Academy Class Rules

These rules were created on April 10, 2018 and approved by Holiday Classic Open Horse Show Management.

The general purpose of academy: For beginning riders to have an opportunity to gain exposure to the horse industry and show experience on safe horses without the obligation of owning a horse or full show attire.

* Safety is the highest concern. Unruly horses will be excused.
* Horses in academy classes must be lesson horses used regularly in a professionally operated academy program. These horses must display the characteristics of such horses.
* All academy classes are to be judged on the ability of the rider to control and show his/her horse to the best advantage. The horse is NOT to be judged.

Riders

* Academy is open to western, hunt seat, and saddle seat riders.
* Riders must be participating in a professionally operated lesson program and show on lesson horses.
* Riding helmets are mandatory. Formal show attire is not permitted.
  + Saddle Seat
    - Jods
    - Button up shirt
    - Vest/Tie
    - Boots with heel
    - Helmet
    - **No full suits, or derbys are allowed.**
  + Hunt seat
    - Breeches
    - Button up shirt
    - Boots with heel
    - Helmet
    - **No show jackets are allowed.**
  + Western
    - Pants
    - Button up shirt
    - Boots with heel
    - Helmet
    - **No chaps or hats are allowed.**
* A rider may not cross enter between academy classes and any other class at this show. To clarify: if a horse/rider combination shows in 1 or more academy classes, that horse/rider pair is not allowed to enter any classes in any other division of the show.

Horses

* Horses in the academy classes must be lesson horses that are regularly used in a professionally operated lesson program. Horses in training will not be permitted in any academy class.
* Horses must be flat/keg shod. Corrective shoeing will be allowed. Excessive pads will not be permitted.
* Horses may be shown in snaffle bits or full bridles. Martingales are allowed.
* Academy horses may be cross-entered into another performance division at this show, if they are lesson horses in a professional program. They must have a non-academy rider in the performance division.
* Horses shall be owned or leased by the instructor or riding program.
* Tail sets and action devices are not allowed to be used on academy horses while at the show. Hoof blacking and braiding are optional.