

**** Current Provincial Covid-19 Restrictions for Competitions will Apply****

GENERAL PERFORMANCE HORSE SHOW RULES - UPDATED FOR 2021

CENTRAL NOVA HORSE & PONY ASSOCIATION is an outdoor facility. Horse show events will **NOT** be cancelled except in extreme weather conditions at the discretion of the Show Committee. Please dress appropriately. Show fees will **NOT** be refunded unless classes are cancelled.

The show ring at CNHP is not available for schooling purposes in advance of the General Performance Series Shows. To clarify, the ring will be closed in the evening when the jump course is being set and will remain closed until the show begins. All riders wanting to school can use the designated warm-up ring.

CNHP General Performance Series Shows are part of the Scotia Series sponsored by the Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation. As such, the NSEF Scotia Series Rulebook & Competition guidelines will be followed by CNHP. Not all CNHP GP Series Show classes are eligible for Scotia Series points, but all competitors entering those classes that do qualify are required to pay the Scotia Series fee of \$3.00 per show.

For Insurance Purposes: Competitors must be a member of their Provincial Sport Organization. e.g. NSEF

1. The Central Nova Horse & Pony Association and its Board of Directors are in no way responsible for accidents to any rider, groom, spectator or attendant, or to any equipment or animal competing at the CNHP shows.
2. Competitors must be current members of CNHP to be eligible to accumulate points towards year-end awards.
3. Ribbons will be awarded to sixth place. All judges and Show Committee's decisions are final.
4. Stakes classes will cost \$10.00 to enter. CNHP is offering two Stakes classes for English and Western riders. Each class has a Sponsor donating \$100.00, combined with a payout of 1/2 the entry fees, with six placings. The percentage to be paid is as follows: 32%, 23%, 15%, 12%, 10%, & 8%.
5. Entry forms may be accepted after the closing date but will be subject to an additional administrative fee of \$10.00. Classes commence at 8:00 am.
6. Entries will be accepted via email to cnhp76@gmail.com, by mail or in person. Payment in full must accompany entry forms. E-transfers can be sent to cnhp76@gmail.com. No post-dated cheques will be accepted.
7. All participants are responsible for the care and control of their animals at all times. Dogs

must be leashed.

8. Unsportsmanlike or abusive behavior of any kind will not be tolerated.

9. NSEF Helmet Policy: All Competitors must wear ASTM/SEI, or BSI/BS EN, approved protective headgear, with the safety harness correctly always secured while mounted at the competition or anywhere on the competition grounds. This includes those competitors who are riding in the gymkhana games. Exception - Competitors 19 years old as of January 1st of the current year competing in the Western Performance Division without an approved safety helmet must submit a signed Scotia Series Helmet Waiver to the competition organizer. **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.**

10. Boots with heels must always be worn while mounted on a horse or pony at CNHP. Appropriate riding attire must always be worn while mounted on a horse or pony at CNHP, including shirts with sleeves. Tank tops, shorts or pajamas are not considered appropriate attire.

11. No more than 10 riders to canter or lope at one time.

12. Lunging will only be permitted in the warm-up ring and then only when circumstances permit. Lunging can be carried out in the upper ring towards the cross-country course. Be advised that there is no gate on the upper ring.

13. As of the closing date, classes with fewer than three entries may be cancelled or combined. Those entered will be notified and given a full refund for the cancelled class.

14. Stalls are awarded on a first entry received basis. No stalls will be given out over the phone. Unused stalls or cancellations will go back to the Show Committee. Stalls must be totally cleaned out to the dirt after each show. A stall cleaning deposit of \$20.00 must be paid at time of entry. This will be refunded after the stall has been inspected by a designated person. PLEASE NOTE: Bring your own bedding; it will not be supplied.

15. Horses will be given priority for box stalls if entries are in and paid for by the closing date. Any unused box stalls at this time will be allotted on a first received basis to any ponies over 13.2 hands that are entered and paid for. Ponies 13.2 hands and under will be stabled in straight stalls.

16. 100% of entry fees will be refunded if received by the closing date and accompanied by a valid medical or veterinary certificate. All other requests for refunds must be received forty-eight hours prior to the day of the show. 75% of the total amount of fees paid will then be refunded.

17. In order to qualify for Division Championships, competitors must compete in two out of the three shows, unless a class is cancelled. Novice Division winners are required to move up to regular classes, after winning the Novice Division.

18. **Senior** competitors are defined as 19 years old and older as of January 1st of the current year. **Junior** competitors are defined as 18 years old and under as of January 1st of the current year. Only Senior competitors are permitted to show stallions.

19. In the event of a tie in points at the end of the General Performance Series Shows for a particular Division, first place will be awarded to the competitor with the most first place standings.

20. When jumps are present in the warm-up ring, only those horses and ponies entered in the Hunter classes are permitted to jump the warm-up fences. Right of way will be given at all times to the horses and ponies using the fences.

21. Certain areas of the CNHP grounds are off limit to horses and ponies. These areas will be posted. Any horse or pony outside of designated competition areas (ie. warm-up ring, show ring, cross country course) are to be ridden at a walk or slow trot. Excessive speed and/or behavior deemed to be unsafe by the Show Committee will not be tolerated.

22. It is the responsibility of all competitors to know what class they have entered, when that class is scheduled to run, and, in the case of classes with individual work, what position in that class they drew. Orders-of-go will be drawn by the office and posted. Once the draw is posted, no changes may be made without prior approval by the office. No refunds will be given for missed classes.

23. A fall from a horse or a horse falling (shoulder &/or hip on the ground), results in elimination from that class. Rider and horse are required to leave the ring immediately.

It is the responsibility of the competitor to know and abide by the horse show rules.

The Show Committee or Board of Directors has the right to reprimand, suspend or remove any competitor from the grounds and any further competitions should they deem it necessary. All prizes and points earned at that show will be forfeited and there will be no refund of entry fees.