# Union County Saddle Club, Inc.

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**UNION COUNTY SADDLE CLUB, INC**

# CONSTITUTION

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**UNION COUNTY SADDLE CLUB, INC.**

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# CONSTITUTION

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## PREAMBLE

This Constitution is written in order to promote the horse industry and horse recreation in the mountain area, to insure adherence to the regulations set forth in this document, to preserve the rights of individual members and is created exclusively for non-profit purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or any other corresponding provision of any future U.S. Internal Revenue law.

## ARTICLE I - NAME

This organization shall be known as the **Union County Saddle Club, Inc**., hereafter referred to in this document as the **Club**.

## ARTICLE II - ORIGIN

This **Club** was organized in 1986 in Blairsville, Georgia, by a group of interested people with encouragement from the Blairsville Kiwanis Club. The **Club** agreed to help the Kiwanis Club by holding up to two (2) horse shows per year.

## ARTICLE III - PURPOSE

The purpose of this **Club** shall be to promote the horse industry and horse recreation through participation in horse shows, trail rides, horse clinics and other related activities as the **Club** sees fit.

## ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

The membership of this **Club** shall be composed of persons who have paid their dues within two months of the end of the **Club** membership year. The **Club** membership year runs concurrent with the calendar year.

**SECTION 1.**
Any person can offer him/herself as a candidate for membership in this **Club** upon payment of dues in the amount of $150 for an individual or household membership. Household membership is defined as those living under the same roof. A membership for a supporter of the **Club** who does not ride horses is $25.00.

**SECTION 2.**
Any member may terminate his/her membership of this **Club** by submitting a written notice

to the **Club** Secretary. There will be no refund of membership dues upon termination.

**SECTION 3.**
A member may be terminated in accordance with the standing By Laws (refer to Article I., Section 3. of the By Laws).

**SECTION 4.**
All Officers, Board members and any other **Club** position shall be elected in the following manner:

a. Nominations shall be allowed from the floor and must be seconded
b. All voting shall be done by secret ballot.
c. Only paid-up members in good standing shall have the right to vote.

**SECTION 5.**
All matters described in this Constitution necessitating a vote will require at least two thirds (2/3) vote of the **Club** members present at the meeting.

**SECTION 6.**
All non members are required to pay a $10 non member fee **per person per day** to be able to ride at the arena.

## ARTICLE V – CLUB OFFICERS

The Officers of this **Club** shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Show Chairperson, Concession Chairperson, Publicity-Historian Chairperson, and Equipment/ Grounds Chairperson. All **Club** Officers and Chairpersons shall be elected by the membership and shall be members of the **Club** in good standing. They shall have shown their willingness to play an active part in the operation of the **Club** for at least one year prior to their election by attending a minimum of 50% of the regular monthly meetings in the 12 months prior to their being nominated, or participated in work days at the arena, volunteered at horse shows or otherwise volunteered to maintain the facility, or participated on or with the drill team. They shall have no lapse in their membership dues in the 12 months prior to their nomination and shall have paid their dues by April 1st of the calendar year in which they hold office.

Officers may be removed from their Office prior to the expiration of their term if they miss three consecutive regularly scheduled **Club** meetings or fail to fulfill their duties as outlined by this Constitution. If there are extenuating circumstances, an exception may be considered.

**SECTION 1. – ELECTIONS:**
Elections will be held each November, and the new officers and chairpersons will assume their duties in January of the following year. THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE WILL BE DECIDED UPON IN AUGUST AND BEGIN THEIR DUTIES THEN. THEY WILL PRESENT THEIR NOMINATIONS IN OCTOBER. Installation of officers will be held at the December meeting.

**SECTION 2 – PRESIDENT:**
It shall be the duty of the President to moderate regular and specially called meetings, to participate in and attend board meetings with full voting rights and to attend Show Committee meetings. The President shall be elected annually and can only succeed him/ herself one term.

**SECTION 3. – VICE PRESIDENT:**
The Vice President shall fill-in for the President in his/her absence, replace the President if he/she cannot fulfill his/her duties and shall be ex-officio member of the FundRaising and Trail Committees. The Vice President shall be elected annually.

**SECTION 4. – SECRETARY:**
The Secretary shall attend, or be represented at all regular business meetings, shall be responsible for planning the agenda at the regular meetings and keep all minutes and records. The secretary shall preserve all papers (to be kept for one year and then disposed of as necessary) and valuable records and shall maintain a list of membership with correct mailing addresses and other pertinent information. The Secretary shall be elected annually.

**SECTION 5. – TREASURER:**
The Treasurer shall receive, keep in a bank and disburse by check(s), upon proper authority, all money or things of value that are given to the **Club**, keep an itemized account of all receipt and disbursements, render a regular account to the **Club** (to be preserved by the Secretary) and make an annual return to the Georgia State Sales & Use Tax Division. The books, records and accounts kept by the Treasurer shall be considered the property of the **Club**. The Treasurer, upon invitation and at least quarterly, shall meet with the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall count and collect the money from the horse shows and other **Club** sponsored events the day/night of the horse show/event. The Treasurer shall be elected annually.

**SECTION 6. – SHOW CHAIRPERSON:**
The Show Chairperson shall be responsible for calling show meetings, shall oversee all activities related to the planning and the execution of the horse shows and shall have the final say concerning classes and/or rules at the show. The Show Chairperson shall report to the **Club** at the regular meetings. The Show Chairperson shall be appointed annually.

**SECTION 7. – CONCESSION CHAIRPERSON:**
The Concession Chairperson shall be responsible for overseeing, purchasing, preparing and selling refreshments at the horse shows and other **Club** sponsored events and shall be responsible for turning the monies and receipts for purchases over to the Treasurer immediately after the horse show or event. He/she shall be responsible for making sure that there is adult supervision in the concession stand at all times during horse shows and events. He/she shall make a report at the next **Club** meeting. The Concession Chairperson shall be appointed annually.

**SECTION 8 – EQUIPMENT/GROUNDS CHAIRPERSON:**

The Equipment/Grounds Chairperson shall be responsible for maintaining all ground maintenance equipment to include tractors and the water trailer/irrigation system. He/she is responsible for ensuring the grounds are prepared for riding at least one time per week. Responsibilities also include ensuring the ground is prepared for shows, the rodeo, and anytime the arena is rented out for an event and ensuring that dragging is done during barrel racing shows. He/she is responsible for approving and maintaining a list of additional volunteers to assist with these duties. Ground preparation during the week and for shows is eligible for payment as approved by the **Club.** The Chairperson is also responsible for working with the membership to establish a schedule of approved fees for groundwork to be done for events in which the arena is rented.

