

North Interlake Show Circuit Rules and Regulations:

A Grassroots/Novice Horse and Rider Show Circuit

Updated April 2024

These rules are designed to maintain consistency between the shows for the 9 NISC classes.

AQHA and individual show committee rules are followed in addition to the following:

Purpose (Goals):

- Promote attendance at all shows within the circuit.
- Motivate Competitors.
- Promote Good Horsemanship and Sportsmanship.
- The NISC year-end point summary will recognize the high-point champion and reserve in each age division:
 - Pee Wee, Junior, Intermediate and Senior.

Circuit Shows: Please follow “North Interlake Show Circuit” on FB for NISC related info & to post club info:

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| • R3 Horse Show – Saturday, May 18, 2024 | www.redroseranchmanitoba.com |
| • Lundar Horse Show – Saturday, June 15, 2024 | www.lundaragsociety.com |
| • Arborg Horse Show- Saturday, July 13, 2024 | www.agsociety.net |
| • Eriksdale Horse Show- Saturday, August 10, 2024 | admineriksdale@rmofwestinterlake.com |
| • Ashern Horse Show- Saturday, August 17, 2024 | www.ashernhorseassociation.weebly.com |

Circuit Membership Fees (Show Fee - *NOT for Individual Competitors*):

- **\$350.00** annual fee/per show committee/club. Due at the AGM (first NISC Meeting of the year).
- It is encouraged that someone from each show committee (or a representative that will relay notes) attend the NISC meetings held throughout the year. This will ensure each member club has the knowledge of NISC rule updates and changes.
- It provides consistency, gives each club a voice and the opportunity to be part of the development of the circuit.
- A **\$100 discount** will be applied if a representative attends the AGM (first NISC Meeting of the year).

NISC Classes:

1. **Showmanship**
2. **English Pleasure/Hunter Under Saddle**
3. **English Equitation/Hunt Seat Equitation**
4. **Western Pleasure**
5. **Western Horsemanship**
6. **Ranch Riding**
7. **Barrel Racing**
8. **Pole Bending**
9. **Key Hole**

*****OPEN NISC classes that have several age divisions in the same class must have all the competitors placed in the class. To allow proper point placement for the age divisions. *****

Important for Judges to know

Age Divisions: *All ages are as of January 1st of the current year.***Lead Line** - 8 and under *(No cross entry with any other classes)***Junior** – 13 years and under.**Senior** – 19 years and over**Pee Wee (PW)** – 10 and under**Intermediate** – 14 to 18 years**Circuit Requirements for NISC Classes:****Show Requirements, Class requirements & circuit entry info:**

1. Shows are required to hold Pee Wee classes for year-end awards. Shows may offer more, but must offer at least 3 of the 9 NISC recognized classes. Pee Wee classes are offered with the safety of the young competitor in mind.
2. **NISC PW division** – only points accumulated in the PW classes will be used toward the NISC PW year-end placing.
3. Shows are required to host 7 of the 9 classes with Jr Int & Sr age divisions although the clubs are strongly urged to host all 9.
4. Annual membership can be purchased at the cost of **\$5.00** at any time within the year. Only competitors with an active membership can collect points towards year end awards.
5. Points are collected, by active members, on the same horse/rider combinations. Use the same name (registered name) at each show.
6. All competitors must compete in their specified age categories to gather points toward the specified NISC year-end age division.
7. NISC encourages participation. NISC discourages disqualification of competitors except in the case of the safety or in the case of off pattern in a speed event. Part of our mandate, for NISC shows are to encourage those who want to learn and try.
8. Safety **ORDER of GO: Timed Events** → PW-JR-INT-SR. **All Other Events** → SR-INT-JR-PW.
9. AQHA requires any assisted competitors to be disqualified. We want to encourage participation & safety to allow competitors to be assisted if needed. Any contestant being assisted hands-on inside the patterned area will be placed under those who are not being assisted in the class in any age division, ***not disqualified.*** *Pattern area to be determined by the show committee and the judge's discretion.*
10. Pee Wees are required to walk and jog only. Loping is **not** permitted. Loping more than 3 strides will be penalized 5 seconds per incident in a speed class or a “incomplete” in a pattern/rail class. Loping more than 3 strides with no obvious attempt to transition to a trot will result in disqualification.
11. AQHA requires competitors be disqualified for taking the incorrect lead, we would like the judge not to disqualify them but work that fault into their judging score.
12. Novice Horses and Novice Rider are encouraged to attend **ALL** NISC shows. Including 2 year old horses before July 1st as an exception to the AQHA rule. All horses should be treated with respect at all times.
13. If classes are combined then the judge must place all in the class so that the points can be tabulated correctly in each age division for NISC High point awards.
14. Each age division class must be placed to 5th – NISC pts are gathered to 5th place to determine point year-end high-point standings.
15. Competitors are allowed to show in both Western Pleasure classes and Ranch Riding classes.
16. Ranch Riding competitors are encouraged to follow Ranch Riding attire, a penalty will be applied (at the discretion of the judge) in place of disqualification.
17. Any complaints regarding a show must be submitted, in writing, to the specific show committee of each show within 30 days of the show along with a non-refundable \$50 to be considered.
18. Harassment or abusive behavior towards any show, committee member(s) or volunteer(s) will result in the removal of prize money, NISC points and/or banning of attendance from any NISC shows for the next of year. The penalty for harassment or abusive behavior will be reviewed and determined on a case-by-case basis.

19. Any negative or disrespectful posts, comments or messages made on the NISC Facebook page or towards any show, committee member(s) or volunteer(s) will result in the individual being immediately removed from the page and not allowed to join again. At the determination of the NISC Committee Rule 18 – Harassment or abusive behavior, will be applied.

Show committees please inform your judge of the following NISC show requirements.

NISC Cross Entry Rules:

- A horse may only be ridden twice per class & only once per age division.
- Lead line contestants may not enter any other classes.
- Pee Wee contestants may compete in the Junior classes (listed as 13 & under) but are expected to complete the Junior class maneuvers. *Pee Wee contestants may choose to enter either the Pee Wee or the Junior class but cannot compete in both.*

JUNIOR PTS DO NOT COUNT TOWARD PEE WEE YEAR END POINTS.

Helmets:

- Correctly fitting riding helmets are mandatory for Pee Wee, Junior and Intermediate age divisions for **ALL** classes. Helmets are recommended for senior riders.

Show Results:

- It is very important to count all the competitors in the class including disqualifications. Scratches do not count. *If classes are combined or OPEN classes then the judge must place all in the class so that the points can be tabulated correctly in each age division for NISC High point awards.*
- 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.
- NISC year end points ties will be broken by: 1- # of shows attended (reward attendance), 2- highest placings (reward performance).
- Show Committees will post results online within **TWO WEEKS** after the show to allow competitors to cross reference for NAERIC Incentive applications. Show committees should provide a copy of their show results, which can be submitted to the point director, before or at the fall NISC meeting emailed electronically to kerri.mcivor@live.com.

NAERIC Incentive Program:

All of the NISC shows have applied to be NAERIC sanctioned. Each show can apply individually online at www.naeric.org and 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.

These NISC rules are meant to provide consistency and uniformity throughout the circuit. If at any time the hosting show feels that these rules cannot be followed due to safety concerns then it is up to that hosting show committee to execute what they feel would be a safer alternative.