

GEORGIA MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION OF SADDLE CLUBS

RULES

1. The host club will have a copy of these rules available at each show. A copy should be provided for the judge and discussed with him/her prior to judging the show.
2. AQHA rules lend themselves to cover GMASC shows if there is no GMASC rule. Otherwise, AQHA and RHBA rules apply at GMASC shows. Stallions may not be shown by youth.
3. GENERAL SHOW RULES:
 - (a) **TIMES: PLEASURE** will start at 9:00am; with a 30 minute warm up before starting the show. The tractor will enter the arena to “dress the arena” at 8:30am. **RUNNING** will not start before 2:30pm. Running horses will be allowed at least a 15 minute warm up after the pleasure portion of the show. The tractor will enter the arena at 2:00pm to drag the arena. All riders should exit the arena to allow the tractor to work pleasure and running.
 - (b) **ENTRY FEES:** Will be listed on the show sheets. Entry fees will be refunded upon request until time for that class to enter the ring.
 - (c) Once a class has started or a particular age group of timed events has started there will be no more entries taken in that particular class.
 - (d) Each rider will be allowed to ride once before anyone rides an additional time.
 - (e) Riders should assemble at the runout as the class before them is finishing and be ready to enter their class promptly. If a rider is having problems with his/her horse but is obviously making an effort to get into the ring he/she will be allowed to run when he gets there. Riders who do not make it to the ring by the end of the allotted 3 minute time limit will not be allowed to ride. Riders names will be called from top to bottom of the sign up sheet. There is no “run me at the end of the class”.
 - (f) There will be no horses or ponies in the arena or runout chute while the tractor is working in the ring. **The penalty for doing so is that the rider will lose all points accumulated thus far that day and may be disqualified from participating in the remainder of the classes that day.** Once

the show has started there is no riding in the ring until time for your class or until your name is called. Pleasure horses should enter the ring at a walk and find a place on the rail as the previous class is lining up in the center to be judged. Do not “work” your horse in the ring while waiting on your class to start. ****EXCEPTION: Ponies, 1-12 riders, and Racking horses should enter and exit the ring without any interference from other riders. Racking horses should enter and exit with caution! Racking horse class winners are allowed a “victory lap”.****

(g) DRESS CODE:

- ◆ Boot type shoes with a heel (no tennis shoes), long pants, blouse or shirt with a sleeve that breaks at the shoulder point with no midribs showing are the required attire.
- ◆ For Halter classes, back numbers should be pinned to the exhibitors back. For Judged riding classes, back numbers should be posted on both sides of the saddle pad. (Amended 9/2011)
- ◆ No hats are required in the Timed events.
- ◆ AQHA rules apply to the Judged classes. RHBA rules apply to the Racking classes.

4. Sanctioned classes are to follow a set order. Any added classes must come at the end of the program.
5. The age of the exhibitor is as of January 1st of the show year. It will be the same throughout the show year. At the first sanctioned show, you must show in the age group you will be in.
6. No alcoholic beverages are permitted at GMASC shows. Violators will be asked to put it up or leave the show grounds on the first offense.
7. Negative coggins' tests are required on all horses showing in Georgia.
8. A sign is to be posted at each saddle club hosting a GMASC show stating, this saddle club reserves the right to request state drug testing of horses.
9. No association club is allowed to hold any function on an association show date...horse related or otherwise.

- 10.** The official tack change time limit is 3 minutes.
- 11.** PONY HEIGHT: Ponies must be 50" or under at the withers to show in the pony classes. Anything taller is considered a horse by GMASC. Each new pony must be measured before it is shown in its first GMASC show. Pony riders are age 12 years and under.
- 12.** If a horse and rider separate prematurely, after the timer has been broken, this is a disqualified ride. If the timer has not been broken, the rider may remount and continue with his/her run (a rider can fall off in the chute and remount as long as the horse does not break the timer). As long as there is a qualified ride between the break of the timer to start and the break of the timer to end the ride, it is a valid ride.
- 13.** ARENA GROUNDS/SHOW EQUIPMENT: A thru E
- (a)** All arenas will be plowed a minimum of 6" before a GMASC show.
 - (b)** There should be a 10 ft. buffer zone around the arena for chairs and a 20 ft. buffer for all other objects. Structures in place as of August 1992 are not to be moved.
 - (c)** Runout chutes are to be closed in. Runouts must be 100' in length.
 - (d)** All clubs must have two way radio's/walkie-talkies for use in the ring.
 - (e)** Each club must have a tractor and harrows (or other suitable implements) on the show grounds to correct any unsatisfactory arena conditions. Clubs are encouraged to make their facility as appealing as possible, for example, have the grass cut, grounds bushhogged, etc.
- 14.** JAMBOREE SHOW:
- ◆ This show is a joint effort by all clubs. Members from all clubs should help in the signup booth, announcer's stand, arena and gate areas.
 - ◆ GMASC receives the proceeds from this show. The host club receives the proceeds from the concessions.
 - ◆ The host club will provide the tractor and implements for use at this show and prepare the arena grounds for the show. The host club may be asked to provide the start up money for

the sign up booth in the amount of \$500.00. GMASC will reimburse the host club for this amount at the end of the show.

