

## **Welcome to the E.T.I. National Horse Show Circuit**

*The E.T.I. National Horse Show Circuit (ETI NHSC) is an E.T.I. National (rather than individual Corral) program, set up for members to earn points for E.T.I. National year-end awards. Competitors interested in pursuing these awards and recognition pay a fee to the E.T.I. NHSC for each class entered.*

*E.T.I. shows are not rated. E.T.I. offers Open/All-Breed Shows and, in most classes, horses do not require registration papers. All breeds of horses and equines are welcome to participate. Over the years there has been some refining and streamlining of rules, but E.T.I. has always stressed sportsmanship and fair play, along with having fun more than the price of a horse, tack or attire.*

*The chase for points is intense and our High Point competitors enhance the attendance at all High Point shows. Enjoy the challenge, be a good sport, and put FUN into your show day.*

### **I. THE E.T.I. NATIONAL HORSE SHOW CIRCUIT COMMITTEE**

#### **A. Committee Membership**

1. The E.T.I. NHSC Committee shall consist of five to ten persons and will include if possible:

- a) Chairperson: Oversees program
- b) Co-Chairperson: Assists Chairperson
- c) Points Person: Records and tallies points from High Point Shows
- d) Contestant Representative: a current or recent competitor (or trainer) that will represent all competitors & be a liaison between the committee and competitors as needed.

2. Membership shall be on a volunteer basis with approval of the previous E.T.I. NHSC Committee and the current Chairperson.

#### **B. Committee Responsibilities**

1. Booking and approval of all E.T.I. NHSC Shows.
2. Tallying points for the contestants based on submitted E.T.I. NHSC sheets from participating E.T.I. NHSC Shows.
3. Fund Raising to support the Program.
4. Booking and giving at least one E.T.I. NHSC Benefit Double Point Show, the proceeds of which will help pay for E.T.I. NHSC expenses.
5. Arranging for and hosting the E.T.I. NHSC Awards Banquet.
6. E.T.I. NHSC Rules updated/revised by E.T.I. NHSC Committee as necessary.
7. Correspondence Including:
  - a) Sending necessary forms and membership cards to verified participants.
  - b) Periodically apprising each contestant of his or her current standing, either by direct mail, handed out at shows or by E-mail.
  - c) Informing contestants of any changes affecting them.
8. Addressing any problems that arise not covered in the rules.
9. The E.T.I. NHSC Chairperson will refer any issues not resolvable by the E.T.I. NHSC Committee and their resources to the E.T.I. Board of Directors. The Board's decision will be final.
10. Any committee member who is also an exhibitor or a trainer for or related to an exhibitor, must notify the committee and excuse themselves from discussing or voting on any issues that may present a conflict of interest (i.e. – the ruling would directly affect their points or standings)

## **II. E.T.I. NATIONAL HORSE SHOW CIRCUIT PROGRAM GENERAL RULES**

- A. Horse Shows approved for the E.T.I. NHSC will use United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) rule book as guideline, but show management will take precedence.
- B. Specific Breed rules not covered by USEF.
  - 1. Rules for apparel, tack, gaits and equines specifically not covered by USEF: please see the individual handbooks (Breed Standards) for each individual breed i.e. Quarter Horse-AQHA Handbook, Paints-APHA Handbook, etc. Gaited Horses see individual breed standard handbooks for gait, tack, and attire. Be prepared to show your breed book.
  - 2. Each competitor is responsible for knowing his/her own Breed Standards and rules.
- C. E.T.I. NHSC Shows may be held by E.T.I. Corrals and recognized horse organizations. Outside organizations will only be able to book dates after all E.T.I. Corrals have had a chance to.
- D. The E.T.I. NHSC Year will run from February 1<sup>st</sup> through the last Sunday in November each year. No shows will be booked in December or January.
- E. A Maximum of 15 E.T.I. NHSC Shows may be booked for the current year. This includes the E.T.I. National Horse Show & Convention.
- F. The E.T.I. NHSC Committee reserves the right to combine or cancel any class with less than three competitors. Classes may be combined regardless of whether the class it is being combined with originally had three entries. This decision will be made after the E.T.I. National Horse Show & Convention each year.
- G. All entrants in Halter or Performance classes must specify English or Western on their entry form. Points will start over if tack or clothing is changed.
- H. No Class may be substituted. If your exact class (i.e. age division, open, etc.) is not offered, NO points will be earned. Points are allowed if classes are combined at the show due to lack of participation.
  - 1. Country Pleasure is the only exception to this rule. County Pleasure is offered as English and Western separately. Each show is allowed to decide ahead of time if they need to offer the disciplines combined. Points will be allowed either way.
- I. E.T.I. NHSC Classes will be open to all types of equines except where specifically restricted, such as pony classes, any registered classes or gaited horse classes.
- J. Halter Foals of the Current Year may not begin to accumulate points until May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- K. See specific rules regarding Walk/Trot /Jog classification and qualification under Class Descriptions.
- L. Leadline contestants (7 & Under) may not enter any performance class other than Leadline.

