



TWIN RIVERS SADDLE CLUB

Established 1969



2017-2018 General Rules

1. It is the responsibility of every member to know and understand the rules of the show and the rules of the classes in which they compete. Rules and show dates are subject to change. Please check Facebook and the website often, www.TRSC.us.
2. Under Florida Law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities. Senate Bill 1658, sec. 91.1A
3. **All exhibitors and trainers must be a member of Twin Rivers Saddle Club (TRSC).**
4. **All 4-H exhibitors must show proof of 4-H membership. 4-H card or receipt of membership purchased.**
5. All 4-H exhibitors must follow 4-H rules.
6. A current Negative Coggins must be provided at each show or be on file with the office of TRSC. **Please bring a copy to leave on file.** It is the exhibitor's responsibility to keep a valid Coggins available to health inspectors and TRSC throughout the year.
7. Membership runs October 1 through September 30.
8. Rider's age as of October 1, 2017, will be that rider's age for the entire show season.
9. **Schooling is available Saturday 12:00-4:00 in all three rings at a cost of \$20.**
10. **1/3 of Pleasure Ring will be available for warm-up Sunday for during the show.**
11. **Riding in a halter or riding double is prohibited.**
12. A **professional** is anyone who accepts compensation in any form for riding, showing, training, giving instruction or lessons.
13. Professionals are NOT eligible for year end awards.
14. No alcoholic beverages or drugs of any kind will be allowed on the show grounds at any time.
15. Dogs must be leashed at all times. Owners of dogs posing a nuisance will be asked to remove the dog from the property.
16. Exhibitors must be 18 years of age or older to handle a stallion of any age or size on the grounds. Owner of stallions must maintain their animal in a manner that is safe to spectators and exhibitors.
17. All horses must be under control at all times. Owners of horses that are deemed by TRSC as unruly or act in a manner that is unsafe to spectators or exhibitors will be asked to remove the horse from the show grounds.
18. Any protest must be submitted in writing within 24 hours of the event or decision and be accompanied by \$25 in cash. Protest fee to be forfeited if protest is not sustained. Protest will be

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decided by the TRSC Board of Directors. Protests regarding improper attire or tack shall be made immediately while class is in the ring.

19. No golf carts, ATV's, scooters, or motorized vehicles.
20. All juniors riding in an English saddle must wear an ASTM/SEI certified helmet. Everyone riding in an English saddle must wear an ASTM certified helmet.
21. Use of cell phones, iPods, or earphones while schooling or riding is prohibited. Riders will be asked to leave the ring or schooling area if this rule is not followed.
22. No horses allowed at the concession stand, picnic area, under the bleachers, or in restricted or roped off areas. No horses within 10 ft. of the bleachers.
23. A Show Director, Board Member or Judge may disqualify any horse or rider for unsportsmanlike behavior, safety, abuse, or cruelty reasons. They may also disqualify any animal that is not sufficiently gentle to be shown without danger to the public, show officials or exhibitors. **NO FEES WILL BE REFUNDED.**
24. **RING CONFLICT POLICY:** Please alert the ring steward to potential ring conflicts as soon as possible. The ring steward will give the trainer/rider a 5-minute gate call to contact the ring and describe the conflict. If the ring steward has not been contacted, the class will be considered complete. If the ring steward is contacted, the three ring stewards will work together to solve the conflict to minimize delays in all rings. If the conflict cannot be solved in a timely manner, the ring steward will contact the show manager to determine which ring has priority. The rider is then given a 15-minute gate call to complete their class. Rings will not be held for under saddle classes. Rings will not be held for trainers who are understaffed given the number of students they brought to the show, as determined by TRSC or the Show Manager.
25. A \$30 returned check fee will be assessed for each non-negotiable check. A warning will be issued and monies must be reimbursed to the Club before the member can show again. After two non-negotiable checks, the exhibitor must pay cash in full before showing.
26. USEF and AQHA rules and regulations are used as guidelines. However, final decisions are at the Show Committee's discretion.
27. The show committee reserves the right to refuse any entry, cancel, combine or divide any classes.
28. All requests to speak to the Judge must go through the show committee. Please see the ring steward to submit a request.
29. All judges' decisions are final.

POINTS, PLACING, and ATTIRE

1. Ribbons will be awarded in each class, plus a prize for first place in classes with three or more competitors. A Grand and a Reserve ribbon will be awarded for each Division in the Hunter Series. A daily High Point ribbon will be awarded for each Division in the Pleasure Series.
2. Rider must show in four out of five shows per series to be eligible for year-end awards.

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3. Points will be computed as follows: Six or more horses in the class: 1st place 6 points; 2nd place 5 points; 3rd place 4 points; 4th place 3 points; 5th place 2 points; 6th place 1 point. Less than six in a class will be awarded points based on the number of participants in the class. Example: four horses in the class: 1st place 4 points; 2nd place 3 points; 3rd place 2 points; 4th place 1 point.
4. December and March will be double point shows.
5. At the last show of the season rider may move up divisions and still ride in the divisions they rode in during the show season for year end points.
6. Western Attire: Western type boots, hat, shirt and pants with shirrtail tucked in. Belt required if no coat. Chaps are optional.
7. Western Classes: Western type tack. No wire bits. Curb chains must be flat, not twisted and all chains must be 1/2" in width. No martingales or tie-downs. No hackamores. Bosals on junior horses only.
8. English Attire: Breeches with high top riding boots or jodhpurs with paddock boots and jodhpur straps. Proper riding blouse with collar or shirt with tie. Jacket should be worn unless otherwise announced. Belt if no coat. All riders mounted English are required to wear an ASTM/SEI approved helmet.
9. English Classes: English type tack. Bridle, bit and cavesson required. Standing and running martingales are allowed in classes over fences only. NO flash nosebands. No Overchecks or Non-grazing devices. Wraps, tendon, splint, or bell boots are allowed for schooling only.