Black Forest Saddle Club Standing Rules
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I. Participation Rules

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 public. Membership dues are required to be paid annually to qualify for year-end awards. An updated membership list will be posted in the office during the shows. Exhibitors or their parents are responsible for ensuring membership standing.

5. The BFSC facilities are open for use by all participants for BFSC sponsored events and any other event occurring at the facilities. BFSC facilities are open to any club, group or organization for use, subject to board approval and appropriate fees paid.

6. 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 documents need to be signed once per season or as requested by the Board. Participants under the age of 18 are required to wear a helmet for all classes. Any participant under the age of 18 that doesn't wear a helmet must have a parent or legal guardian sign a helmet waiver.

7. 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.

8. BFSC follows the APHA/AQHA standards and rules. Animals will be treated at the APHA/AQHA professional standard. Failure to comply will result in immediate dismissal and reported to proper authorities.

9. BFSC is a family-centric organization whose activities often include minors. Language and actions should be such that it is acceptable in the presence of minors. Willful and repeated instances of inappropriate language and actions may result in revocation of membership, arena use and/or participation in BFSC events.

10. BFSC is a smoke-free facility. Smoking is permitted in one's vehicle only.

11. If any Judge, Club Member or Board Member smells alcohol on any participant 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 BFSC board. The President then will decide if the participant will be disqualified from the day's events. Following the incident, a Board meeting

and vote will take place to decide if the participant will be further allowed to compete and remain a participant.

12. Horses may be tied to their owner's trailer but may not be left inside the trailer. 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 or be removed from the premises.

13. Dogs must always be on a leash and may not be left unattended or in an enclosed vehicle.

II. Performance Horse Show and Speed Horse Show Rules

A. Performance Horse Show and Speed Show General Rules

1. The decisions of the judges and show officials will be final! Arguing with the judges and/or show officials may be grounds for dismissal from the show, removal from BFSC property, forfeiture of show fees, loss of BFSC privileges or any combination of the above penalties. Penalties will be determined by a majority vote of the BFSC Board.

2. All Performance/Speed Horse Shows will be conducted in accordance with the APHA Rule Book when it does not conflict with the BFSC Standing Rules. When a conflict does exist between APHA and BFSC Standing Rules, BFSC standing rules will take precedence.

3. Exhibition and/or schooling entries may be permitted at the sole discretion of the judge and/or BFSC board. If any rider chooses to take part in an exhibition ride, the show office MUST BE NOTIFIED PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE FIRST CLASS OF THE SHOW.

4. Performance riders may enter one horse per class for the purpose of daily high point awards or year-end awards. Speed riders may enter multiple horses for the purpose of daily high point awards or end of year awards. Riders must complete 75% of the day to be eligible for end of day awards.

5. No participant under the age of 18 will be allowed to show a Stallion.

B. Performance Horse Show and Speed Horse Show Cancellation Rules

1. In the event of inclement weather, shows may be delayed up to 60 minutes to await a change in condition.

2. Show cancellation or change of venue is based on weather or conditions of the grounds. Cancellations will be posted on the BFSC Facebook page and website.

3. Members must show in 4 of 6 or 3 of 5 shows to qualify for year-end awards. If 4 or fewer shows are held for the season, year-end requirements and awards will be determined by the BFSC board.

4. In the event a show is canceled before completion, points for the show/class will only be included in year-end totals if all participants in the division are able to complete the class.

5. Participation in offered Trail classes is on a first come, first served basis. The trail arena is open for 4 hours or until the end of the show, whichever comes first. Any rider who has entered the class

but has not shown within the allotted time, will forfeit their class and fee. Trail is added to overall points for daily and year end awards.

6. A participant is considered a scratch if the contestant fails to show up in time to be judged or timed and will also forfeit any associated fees. If any participant would like to scratch a class, verbal communication must be given to the show office a minimum of two classes prior to their intended scratched class.