## **III. CONTESTANT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

- A. Enrollment
  - 1. E.T.I. NHSC Shows are open to any participant, but only E.T.I. members enrolled in the program may accumulate points.
  - 2. Entrants are responsible for keeping their E.T.I. membership current. If at any time their membership lapses, participants forfeit all accumulated points and are no longer members of the program. If membership is renewed, new entry to the program must be made.
  - 3. Applications for entrants will not be accepted after September 1 of the E.T.I. NHSC Year.
  - 4. If an entrant's application for the E.T.I. NHSC Program is turned in by the

third show of the season, his/her points from the first three shows of the year will count. Entrants whose applications are received after the third show will start accumulating points from that time forward. Applications must be turned in by the end of the show for the points from that show to count.

5. There is a \$10.00 fee per equine/rider/handler combination per class (unless a special price is stated on application) to enter the E.T.I. NHSC Program. This covers year-end awards, mailing, advertising, and operational expenses.
6. In this program there will be no cross entries of age breaks in pleasure or equitation classes unless a specific class is not offered for the age break.
7. The age of an individual on December 1st shall be maintained throughout the next E.T.I. NHSC year. Persons born on December 1<sup>st</sup> shall assume the greater age of that date.
8. No one under the age of 18 may show or handle a stallion in any E.T.I. class or on the show grounds. A stallion is any unaltered male horse of any age (including foals).
9. Each contestant (or parent/guardian if under 18) must sign an Insurance Waiver form.
10. All points will be taken from each Horse Show Committee's results.
11. When entering a Registered Horse class, registration and/or lease papers must accompany the application. Both Halter and Performance classes apply.

#### B. Contestant General Rules

1. All Halter and Performance classes entered are based on an equine/rider/handler combination that must be maintained throughout the E.T.I. NHSC Year.
  - a) Unapproved substitutions of equine/rider/handler will be grounds for exclusion from the E.T.I. NHSC Program. Points are given to same horse/rider combination all year.
  - b) If you wish or need to permanently change equine/rider/handler, your points will start over at that time.
  - c) In the case of two classes being combined at a particular show and the same exhibitor was entered in the two classes with different equines, an alternate exhibitor may be accepted for one of the entries (i.e. Halter Stallions/Geldings).
  - d) In the event that a participant is unavailable, a family member may serve as substitute handler for halter ONLY. No trainers will be accepted.
  - e) A second designated equine is acceptable for the classes Walk/Jog/Trot or Leadline if these classes are combined at a show. In equitation classes, if equine is unable to show due to medical problems, a vet certification and approval of High Point Chairperson must be proven to switch equines.
  - f) Requirements for Age Breaks in classes: proof of age of rider must be provided with application (i.e. driver's license or birth certificate). Proof of age of horse must also be provided with application (i.e. ownership or lease papers).
2. Show Requirements
  - a) You will be required to participate in at least five shows in your selected class to be eligible for a year-end award.

- b) If your selected class is offered six times or less during the year, you will only be required to participate in three shows.
- 3. Amateur Status and ATR/ATS Classes
  - a) Amateur means that you must have an Amateur Status. An Amateur is any person who after their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, has NOT accepted remuneration (money or other significant compensation) for riding, driving, showing in halter, training, schooling, conducting seminars or clinics, or for giving instruction in equitation or horse training in the previous two years.
  - b) If your status changes from Amateur to Professional, your points will stop at the time you become a professional. You must notify the E.T.I. NHSC Committee immediately. If before September 1, you may sign up for any Open class. Your points will start over.

