**ATTENTION ALL ACADEMY RIDERS**

**UPHA CHAPTERS 6 & 7**

**ACADEMY GUIDELINES**

**These new rules were agreed upon by all the trainers and instructors in Chapter 6 & 7**

**THE LESSON HORSE**

1. Open only to horses or ponies used in a lesson program.

2. Horses may cross enter in performance classes at the same show.

3. Academy showmanship and performance classes should be judged on the riders’ horsemanship and the overall picture of the rider and horse.

4. English tack is to be used, unless otherwise specified. Full, snaffle, or Pelham bridles may be used.

5. Academy equitation classes should be judged on BASIC equitation skills.

**THE ACADEMY RIDER**

1. Open to students enrolled in a lesson program.

2. An academy rider may cross enter in another division, but not at the same show, with the exceptions of driving classes.

3. Headers are allowed in all academy classes if needed for safety.

4. Once a rider has shown in a canter class of any breed, they may not return to the Walk/Trot division.

5. Acceptable attire includes dark slacks or jods, boots or footwear with heels, a collared shirt with vest or sweater, and a man’s tie. Derbies or other traditional headgear is optional. No riding suits or day coats are allowed. Neatness of attire and cleanliness of tack will be judged.

6. Age of entries is determined by the age as of December 1 of the previous year (same as USEF rules).

7. Braiding and hoof blacking is optional.

**THE BEGINNER DIVISION—Classes are Walk/Trot Only--Any Age Rider**

These classes need to be consulted locally to determine the best age division to be used.

***The Walk/Trot/Canter—Any Age Rider:***

**THE ACADEMY MAIDEN DIVISION—Classes are Walk/Trot/Canter**

For riders who have never won a blue ribbon in a Walk/Trot/Canter class.

**THE ACADEMY LIMIT DIVISION—Classes are Walk/Trot/Canter**

For riders who have won less than six blue ribbons in Walk/Trot/Canter classes. Maiden riders qualify for this division also.

**THE ACADEMY ADVANCED DIVISION—Classes are Walk/Trot/Canter**

For riders who have won six or more blue ribbons AND have competed in the Academy Walk/Trot/Canter division for at least two years.

All blue ribbons won in the last two years in the Walk/Trot/Canter division—any age division—count toward which division you will show in.

Blue ribbons won in a one horse class do not count.

Any rider wishing to move up to the Advance division may do so, but may not return to the Limit Division.

**The following classes are to be offered in the above divisions:**

Academy Maiden Performance--Any Age Rider

Academy Limit Performance--Any Age Rider

Academy Maiden/Limit Performance Championship--Any Age Rider

Academy Maiden Equitation--Any Age Rider

Academy Limit Equitation--Any Age Rider

Academy Maiden/Limit Equitation Championship--Any Age Rider

Academy Advanced Performance--Any Age Rider

Academy Advanced Performance Championship--Any Age Rider

Academy Advanced Equitation--Any Age Rider

Academy Advanced Equitation Championship--Any age Rider