

General Rules

- You must be a member to participate in all classes, except Cutting on Friday.
- The points awarded per class are based on a **one horse, one rider combinations**. Each class will be placed 1st through 6th with 1st place receiving 6 points, 2nd receiving 5 points, etc. Horse and rider combinations are the only combinations entitled to points. You may show more than one horse in individual classes but that would be a new combination.

Note: Points are **not** transferred from one combination to the other.

Should a tie occur with points at the end of the show, the winner will be determined by the combination that has the most “first places.”

- Amateur classes are adult only. A person is considered an Amateur when he or she has not judged, trained or shown horses for financial compensation in the previous 5 years.
- Novice classes are adult only. A person is considered a Novice when he or she has not won a championship in any other association and/or has not accumulated 150 points in The Southern Stockhorse Association. Also, a novice is one who has not judged, trained or shown horses for financial compensation in the previous 5 years. **Further, novice riders who management deems not to be “novice,” are subject to being moved to amateur status.**
- No youth may show or ride a stallion on the show grounds.
- Sr. Youth may rope with the following clarifications:
 - Must have their parent (not guardian) present on show grounds.
 - Any youth (Jr. or Sr.) may rope with their parent.
- Junior Youth may only show in Jr. Youth classes with the exception of roping with their parent.
- You may show any aged horse in a snaffle bit or bosal. You **may not ride** with two hands on the reins in any bit with shanks except in speed events (barrels, poles, ranch sorting, lightening runs). No bare metal may be in contact with the horse’s nose or forehead. Curb chains must be flat and either leather or chain.

- Western attire is required (western hat, western boots or riding hard hat). Show management can amend the rules under certain weather conditions.
- At no time will abuse or any inhumane treatment be tolerated. This includes any tack deemed to be harmful by show management or the judge.
- If you conduct yourself in any abusive, vulgar or inappropriate manner, you will be asked to leave the show grounds.
- Any rule disputes will be settled by the Show Management with assistance from the judge.
- Alcoholic beverages are never allowed IN or AROUND the immediate arena area.