C. Points

- 1. E.T.I. Points are based on an equine/rider/handler combination in all classes. A total of 15 shows may be booked for the E.T.I. NHSC Year. Points will be counted from all shows that you attend.
- 2. Points will be awarded in the following manner:

**POINT SYSTEM**

<u>Placing in Class</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	Number of horses in class
	6	5	4	3	2	1	<u>1 to 6</u> Riders/Horses
	7	6	5	4	3	2	<u>7 to 10</u> Riders/Horses
	8	7	6	5	4	3	<u>11 to 15</u> Riders/Horses
	9	8	7	6	5	4	<u>16 to 20</u> Riders/Horses
	10	9	8	7	6	5	<u>21 or more</u> Riders/Horses

- 3. A half point for participation will be awarded if you show and do not place (must be verified).
- 4. One point will be awarded if you were signed up for a class, but it was cancelled (must be verified)
- 5. Points may **only** be accumulated in those exact classes in which the entrant is registered. See Exception under the E.T.I. NHSC Specific Rules.
- 6. If your class is scheduled at a show, and it is cancelled due to lack of participants other than yourself, you may receive 1 point for intention of showing. If the class is conducted with only one rider, then points will be awarded as shown above.
- 7. The E.T.I. NHSC Points Chairperson will accumulate your points from each Corral's show results and Judge's cards.
- 8. Disqualifications and Penalties
  - a) The hosting Show Officials or High Point Chairperson may, at their discretion, disqualify any contestant for any infraction of the E.T.I. NHSC rules. The officials must submit in writing the nature of the violation, the contestants' name, and any action taken.
  - b) Any contestant who has been suspended from the E.T.I. NHSC program will be ineligible to participate in the E.T.I. NHSC

and accumulate points for year-end awards for the following two calendar years from the date of suspension. Once the suspension period is over and the individual wishes to rejoin the E.T.I. NHSC program, that individual will be on a probationary status for a period of one year. If there are no infractions of any E.T.I. NHSC rules, the individual will then be removed from probationary status.

c) The use of alcohol or drugs is prohibited on the show grounds for safety and insurance reasons.

9. Protests

a) Formal protests must be made in writing within 48 hours of the incident and must have a signature to be valid.

b) Each formal protest must be accompanied by a \$50.00 money order and sent to the E.T.I. office, Attn.: E.T.I. NHSC Committee.

c) The E.T.I. NHSC Committee will review the protest utilizing their resources. If they are in agreement with you, your money will be refunded and appropriate action will be taken. (Please note that the Judge's decision is final, and if your protest involves questions of the Judge's decision, your placing in the class will not change).

#### **IV HOSTING PARTY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

A. Booking of Shows

1. All E.T.I. NHSC Shows must be registered with the E.T.I. NHSC Committee a minimum of 60 days prior to the show date. In the event of a cancellation the replacement show will not be held to this rule. Rain dates also fall into this category.

2. If two or more applications are received for the same show dates, and all meet the E.T.I. NHSC requirements, the first application received in the E.T.I. Office shall have precedence. Only one E.T.I. NHSC Show will be approved for each particular date.

3. Booking for the coming year will begin in October of the current year.

4. Hosting Parties will be limited to two bookings.

5. The responsibility portion of the registration form must be signed for the show to qualify.

B. If the E.T.I. NHSC Committee determines that a show does not qualify the show management will be notified immediately.

C. No additional shows will be booked for the E.T.I. NHSC Year after June 1, except in case of a cancellation.

D. Hosting parties are encouraged to have a scheduled rain date for each show they book. If another rain date must be used it may be scheduled on any open weekend date remaining before December 1<sup>st</sup> of that year. No rain date may be booked on any Regular High Point Show.

E. Show Requirements

1. The Horse Show Committees have the option of running any combination of two of the following for their High Point shows: Halter, English and Western conventional show; one English and one Western arena simultaneously on one day; an all English one-day show or an all Western one-day show.

