

2011 Back to School Blast All Youth Horse Show Rules and Reminders

Sportsmanship and Conduct: Any act of discourtesy by participants, parents, guardians or agents to the judge, officials, volunteers, committee, staff or other participants shall disqualify their entry, and they shall forfeit all fees and prizes. The Show Committee shall have full power to act in issuing a ruling in such cases. Should the act justify it, the Show Committee shall have the power to exclude the offender from competition and remove them from the show grounds without being held liable for damages of any kind and shall be accepted as condition of entry.

Judging: *All decisions of the judge are final!* It is considered improper to approach the judge before or during a show; but one may discuss matters with the judge after the show if the judge is willing and has the time. The judge shall be guided by AQHA rules and the rules of the USE as they apply to individual classes and breeds.

Show Day Announcements: Any announcements or written instructions regarding the contests, classes, and/or rules made or provided the day of the show, supersedes any instructions or rules to the contrary printed on the Back to School Blast website or program.

PA System: The Public Address (PA) System in the main Arena can usually be heard in most areas utilized by the Horse Show exhibitors and will be used for making announcements regarding the Back to School Blast All Youth Horse Show. However, this PA system may not be set up to be heard in all areas of the fairgrounds, barns, or warm up riding areas, and as such, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to be on time for all classes.

Tack Changes/Class Calls: If you have a tack change please tell the announcer or gate keeper in advance to prevent being scratched from the class. There will only be two calls for a class and then the gate will close unless a tack change has been arranged.

Ribbon/Prize Presentation: When picking up your ribbons/prizes please give the ribbon presenter your exhibitor number so we are sure to get the right awards to the right winners.

Helmets: Helmets are required to be worn in all English, Timed Events and Fun Game classes. They are optional (but strongly suggested) in the other classes..

Placings and Points: Medals will be presented for 1st through 5th place. Points toward High-Point and Over-All High Point will be given to each participant in each class per horse as follows:

1st - 5, 2nd - 4, 3rd -3, 4th - 2, 5th - 1

Ties: In case of a tie in point totals for High-Point and/or Over All High-Point Awards, the person with the most highest placings will be the winner.

Patterns: Copies of all patterns for pattern classes will be provided in the exhibitor packets given at check in. Extras will be at the entry table and they will be posted at the in-gate.

Entry Number: Each horse/rider will be issued two numbers to be displayed on both sides of the saddle blanket at all times. Exceptions include Showmanship, English and Follow-Me, when the number should be worn on the exhibitor's back.

Fairground Facilities: The Back to School Blast is very fortunate to have the ***Ozark Empire Fairgrounds*** as a partner for our show. The majority of the facilities have been provided for our show at NO (or very minimal) COST! The show would not be possible in this format if it weren't for the use of this facility.

Therefore, the committee requests that all participants please adhere to the following rules:

NO SMOKING: As part of the City/County Parks system, the Fairgrounds has a No Smoking policy. Please refrain from smoking anytime you are on the fairgrounds property.

No Tying to Trailers: When not being ridden, all horses should be stalled in their assigned stalling area or be in the hands of the horse's owner. Tying horses to trailers is strictly prohibited under the terms of our contract with the Fairgrounds. Your cooperation with this will be greatly appreciated!

Stalling: Stall assignments will be provided by the show committee. Again, because of the donation of the use of the fairgrounds, please clean and remove all stall bedding before leaving the show grounds. Thank you!

Warm-Up Riding: Warm up riding will be available at various times throughout the show weekend as listed below. Riding and/or longeing your horse in any other location on the Fairgrounds property is strictly prohibited by Fairground rules. When riding from the stalling areas to any of the arenas, riders ***MUST REMAIN AT A WALK***.

- **Main Arena** – Exhibitors may warm up before and after the show and at any time it is announced that the arena is open for warm up.
- **Boyd Arena** – Exhibitors may ride in this arena at any time during the weekend,
- **Wells Arena** – This arena maybe used any time during the weekend. HOWEVER, Riders should remain at a walk or trot only in this arena due to the arena size, layout and poor footing.

During all Warm Up times, helmets are strongly encouraged. Always warm up with courtesy and safety toward all others using the arenas at the same time!