

Silver Spur Saddle Club Operating By-Laws and Rules

1. A Silver Spur Saddle Club Membership is necessary in order to participate in a show or event with horses present.
2. Individuals 19 years of age as of January 1, are not included in a Family Membership, so they must obtain their own. A Family Membership consists of married couples, common law couples, and children 18 years of age (as of January 1) and younger with all people residing in the same house.
3. At all times while mounted, all riders 18 years of age and under are required to wear an approved ASTM/SEI helmet, which is properly fitted, with the harness correctly secured.
4. All participants must be in proper attire and equipment for the class. Judges must penalize contestants who do not conform. Judges, at their discretion, may authorize adjustments to attire due to weather-related conditions.
 - A. ENGLISH ATTIRE—Hunt cap or helmet, long sleeved shirt, hunt coat, breeches, high English boots, and tie/pin. Hair must be neat and contained (as in net or braid). Spurs and gloves are optional.
 - B. WESTERN ATTIRE—Western hat or helmet, long sleeved shirt (short sleeved shirts are acceptable in games classes), pants, belt, and cowboy boots. Hair must be pulled back. Spurs and chaps are optional.
 1. Pants (regardless of material) must be in good repair and free of rips, tears or stains. Pants must be a boot cut style and be worn overtop of cowboy boots.
5. There is to be no running/trotting on the track at the Arran Tara Fairgrounds by any horse and rider outside of the designated horse show area. Any inappropriate use of the track could result in disqualification determined by the Executive present.
6. All participants are responsible for the behaviour for their horses while on the show grounds. Any horse out of control will be excused from the ring.
7. The fall of a horse and/or rider in any class during the course of the event will be cause for disqualification.
8. A horse may be ridden by one (1) rider, in one event, in any division, with the exception of horses used in Class #8 Junior Leadline.
9. Any rider may show in an Open class. A walk-jog rider may show in a games class at a walk or jog.
10. If your horse is found to be unsound by the judge you will be excused from showing that horse for the rest of the show. In the absence of a judge, a vote by Executive present can excuse the horse.
11. A junior horse may be ridden in any class with a snaffle bit or bosal and two (2) hands on the reins. A junior horse is characterized as a horse that is five (5) years

of age and under. A horse aged six (6) years of age and older must be ridden with an appropriate bit and one hand on the reins.

12. Any humane type of bit, bosal, or hackamore may be used. The judge has the authority to remove or alter any piece of equipment.
13. Martingales and tie-downs are permitted in games and jumping classes only.
14. In game classes, the rider may use spurs or bats up to three (3) times to the end of the ring and three (3) times running home. Excessive use of bats and/or spurs will result in disqualification.
15. Stallions may be shown only by a Senior member. A horse must be two (2) years of age or older to be considered a stallion.
16. Use of depressants or stimulants is prohibited.
17. Any club member lodging a protest must do so in writing, sign it, and give it to the show secretary before the end of the show.
18. The judge's decisions are final. Any person attempting to influence or interfere with the judge while he/she is judging will forfeit any prize to which he/she was otherwise entitled.
19. The Executive reserves the right to change the running order of classes.
20. The Executive reserves the right to amend the class list prior to the show season.
21. The Executive reserves the right to set the cost of showing prior to show season.
22. The Silver Spur Saddle Club adheres to WHAO Rules with a few exceptions which are stated in the club's by-laws and rules.

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