## ARTICLE VI – BOARD of DIRECTORS

**SECTION 1.**
The Board of Directors shall consist of four (4) elected adults plus the **Club** President. The number of Directors may be changed by at least a two-thirds (2/3) vote by the **Club** members present at any regular business meeting. IF AN OFFICER IS IN GOOD STANDING, THEY MAY COME BACK FOR A CONSECUTIVE TERM WITHOUT HAVING TO BE ELECTED.

**SECTION 2.**
One half of the Board members shall be elected each year for a two-year term. The other half of the Board members shall be elected the following year for a two-year term. The Board shall elect the chairperson annually.

All nominees to the Board of Directors shall be members of the Club in good standing. They shall have shown their willingness to play an active part in the operation of the Club for at least one year prior to their election by attending a minimum of 50% of the regular monthly meetings in the 12 months prior to their being nominated, or participated in work days at the arena, volunteered at horse shows or otherwise volunteered to maintain the facility, or participated on or with the drill team. They shall have no lapse in their membership dues in the 12 months prior to their nomination and shall have paid their dues by April 1st of the calendar year in which they hold office.

Officers may be removed from their Office prior to the expiration of their term if they miss three consecutive regularly scheduled **Club** meetings or fail to fulfill their duties as outlined by this Constitution. If there are extenuating circumstances, an exception may be considered.

**SECTION 3.**
The **Club** President shall not be eligible as chairperson of the Board but shall automatically serve as vice-chairperson of the Board.

**SECTION 4.**

A quorum shall consist of one half of the elected Board members plus either the chairperson or the vice chairperson.

**SECTION 5.**
Board meetings shall be held at least once per quarter. Special meetings may be called by the chairperson or vice chairperson (president). Board meetings shall be open to attendance by any **Club** members in good standing.

**SECTION 6.**
The Club will offer a **scholarship** yearly with the minimum amount of $500.00. The amount can be increased by a majority vote of members in attendance at a regularly scheduled meeting as funds permit or if donations are made. The Secretary will announce by email to all Club members on February 1st of each year that applications are being accepted and will send the application form as an attachment to that email. The deadline for completed applications to be received by email or postmarked by will be April 1st of that same year. The Board of Directors will review all submitted applications and make a decision on who will be awarded the scholarship within the month of April. Multiple recipients can be awarded a portion of the scholarship money if the Board of Directors agree.

**SECTION 7.**
The Board will select a recipient of the Legacy Award and the Community Partner Award which will be presented at the annual end of the year awards banquet. It is not required to have a yearly one if no one qualifies. While the Board will make the final determination on award recipients, any member of the Club can submit nominations to the Board.

The Legacy Award celebrates excellence by a member who is seldom recognized for their commitment to the Club. The recipient will exhibit leadership, determination, and have a positive impact on members of the Club that sets an example for all. He/She will have gone above and beyond to support the goals of the Club and the members as a whole while putting exemplary effort and time into the success of the Club therefore being instrumental in the success of our organization. This also is not required yearly if no one qualifies.

The purpose of the Community Partner Award is to recognize an outstanding community partner who has demonstrated excellence in partnering with the Club to provide and promote community awareness of events and accomplishments of the Club and its members. The help of wonderful community partners who promote the Club to the community to best serve the needs of the club deserves to be recognized. This also is not required yearly if no one qualifies. Recipients of these awards will receive an individual plaque or other award as deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

**SECTION 8.**
If an officer needs to purchase something for the club that is outside of the normal arena maintenance and is over the amount of $150, it must be approved by the board members.

# ARTICLE VII – EVENT of DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of the **Club**, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to the Children's Trust Fund, which is exempt as an organization described in Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding sections of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code, or to the Federal, State or local government for exclusive public purpose.

# ARTICLE VIII – ADOPTIONS and AMENDMENTS to this CONSTITUTION

**SECTION 1.**
This Constitution shall be adopted and be in immediate effect when at least two-thirds (2/3) of the **Club** members present at the meeting, vote in favor of this Constitution. Notification of a vote on this Constitution will be given to **Club** members by announcement in the regular **Club** meeting prior to the meeting that the vote is taken.

**SECTION 2.**
This Constitution may be amended, altered or repealed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the **Club** members present at any regular business meeting of the **Club** – provided that such amendment, alteration or repeal has been given to the Secretary in writing and that the proposed change shall have been presented to the **Club** at least one regular meeting prior to the meeting that the vote is taken.

Constitution Adopted – NOVEMBER 19th, 1986

Constitution Amended – JANUARY 17th, 2002 (see Article I, Item 5 of the Rules & Regulations – added restrictions regarding the handling of stallions.)

Constitution Amended – SEPTEMBER 19th, 2002 (see Article IV, Section 1. Of the Constitution – dues were changed from $5.00 & $10.00 to $10.00 & $15.00.)

General Update of Constitution & By Laws – FEBRUARY 19th, 2009 (added new Rules & Regulations section)

Rules & Regulations Amended – SEPTEMBER 14th, 2009 (see ARTICLE II, SECTION 2. – YEARLY POINTS, Paragraph e. – revised to show points to be 5, 4, 3, 2, & 1 with no points for participation [was 6, 5, 4, 3, & 2, with 1 point. For participation].)
Rules & Regulations Amended – SEPTEMBER 14th, 2009 (see ARTICLE II, SECTION 3. – YEAR-END AWARDS, Paragraph c. – new words are in accordance with agreements made at the noted meeting.)

Rules & Regulations Amended – JUNE 17th, 2010 (see ARTICLE II – SHOWS, SECTION 3. YEAR-END AWARDS, -- new words now agree with changes approved at the noted meeting.)

Rules & Regulations Amended – Several meetings in 2010 (see ARTICLE III – CLASS GUIDELINES, SECTION 8. SPEED EVENTS – added definition statements for the "ARENA RACE" and "CONES" events.)

Rules & Regulations Amended – Found during JUNE 24th, 2011 re-write (see ARTICLE III – CLASS GUIDELINES, SECTION 8. SPEED EVENTS: paragraph A. POLE BENDING, sub-paragraph 1. – it now defines the event as we run it.)

Rules & Regulations Amended – JUNE 16th, 2011 (see ARTICLE III – CLASS GUIDELINES, SECTION 7. – RACKING HORSES – removed all mention of the "cross-entry restriction".)

