

Open Gaited Breed (OGB) Class Rules

ATTIRE FOR EXHIBITORS

- a. General attire a. Exhibitor's hair must be neat and well groomed. Long hair should be styled so the back number can be seen easily.
- b. Horse and/or stable advertising will not be allowed in the ring on exhibitors.
- c. Safety helmets are allowed in all divisions and judges will not penalize riders for wearing them. It is strongly recommended that all juvenile riders wear safety helmets. Any juvenile rider not wearing a safety helmet, the legal guardian will assume all liability for any injuries of the juvenile rider and hold the show management harmless.
- d. Judges will penalize riders who are not neatly and correctly attired. Show management may refuse to allow any exhibitor or person to enter the ring if they are not suitably dressed to appear before an audience.
- e. Exhibitor's attire must be either western or English, but not a combination of both. Western attire is worn with western tack and English attire is worn with English tack

ENGLISH EQUIPMENT

- a. Standard English single rein bridle and bit. Colored vinyl or patent brow bands are traditional but not required.
- b. English Saddle. Dressage saddles are acceptable.
- c. Breast strap (optional)
- d. English spurs (optional)
- e. Whip or crop not exceeding 4 feet in length (optional)

WESTERN EQUIPMENT

- a. Western bridle and bit without or without a cavesson
- b. Reins must be either split or romal reins.
- c. Mechanical hackamores and draw reins are prohibited.
- d. Hackamores may be used in barrel racing and pole bending but the timer or judge may prohibit bits or equipment he considers severe.
- e. Western saddle and blanket or pad (silver mounted equipment will not count over good working equipment)
- f. Breast collar (optional)
- g. Spurs (optional)
- h. OGB western horse, a bosal or ordinary snaffle bit may be used. Riders may use two hands on the reins only when using a bosal or snaffle bit.
- i. Whips, bats and crops are prohibited in western classes.

PRESENTATION

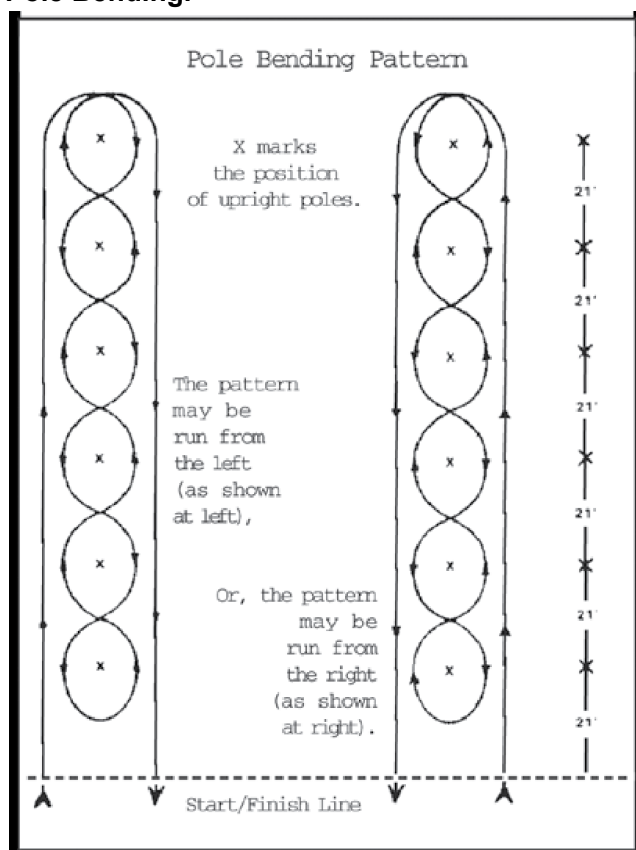
1. Horses should be clean, neatly trimmed and in good flesh presenting a healthy appearance. Each horse should be outfitted in clean and appropriate tack.
2. The exhibitor should be neat, attired in properly fitting riding attire and shall conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times.
3. Any horse exhibiting a cramped way of going, crawling backend or twisting of hocks SHALL be disqualified. A horse exhibiting a bad image in the show ring, even though it may not be a violation of the HPA, SHALL be excused from the ring by the judge. Bad image includes stiff front leg or crampy rear leg motion, struggling, stumbling, buckling knees, lack of rhythmic timing, pointing, or favoring a particular leg.
6. Pumping or bumping of the reins at any gait SHALL be penalized.
7. All horses SHALL be required to back. All pleasure horses demonstrating excessive resistance, gaping of the mouth and/or tossing of the head, SHALL be penalized.

