

North Interlake Show Circuit Rules and Regulations:

A Grassroots/Novice Horse and Rider Show Circuit

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These rules are designed to maintain consistency between the shows for the 9 NISC classes.

AQHA rules are followed with the exception of the following:

Purpose (Goals):

- Promote attendance at all shows within the circuit
- Motivate Competitors
- Promote Good Horsemanship and Sportsmanship
- The NISC yr-end pt summary will recognize the high-point champion and reserve in each age division:
 - Pee Wee, Junior, Intermediate and Senior.

- *****NEW***To ensure the safety of all horses and competitors at all future NISC sanctioned events:**

All Horses must have a current Negative Coggins certificate to be able to enter show grounds at any NISC event. A paper copy of the Coggins test for each horse on the grounds must be available to view at anytime while the horses are attending the show facility.

Circuit Shows: Please friend request “North Interlake Show Circuit” on FB for NISC related info & to post club info: ex- show entries

- **Stonewall Horse Show** – Saturday & Sunday, **June 2nd & 3rd, 2018** www.stonewallhorseshow.weebly.com
- **Lundar Horse Show** – Friday, **June 8th, 2018** www.lundaragsociety.com
- **Eriksdale Horse Show**- Saturday, **August 11th, 2018** info posted on FB acct for “North Interlake Show Circuit”
- **Ashern Horse Show**- Saturday, **August 18th, 2018** www.ashernhorseassociation.weebly.com
- **Fraserwood /Tumbleweeds Horse Show** –Fri & Sat **Sept.14th & 15th 2018** www.tumbleweedsranch.com
- **Arborg Horse Show**- Saturday, **September 29th, 2018** www.agsociety.net

Circuit Membership Fees (Show Fee - NOT for Individual Competitors):

- **\$300.00** annual fee /per show committee/club. Due Payable at the (Annual Gen Mtg) – the first NISC Meeting of the year.
- It is encouraged that someone from each show committee (or a representative that will relay notes) attend the NISC meetings held throughout the year. This will ensure each member club has the knowledge of NISC rule updates and changes.
- It provides consistency, gives each club a voice and the opportunity to be part of the development of the circuit.
- A **\$100 discount** will be applied if a rep is at the annual gen mtg (1st mtg of the yr)

NISC Classes:

1. **Showmanship**
2. **English Pleasure/Hunter Under Saddle**
3. **English Equitation/Hunt Seat Equitation**
4. **Western Pleasure**
5. **Western Horsemanship**
6. **Rookie Reining** –It was suggested that we designate simple reining patterns to help the exhibitors stay on pattern. Going off pattern meant no placing which results in no points. The NISC adopted a Rookie Reining pattern which allows the rider to ride in a 2 hand position in any bit (including a leverage bit) and actually switch from 1 hand to 2 hand positions without going off pattern. It gives Grassroots contestants or Novice horses a better chance of completing the pattern. (Ptrns attached)
7. **Barrel Racing**
8. **Pole Bending**
9. **Key Hole**

*****OPEN NISC classes that have several age divisions in the same class must have all the competitors placed in the

class. To allow proper point placement for the age divisions.***** **(Important for Judges to know)**

Age Divisions:

All ages are as of January 1st of the current year.

Lead Line - 8 and under

Pee Wee – 10 and under

Junior – 13 years and under.

Intermediate – 14 to 18 years

Senior – 19 years and over

Circuit Requirements for NISC Classes: Show Requirements, Class requirements and circuit entry info:

1. Shows are required to hold Pee Wee classes for year-end awards. Shows may offer more, but must offer at least 3 of the 9 NISC recognized classes. Pee Wee classes are offered with the safety of the young competitor in mind.
2. **RE: NISC PW division – only points accumulated in the PW classes will be used toward the NISC PW year-end placing.**
3. Shows are required to host **7 of the 9** classes with Jr Int & Sr age divisions although the clubs are strongly urged to host all 9.
4. Anyone who competes in a NISC show automatically becomes part of the NISC, there are no individual membership fees.
Points are collected on the same horse/rider combinations. Use the same name (registered name) at each show.
5. All competitors must compete in their specified age categories to gather pts toward the specified NISC yr-end age div.
6. Our circuit encourages participation . We discourage disqualification of competitors except in the case of the safety of competitor or class. Part of our mandate, for NISC shows are to encourage those who want to learn and try.
7. Safety ORDER of GO: **Timed Events** (Barrels, Poles & Keyhole) → PW-JR-INT-SR. **All other events** → SR-INT-JR-PW.
Show committees: Please inform your judge of the following 7 NISC show requirements:
8. AQHA requires any assisted competitors to be disqualified. We want to encourage participation & safety so do allow competitors to be assisted if needed, BUT any contestant being assisted whether hands-on or verbally (both inside or from outside the arena) will be placed under those who are not being assisted in the class in any age division, **not disqualified**.
9. Pee Wees are required to walk and jog only. Loping is **not** permitted for more than 3 strides & will be penalized per incident.
10. Rookie reining rule allows for the use of 2 hands even with a curb or switching hands positions during your reining class.
11. AQHA requires competitors be disqualified for taking the incorrect lead, we would like the judge not to disqualify them but work that fault into their judging score.
12. Novice Horses and Novice Rider are encouraged to attend ALL NISC shows. This is including 2 year old horses before July 1st as an exception to the AQHA rule. All horses should be treated with respect at all times.
13. If classes are combined then the judge must place all in the class so that the points can be tabulated correctly in each age division for NISC High point awards.
14. Each age division class must be placed to 5th – NISC pts are gathered to 5th place to determine point yr-end hi-pt standings.

