# **Academy Class Guidelines**

Academy Classes are open to riders who actively participate in a lesson program (with an instructor that teaches more than one student and accepts remuneration for such) provided they have not shown in an any division at any show with the exception of 4H and academy or academy tournament shows. Tournament shows may provide Show Rider classes for those riders who do compete at shows (other than 4H or academy). All riders must participate in a lesson program and show under an instructor.

### Riders:

- Rider's age will be determined by USEF Rules (December 1st of the previous year).
- Riders who have previously shown other than Academy and/or 4 H regardless of seat shown are not
  eligible for Academy classes. Exceptions can be made for adult riders who have had at least a ten year
  break from showing in performance or academy.
- Riders who have cantered at any show or tournament, recognized, or non-recognized are not eligible to compete in Walk and Trot only classes.

## Attire:

- Permitted attire for academy classes are long-sleeved button down shirts, jodhpur pants and paddock boots (or seat specific pants and boots). Vests, Ties, Gloves and whips are optional. Tournament attire may be more casual.
- Riding Habits are prohibited.
- Protective helmets are the only permitted headgear. Derbies, hunt caps and cowboy hats are prohibited.
- Hair should be neatly pulled back in a bun or braid and should not obstruct the view of the rider's number.

#### Horses:

- Horses must be a mare or gelding earning their living as a lesson horse. Open horses not regularly
  used as a school horse for regular lessons may not be used as an academy horse.
- Horses may be any breed.
- School horses may be owned or leased by a rider as long as the horse earns its living as a lesson horse.
- Neat presentation is encouraged (Clean, Clipping of bridlepath, legs, etc)

## Tack:

- The horse should be tacked as if giving a lesson. Snaffle or show bridles are acceptable.
- The saddle should be consistent to the style of riding.
- Protective equipment is permissible (i.e. boots, leg wraps) Action devices and attention getting devices are strictly prohibited.
  - 125. Academy WTC Equitation Adult
  - 126. Academy WTC Pleasure Adult
  - 127. Academy WT Equitation Adult
  - 128. Academy WT Pleasure Adult
  - 129. Academy WTC Equitation 14-17 Yrs.
  - 130. Academy WTC Pleasure 14-17 Yrs.
  - 131. Academy WT Equitation 14-17 Yrs.
  - 132. Academy WT Pleasure 14-17 Yrs.
  - 133. Academy WTC Equitation 13 & Under
  - 134. Academy WTC Pleasure 13 & Under
  - 135. Academy WT Equitation 11-13 Yrs.
  - 136. Academy WT Pleasure 11-13 Yrs.
  - 137. Academy WT Equitation 8-10 Yrs.
  - 138. Academy WT Pleasure 8-10 Yrs.
  - 139. Academy WT Equitation 7 & Under
  - 140. Academy WT Pleasure 7 & Under
  - 141. Academy WT Lead Line 7 & Under