7. No cash or credit refunds will be given for any late scratches or no shows.

8. Makeup of canceled events or classes will be done at the sole discretion of the BFSC board.

C. <u>Performance and Speed Show Office Rules</u>

1. There will be no charge for any Lead line classes.

2. There will be a $10 office charge per participant (lead line excluded). The maximum office charge per family will be $20, regardless of the number of family contestants.

3. Participants who pre-register by noon on the Thursday prior to each show weekend will receive a $5 discount on their office charge.

4. All contestants under the age of 18 must have the signature of their parent or legal guardian on the entry form to participate in the show. A parent or legal guardian or another designated adult must be present at any BFSC event where a minor child is participating. For insurance reasons, no exception will be made to this rule.

5. For Performance and Speed class fees, please refer to our showbill.

6. Cash refunds will never be given. Credit for a future BFSC event may be given for classes canceled because of weather or if classes are appropriately scratched (See C.6). It is the sole responsibility of the participant to notify the show office of any appropriately scratched classes to receive a written credit slip for a future show to be applied to show fees only. The participant will be given ONE COPY of the credit, and it must be presented at a future show in order to be utilized. Any lost slip will not be replaced.

D. <u>Performance and Speed Show Eligibility and Participation Rules</u>

1. The BFSC board reserves the right to review classes and placement for any rider during the first three shows.

2. Riding categories are based on the age and ability of the rider and not the horse. Assessment of the rider's ability is a judgment call from the rider and the BFSC board.

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

4. Participant's age as of January 1 of the competition year will determine the age group in which the participant may enter.

5. Participants must declare their class determination by the first show of any series. A rider may move up a classification but not down. The only exception is if it is unsafe for the rider to continue in the upper class. One class/division change is permitted per show season with the board's approval.

6. If any rider feels they deserve to stay in their previous class, barring any awards given, they may petition the board in writing along with a $50 fee.

7. For Performance, Year-End points are accumulated on a one horse/rider combination. If a horse change is necessary due to lameness, death, sale or lease end, a written note is required to be submitted to the board for review. Yearling is the only exception to the one horse/rider rule for year-end awards. Yearling exhibitors may show two horses in accordance with APHA/AQHA rules.

8. Speed riders may enter multiple horses for the purpose of daily high point awards or Year-end awards.

iii. Performance Horse Show and Speed Horse Show Definitions

A. General Definitions

1. Performance Horse Show- any scheduled formal performance show (including but not limited to: Hunter Under Saddle, Equitation, Showmanship, Lunge Line, Halter, In-hand trail, Trail, Pleasure, Horsemanship, Ranch Riding) of the BFSC Summer Series.

2. Speed Horse Show- any scheduled formal speed show (including but not limited to, Barrels, Flags, 75 Up & Back, Poles and Keyhole) of the BFSC Summer Series.

3. Any Breed Show- an Open Show where the horse/ rider combination will be grouped and judged by breed, as well as normal rider classification. There is no requirement to hold an event such as this.

4. Summer Series- Competition that includes a combination of Performance and Speed events plus any number of scheduled informal clinics or training shows.

5. Event- any show or clinic sponsored by the BFSC Board.

6. Discipline- Grouping of classes. Disciplines will be English, Western or Speed.

7. Class- A particular event

8. Rider Classification- Any rider may enter a class but are subject to separate placement by the BFSC Board if they are not in the correct classification. Riders are placed on rider ability level and not the horse's ability.

9. Special Events- An event or a special series that may be an addition to the annual scheduled shows.

B. ***Performance Shows-Class and Division Definitions***

Walk/Trot Beginner-

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

Walk/Trot Advanced-
For any exhibitor to participate at a level that is comfortable for the horse or rider with no requirement to move up. Excludes all trainers or paid personnel.

Green / Green Walk trot-
Any Rider is allowed, Any Horses who have not won any world championships, have more than 10 points in any breed association, or buckled in the top two end of year placings for age groups.

Novice-
Any beginner 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.

19 and Over-
Any rider who fits in this age category may compete in this class regardless of skill level.