By-Laws Amended – OCTOBER 20th, 2011 – to add the word "Gaited", replacing the words "Racking" and "Paso-Fino", since "Gaited" covers both (see Article III, Section 1) Rules & Regulations Amended – October 20th, 2011 – to correct the words in Article III, Section 8. regarding the placement of the barrels. The new words are in conformance with those in the National Barrel Horse Association.

Constitution and By-Laws Amended -- February 16th, 2012 -- to simplify and clarify the nominating and voting process (see Constitution ARTICLE V, & By-Laws ARTICLEs II – SECTION 1, ARTICLE III – SECTION 5, ARTICLE IV SECTIONs 2 and 4.) Rules & Regulations Amended – March 15th, 2012 – to correct the words describing the position of barrels (see SECTION 8. Speed EVENTS: paragraph C. Cloverleaf Barrel Racing.) Rules & Regulations Amended – April 19th, 2012 – to clarify SECTION 2. – YEARLY POINTS: paragraphs a. & b. and to eliminate the old paragraph c. Rules & Regulations Amended – March 21st, 2013 – revised ARTICLE II – SHOWS: added paragraph Ag. (re/ injured horse) to SECTION I. – GENERAL: reworded SECTION 2. – YEARLY POINTS: paragraph b. to change words from "speed events" to "Agility" and "Cloverleaf Barrels", paragraph d. to give maximum points to top 5 Club members only, and modified SECTION 3. – YEARLY AWARDS: to remove old paragraph b. (regarding no duplicate awards), to modify new paragraph b. to add the words "for top 3 Club members" and to separate "Cloverleaf Barrels" from "Agility" classes (was all "Speed Events").

By-Laws Amended – September 19th 2013 -- to clarify ARTICLE I – MEMBERS, SECTION 6. – to assure that only the <u>current</u> elected officer's names be on the signature card at our bank.

Rules & Regulations Amended – FEBRUARY 20TH, 2014: * Revised ARTICLE I – GENERAL: paragraph 5. to remove the word "judged" from the first sentence and remove the entire second sentence – to further restrict the handling of stallions at the arena; * Revised

SECTION 2. – YEARLY POINTS: paragraph a. to add the words "/ horse combination" to the word "rider"; * Revised SECTION 3. – YEAR-END AWARDS: paragraph b. to read "(2 divisions – Youth [17 & under] and Adult)" and corrected the spelling of the word "Trail"; * Revised SECTION 3. – WESTERN PLEASURE: to remove the entire paragraph C. and re-letter the follow-on paragraphs accordingly. – since we do not adhere to these words; *Revised SECTION 8. – SPEED EVENTS: to add "D." in front of "Arena Race" and "E" in front of "Cones" – to correct an editorial problem.

Rules & Regulations Amended – JUNE 18th, 2015 as follows:
ARTICLE II – SHOWS, SECTION 3. – YEAR-END AWARDS:
* Revised the following listings in paragraph b. to read:
"Halter & Showmanship" (1 division – all classes will be combined); "Western" (3 classes – Walk-Trot, Pleasure & Horsemanship – 3 divisions of each); "Cloverleaf Barrels" (3 divisions);
"English Walk-Trot & English Walk-Trot-Canter" (2 classes - 1 division of each); ARTICLE III – CLASS GUIDELINES, SECTION 8. – SPEED EVENTS: * Revised paragraph**.** Texas Barrel Racing**:** – sub-paragraph 1. **t**o read: "This event is contested by riding through the timer-line, passing the barrels on alternating sides, rounding the last barrel, passing the other barrels on alternating sides and back through the timer-line".

CONSTITUTION Amended – April 21st, 2016 (see Article IV, Section I of the Constitution- dues were changed from $10.00/$15.00 to $50.00 for an individual or household membership. Household membership was defined. A membership fee of $15.00 for a non-rider, supporter of the club was added.)

Rules & Regulations Amended March 21, 2019 as follows:
ARTICLE II – SHOWS, SECTION 1- GENERAL- revised L. to increase non-member class fee to $3.00 extra and O. changing "pony" to "horse".
ARTICLE II –SHOWS, SECTION 2 – YEARLY POINTS: Added trail classes will be awarded raw scores to determine points accumulated for year end awards. To be eligible for year end awards, members must remain in good standing throughout the year.

ARTICLE II – SHOWS, SECTION 3a. – YEAR END AWARDS: clarifies what 50% of shows is based on when there are an odd # of shows in the year.

ARTICLE II – SHOWS, SECTION 3b. – Changes # of divisions in trail from 2 to 5 with 2 classes each. Requires equine/equestrian pairs to move up a division after winning same division for 2 consecutive show seasons, sets a time limit for each obstacle. Adds 4 divisions to Agility and cloverleaf barrels.

ARTICLE III- CLASS GUIDELINES, SECTION 2 – TRAIL – Deletes previously stated scoring descriptions and replaces them.

On June 18, 2020 ARTICLE II SHOWS, SECTION 2 YEARLY POINTS was revised in its

entirety.

ARTICLE III - CLASS GUIDELINES, SECTION 8 SPEED EVENTS added an additional section regarding how many times a horse can be ridden in a class and by members of the same family.

ARTICLE II - SHOWS – SECTION 3b was amended by deleting a sentence in the In hand Division.

On September 17, 2020, ARTICLE V – CLUB OFFICERS was amended by stating qualifications for holding and staying in office.

On March 18, 2021, the Rules and Regulations preamble was amended to add The International Mountain Trail Challenge Association. Article II, Section II deleted the last sentence that no year-end awards would be made for Cowboy Race. Section 3a was amended to change the number of shows counted toward year end awards for Trail classes. Section 3b added Youth and Gaited divisions and individual classes of Liberty and Dog and Pony. Deductions were added for time penalties. Article III, Section 2 increased the maximum points from 5 to 10 and set up a method for tie breaking and outlined scoring guidelines. Course requirements were amended regarding walk throughs of the course and class requirements were added.

ARTICLE 6 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SECTION 2 was amended by stating qualifications for holding and staying in office.
On May 20, 2021, Article I, Section 5 was amended increasing the amount allowed to be spent to honor a deceased member or family member.
On September 16, 2021, Article V – Club Officers was amended to add an Equipment/ Grounds Chairperson with duties enumerated.
On June 16,2022 ARTICLE 6 –BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SECTION 6 was added awarding a scholarship each year.
On February 16, 2023 – Article II – Shows, Section 1-General, o. was amended adding an age requirement to the pony class.
On February 16, 2023 Article VI of the Constitution, Board of Directors, Section 7 was added describing the Legacy and Community Partner Awards to be presented at the Year End Awards Banquet.

