

# UPHA Chapter 17 Academy Rules

**These rules have been established by a committee comprised of trainers and instructors of UPHA Chapter 17**

The Academy Division is open only to riders who have never competed in a regular horse show in full show attire for their respective divisions. Riders must be competing on an Academy type horse.

## **Helmets**

Riders 17 and under are required to wear helmets. All others showing in the academy division are strongly encouraged to wear helmets.

## **Academy Type Horse**

The Academy type horse is defined as a horse of any breed that is regularly used in a professionally operated lesson program. An Academy horse may be privately owned, however, in addition to being used in the lesson program, someone other than the horses' owner must show the horse in competitions. The Academy horse must display safe manners and characteristics desired of a lesson horse. Stallions are prohibited. A small pad or wedge is allowed. Desired is a clean, well turned out horse; hoof blacking is optional, and braiding is not allowed in the academy division. Horses are not to be judged; way of going is not to be considered. An Academy horse is allowed to cross enter into a Pleasure or Equitation class at the same competition. Horses are not to be judged in any academy division.

## **Tack**

Horses are to be tacked according to the division the rider is competing in. Instructors are encouraged to bridle their horses in a safe manner; tie downs, standing martingales. Martingales run thru a curb bit or Kimberwick/Kimberwick style bits are prohibited. Protective boots are allowed. Weighted bell boots are prohibited.

## **Attire: For the Saddle Seat rider**

Recommended are jodhpurs, jodhpur boots or paddock boots, long sleeve, button-down or collared shirt, ties, gloves and vest. No derbies allowed.

## **Attire: For the Hunt seat rider**

Recommended are breeches, and an appropriate hunt seat shirt, hunt boots or paddock boots and gloves are required. "Polo" shirts are not allowed.

## **Attire: For the Western rider**

Recommended are appropriate western shirt, pants, tie, boots and gloves are required. Chaps or western hats are not allowed unless it is a protective western helmet.

## **Headers**

A header must be 16 years of age or older. Headers are recommended for the 10 and under classes or if needed for safety. No whips or towels are allowed in the ring with them.

## **Class Rules**

Classes are recommended to be split at the 13th rider. This will be at the discretion of the horse show management. Class holds will be 2 minutes in length. NO EXCEPTIONS.

**Equitation classes**

Equitation classes are judged on the riders basic equitation skills with correct diagonals and leads to be counted; proper use of the show ring is to be considered.

**Showmanship classes**

Showmanship classes are judged on the rider's horsemanship abilities. They are judged on a rider's ability to control and show their horse, including speed, collectiveness and placement in the ring. In canter classes, promptness in finding the correct lead is important as well as the rider's command of the horse. Diagonals and leads are to be counted.

**Novice classes**

Novice Rider classes are for riders who have not received 3 blue ribbons in the academy division.

**Academy Driving Classes**

Drivers may not cross enter into other competitive driving classes at the same show. Work or show type harness may be used. Two wheel work cart or show type buggy only (jog carts, roadster bikes or pleasure driving). Overchecks or side checks are optional. Blinder/Blinker bridles are required. One or two snaffle bits may be used. Horses should stand quietly in the line up. Horses will not be asked to back. Headers required and may hold horse. Horses are not to be judged. Appropriate attire is the same as for the academy under saddle classes. Safety helmets are optional but encouraged.

**Academy Driving Showmanship** is to be judged on the driver's ringmanship and showmanship abilities at the flat walk, pleasure trot and extended trot.

**Academy Reinmanship** is to be judged primarily on the ability and skill of the driver and the communication between the horse and driver at the flat walk, pleasure trot and extended trot. At the judges discretion, there may be a workout. Entries may perform a workout during the class or perform on the rail, line up, then execute a figure 8 at the trot at the opposite end of the ring and return to the line up.