- a) Approved E.T.I. NHSC Shows must offer at least five Halter classes and 18 performance classes equally (i.e. six English, six Western, and six E/W). These classes must be selected from the list on the E.T.I. NHSC application form and should use the same wording and age breaks as the E.T.I. NHSC form. This will lessen confusion for the competitor on which class to enter.
    1. Although Country Pleasure is offered as English and Western separately, it will be the show committee's discretion to combine the disciplines on their premiums as needed. This is the only class in which combining prior to the show date will be allowed for points to count.
  - b) All E.T.I. NHSC classes on premiums should have a code designation (i.e. “#” or “@”) to designate an E.T.I. NHSC class.
2. The E.T.I. Convention Horse Show must offer an equal amount of classes throughout the show. A different Judge must also be offered for each like set of classes offered. For example: Friday English Equitation 17 & Under must have a different Judge than Saturday English Equitation 17 & Under or points will not count for both days.
  3. No Corral Show may be double pointed. Only National events may do so.
    - a. Double pointed shows must include all viable E.T.I. NHSC classes for that particular year.

#### F. Judge Selection

1. The individual show management will select Judges. The Judge must be carded currently with a recognized major breed or society.
2. The E.T.I. NHSC Program will supply you with a list of such Judges. These Judges must be members of E.T.I. and will have submitted an application and proof of their current credentials in order to be listed.
3. If you are unable to find a Judge to your liking on the list, you are free to find your own carded Judge. However, they must be willing to become members of E.T.I., be represented on the Judges list, and submit copies of their cards and credentials along with the required fee.
4. Judges may judge up to three E.T.I. NHSC shows per year, but they cannot judge back-to-back shows.

#### G. Fees

1. A \$25.00 registration fee per show, plus a class list and Judge's name should accompany each registration form. Send forms to the E.T.I. Office.
2. Each E.T.I. NHSC Show host is required to pay a fee of \$3.00 per equine/rider/handler combination at their show. This is regardless of whether the participant is a member of the E.T.I. NHSC Program or not. You may charge this fee to each contestant combination at your show, or pay it out of show profits. It is to be submitted to the E.T.I. NHSC Program. This fee, plus show results must be submitted within 10 days of the event or the Host will be billed for 100 horses, plus a late fee of \$5.00 per day that it is late.
3. The E.T.I. NHSC Committee feels that it is important the \$5.00 drug fee be paid by all Corrals participating in the E.T.I. NHSC program. It is of paramount importance to retain the random drug testing of show horses for the animals' safety and to keep the sport clean. To this end, the Committee feels that all entry fees charged by Corrals in the E.T.I. NHSC program should be

in line with each other. Cut-rate entry fees (those below \$5.00) may be held by individual Corrals, but they will not be eligible for High Points in the E.T.I. NHSC.

#### H. Responsibilities

1. Any advertising for an E.T.I. NHSC Show, including listing in the Coming Events column of the E.T.I. National magazine, is the sole responsibility of the respective show management. This must be submitted to the magazine editor by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the expected printing.
2. The E.T.I. NHSC Committee will provide a mailing list of all E.T.I. NHSC Contestants for a Corral to do a mailing of its premium. Call the E.T.I. office for the list.
3. The individual Show Committee is required to submit to the E.T.I. office within 10 days of their show, the original results (show result sheets, along with the judge's card and placing). All Corrals are required to keep copies of each E.T.I. NHSC results for one year for verification purposes.
4. The Judges cards showing the class placing must be signed by the judge and show the number of competitors in the class.
5. Each show will also have signed and send to the E.T.I. office the original insurance waiver signed by each competitor and/or parent/guardian.

#### I. Conduct

##### 1. Courtesy

- a. The Hosting Party will be courteous to the competitors and the Judge at all times.
- b. The Hosting Party will arrange times for the competitors to speak with the Judge if necessary.
- c. At no time shall the Hosting Party make comments about the judge, the competitors, or their horses that is negative while they are on the show grounds.