On February 17, 2025 – Article VI Section 1 - IF AN OFFICER IS IN GOOD STANDING, THEY MAY COME BACK FOR A CONSECUTIVE TERM WITHOUT HAVING TO BE ELECTED.
On February 17, 2025– Article VI SECTION 8 - If an officer needs to purchase something for the club that is outside of the normal arena maintenance and is over the amount of $150, it must be approved by the board members.
On February 17, 2025 - Dissolved the Publicity Chair position and combined it with the Secretary position.
on February 17, 2025 – Article III – added There will be no rider swaps allowed during the class. This will result in disqualification.

If a rider circles any of the props in the speed events, it will be considered a broken pattern and result in a 'No Time'.
On February 17, 2025 – Article III Section 5 – added The Rodeo Committee

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## ARTICLE I – MEMBERS

**SECTION 1.**
Payment of dues gives a new member the right to vote after sixty (60) days.

**SECTION 2.**
Dues paid October 31st Shall apply to that calendar year. Any dues paid after that date shall be applied to the following year.

**SECTION 3.**
Any member who violates the Constitution, By Laws, Rules & Regulations and/or the trust of the **Club**, may be terminated in the following manner:
a. The issue of the violation shall be brought before the Executive Committee (the Board of Directors, the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Show Chairperson) at a specially set meeting,
b. The member shall have the right to defend him/herself.
c. A membership may be terminated by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Committee.

**SECTION 4.**
Dated Email or cards will be sent out to all members confirming their membership for the current year.

**SECTION 5.**
In the event of the death of a **Club** member, or of a member of their immediate family, the **Club** is authorized to spend up to $200.00 for flowers or an equivalent gift or donation in honor of the deceased.

**SECTION 6.**
In the event of the absence of the Treasurer the President, Secretary, or Show Chairperson shall be allowed to sign checks and only one signature will be required on each check transaction. The signature card at our bank shall be updated annually as required to ensure that only the appropriate names and signatures are on record. This update shall be done immediately

following the annual election.

## ARTICLE II – MEETINGS

**SECTION 1.**
A regular business meeting shall be held on the third Thursday of every month except for December. The dates and times for the December meeting shall be set at least two months in advance. All meetings are open to any/all **Club** members in good standing.

**SECTION 2.**
The monthly business meetings shall start at 7:00 PM.

**SECTION 3.**
Officers shall meet quarterly or as needed.

**SECTION 4.**
Special meetings may be called by any Officer or by the Board of Directors.

**SECTION 5.**
The meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

# ARTICLE III – STANDING COMMITTEES

The standing committees of the **Club** shall be: Show Committee; Trail Ride Committee; Publicity-History Committee; FundRaising Committee; Youth Committee and Nominating Committee. All committee members shall be members of the **Club** in good standing and shall have paid their dues by March 1st of the calendar year.

**SECTION 1. – SHOWS:**
The Show Committee shall consist of the Show Chairperson, the **Club** President secretary and any other members the show chairperson deems qualified. The Show Chairperson shall call committee meetings as necessary. The committee shall be responsible for planning, overseeing and publicizing the horse shows. All major decisions shall be brought before the **Club** membership for vote. The Show Chairperson shall report to the **Club** at the regular meetings. For general rules and regulations for participation in shows and events, refer to the Rules & Regulations section of this document.

**SECTION 2. – TRAIL RIDES:**
The Trail Ride Committee shall consist of the Trail Ride Committee Chairperson, the Vice President, plus any other members the trail ride chairperson deems qualified. This committee shall be responsible for planning, overseeing and publicizing trail rides and related activities and for designating trail ride officials. The Trail Ride Committee shall appoint a chairperson annually. The Vice President shall not be eligible for chairmanship
but shall serve as the vice chairperson. The Trail Ride Committee Chairperson shall call the

meetings of the Trail Ride Committee, and he/she shall report to the **Club** at the regular business meetings. For general rules and regulations for participation in trail rides, refer to the Rules & Regulations section of this document.

**SECTION 3. – FUND RAISING:**
The Fund-Raising Committee shall consist of the Chairperson, secretary, the Vice President plus any other members the chairperson deems qualified. The Vice President shall serve as the vice chairperson. This committee shall be responsible for raising money needed for **Club** expenses and activities. All funds raised by the **Club** shall be used for the benefit of **Club** activities. The Chairperson shall report to the **Club** at regular meetings.

**SECTION 4 – NOMINATING:**
The Nominating Committee shall consist of three members appointed by the Board of Directors every August which will include the secretary and two other members. The Nominating Committee shall be responsible for nominating qualified members for the elected positions prior to the general meeting in October. They will present their list of nominations to the membership at the October meeting and the floor will be open for additional nominations until the closing of the October meeting. At this point all nominations will be closed, allowing the Nominating Committee to prepare the official election ballot prior to the November general/election meeting. The Nominating Committee shall also serve as the Election Committee.

**SECTION 5 – RODEO COMMITTEE**
The rodeo committee shall consist of 3 to 5 members in good standing. They will be appointed by the Board of Directors. Their responsibilities are as follows:

1. Gaining sponsorship monies for the rodeo
2. Pre-sale tickets (delivery and pick up)
3. Obtaining volunteers to help with parking, admission fees, and counting the funds after the rodeo's completion.

## ARTICLE IV – ELECTIONS

**SECTION 1.**
A member shall not hold more than one **ELECTED** position in a calendar year.

**SECTION 2.**
Absentee ballots may be used, shall be on the official ballot and shall be voted on in the presence of a member of the Election Committee. The absentee ballot shall be placed in two envelopes, with the outer envelope being sealed and signed by the absentee voting member. The absentee ballot shall be cast no more than one week prior to the election.

**SECTION 3.**
There shall be a membership list/role at the election meeting with the absentee voters marked off the role.

**SECTION 4.**
Vacancies or unfilled terms of elected board members and officers shall be filled by special election(s).

## ARTICLE V – ADOPTIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE BY LAWS

**SECTION 1.**
These By Laws and all future amendments shall be adopted and be in immediate effect when at least a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the **Club** members present at the meeting vote in favor of these By-Laws and amendments.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these By Laws, this **Club** shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by (a.) a club exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c.)3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding sections of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code, or the Federal, State or local government for exclusive purpose, or (b.) a **Club** contribution which is deductible under Section 501(c.)3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding sections of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code, or to the Federal, State or local government for exclusive public purpose.

