

2023 Central Mass Horse Show Series Rules & Regulations

1. To maintain our current class prices, trophies or a smaller prize comparable to value will be awarded to youth (under 18) divisions are currently unavailable. Day end prizes for all day champions will still be awarded, reserve champions will remain as ribbon prizes only.
2. Please ensure to check all class specs and division requirements as many have at least one requirement. Many jump divisions have height limits/requirements, for example, Pre-Children's divisions are open to competitors who have not shown over 2' before.
3. All pre entries must be submitted (online) to the Show Secretaries by Thursday at 5PM before each show. Entries received after the deadline, including day of entries, will have a \$15.00 post entry fee applied to the total bill.
 - a. If no number is listed on the entry fee, a \$1.00 charge will be added to the total bill of the show. This does NOT include new entries.
 - b. Please keep your number for all 5 shows, numbers remain the same for each season and do not change until the following season. If at any time you lose your number, there will be a \$5.00 fee added to your bill for having to redo your files in our computer system.
4. 4-H members with a valid membership card who complete class 1F, Fitting and Showmanship will receive a 50% discount on the 4-H specified division(s).
5. Warm-ups will be \$5.00 per rider, per warm-up for 5 minutes. **ONLY 3 RIDERS ARE ALLOWED IN THE RING AT A TIME!** This increases safety for both horse/rider and coaches in the rings. The only exception is approved trainers with more than 3 riders who wish to warm up together with *1* trainer, no more than 5 horses in the ring at a time. You will receive a 1 minute warning from the ring attendants, and a final warning when your time is completed and it is time to enter the ring. You must exit the ring when you are given your final warning, there are several horses that need to warm-up in a short amount of time. Refusal to leave the ring when asked may result in an additional \$5.00 charge for the additional warm-up time. You must pre purchase a warm-up before heading to the ring; tickets can be bought at the Horse Show Office. No warm-up ticket, no warm-up!
6. Add/Scratch forms for all classes must be completed at least *3* classes prior to the class you are adding/scratching. If scratching a class without a 3 class notice, you will still be charged for class. Classes cannot be added or scratched as the class is entering the ring, or once called to order.

7. All riders must complete payment in cash/check, or leave an open (signed) check at the show office in order to receive the riders number for the day, and prior to entering any classes/warm-ups.
8. Proof of current Coggins test (negative) and your horses Rabies Vaccination within the last 12 months of the show date, must be provided to the Horse Show Office at check in of each show.
9. ALL horses coming from out of state MUST have a health certificate from a licensed veterinarian. Health certs for the show season, versus show to show, are accepted.
10. Chaps are allowed in all stock seat classes except 4-H Equitation.
11. Any behavior deemed unsafe/abusive towards any animal by any horse show staff will result in immediate dismissal from Camp Marshall Show Grounds. Camp Marshall and CMHSS has the right to ask you not to return to the property pending the severity of the situation at hand.
12. **An ASTM_SEI approved helmet must be worn by all riders 18 years of age or under whenever mounted.** All Western and Saddle Seat riders will not be penalized for wearing a helmet. Flat saddles are required for all jumping classes, no western tack allowed over fences. Appropriate clothing/boots must be worn by all riders. No riding on any area of the ground with only a halter and lead.
13. The show reserves the right to move, cancel, divide or combine any classes as they see fit.
14. All horses prone to kicking, bucking, or biting must wear a visible red ribbon in their tails at all times while on the show grounds. If your horse kicks/bites another competitor's horse while on grounds, CMHSS has the right to ask you to put a red ribbon on your horse's tail if you do not already. If your horse becomes dangerous to others, regardless of the ribbon, the CMHSS staff or the judge has the right to ask you to leave the ring.
15. Same horse and rider combinations for high point/day end awards. Must complete 2 out of the 3 classes in the division to qualify for day end awards. In the event of a tie, the horse show office will pick which class is the tie-breaker. In the 4-H division, the Fitting and Showmanship scores will break the ties. Equitation points for year end awards follow the rider, points for all other classes/divisions follow the horse/rider combination.
16. All dogs must be on a leash at all times, and attached to a person. Dogs unleashed, left unattended, or dogs who become aggressive in any way, may be asked to leave.
17. Ponies are 14.2 hands and under.
18. Green horses cannot be ridden by a green rider at any point, in classes or not.
19. Horses/Riders are entered at their own risk. CMHSS/Camp Marshall and any/all show or class sponsors are NOT liable/responsible for any damage to property, horse, rider or spectator who enters the Camp Marshall Show Grounds or barns.
20. Classes cannot be held for conflicts of any time for more than 2 minutes per hold. Only 1 hold can be placed on a class at a time.

21. No refunds will be given for any reason. Only exception is a significant injury to the horse/rider, given as the horse show office and horse show manager see fit.
22. A \$25.00 fee will be added for any returned checks and/or billing needed
23. In the event that during the year, a rider must change horses for a circumstance out of their control, the rider will then receive half points for the remainder of the year. Day end champion/reserve is calculated based on the following point system:
 - a. 1st Place - 7 2nd - 5 3rd - 4 4th - 3 5th - 2 6th - 1
24. No riding is permitted at any time in the barns, paddocks, soccer fields, dirt/main roads, event field or show grounds around trailers/spectators (with the expectation of walking horses to/from trailers/warm-up/rings, walking only!.)
25. Stallions may be shown/handled by exhibitors 18 years of age or older only.
26. Due to trailer parking, all cars MUST be parked across the street and the designated parking areas only. Handicapped spaces are always available or other accommodations can be made pending needs, please speak with the parking attendants or a staff member. All no car parking, no entry and no parking signs must be obeyed and followed at all times at each show. CMHSS staff and volunteers have the right to ask you to move your vehicle if not parked appropriately.
27. At no time should any exhibitors/spectators enter the Camp Marshall barns, paddocks or other buildings. Please remember there are dozens of horses on property that are privately owned, some have severe food allergies and others with special medical conditions, please do not feed or touch any horses that aren't yours! Do not enter any paddocks or stalls under any circumstances, if there is an emergency situation with any animals on property that is not here for show, please call Camp Marshall Equestrian Center's Director at (508)-769-2753 immediately and do not intervene.
28. At no time should any horses be left unattended in or tied to the trailer or another vehicle. This is not only dangerous to your own horse but others in the area shall your horse start kicking, break loose etc.
29. Please be respectful of others and your surroundings at all times.
30. The horse show office and all horse show staff, including ring masters and judges, have final say in any/all situations.
31. Any exhibitors, horses, spectators, K-9's ect. who become dangerous/aggressive, do not follow any/all rules/guidelines etc. may be asked to leave.
32. No smoking is permitted within 100 feet of any/all riding arenas (warm up ring included), the food booth or announcer's booth. E-Cigarettes, vapes and smokeless tobacco etc. all count as smoking.
33. All invoices/payments must be completed at the end of your classes at the horse show office. Payments not completed will be billed to you with an additional \$25.00 charge for billing costs. All checks returned/bounced must be paid within 48 hours via card payment over the phone (if sponsor allows) or via cash. No new checks will be accepted!