NISC Cross Entry Rules:

- A horse may only be ridden twice per class & only once per age division.
- Pee Wee contestants may compete in the regular Junior classes (listed as 13 & under) but are expected to complete the Junior class maneuvers. **Pee Wee contestants may not show in a Junior class if a Pee Wee class is offered.**

Helmets: Correctly fitting riding helmets are mandatory for Pee Wee, Junior and Intermediate age divisions for **ALL** classes. Helmets are recommended for senior riders.

Show Results:

- It is very important to count all the competitors in the class including disqualifications. Scratches do not count. ***If classes are combined or OPEN classes then the judge must place all in the class so that the points can be tabulated correctly in each age division for NISC High point awards.***
- It is important that competitors **enter their horse under its registered name** and not its barn name (the same name needs to be used through-out the whole season, otherwise you may find yourself collecting points on 2 different horses.) This is also important for the **NAERIC** program results as well. This is the responsibility of the exhibitor but should be enforced by the show committee. It may be helpful for the show committee's to post a note in regards to this at their entry station at each show.
- NISC ties will be broke by: 1- # of shows attended (reward attendance), 2- highest placings (reward performance)
- Show Committees will post results online within **TWO WEEKS** after the show to allow competitors to cross reference for NAERIC Incentive applications. Show committees should to provide a copy of their show results, which can be submitted to the point director, before or at the fall NISC meeting emailed electronically to hph@live.ca.

NAERIC Incentive Program:

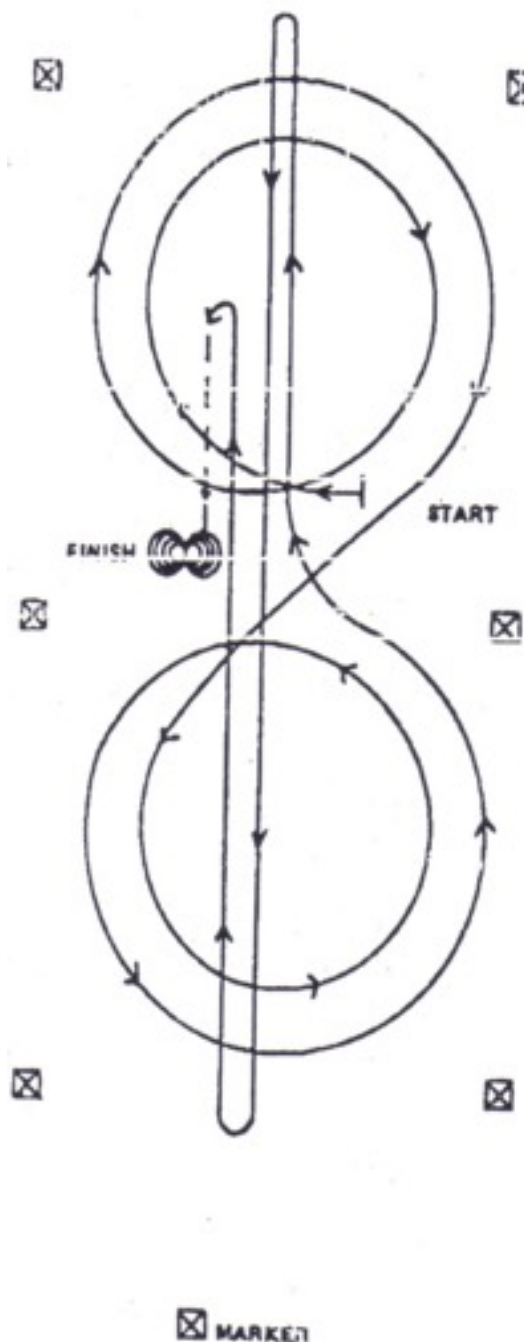
All of the NISC shows have applied to be NAERIC sanctioned. Each show can apply individually online at www.naeric.org and must publish the results of the show online or in a printed publication placing 1st to 3rd for each class. Contestants can go online to www.naeric.org to enter their placing for each class to redeem their NAERIC rewards.

These NISC rules are meant to be followed to provide consistency and uniformity throughout the circuit. If at any time the hosting show feels that these rules cannot be followed due to safety concerns then it is up to that hosting show committee to execute what they feel would to be a safer alternative.

NISC ROOKIE REINING PATTERN 1

Western Reining Pattern:

1. Begin at center of the arena. Complete two circles to the right. The first small and slow and the second circle large and fast.
2. Change leads at the center of the arena.
3. Complete two circles to the left. The first circle small and slow, the second circle large and fast.
4. Change leads at the center of the arena.
5. Run to the far end of the arena – past end marker and do a left rollback – no hesitation.
6. Run to the opposite end of arena – past end marker and do a right rollback – no hesitation.
7. Run past center of the arena and do a sliding stop.
8. Back straight to the center of the arena. Hesitate.
9. Complete two spins to the right.
(Juniors are only required to do one spin)
10. Complete two spins to the left.
(Juniors are only required to do one spin)
11. Hesitate to demonstrate the completion of the pattern.
12. Riders may be requested to drop bridle to the judge.



NISC ROOKIE REINING PATTERN 2

Western Reining Pattern:

Horses may walk or trot to the center of the arena. Horses must walk or stop prior to starting the pattern. Beginning at the center of the arena facing the left wall or fence.

1. Beginning on the left lead, complete two circles to the left. Stop at the center of the arena. Hesitate.
2. Complete two spins to the left. Hesitate.
3. Beginning on the right lead complete two circles to the right. Stop at the center of the arena. Hesitate.
4. Complete two spins to the right. Hesitate.
5. Beginning on the left lead, go around the end of the arena, run down the right side of the arena past center marker, stop and roll back right.
6. Continue around the end of the arena to run down the left side of the arena past the center marker. Stop. Back up.

