

“The Canadian” Event

An Event not a Show for Gaited Horses

New Experience – Event beyond traditional Rail

Event between the rail and the trail

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Educate Encourage Evaluate

1. Attire – Dress as fancy or as casual as you like, but always clean and tidy to include

- Boots with heels – required
- Helmet - required
- Long sleeved shirt - no t-shirts or sweat shirts
- Jeans or jods
- Scarf or tie - optional
- Jacket or vest - optional
- Gloves – optional
- Chaps – optional

2. Tack – clean and tidy and safe

- Combination of English and Western tack acceptable
- Saddle – your choice
- Saddle pad – your choice
- Halter – your choice
- Bridle – your choice
- Bit with shanks less than 8 inches
- Humane mouthpiece
- NO mechanical hackamores
- NO tiedowns
- *Non - leverage bit in Dressage classes

3. Relaxed Rules

- Safety for humans and horses are of prime importance
- Barefoot or keg shod horses
- Horses must be 3 years of age for riding classes
- Cross Entry allowed between 2 and 3 gait classes
- Youth welcome in any class
- No restriction on how you hold your reins
- Snaffle bits may be used on horses of any age
- Youth may not ride stallions
- All participants must be members of AEF
- No Abuse of humans or horses will be tolerated.

Class Descriptions

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OGB designated classes – Open Gaited Breed. Any gaited horse registered or unregistered may enter. TWH also eligible

TWH designated classes – only registered Tennessee Walking Horses

Authentic Gaits Class – horses enter 1 at a time and perform a lap at the Running Walk. Those who perform the running walk will return for a rail class. Those who do not perform the running walk are eliminated. Judged by Official judge and 2 peer judges.

Rider to Judge classes – one competitor is chosen to judge the class.

Mars to Venus or Venus to Mars – Mars (male) starts the class and part way through riders are exchanged. Venus rides the next part of the class. Cross dressing is encouraged.

My Mentor and Me –Teacher and student, adult and youth or ???each riding half the class

OGB Costume –Costume class judged by audience

Dress – Up – competitors draw for order of go to choose articles of clothing from barrel.

2 Way Versatility - Class begins with a saddle. When called to the middle, saddle is removed Return to rail bareback. (groom or helper required)

3 way Versatility – Class begins with a saddle. When called to the middle, saddle may be removed or left on for ground driving. Return to rail. When called to middle remove equipment. Return to rail bareback. (groom or helper required)

Equitheater – time limit 2 to 4 minutes. Exhibitor provides music (on cell phone please)

Rail classes are comparative not evaluative

2 gait: TWH - Walk and Running Walk OGB - Walk and Intermediate (middle) Gait

3 gait: TWH – Walk, Running Walk and Canter or Lope

OGB – Walk, Intermediate Gait and Canter or Lope

Matched Pairs – 2 riders side by side; riders and horses match

Mismatched Pairs – 2 riders side by side: riders and horses do not match

Reminders

- Stall fees \$41 includes a \$20 refundable deposit if cleaned
- Bring water buckets and feed. Bedding supplied
- Camping – no hook up, but washrooms available
- **No food vendor on site – bring your own food**

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