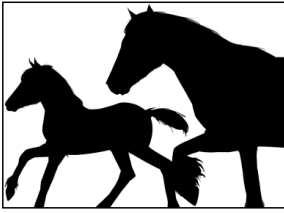


EQUUS SURVIVAL TRUST



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## Equus Survival Trust STEWARDSHIP AWARDS OF NORTH AMERICA

### SANA RULES & REGULATIONS and Full Class Descriptions for the Rockbridge Fair Sept 6, 7, 8, 2018

- Caspian Costumes
- Caspian Fences In-Hand
- Best Foot
- Trail Obstacles

#### GENERAL SANA SHOW RULES & REGULATIONS

- ANY purebred breed may compete in Open Discipline classes: Obstacles In-Hand or Ridden, as well as Best Unshod Foot Horse/Pony. Open Working-Draft is restricted to purebred working-draft breeds.
- 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 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 will not be allowed at any Equus Survival Trust event. A horse and exhibitor may be excused 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 Caspians in Costume -----**

This is meant to be a "Fun" class. Entries to be shown in-hand. Judging applies to handler and horse as a unit for portrayal and material construction. Any theme is permissible.

All costumes must be safe for horse and handler. Halters must have throatlatches; no stud chains permitted except under the chin. Mild snaffle bits only for bitted headstalls or Bridles. No whips or crops allowed. Entries will be shown at the walk. Be prepared to answer judges questions about the costume portrayal and material construction.

#### *Special Awards:*

-Persian Themes - should have obvious Persian portrayals that include neck or body sashes for horses, tastefully adorned halters, and ancient Persian handler attire.

-Most Creative - anything goes.

### **SANA Caspians Fences In-Hand -----**

This is an introductory class for meant to be fun for Caspian Horses to be shown in-hand over simple, low level fences. Entries are to be exhibited in any safe halter and long lead with no chain. Any close toed footwear for handlers is acceptable, including tennis shoes.

Jump scores are based on time and penalty faults. Faults are assessed when a horse refuses to jump, touches a fence with any part of its body, knocks down an obstacle, or causes an obstacle to be knocked down. Entries completing the course without faults return to compete in a timed "jump-off" to determine final placements.

Exhibitors will be given instructions in the ring for a simple course pattern and are allowed to ask questions before beginning.

## **SANA Best Foot -----**

These classes are offered to reward the retention of good feet. Horses, Drafts, and Donkeys can be shod or unshod. Ponies are shown unshod. Unshod entries will be judged on the quality, soundness, and natural presentation of the foot. Shod entries will be judged on the quality and soundness of the foot as well as the farrier work.

## **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.

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### **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.

### **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

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**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 be 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.

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