**SECTION 2.**
These By Laws may be amended, altered or repealed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the **Club** members present at any regular business meeting of the **Club** - provided that such amendment, alteration or repeal has been given to the Secretary in writing and that the proposed change shall have been presented to the **Club** at least one regular meeting prior to the time the vote is taken.

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**PREAMBLE**

These Rules & Regulations have been written in order to provide a series of common-sense guidelines describing our behavior at all **Club** related/sponsored events. These write-ups have been patterned after our **Club**'s past and current operation plus many words that have been taken from the National Racking Horse Association Rule Book, the Paso Fino Horse Association Rule Book, the Quarter Horse Rule Book, the National Barrel Horse Association and the American Paint Horse Association Trail Class Rules. .

## ARTICLE I – GENERAL

**A.** This **Club** shall render the best service possible to all participants, especially to our young participants.

B. There shall be no alcoholic beverages on the arena grounds or during any/all Club sponsored event(s).

C. There shall be no firearms carried (unless specifically licensed by the State of Georgia) at any Club show or other Club sponsored event.

D. The Club shall not be responsible for any accidents on the arena grounds or during Club sponsored events – including injury by animals, vehicles or other. Neither shall the Club be responsible for loss or theft during Club sponsored events.

E. No one under the age of 18 will be allowed to handle or show a stallion in any event and they may not handle a stallion on the grounds outside the arena.

## ARTICLE II - SHOWS

**SECTION 1. – GENERAL:**

**A.** There will be a Prayer and an American Flag Ceremony to open each show.

**B.** Any complaints at any show will be heard the day of the show by the President or the Show Chairperson – and – any pending compliant will be given in writing to the President. These pending complaints will be brought before the Board of Directors for discussion and disposition.

**C.** The decision of the Judge at any show is final.

**D.** A Judge may not judge any horse in which he/she has money, interest, or partnership - or that he/she has trained, boarded or sold within the past (90) days.

**E.** A Judge may not judge any rider or horse that he/she has had any relationship with, either

through boarding, pasturing, or farrier for during the past (90) days.

**F.** A Judge may not judge any horse with whom he/she shares a barn or boarding relationship (stud services are exempt).

**G.** A Judge may not engage in conversation with exhibitors while the show is in progress.

**H.** The Ringmaster shall be an adult who will assist the Judge and control all phases of the show within in the ring.

**I.** The Ringmaster may not officiate in any division of a show in which a member of his/her family or any of his/her clients is an exhibitor.

**J.** In order to cancel or postpone a show due to the inclement weather, the Show Committee will discuss to determine whether or not the grounds are safe to use.

**K.** All shows will start promptly at the set/advertised time.

**L.** All **non-club** members must pay $5.00 extra for each class in which they enter.

**M.** Entry money may be refunded to any contestant(s), upon request - before the class enters the ring or before the class begins. Once the class begins, the competitor may scratch but will not be given a refund.

**N.** Once a class has been announced as being "closed", there will be no more entries taken in that particular class.

**O.** A horse must be 52 inches or less and the rider must be no older than age 12 on January 1st of the year in which they are competing to show in a pony class.

**P.** The rider/handler's name and the horse's name will be announced for the winners in each class.

**Q.** Three or more entries are required to constitute an "added" class. Five or more entries are required for a paying class.

**R.** The Show Chairperson may add, combine or delete classes.

**S.** Four-wheelers, three-wheelers and loud motorcycles and vehicles shall not be allowed on the grounds during a show.

**T.** All dogs must be on a leash any time the arena is visited or in use (practice or shows) as er Georgia state law.

**U.** **Club** members should be alert at all times for the safety of the crowd and possible interference with exhibitors around the immediate ring area (i.e. those leaning on or sitting directly on the arena fence or any barriers or attachments immediately thereto).

**V.** If a horse and rider separate during a class, they are disqualified.

**W.** A horse and rider/handler must have participated in at least one other class (other than halter and lead line) to enter Championship classes.

**X.** Exhibitors must be 17 or under to participate in juvenile classes.

**Y.** A rider may not be lead in any class except for a lead line class.

**Z.** All horses shall have a current (within one year) negative Coggins test/certificate at time of class sign-up.

**AA.** The Show Chairperson, or his/her designee, shall be responsible for verifying up-to-date, negative Coggins certificates.

**BB.** Rules concerning the requirement of a negative Coggins, no alcohol allowed and age requirement for handling stallions will be prominently displayed on all show sheets and at the sign-up area.

**CC.** Paid-up **Club** members and show participants shall not have to pay an admission fee to any regular **Club** sponsored shows.

**DD.** There shall be a separate designated area for warming-up Gaited horses.

**EE.** All money collected at shows shall be turned in to the Treasurer.

**FF.** The Show Chairperson shall have the authority to appoint members to various responsibilities at shows, as he/she deems necessary.

**GG.** If a horse is injured during the show season, the rider may substitute another horse and retain his/her yearly points IF the injury is supported by a written statement from a licensed veterinarian.

**SECTION 2. -YEARLY POINTS:**

**A.** Points will be awarded to UCSC members from the date dues are paid. If a Non-Member places in any class, they will be skipped and the points for that placing will be awarded to the next highest placing member.

**B.** Judged events – points will be awarded (and totaled) for the rider/horse combination at a show.

**C.** In divisional speed event classes, points can be accumulated in different divisions, but the rider can only receive the highest set of points in the same division. Divisional classes will use a 6-point system with 6 points going to first place, 5 Points for second, 4 points for third, 3 points for fourth, 2 for fifth and all remaining riders in the division will accumulate 1 point each. (Example: If rider A runs two horses and places 1st and 2nd in 3D, they will only receive the highest point value of six (6) points for 1st place. However, if rider B finishes 1st in the 2D and 3rd in the 4D, they will receive (6) six points in 2D and (4) four points in 4D). Down barrels or poles in the classes above Pony will be given No Times and thus ineligible to receive any points for the run.

**D.** For speed classes that are not divisional and in judged events other than trail classes, a rider will only accrue points on the highest placing horse in the class. Five points will be rewarded to first place, four to second, three to third place, two to fourth place, and one to fifth place. Any remaining riders in the class will not accrue points. Riders in speed events that are not divisional will get a five second penalty for down barrels or poles.

**E.** In lieu of points being awarded based on the order of finishing, participants in judged obstacle/trail classes will be awarded their raw scores which will be used to determine points accumulated for year-end awards. Timed obstacle classes (non-judged/scored class) with the competitor having the fastest time will be awarded the winner. Payback would be 70% of class fees and pay out to a designated number of places dependent on the number of entrants in the class.

**F.** To accumulate and maintain points for year-end awards, a member must remain in good standing with the Club throughout the year.

