

Red Flannel Saddle Club Show Rules

Speed Series

1. Michigan law #826A states that all equine on show grounds must have proof of a current negative Coggins or it is required to leave the grounds.
2. Boots or approved riding footwear is required when riding.
3. Long pants or chaps must be worn when riding in the arenas. Western attire is encouraged; shirts and blouses must be worn when riding on the grounds. NO HALTER TOPS, TUBE TOPS, STRING TANK TOPS, OR SWIMSUIT TOPS!
4. Helmets are required for riders 18 and under. For adults, helmets are strongly encouraged.
5. All riders must submit a signed current year Red Flannel Saddle Club (RFSC) Risk and Liability form prior to riding in any RFSC classes.
6. Electric timers will be used. In case of timer malfunction, rider has the option to re-ride provided the first run was qualified. Penalties during the re-ride will not count provided the rider attempts a clean run as determined by the judge. If timers are inoperable, two stopwatches will be used, one on each side of the arena.
7. No re-rides will be given for any reason caused by the rider, owner, or tack.
8. In payback classes a horse will be ridden once. You may keep your time from the payback class and use it for the regular class of the same event, but you must inform the office prior to the regular class starting.
9. There will be a five second penalty for each knocked down barrel/pole in any payback or regular class.
10. You are given one minute to enter the arena after you have been called in for your turn to run or you will be disqualified.
11. Daily high point awards will be given. In the event of a tie, for the award only, contestants will have a run off as a tiebreaker. Each rider in the tiebreaker will maintain his/her placing points for year-end awards. The tie breaking event will be a down and back flag type race with the contestant retrieving a flag from a barrel and returning with it across the timer line; fastest time wins the award. If both contestants decline the run-off, they may flip a coin or concede to the other.
12. You must be a Red Flannel Saddle Club member in good standing to qualify for year-end awards. You may miss only one of the scheduled shows in the series to qualify for year-end awards.
13. In the event of a tie in points for year-end awards, the tiebreaker will be the most first places.

14. A horse/rider team can only win a year-end award in one division.
15. All year-end points are based on a one horse/one rider team. If your horse becomes lame or dies, you may substitute another horse. You provide a certificate verifying injury, death, or lameness. Certificate must be provided before the next show or if it's the last show, within one week.
16. You may pass your award to the next qualified rider.
17. If horse/rider team changes age division, points earned will stay in the division they are leaving and they will start from zero in the new division.
18. Age groups are 8 and under, 9-13, 14-18, 19-34, and 35 and over.
19. Rider's age is determined as of January 1st of the current show year.
20. No horse/rider team is allowed to enter more than once in the same event except for exhibition runs.
21. Regardless of the number of riders in a class, points are awarded as follows: 1st – 6 points, 2nd – 5 points, 3rd- 4 points, 4th – 3 points, 5th – 2 points, 6th – 1 point.
22. Inhumane or abusive treatment of a horse will result in disqualification.
23. Hitting the horse in the head with your hand or any used to assist in turns is not allowed. No whipping/striking the horse in front of the girth.
24. Failure to complete a pattern properly results in disqualification.
25. There will be no penalty for touching poles/barrels unless they need to be reset more than the set distance. Set distance is ½ the width of a barrel and 1 width of a pole base.
26. Places will be determined in order of fastest to slowest times in all classes.
27. In the 8 and under division, a child that rides/steers the horse themselves will place ahead of a child who is led through a pattern even if the time is greater.
28. All dogs must be on a **HELD** leash at all times or tied to a truck or trailer. You are responsible to reimburse RFSC for any damage caused by your dog. No dogs are allowed in arenas or in the club house. You must clean up after your dog. One warning only will be given and further violations of these rules will result in dismissal from the grounds without entry fee refund.
29. RFSC will not be held responsible, individually or collectively, for loss or damages that occurred because of participation in these events or for any spectator personal or material damages or loss.
30. No alcoholic beverages are allowed on the grounds. One warning only will be given and further violations of this rule will result in dismissal from the grounds without entry fee refund.

31. No open fires allowed on the grounds.

32. Profanity of any kind will not be tolerated on the grounds. Excessive use of profanity/vulgarisms will result in disqualification. One warning only will be given and further violations of this rule will result in dismissal from the grounds without entry fee refund.

33. Judges decisions are FINAL!