##### 2. Penalties

- a. Any infraction of these rules may be reported to the E.T.I. NHSC Committee in writing.
- b. If the E.T.I. NHSC Committee finds you in violation, a letter of warning will be sent.
- c. After two such letters, the Hosting Party will be suspended from giving an E.T.I. NHSC Show for a period of one calendar year. All fees will be forfeited.

### **V. E.T.I. CONVENTION**

#### A. Convention E.T.I. NHSC Rules

1. The E.T.I. convention will be booked each year at the discretion of the Convention Committee.
2. Pre-entry forms will appear in the E.T.I. National magazine.

#### B. Convention High Points

1. The E.T.I. Convention can be considered up to three shows, if each day has a different judge.
2. Double points will be given at the discretion of the E.T.I. NHSC Committee. This is a National event and a fund-raiser for all of E.T.I.

## **VI. E.T.I. NATIONAL HORSE SHOW CIRCUIT AWARDS & AWARDS BANQUET**

### **A. Banquet**

1. The E.T.I. NHSC Program Annual Awards Banquet will be held before March 1st of each year for the contestants of the previous year. Reservations are required.
2. The specific place and date will be printed in the National magazine.

### **B. Overall High Point Champion**

1. An Overall High Point Champion Saddle will be awarded to the Horse/Rider combination with the highest point total for their ten best classes during the year. A minimum of ten classes must be entered to qualify. If more than ten classes are entered then the points from the horse/rider combinations ten highest point classes will be the total.
2. The saddle will be given according to the discipline (English or Western) shown by the winner.
3. Only one saddle will be awarded during the year to the overall winner of all divisions.
4. If there is enough participation or sponsorships a saddle will be awarded for both English and Western divisions. The High Point committee will make the decision regarding the two saddles and competitors will be notified no later than the National Convention and Horse Show.

### **C. Awards**

1. A Championship Award and a Reserve Award will be presented for each class with three or more entries.
2. In the case of two or less entries when the class has not been combined or cancelled, an award may be given at the discretion of the E.T.I. NHSC Committee. The award may be sponsored or paid for by competitor.
3. Ties
  - a) In the event of a tie for Champion, duplicate awards will be given, but no Reserve will be given in that class.
  - b) In the event of a tie for Reserve Championship, duplicate awards will be given, but no 3<sup>rd</sup> place award will be given in that class.

### **C. Awards**

1. Awards will vary from year to year depending on monies earned for that year. Placing will be from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>, but may go as high as 5<sup>th</sup> depending on monies earned for that year. Each placing is figured out on a percentage basis. This will depend on:
  - a) How much each class brings in; some classes will have more money because of entrants and sponsors.
  - b) A percentage will be figured out for each class based on what he program earned for the E.T.I. NHSC Year (after expenses)

### **D. Sponsorships**

1. Anyone may be a member of the E.T.I. NHSC Honor Roll; the sponsorship is \$100.00. The Honor Roll will appear in the E.T.I. National magazine each month with the names of each member.

## **VII. HORSE SHOW RULES**

### **A. General Rules**

1. Horse Shows approved for the E.T.I. NHSC Program will use United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) rules as a guideline, but show management will take precedence.