G. Championship classes will not be counted as points classes.

H. All judged shows (unless announced otherwise) will count for points.

**SECTION 3. – YEAR-END AWARDS:**

A. Speed/Agility Shows: A competitor must show in at least 50% of the shows in the same Class and Division to be eligible for a year end award. In a year where there are an odd number of shows, 50% constitutes the number of shows immediately in excess of 50%. For example, if there are 5 shows, 50% constitutes participating in 3 shows.

**Obstacle shows:**

A. A competitor must show in 50% of the shows in the same Class and Division to be eligible for a year end award.
B. Awards will be given for the following classes:

**In Hand Division:**

- Designed for, but not limited to, equines that are not yet started under saddle or are unable to be ridden due to age or size.

**Open Division:**

- Open to all levels of equines and equestrians. Open will be judged more technically.

**Novice Division:**

- An introduction to obstacles designed for pairs new to competing or negotiating obstacles. Those competing in this division should not have won two or more titles in any competitive trail or obstacle events. Equine/Equestrian pairs will be required to move up a division after winning the same division twice.

**Green Horse Division:**

- An introduction to obstacles designed for more advanced competitors or trainers who are introducing showing and obstacles to a young or inexperienced equine. The equine must be under 3 years of age (as of January 1st of the current year) or within their first few years of under saddle training (riding). Equine/ Equestrian pairs will be required to move up a division after winning the same Division twice.

**Youth Division:**

A. Competitors must be under 18 years of age (as of January 1st of the current year).
B. Obstacles and tasks will be comparable to those in the Novice Division.
    - "Western" (3 classes – Walk-Trot, Pleasure & Horsemanship – 3 divisions each "Western Walk" (1 class – 10 & under);
    - "Gaited" (all classes – 2 divisions of each – Juvenile & Adult).
    - "Agility" (4 classes – Cones, Poles, Texas Barrels & Arena Race).
    - "Cloverleaf Barrels" (3 divisions).
    - "English Walk-Trot & English Walk-Trot-Canter" (2 classes – 1 division each)

# ARTICLE III – CLASS GUIDELINES

Contestants may ride any horse, regardless of ownership, and may ride as many as they choose in a class. However, a horse may not be shown by more than one person in a class unless the following conditions are met:

A. Both contestants are members of the same immediate family who reside in the same household (husband, wife, siblings, children, and grandchildren). Children and grandchildren who are attending school away from home, but who reside part of the year with their parents or grandparents are included under this rule.
B. Neither contestant is showing any other horse in that class.
C. In no case will the same horse be run more than twice in the same class.
D. There will be no rider swaps allowed during the class. This will result in

disqualification.

E. If a rider circles any of the props in the speed events, it will be considered broken pattern and result in a 'No Time'.

**SECTION 1. – HALTER, LEAD LINE and OPEN SHOWMANSHIP:**

Halter, Lead line and Open Showmanship entries are to be judged individually, Standing, at a Walk and at a Trot/Rack on the line and must be serviceably sound. Horses must stand squarely on all four feet with front legs perpendicular to the ground.

**SECTION 2. – OBSTACLE/TRAIL:**

Each obstacle completed or attempted will be scored on a scale of 1 to 5 points (half points allowed). The Judge will consider the approach, negotiation of the obstacle, departure, and the equine's overall attitude in his/her scoring for each obstacle. Obstacles not attempted or completed out of order will be assigned a score of zero (0) points. Participants may only have two attempts at each obstacle.

Ties for placement in a judged class will be broken as follows:

1. Least amount of time faults
2. Highest score of the predetermined selected obstacle (to be selected by the Judge prior to the start of the show)

**Course Requirements:**

1. A variety of obstacles will be available for varying levels of competitors and equines. Competitors should use good judgment in choosing which obstacles are appropriate for their equine to navigate.
2. A walkthrough of the course with the show judge or show coordinator will be offered prior to the start of a class. It is the responsibility of the competitor to discuss any questions regarding their course during the walkthrough.
3. The Judge may not discuss the course, obstacles, or answer questions from competitors while a competitor is on the course. The Judge may provide commentary once the competitor has completed their course if they so wish.

**Class Rules & Requirements:**

1. Competitors should be honest when signing up for divisions/classes.
2. Competitors may enter more than one horse in any class, however, points will be tracked and accumulated by each equine/competitor pair.
3. Pairs must negotiate obstacles on their own without assistance.
4. If a Judge determines a situation to be unsafe and a competitor is asked to not continue an obstacle, the competitor should immediately comply with the request.
5. Equines are allowed a maximum of two (2) attempts for any obstacle/task. An attempt is defined as any movement toward the obstacle or task. The Judge reserves the right to request a competitor move on to the next obstacle if they feel ample time has been provided and the pair has either maximized allowed attempts or is not making progress.

6. Riding with two (2) hands with a Leverage or Shank bit in the Intermediate or Open Division classes will result in a point deduction ranging from ½-1 point for each occurrence (exact point deduction will be determined by the Judge).
7. An adult may accompany the youth competitor in the arena during the Youth Division Classes. The adult may inform the youth competitor which obstacle is next and what is required to be completed at that obstacle, however, the adult may not coach or assist the youth in any way. Coaching a youth while on course may result in a disqualification or score of zero (0) for that obstacle.
8. There is not a required dress code, however, competitors should wear closed-toed boots while practicing or competing.

## SECTION 3. – WESTERN PLEASURE:

**A. Qualifying Gaits:**

1. **Walk:** The walk is a natural, flat-footed, four-beat gait. The horse must move straight and true at the walk. The walk must be alert, with a stride of reasonable length in keeping with the size of the horse.
2. **Jog Trot:** The jog trot is a smooth, ground covering, two-beat diagonal gait. The horse works from one pair of diagonals to the other pair. The jog trot should be square, balanced with a straightforward movement of the feet. Horses walking with their back feet and trotting on the front are not considered performing the required gait. When asked to extend the jog, he/ she moves out with the same smooth way of going.
3. **Lope:** Lope with forward motion: an easy, rhythmical, clean three-beat gait. Horses moving to the right should lope on the right lead. The horse should lope straight with a natural stride and appear relaxed and smooth. The horse should be ridden at a speed that is a natural way of going. Loping with the haunches in (toward the center of the arena) must be penalized.
4. **Western Attire and Tack** shall be used.