- ◆ Payback percentage will be determined each year.
- ◆ Each entry receives 3 extra points per class entered.
- ◆ Having the Jamboree show may be considered on a yearly basis at the meeting on the month prior to the show date.
- ◆ The GMASC Vice President will acquire the judge for the Jamboree show.
- ◆ Each club will be responsible for advertising any and all GMASC shows that they host.

15. ANNOUNCER: A thru D

(a) The announcer is to do no unnecessary talking during the judged events.

(b) Six (6) places will be called out by back number and exhibitor's name even though the judge will place 10 entries.

(c) The announcer may call the next class into the ring when the preceding class has lined up in the center. **No class should enter while Ponies, 1-12 riders, or Racking Horses are in the ring, entering or exiting.**

(d) Announcers are not to call the riders' names when they are working singly or when there is a conflict with the correct number of entries for a class. Any discrepancies should be handled through the ring steward and by the riders back number only.

16. JUDGE: A thru I

(a) No judge shall be asked to judge more than one GMASC show per show season.

(b) Judges cannot be a member of GMASC club or a member of a GMASC club member.

(c) Jim Reider may not judge for GMASC shows. (Because of past unethical judging practices.)

(d) Judges must place 10 entries.

(e) Judges cannot change placings once they are announced. Judges should check their placings carefully prior to giving the cards to the ring steward.

(f) Should a conflict with a judge arise, the delegates should meet. If it is the decision of the delegates to dismiss the judge for the remainder of the show, the GMASC President will do so. The President will appoint 3 delegates to finish judging the show.

(g) It is the responsibility of each saddle club to maintain order concerning the judging of the show for that day from the time the judge arrives until he departs.

(h) If any complaint of harassment of the judge is made it must be made before the next sanctioned show.

(i) Judge fee for the Jamboree show is \$200 or less.

17. CLASSES: A thru G

(a) Reining Classes: The pattern will be at the judge's discretion. The age groups are 19 and under and 20 and over.

(b) Western Horsemanship/English Equitation Pony 50" and under; rider 12 years and under will not be required to ride a pattern. Riders 12 years and under riding horses will ride a pattern.

(c) Patterns cannot be changed once the class starts.

(d) Patterns will be posted 1 hour before the class begins.

(e) English Pleasure/English Equitation will be divided into 19 years and under and 20 years and over.

(f) English Halter: Clubs are to remind the judge that in this class the horse must be in English tack but the exhibitor may be in Western apparel.

(g) Queen and Princess Classes:

- ◆ Princess class will use the 12 years and under Horsemanship class.
- ◆ Queen class will use the 13-19 years Horsemanship class.
- ◆ All Shows count for their points.
- ◆ The girls with the most points at the end of the year will be the Princess and Queen, and

they will represent GMASC at State.

- ◆ They will receive a tiara and sash to celebrate their accomplishment, and these will be their's to keep.
- ◆ Half and half tickets will be sold at GMASC shows to pay for the tiara. Any excess monies received from ticket sales will go to GMASC.
- ◆ Any male riders competing in the 12 and under Horsemanship and 13-19 Horsemanship classes will receive points for their placings toward year end awards; however, the girls will be “moved up” by the points keepers for the sole purpose of deciding the Queen and Princess.

18. POINTS:

- ◆ All Shows count for points.
- ◆ Any individual in debt to GMASC will not receive points until such debt is paid.
- ◆ Points will be awarded as follows:

1 st place	7 points
2 nd place	6 points
3 rd place	5 points
4 th place	4 points
5 th place	3 points
6 th place	2 points
- ◆ All others receive 1 participation point.
- ◆ Points are accumulated in the rider/handler. This includes the Halter classes.
- ◆ The first horse ridden into the arena is the point horse.
- ◆ **Membership lists are due to the GMASC Points Keepers by the first show of the season. All riders names should be on a list from one of the GMASC member clubs; If not, he or she is not allowed to ride at the State Show.**
- ◆ Club members should list the club they are riding for on the sign up forms at the GMASC shows in order to assist the points keepers.