2. Registered Horse Classes: Contestants must be able to show registration papers upon request of show management. Halter and Performance classes apply.
  3. Walk/Jog/Trot contestants are free to enter Halter (no stallions if under 18), Showmanship, Country Pleasure, 2 Gait Trail or classes where they only walk and trot/jog/gait, but they may not enter Leadline or any other classes.
  4. Leadline contestants may not enter any other Performance classes.
  6. In this program there will be no cross entries of age breaks in pleasure or equitation.
  7. The age of an individual on December 1<sup>st</sup> shall be maintained throughout the following E.T.I. NHSC year. Persons born on December 1<sup>st</sup> shall assume the greater age of that date.
  8. No one under the age of 18 may show or handle a stallion in any E.T.I. class or on the show grounds. A stallion is any unaltered male horse of any age (including foals).
  9. E/W Classes: Jack Benny, Leadline, Walk/Jog/Trot, Gaited Horse Pleasure, Showmanship, Halter, Trail, and Lunge line. Contestants must specify on their application that they will ride/show English or Western for the entire year. If a contestant changes apparel and/or tack, points will start over. Some shows will combine English and Western. Be careful to ride in the right class and attire for points.
  10. Safety is of the utmost importance. If any competitor is unable to control a horse in the arena and poses a danger to themselves or another competitor, they will be excused from the class. If any person is unable to safely handle a horse on the show grounds, they will be excused from the show grounds.
  11. All juniors riding in English, Hunter, Jumper and Hunter Seat Equitation classes must wear properly fitting protective headgear passing or surpassing current applicable ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards with harness secured while riding anywhere on the competition grounds. It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent/guardian or trainer of the junior exhibitor to see to it that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards. Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place. All divisions and age groups are encouraged to follow this rule.
  12. Unweaned foals must stay at the trailer unless with Mare inside or outside arena.
- B. Specific Breed rules not covered by United States Equestrian Federation (USEF):
1. Rules for apparel, tack, gaits and equines specifically not covered by United States Equestrian Federation (USEF).  
Equestrian please see the individual Handbooks (Breed standards) for each individual breed i.e. Quarter Horse (AQHA Handbook), Paints (APHA Handbook), etc. Gaited Horses see individual breed standard handbooks for gait, tack and attire.
  2. Each contestant is responsible for knowing his/her own Breed Standards/ Rules.
- C. Pony Height Requirements:
1. In performance classes, the maximum height will be 14.2 hands (58 inches) at the withers unless papers are shown from a recognized pony breed.
  2. Classifications as pony or horse may not be changed once classified as such.

## D. Conduct

### 1. Courtesy

- a) Courtesy is expected towards the Judge, Show Officials and fellow competitors at all times. If you have a complaint, you must address the Show Officials in a courteous manner or submit it to the E.T.I. NHSC Committee in writing.
- b) If you wish to speak to the Judge, you must address the Show Officials and make an appointment to speak with him/her after your last class.
- c) Under no circumstances are you to make comments to or about the Judge while you are on the show grounds without this appointment.

### 2. Grounds for expulsion from show and/or E.T.I. NHSC program

- a) No one may directly approach the judge at a show. The Judge's decision is final. You may not argue this point. After the show you may inquire as to how he/she arrived at this decision, and how you may improve your placing next time. Any harassment or argument with the Judge will constitute a violation of the E.T.I. NHSC Rules and will result in expulsion from the show and/or the program.
- b) No drugs may be used to enhance or tone down a horse's performance. No one may change the color or marking of his/her horse at an E.T.I. NHSC Show. No altering of tails will be tolerated. No soring agents or any abuse of equines will be tolerated. Doing so will constitute an immediate disqualification from that show. This is considered grounds for expulsion from the program and will be brought before the E.T.I. NHSC Committee.
- c) No harassing, gossiping, or arguing with fellow competitors, show management or E.T.I. NHSC Committee will be tolerated in or out of the arena or on the rail. No bumping, cutting-off on the rail, or any behavior believed to be either dangerous or malicious will be tolerated and will be grounds for expulsion.

## VIII. CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

1. **Halter Color** - Is open to color breeds and is to be judged 70% Color and 30% Conformation.
2. **Lunge Line** - Is open to any breed, two years of age and under. May be presented English or Western.
  - a) Time limit in ring is 1-1/2 minutes to work horse in both directions. They must walk, jog/trot (or intermediate gait), and lope/canter in both directions of the arena. They will line up facing the ring steward for confirmation judging. Judging will be 80% movement and 20% confirmation.
3. **Halter Stallions, Mare and Geldings** - Horses entered in Halter Stallions, Mares or Geldings classes must be a least two years of age in the E.T.I. NHSC year they are competing in.
4. **1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> Year Green Horse** - Is open to green horses in there 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year of showing.
5. **Novice** - classes are open to riders that have not won three 1<sup>st</sup> place awards prior to this E.T.I. NHSC show year. Novice rating will be maintained for the remainder of the current show year regardless of number of first place received.