CLASS PROCEDURE

1. Exhibitors must enter the show ring promptly when the class is called. No entry will be admitted after the gate is closed.
2. In under saddle classes, unless otherwise instructed, competitors will enter the gate at a flat walk and proceed to the right, on the rail. Horses will work both ways of the ring at the walk, running walk/preferred Gait, walk and canter (as specified in the class list). All pleasure horses will be asked to back in the line-up.

OTHER GAITED BREED SPORT HORSE RULES

Pole Bending.



In these classes, it is mandatory to wear appropriate western attire, including a shirt with long sleeves and collar, western hat and western boots. The hat must be on the contestant's head when the contestant enters the arena. A five second penalty will be assessed if the hat or helmet is not on the contestant's person the entire time the contestant is in the arena. (Hats held on the body by a stampede string are allowed.)

(a) Western type equipment must be used in the pole bending class. The use of skid boots, splint boots and polo wraps is permitted. Mechanical hackamores may be used, however, the judge may disqualify a horse that is using shanks that are felt to be too severe. The judge may prohibit the use of bits or equipment he may consider severe. Cavesons, whips, crops or bats of any kind are prohibited.

(b) Pole Bending is a timed event. Each contestant will begin from a running start, and time will begin and end as the horse's nose crosses the line. (A clearly visible starting line will be provided.) An electric timer or at least two (2) watches will be used, with the time indicated by the electric timer or the average time of the watches used by the official timers to be the official time.

(c) The pole bending pattern is to be run around six poles. Each pole is to be 21 feet apart and the first pole is to be 21 feet from the starting line. Poles will be set on top of the ground, six feet in height, and with no base more than 14 inches in diameter.

(d) A horse may start either to the right or to the left of the first pole and then run the remainder of the pattern accordingly. (See pattern.)

(e) Knocking over a pole, touching the pole with the contestant's hand will cause a five second penalty. Failure to follow the course will cause disqualification.

(f) In the event of a tie, the horse declared the winner in the runoff must re-run the pattern within two seconds of its original time or the runoff must be held again.

Trail Obstacle

Course should be posted prior to class. It is suggested that this class be divided into youth and adult classes where there are sufficient entries. The judge may grade each obstacle subtracting points for faults, refusals, excessive time, etc. Plus and minus points may also be used for each obstacle. The judge should request a contestant move on to the next obstacle if too much time is spent on one obstacle. Individual horse and

exhibitor will negotiate an obstacle course consisting of at least six obstacles. Final consideration of the judge will include quality and smoothness of performance of the horse and neatness and ability of exhibitor. The ideal trail horse will negotiate the course with surefootedness; looks at the obstacles, but does not hesitate, yet does not rush along the course; moves willingly without excessive urging of exhibitor. Horse should show willingness to stand quietly on the bridge and not rush off. At the gate, the obstacle is not complete unless the gate is closed and should be judged accordingly. Horse should position himself at all times to enable the exhibitor to keep a hand on the gate until the gate is closed. Entry may be either English or Western, but not a combination of both. Western exhibitor must hold reins in one hand (the exception wearing a bosal or ring snaffle) and should not be changed during the performance except while working the gate, if necessary. English entries may be ridden with both hands on the reins. A time limit may be set for the course; however, the time itself will have no bearing on the final placement except as a limit for course completion. The use of skid boots, splint boots, polo wraps or other approved leg protection devices is permitted. Any type hackamore is not permitted with the exception of a bosal.