

Black Forest Saddle Club Standing Rules
Updated May 28, 2020

1. Standing Rules are subject to change as determined by the majority vote of the Black Forest Saddle Club (hereinafter referred to as BFSC) Board of Directors or by a majority vote of the voting club participants at any regular meeting of the BFSC.
2. Requests to change the Standing Rules should be presented to the BFSC Board in writing. Requested changes will be considered at the next scheduled Board meeting or at the next scheduled Club meeting.
3. Standing Rules will never violate the By-Laws or Articles of Incorporation of the BFSC.
4. Participation in the BFSC is open to the general public and requires membership dues to be paid annually to qualify for year-end awards.
5. The BFSC facilities are open for use by all participants for BFSC sponsored events and any other event occurring at the facilities. Any use of the facilities outside of formal events is subject to an arena use fee.
6. Arena use fees are optional and are solely to allow access to the facilities at any time other than formal events. Upon receipt of the arena use fee, the registrant will be provided with the lock codes to the arena gates.
7. Arena use fees are for the period of April to April on any given year.
8. The amount of the arena use fee is \$50 per individual or \$60 per family per season. Any individual under the age of 18 must be listed on a family fee registered under the name of a parent or legal guardian. No one under the age of 18 is permitted to use the arena unless a parent, guardian or designated agent is present at all times. Considering the risk of equestrian activities, it is recommended that no one ride alone at BFSC facilities.
9. Groups who are not families have arena use fees that vary based on group size and voted on by the Board. Any decision made by the Board will be final.
10. All participants must sign two documents prior to showing or using the facilities at BFSC. The first being a Hold Harmless Agreement. The second being a Code of Conduct document. Both aforementioned documents need only be signed once per season or as requested by the Board.
11. Participants are responsible for the actions of their families, guests and animals. Any person found not in compliance with BFSC's Code of Conduct will be required to have a meeting with the BFSC Board to discuss the occurrence. Willful or repeated instances of neglect to the Code of Conduct and/or damage to BFSC property will not be tolerated. This will result in a Board vote for revocation of arena use and participation in any BFSC

events. Refunds will not be given should this occur. Any decision made by the Board is final.

12. BFSC adheres to following AQHA standards and rules. Animals will be treated at the AQHA professional standard. Failure to comply will result in immediate dismissal and reported to proper authorities.
13. BFSC is a family-centric organization whose activities often include minors. Language and actions should be such that is acceptable in the presence of minors. Willful and repeated instances of inappropriate language and actions may result in revocation of arena use and/or participation in BFSC events.
14. BFSC is a smoke-free facility. Smoking is permitted in one's vehicle only.
15. If any Judge, Club Member or Board Member smells alcohol on any participant's person or if any participant appears to be under the influence of any mind-altering substance, they will be immediately reported to the President of the Board. The President then will decide if the aforementioned participant will be disqualified from the day's events. Following the incident, a Board meeting and vote will take place to decide if participants will be further allowed to compete and remain a participant.
16. Horses may be tied to their owner's trailer but may not be left inside. If a horse is proving to be dangerous to itself or others, the owners may be asked to stay with the horse and not leave it unattended for the duration of the event.

Class/ Division Definitions for Performance Shows

Walk/Trot Beginner-

For those who are in their first year of showing or have not placed High Point Champion or Reserve Champion in Walk/Trot at BFSC in ANY year.

Walk/Trot Advanced-

For any exhibitors who choose not to lope/canter. May continue to compete in this class if they have placed High Point Champion or Reserve Champion at BFSC.

Novice-

Any amateur rider who has NOT taught others in exchange for money or gifts. A novice participant must move to their respective age group if they have ever placed High Point Champion or Reserve Champion in the Novice division at ANY locally recognized show in ANY year.

18 and Under-

Any rider who fits in this age category may compete in this class regardless of skill level. May continue to compete in this class if they have placed 1st or 2nd in their age group at BFSC in any year.

19 and Over-

Any rider who fits in this age category may compete in this class regardless of skill level. May continue to compete in this class if they have placed 1st or 2nd in their age group at BFSC in any year.

Divisions and Definitions for Sunday Speed Events

Little Lopers-

10 years of age and under- A rider that is able to ride and control a horse at a lope, but is not yet riding at a full gallop. This is only offered in Gymkhana. Any rider who has placed High Point Champion or Reserve Champion in Little Lopers in ANY year at BFSC, must move to the Novice Jr. division.

Novice Junior-

13 years of age and under- An intermediate level rider who's riding proficiency extends to beginning loping and galloping. Any rider who has placed High Point Champion or Reserve Champion in Novice Junior in ANY year at BFSC, must move to the Novice Senior division.

Novice Senior-

14 years of age and over- An intermediate level rider who's riding proficiency extends to beginning loping and controlled galloping; This rider may not have ever taught another in exchange for money or gifts. Any rider who has placed High Point Champion or Reserve Champion in ANY year must move to their respective age group.

Youth-

18 years of age and under. An advanced level rider who's riding proficiency extends to all gates

19-39 age group

An advanced level rider who's riding proficiency extends to all gates

40 and over age group

An advanced level rider who's riding proficiency extends to all gates

Standing Rules for Sunday Speed Events

Any rider competing in Little Lopers who runs a clean barrel pattern in 35 seconds or less in their first show, will be required to move to the appropriate Novice division. That rider will be moved to the novice division prior to their next class race of the day. They will be permitted to carry their score and points from their run in Little Lopers.

Any rider competing in any Novice division who runs a clean barrel pattern in 25 seconds or less in their first show, will be required to move up to their appropriate age group. That rider will be moved to their age group prior to their next class race of the day. They will be permitted to carry their score and points from their run in their Novice division.

Any performance rider who competes in the Saturday performance shows, may start in any appropriate level on Sunday. Their divisions do not carry over unless they are a trainer.