- ◆ If a non-member places 1st through 6th, the points keepers will disregard this entry when counting points and move all members up accordingly.

19. YEAR END AWARDS:

- ◆ There will be no duplicate awards. In case of a tie, the person with the most 1sts, 2nds, 3rds, etc., will win. If there is still a tie we will go to the first show placings.
- ◆ An exhibitor must show in 50% of the shows to qualify for a year end award. (Amended 9/2011)
- ◆ **An exhibitor must show in 50% of the shows to compete at State, provided they place in the top six of the said class. (Amended 9/2011)**
- ◆ **All shows count for points.**
- ◆ Year end awards can be decided upon yearly. Choices may include trophies, money, or other types of awards.
- ◆ As of September 1998, the awards amounts are: \$35.00 for first place and \$15.00 for second place.

20. PROTESTS: A thru F

- (a) Each club should have one representative in the arena to judge the times events.
- (b) If the rider does not have a representative in the arena he cannot legallay protest anything or any call.
- (c) **Members should immediately notify their representative and explain their concern. Do not leave the arena and come back later. Voice the concern immediately, do not run or let the show continue on further if there is a legitmate protest to be made.**
- (d) Representatives are to call for a delegates' meeting immediately. The show may not stopped for this meeting.
- (e) Delegates meet and discuss the issue. They will attempt to handle and dispense with the issue in a timely manner.
- (f) If the issue cannot be resolved at this show, it will be taken back for discussion at the next

GMASC delegates meeting. It will be resolved there or definitely by the next GMASC show (whichever is first.)

21. INCLEMENT WEATHER: A thru J

(a) Host club delegates meet and discuss arena conditions.

(b) They notify the GMASC President with their decision.

(c) They also notify one delegate from each member club of their decision. It is the responsibility of that delegate to notify the other delegate.

◆ **Saddle club members should contact their delegates to find out the official decision regarding the show.**

(d) The show may be cancelled on Friday if the conditions are obviously not satisfactory or safe for the holding the show the next day.

(e) The show must be cancelled by 6 am the morning of the show.

(f) Host club delegates are responsible for the decision to call a show, not the president of the host saddle club or the President of GMASC.

(g) For any show not cancelled by the delegates of the hosting club, but upon arrival and inspection by the remaining delegates is found have questionable arena conditions due to inclement weather, the delegates should meet at the beginning of the show to discuss said conditions. They should vote on allowing the show to be held or cancelled at that time.

(h) If a show is cancelled, points are not given to anyone who may have signed up already. One must actually ride or participate in the classes to receive points.

(i) When a show is stopped due to inclement weather, there will be a one hour time limit before voting as to continue or cancel the show.

(j) Try to have the shows – rain or shine.

22. The fiscal year of the GMASC will run from July to June.

23. Clubs wishing to join GMASC should make their proposal within the first 2 months of the

fiscal year (July or August). The probationary status will run till July of the next fiscal year. As part of the old business of the July meeting, the out going delegates will vote on the acceptance of the new club. During the probationary period, the new club is entitled to have at least one show.

- ◆ GMASC club membership will be set at no more than 9 clubs. Should a club drop out, another club could be considered for membership.

24. Beginning in 2001, clubs will rotate hosting the first show of each new season. This rotation will alphabetically the following years.

25. The President of GMASC has immediate but limited authority to discipline violators of GMASC rules and of Federation rules at the GMASC shows or at the State Show. The President should have a witness (preferably the Sergeant of Arms or one of the delegates) to anything he or she says to the offender.

26. In the event the President and Vice President of GMASC are both absent during a show and a conflict arises, the President of the host saddle club should call for a delegates' meeting and notify them of the issue at hand. The delegates will discuss the issue and handle it accordingly.

- ◆ Delegates may not change rules, **and they should consult the copy of the GMASC Rules the host saddle club should have on hand as necessary.**
- ◆ The host club's president as such has no authority in the GMASC matter.
- ◆ **Any problem must be solved before the next GMASC show.**

27. No husband and wife may serve as President and Treasurer.

28. STATE SHOW WORK SCHEDULE: All exhibitors are required to work in 2 hours shifts at the State Show.

(a) AMENDMENT (4/5/2010): Exhibitors 16 years and under: Shifts must be covered by an adult 17 years and older.

(b) AMENDMENT (4/5/2010): Exhibitors 17 years and over: Must see that their shift is covered.

(c) For those not covering their 2 hour shift: you will be considered in debt to the association and

will therefore not be allowed to participate in any 2001 and subsequent activities. The fine is \$25.00 per hour (\$50.00 per shift) that you do not cover.

