacles:

Ridden entries may wear any standard style bridle & non-severe bit and use any type of saddle & pad (Western or English) suitable for their mount. Riders may carry a crop as an aid; judge may penalize or excuse any unmanageable entry or any entry exhibiting disciplinary crop action.

Ground Driven entries may wear halter, closed or open bridles and/or side reins if using a surcingle or full harness. No part of a harness may drag, interfere with entry's

movement or be unsafe in the judge's opinion . A long whip may be carried by a handler as an aid to help guide the horse; judge may penalize or excuse any entry exhibiting disciplinary whip action or unmanageable behavior.

Working-Draft Driven Obstacles:

Driven entries may use any style, suitable fitting harness (including closed or open bridles) and non-severe bit, and any style, suitable fitting two or 4 wheeled vehicle. Drivers may carry a driving whip as an aid. Judge may penalize or excuse any unmanageable entry or any entry exhibiting disciplinary whip action.

WHAT the JUDGE is LOOKING FOR:

Obstacle classes are designed to show the entry's ability to navigate and cope with a variety of obstacles and situations mimicking those encountered in everyday trail riding, farm or ranch work. They are designed to measure the willingness and ability of a horse or pony to negotiate these tasks when asked by the handler/rider/driver. Specifically, the entry is judged on cleanness and promptness with which the obstacles are negotiated, ability to negotiate obstacles correctly, and the attitude and mannerisms exhibited by the horse or pony while negotiating the course. Time is a lesser consideration.

TYPES of OBSTACLES

Possible obstacles include: negotiating backing through an L pattern (ground poles), opening and closing a gate or mailbox, a bridge to cross (no water), picking up an item from one barrel to another, turn on the forehand or haunches between poles, walk or trot from one point to another, weaving through cones, passing a scary obstacle, stepping or jumping over a low obstacle, carrying a flapping object such as a flag or slicker raincoat, handler or rider dragging a fence post or other object.

Wherever possible, realistic or natural obstacles will be used - hay bales, ground poles, cones. Driving entries will have obstacles laid out in an appropriate manner for negotiating with vehicles. No ground tie will be required as a task. No water obstacles. Simple low jump for in-hand or ridden/ground driven obstacles only.

TIE-BREAKERS

At least two or three obstacles will be designated as tie breakers and shall be selected prior to the beginning of the competition. One of the mandatory obstacles will used as the first tie breaker.

GAITS - Walk/Trot

Entries will be shown at a walk and trot (or natural gait) between the obstacles. The walk may be judged as part of an obstacle. Between obstacles, at least 30 feet will be allowed for the trot. Gaits between obstacles will be scored as part of the next obstacle.

Riders trotting may either post, sit the trot, or stand in the stirrups to the front of the saddle. Holding the saddle horn is permissible, at this gait, as might be done in open terrain.