**B. General Class Data:**

1. The Western Pleasure horse should be a pleasure to ride. It should exhibit a free-flowing stride with natural lift and self-carriage, along with smooth gaits and transitions. Emphasis shall be placed on good movers, manners and a willing attitude, as reflected in the horse's ears, mouth, tail and way of going. Any attempt to alter these attributes shall be severely penalized.

**C. Class Judging Guidelines:**

1. This class will be judged on the performance, manners, condition and conformation of the horses. All horses will be judged at the walk, jog, lope and back as well as on all transitions.

**D. Ring Procedure:**

1. **Walk, Jog and Lope –** Horses are to be shown at a walk, jog and lope on a reasonably loose rein without undue restraint. It is mandatory that a moderate extension of the jog be asked for in at least one direction during the Western Pleasure class(s). Horses must work both ways of the ring at all required gaits to demonstrate their ability with the different leads. A horse will not be penalized for

passing. The Judge shall have the right to ask for additional work from any horse. The Judge may, at his/her discretion, back only the finalists.

2. **Reversing –** Horses are to be reversed to the inside, away from the rail. Horses may be required to reverse at a walk or a jog or may be required to go from any gait to any other gait at the discretion of the Judge. Forward motion must be maintained. No contestant will be asked to reverse at a lope.
3. **Headset** – The head should be carried at an angle that is natural and suitable to the horse's conformation at all gaits. Ideally, a horse should carry its head no lower than level and its nose should be in front of vertical.

**SECTION 4. – SADDLEBRED:**

Extreme fineness and grace, obvious at first glance. Graceful lines obtained through long elegant neck, trim body with good flesh and muscling. Loin and back strong, but somewhat longer than other breeds. Hips should be well muscled with a flat croup and tail set. Horse should move smartly with a high elastic step, should be well collected and animated, should drive off the hocks and exhibit animated hock action.

**SECTION 5. – WALKINGBRED RACKING HORSE:**

The horse should have an intelligent and well-shaped head, slightly pointed ears, alert eyes and a tapered muzzle. The neck should be strong, yet graceful. The shoulders should be muscular and well sloping. The back and loin should be short, with good coupling. The
The chest should be wide but with good proportioning. The body should be deep in girth and well ribbed. The croup generally sloping. The hips should be well muscled extended to the hocks. Legs should be flat and cordy around a heavy bone. In motion, the horse should exhibit no hock action. Motion will not be trappy, stride should be purposeful and smooth. At no times should the horse exhibit a trot or nod its head in the show ring. Horse must rack square at all times.

**SECTION 6. – PASO FINO PLEASURE DIVISION:**

**A. Qualifying Gaits:**

1. **Flat Walk:** A true, evenly spaced, four-beat, flat-footed and smooth gait executed with mild collection. The horse's head carriage is natural and relaxed.
2. **Paso Corto:** A smooth, steady, unbroken, evenly spaced, four-beat lateral gait, rhythmic, executed with moderate extension and mild collection. Forward speed is ground covering, but unhurried. Movements should be fluid, willing, relaxed, balanced and free moving. The horse's head carriage is natural and relaxed.
3. **Paso Largo:** A smooth, evenly spaced, four-beat lateral gait, fluid and rapid, showing no tendency to labor or become "strung out." Collection is mild.

Both extension and rapidness of cadence are increased over the Paso Corto and a definite change of speed must be observed. The evenly spaced, four-beat cadence must be maintained at all times and loss of cadence, form or smoothness due to excessive speed shall be penalized, but extension and speed in gait shall be rewarded.

**B. General Class Data:**

1. This class/division is intended to demonstrate the more relaxed manner of movement of the Paso Fino horse. Collection is mild. For this reason, the manners

and obedience of the horse are particularly important and any indication of bad manners shall be heavily penalized. The horse should be controlled with minimal restraint and the rider should appear to be enjoying him/herself. Gait transitions should be made in a smooth, relaxed and willing manner and the horse's attitude should be calm, pleasant and cooperative. A horse that fights the bit, flattens its ears or swishes its tail shall be penalized.

2. The horses will be required to Flat Walk, Paso Corto, Paso Largo, Line up and Back. The Back should be straight, calm and controlled and refusal to back disqualifies the horse from placement. Riders must ride with stirrups. This class shall be judged 20% on the Paso Corto, 20% on the Paso Largo, 20% on the Flat Walk, 5% on the Back and 35% on manners, conformation, attitude and way of going.

**C. Procedures:**

1. Exhibitors shall enter the ring to the right on the rail at a Paso Corto and circle the arena in a counterclockwise manner. The riders shall space themselves while executing the Flat Walk so as to avoid bunching up and shall maintain their relative positions on the rail. In the Paso Largo, entries shall maintain a position on the rail except to pass.
2. The sequence of gaits shall be Paso Corto, Paso Largo (to demonstrate the marked difference in speed), Flat Walk, Reverse and repeat. **3.** Each rider shall be asked to demonstrate the Back from the line-up. In the Back, the horse shall maintain proper head position, show evidence of a good mouth, back in a straight line and shall be readily responsive.

## SECTION 7. – RACKING HORSES:

**A. Definitions:**

1. The **Rack** is a fast, evenly timed, four beat lateral gate in which each foot meets the ground separately at equal intervals. Three ways in which a horse tends to deviate from the desired rhythm are: first, he/she may break into a cantor or gallop: second, he/she may tend to trot and third, he/she may tend to pace. The Judge(s) should be alert in watching for these undesirable traits. Any of these deviations will be classified as a break against the horse.
2. The **Walk** is a straight way of going that is slow, consistent and under control.
3. The **Slow Rack** is simply racking at a relatively slow speed.
4. The **Rack-on** is a fast speed rack, which has a noticeable increase in speed over the horse's slow rack. However, form is never to be sacrificed for speed.
    i. The Judge shall penalize loss of form due to excessive speed.
    ii. The Judge shall penalize for excessively lapping the arena after the Judge calls for a walk.
5. **General Workout:** A general workout is when the horse first enters the ring to perform their required gaits, both ways of the ring.
6. **Special Workout:** A special workout will be any performance of gaits deemed necessary by the Judge after the general workout is complete. This requirement will be left entirely to the discretion of the Judge. A Judge will call for the performance from the horses both ways of the ring.

**B. General Rules for Showing:**

1. Shoeing – Open – U.S.D.A. rules apply.
2. Protective boots – Bell rubber-type leather quarter and hinged bell boots may be used – U.S.D.A. rules apply.
3. Set tails – Open – humane tails, tail braces and switches optional.
4. Use of acids and drugs – The use of any chemical, acid or tranquillizer to produce unnatural action will not be tolerated. Proof of violation of the rule will result in suspension of the exhibitor from any UCSC sponsored show.
5. Equipment – Full bridle and the use of crops or spurs is optional.