C. ***Speed Shows-Class and Divisions and Definitions***

Little Lopers-
10 years of age and under- A rider that is able to ride and control their horse at a lope but is not yet riding at a full gallop. 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. 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 Novice Jr. division. That rider will be moved to the novice division prior to their next class race of the day. They will carry their score and points from their run in Little Lopers.

Novice Junior-
Any rider 13 years of age and under 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. 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.

Novice Senior-
Any rider 14 years of age and over 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 at ANY locally recognized show in ANY year. 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.

Youth-13 and Under-
Any rider who fits in this age category may compete in this class regardless of skill level.

Youth-14-18-
Any rider who fits in this age category may compete in this class regardless of skill level.

19 and Over-
Any rider who fits in this age category may compete in this class regardless of skill level.

D. Performance and Speed Show Events and Classes

1 Performance shows will begin promptly at 9:00 am and proceed until concluded or canceled. Speed shows will begin promptly at 10:00 am and proceed until concluded or canceled. Exhibitions for Speed shows will begin at 9:00 am. Any change in time will be posted to the BFSC Facebook page well in advance.

2 Proper attire is required for all Performance events and will factor into the judge's placing. Disqualification for improper dress or tack is at the discretion of the judge. Speed event dress code: jeans, t-shirt or long sleeve tucked in, hat/helmet and proper boots. No tank tops.

3 Halter classes will be offered at each Performance show for a separate fee. The class will be divided into three divisions: Stallion, Gelding, Mare. Ribbons will be awarded. 1st and 2nd place winners in each division will be eligible to compete in the Grand Champion class. Halter points do not count toward the overall daily or year-end awards.

4 Ranch classes will be offered at each performance show for a separate fee. The class will be divided into three divisions: Novice, 18 and under, 19 and over. Ranch Riding, Ranch Rail, Ranch Pleasure, and Ranch Trail will be offered during the season. Ranch points do not count toward the overall daily awards. There will be end of year awards per ranch division.

iv. Performance and Speed Show Point Tabulations and Award Rules

A. Point Tabulation Rules

1. A maximum of 6 placing ribbons will be awarded for every Performance/Speed class. Each rider receives a participation point for entering and completing the class. Points for each class are awarded as follows with participation points included: 1st place- 7 pts, 2nd place- 6 pts, 3rd place- 5 pts, 4th place- 4 pts, 5th place- 3 pts, 6th place- 2pts.

2. In Gymkhana, a rider still receives a participation point even if the rider receives no time.

B. Performance and Speed Show Award Rules

1. Showmanship points will count toward daily and year end awards and will always be used as a tiebreaker in Performance. However, it will only count toward one discipline (English or Western)

2. A participant must show in at least 2 classes in their division to qualify for daily awards as well as end year awards.

3. Overall daily high point and year end winners will be the top two riders of each division. The breakdown is as follows:

The rider with the most points in all classes in their division will receive Overall Champion. The rider with the second most points in all classes in their division will receive Reserve Champion.
The rider with the most points in English per division will receive High Point English and the rider with the second most points in English will receive Reserve High Point English.
The rider with the most points in Western per division will receive High Point Western and the rider with the second most points in Western per division will receive Reserve Western High Point.

4. Tie breakers for daily and year end awards by discipline:
    i. Performance- Showmanship placing
    ii. Speed- Barrel placing.
    iii. Yearling- Showmanship placing

5. If a tie cannot be determined via the methods above, the tie will be broken by the most first place winners of the two riders in question.

6. Monthly winners and points will be made available for viewing on the BFSC Facebook page. Disputes of any points must be submitted in writing to bfscsummerseries@gmail.com within 10 days of the show in question.

7. Halter points are based on horses and not exhibitors. More than one handler may be used. This applies to Yearling as well.

8. To be eligible for year-end awards, the rider/participant must be a BFSC member in GOOD standing. Good standing is determined by the BFSC board and includes paid membership and good sportsmanship.