6. **Walk/Jog/Trot** - 10 & under may enter Halter, Showmanship, Country Pleasure, 2-gait trail or classes where they only walk/jog, trot or gait, but may not enter Leadline or any class with canter/lope.
7. **Walk/Jog/Trot** – 11 to 17 and 18 & Over Amateur may enter Halter, Showmanship, Country Pleasure, 2 gait trail or classes where they only walk/jog, trot or gait. May not enter a class with canter/lope gait.
8. **Country Pleasure** - a non-rated class but one of E.T.I.'s most popular classes. Open to all breeds and judged as a pleasure class. Class will consist of walk and horse's favorite gate. However, walk/jog/trot contestants may not canter/lope. Emphasis to be placed on most pleasurable horse to ride.
9. **Obedience** - to be shown at any gait or command the judge calls for (i.e.: trot, hand gallop, side pass, counter canter, etc.) As the judge calls out instructions, horses making errors are brought to the center of the arena. The last horse on the rail wins the class.
10. **Hunter Hack** - to be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the arena. Horses are required to jump two fences at a height of 1'6"-2' and follow additional instructions given by the judge.
11. **Trot Crossrail over Fences-** to be shown at the trot over a course of fences at a height of 1'6" to 2'. Rider may not show in any other over fences classes.
12. **Crossrail over Fences-** to be shown at the canter over a course of fences at a height of 1'6" to 2'. Rider may not enter Trot Crossrail over Fences classes or any other over fences classes except Hunter Hack and Pony classes when offered.
13. **Trail Horse**
  - A. Obstacles
    1. There shall be a minimum of six and a maximum of 10 scored obstacles.
    2. No jumps will be allowed.
    3. The exact pattern must be posted at least one hour prior to first call of class.
    4. Management must see to it that all courses are constructed and set up with safety in mind.
    5. The idea is not to entrap or confuse a horse.
    6. If the course is disrupted it shall be reset after each horse has completed its work.
    7. In the event an obstacle is damaged or broken and cannot be repaired to be functional and safe, the object will be removed from the course and all previous scores from that obstacle will be deducted from the score cards
    8. Obstacles may be numbered. Obstacles that may be used: REMEMBER, SAFETY FIRST. Measurements between poles and markers are to remain constant for every exhibitor. Management is responsible for overseeing that someone in the ring crew continuously monitors spacing. When measuring distances between obstacles, the inside base to inside base measurement of each obstacle, with consideration to the normal path of the horse, should be the measuring point.
    9. Obstacles for backing should be spaced at least 32 inches. They can be "L", "V", "U" shaped or straight.
    10. Poles for walking or trotting over may be in a straight line, zigzagged or curved.

11. Bridge must be a minimum of 36 inches wide, sturdy and safe. No rocking bridges are allowed.
12. Tarp to be walked over must be at least 4 feet square. It cannot have any tears, holes or attached ropes or loops.
13. A burlap bag, blanket or slicker should be used to sack out the horse. This object may be hanging from a gate, fence, or post.
14. When using shrubbery and plants within the course, all containers or pots must be sturdy and balanced so as not to fall should the horse bump into them.
15. The square used for haunch turns and forehand turns may be chalked out or imaginary. It is not recommended to have a pole enclosure due to possibility of handler tripping over the poles.
16. If saddling or packing, the exhibitor, at their discretion, may provide their own blanket, saddle or pack.
17. Anytime a horse is to be tied within the course, it must be done so with the utmost safety in mind. NO tying to portable pens, fences or unsecured objects will be allowed.

**In Hand Trail 2 & Under** - open to all breeds of equine under 2 years of age.

**In Hand Trail E/W Open** - open to all breeds and all ages.

- a. Required equipment
    1. Leather, nylon or rope halter and lead. Stud chain may be used under the jaw or over the nose only.
    2. Attire of handler may be English or Western.
  - b. Scoring:
    1. Movement, general appearance and breed characteristics: each maneuver or obstacle shall be scored from 0-10. Failure or missing an obstacle will not disqualify horse but will be marked down.
    2. Disqualification will result for illegal equipment; willful abuse; horse getting loose (unless result of handler fall); major disobedience (kicking, striking, or running over handler).
  - c. Obstacles will be the same as allowed for ridden trail classes.
12. Any questions regarding class descriptions not covered or that are unclear in the ETI NHSC Rule Book or the USEF Rule Book should be addressed to the High Point Committee.

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