**C. Gaits:**

1. The gaits to be called for will be a Walk, Slow Rack and Rack-on in all classes except Style and Pleasure.

**D. Style Racking:**

1. The gait to be called for in this class will be the Walk and Style Rack. Since the speed of the Style Rack will be left to the exhibitor's discretion, the Judge will use caution to judge on style only and not the speed of the horse.

**E. Speed Racking:**

1. The gaits to be called for in this class will be Walk, Slow Rack and Rack-on. Since the class is judged on speed, the Judge will judge during the Walk and Rack-on gaits (the Slow Rack is added in order to give all contestants a brief period to either warm their horses up in a Rack or position themselves better for the Rack-on gait).

**F. Show Horse Pleasure:**

1. No boots or tail braces allowed in show ring. Shoeing is open. A light switch will be allowed. Horses should be ridden with relatively loose reins and should give the impression of going at ease with a minimum of control by the exhibitor.
2. The gaits will be, Walk and Pleasure Rack. Horses will be asked to Back in the line-up. Full bridle is optional.

**G. Flat Shod Racking:**

1. To be shown with any weight shoe without pads. Humane or braced tails are optional. No boots allowed.

**H. Country Pleasure:**

1. No boots, tail braces or false hair allowed.
2. Horses will be flat shod and ridden with relatively loose single reins and should

give the impression of going at ease with a minimum of control by the exhibitor.

3. Gaits will be Walk and Pleasure Rack. Horses will be asked to come to a stop while working on the rail and will walk to the line-up. Horses will be asked to back in the line-up.
4. Tack and dress will be open.

**I. Trail Pleasure:**

1. No boots, tail braces or false hair allowed.
2. Horses will be flat shod with manufactured keg shoes only.
3. Horses will be ridden with relatively loose single rein, should give the impression of going at complete ease with very minimum control by the exhibitor.
4. Horses will be asked to Walk and Pleasure Rack, asked to come to a stop on the rail, walk to the line-up and back effortlessly in the line-up.
5. Gait will have a low front end lift that is valued for comfort and ease.
6. Tack and dress will be western with breast collar optional.

**J. Natural Pleasure Racking:**

1. Flat shod, open bridle, light switch optional, no boots, no braced tails, no backing.
2. Walk, Pleasure Rack and Back in the line-up.

## SECTION 8. SPEED EVENTS:

**A. Pole Bending:** This event involves 6 plastic poles that are placed 21 feet apart and the timer-line is 21 feet from the first pole. Poles are 6 feet high, and the base shall be no more than 14 inches in diameter.

1. This event is successfully completed by riding through the timer-line, past all poles, rounding the last pole and then passing each other pole on alternating sides of the poles (essentially weaving the poles), rounding the first pole and repeating in the opposite direction (weaving again). After rounding the last pole (for the second time), ride back through the timer- line.
2. If a pole is knocked over, a 5 second penalty will be accessed (for each down pole). This rule stands for all the pole sub-classes with the exception of Open Poles due to it being divisional. If a pole is knocked over, it will result in a 'No Time'.
3. If the pattern is not completed as listed above or the timer is broken prior to completion, it will result in a 'No Time'.
4. A rider may go to the right or left of the first pole.

**B. Texas Barrel Racing:** This event involves 3 barrels in a straight line that are placed 60 feet apart and the timer-line is 60 feet from the first barrel.

1. This event is successfully completed by riding through the timer-line, pasting the barrels on alternating sides (weaving them), rounding the last barrel, passing the other barrels on alternating sides (weaving them) and back through the timer-line.
2. If a barrel is knocked over, a 5 second penalty will be accessed (for each).
3. If the timer is broken prior to completion, it will result in a 'No Time'.
4. A rider may go to the right or left of the first barrel.

C. **Cloverleaf Barrel Racing:** This event involves 3 barrels placed in a cloverleaf pattern with the first 2 barrels placed parallel to 40 feet from the timer-line; 70 feet apart (with a minimum of 25 feet between them and the side fences); The third barrel shall be placed at a point 90 feet from each of the first two barrels (with a minimum of 30 feet between the 3rd barrel and the back fence).

1. This event is successfully completed by riding through the timer, moving to the right or left barrel rounding the first barrel on the horse's right or left (dependent on the chosen first barrel) side, moving across the arena rounding the second barrel on the horse's opposite side from the chosen first barrel, then to the far end of the arena rounding the third barrel on the horse's opposite side from the chosen first barrel (same as the second barrel) and then back through the timer.
2. If a barrel is knocked over, a 5 second penalty will be accessed (for each). The exception being the Open Cloverleaf Barrels due to it being divisional. Hitting a barrel in the Open will result in a 'No Time'.
3. Riders may go to the left barrel first but they must round it to the horse's left side rounding the first barrel on the horse's left side, moving across the arena, rounding the second barrel on the horse's right side, then to the far end of the arena rounding the third barrel on the horse's right side and then back through the timer.

D. **Arena Race:** Riders must go through the timer, around the barrel at the far end of the arena and back through the timer.

1. If the barrel is knocked over, a 5 second penalty will be assessed.
2. Riders may choose to turn the barrel to the right or to the left.

E. **Cones:** This event involves 6 plastic cones that are placed 21 feet apart and the timer is 21 feet from the first cone. Riders must ride through the timer, passing each cone on alternating sides of the cone (weaving them), rounding the last cone and repeating the pattern in the opposite direction and back through the timer.

1. A 5 second penalty will be assessed for each cone that is knocked over. If the pattern is broken (a cone jumped or the pattern weaved incorrectly, it will result in a 'No Time'.
2. A rider may go to the right or left of the first cone.

# ARTICLE IV – TRAIL RIDES

**A.** The Trail Ride Committee and their assistants will always be in complete charge of the trail ride.
**B.** All accidents will be reported to a trail ride official.
**C.** Horseback riders or wagons will be encouraged not to ride ahead of the lead scout or behind the rear scout unless in a group with a designated trail ride official.
**D.** Anyone leaving the trail ride shall notify a trail ride official before they leave.
**E.** All animals shall be secured after dark except those being used on watch or by trail ride committee members.
**F.** All animals will be the sole responsibility of their owners.
**G.** Cruelty or abuse of animals will not be permitted.
**H.** All campfires are to be attended to at all times.

**I.** There will be no littering of trails or camps with bottles, cans, etc.
**J.** Everyone is responsible for cleaning his or her campsite during and after the ride.