(d) GMASC will pay whoever works the “non covered time slot”, retroactive the 2011 State Horse Show. (AMENDED 10/2011) You must sign your name on the sign up form so GMASC knows who actually worked and is therefore due the money.

- ◆ You will have an opportunity to sign up for the times at the last show of the season before State. If times are not filled, they will be assigned to those not voluntarily signing up.

AMENDMENT (4/5/2010): There will be 3 work areas in Reaves Arena for the Running Events (the arena, the holding/check in pens, and the secretaries' table). Then there will be 2 work areas in the Horse Arena for the Pleasure Events (the secretaries' table and the gate). Shifts start at 7 am each day and run until the show is finished for the night (at 12 midnight or a reasonable stopping point.)

- ◆ Shifts may be split among members as long as the entire time is covered.
- ◆ The list will be posted at the President's stall at State.

29. Please refer to the previous portion of the GMASC rules for any and all applicable rules concerning the timed events and miscellaneous portion of the GMASC shows and affairs.

30. Each club will be allowed to have one person to watch times if it wishes.

31. Re-rides: if the timer does not work, rider shall be told immediately and given one re-ride when he prefers in that class. Rider will be given at least 5 minutes before having re-ride. If during the re-ride the rider knocks over or jumps a prop, he/she gets another run.

32. The ring crew has the only authority to call qualified vs. non qualified runs/patterns. The announcer and those on the outside may not make the call. Ring crew members must therefore pay attention while in the ring. If the ring crew is not able to make the call, the ride should stand.

33. There are no exhibiton rides or time only rides at GMASC shows. All entries must pay the required entry fee.

34. There should be no schooling of any horse by anyone other than its original rider if the horse

and rider do not perform the pattern satisfactorily during the point run. Should this warning not be observed, penalties will be considered for the offender(s).

35. Men's and women's classes will be separated for payback. Points are kept separate of any combined classes.

36. Timed events: Disqualifications (DQ) will be for:

(a) Failure to follow the course.

(b) Jumping a cone (or other prop) – **All** feet have to go over the cone (or other prop) to constitute a “jump”. **If one foot crosses the prop will be disqualified.**

(c) Completely encircling a prop.

(d) Prematurely breaking the timer before a qualified pattern is run.

(e) Missing the class/over the time limit to get to the ring.

(f) Riding in the ring or chute while the tractor is working.

(g) Infraction of the dress code.

(h) Other matters covered by Federation and AQHA rules in addition to GMASC rules.

37. There is a 5 second penalty for each prop knocked over. Props which touch the ground and stand back up and considered “knocked down.”

38. CONES: There will be 5 cones 21 feet apart measured from inside to inside. The first cone is 21 feet from the timer. Cones must measure 21 inches high with a square base of 15 inches. They must be painted white.

39. POLES: There will be 6 poles, 6 feet high of white 1 ½ “ inside diameter pvc pipe with a cap on top. The poles will begin 21 feet from the timer and will be placed 21 feet apart measured on center. **There will be 2 judges at a reasonable distance behind the clock during this event to determine if dirt or dust breaks the timer.** If there is a question of clock failure resulting from dirt/dust or from horse/rider. The rider will get a re-ride. Martha Josey pole bases will be used.

40. TEXAS BARRELS: There will be 3, 55 gallon size, pasteboard barrels used. The first barrel is

60 feet from the timer to the back of this barrel. All barrels are 60 feet apart measured to the back of each barrel. All barrels must contain a pole base. There must be a minimum of 15 feet from the back fence to the back of the last barrel for safety.

41. ARENA RACE: There will be 1, 55 gallon size, pasteboard barrel used. It will be placed at 165 feet from the timer to the back of this barrel. It must be on center from the timer with a minimum of 15 feet from the back fence to the back of this barrel for safety. Barrel must contain a pole base.

42. CLOVERLEAF: There will be 3, 55 gallon size, pasteboard barrels used. From the timer, come out 40 feet to the center of the arena. Barrels 1 and 2 each are 90 feet apart from their backs to the back of barrel 3. All barrels must contain a pole base. For smaller arenas, pull the patterns in according to the AQHA guidelines of decreasing the pattern at 5 foot intervals until it fits safely in the arena.

43. NO DOGS ALLOWED at any GMASC shows. Violators will be asked to leave.

44. No two people can ride the same horse in the same class.

ONCE AGAIN, REFER TO THIS SET OF GMASC RULES IN ITS ENTIRETY WHENEVER QUESTIONS ARISE. SOME RULES ARE SPECIFIC TO PLEASURE AND SOME TO TIMED EVENTS; HOWEVER SOME WILL OVERLAP.