

# Lake Washington Saddle Club Show Rules

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US Equestrian Federation (USEF) and US Dressage Federation (USDF) rules generally will apply to Club Shows. Rules of good conduct and sportsmanship are expected to be adhered to. The judge's decision in any class is final.

1. **Permission/Liability Release Forms:** All riders must sign the Permission/Liability Release as part of their entry form for each Show in which they ride. All riders under 18 must have his/her parent or guardian sign the Permission/Liability Release as part of the entry form for each Show in which they ride.
2. **Age Groups:** For horse show and other Club event purposes, the age of an individual on December 1 shall be maintained throughout the year. Age groups shall be divided as follows:
  - Junior Division: 17 and under.\*
  - Senior Division: 18 and over.

\*Juniors and Seniors may be split into separate classes or classes can be combined at show management discretion.
3. **Clothing:** In Club Shows, riders must wear long pants, boots, shirt and appropriate headgear. ***Helmets are required for all riders, no exceptions allowed, this is an insurance requirement.*** USEF – Pony club approved hard hats are required for all jump classes or practice, as well as all mounted juniors. Formal show clothes are not required. Exhibitors must appear in the ring wearing their horse show numbers in plain site of the judge.
4. **Equipment:**
  - 4.1 **Hunters & Jumpers:** Snaffles, Pelham's, or full bridles are permissible. Martingales are prohibited in flat classes, optional in classes over fences. Horse protective boots are permissible in both flat and jump classes.
  - 4.2 **Saddle Seat:** Entries shall be shown in full bridles; saddles should be of the flat English type. Martingales or tie-downs are prohibited.
  - 4.3 **Dressage:** For Training, First and Second Level tests, a plain snaffle bridle is required. A snaffle has only one rein attached to the bit. A regular cavesson, a dropped noseband, a flash noseband or a crossed noseband is required. At Third and Fourth Level, the rider may choose to ride in a double bridle that has two reins and offers the rider the ability to use two bits to obtain more finesse in his ride." Martingales are prohibited. Horse protective boots are permissible.

**4.4 Stock Seat (Western):** Any standard western bit is permissible. No wire, chain, or other metal or rawhide device is permissible in conjunction with or as a part of the leather chin strap or ½” curb chain. Tie-downs, martingales, and draw reins are prohibited.

**5. Year End Awards:** In order to accumulate points and receive a year-end award, a rider must be a LWSC member AND have worked at least one English, Western, or Dressage show for a total of eight hours. Family members can also work hours for a club member. High score awards will be computed as follows:

**5.1 Hunter, Jumper & Western Shows:** The three highest scores in each event will be used. Point values for placings will be as follows; First = 10 points, Second = 6 points, Third = 4 points, Fourth = 2 points, Fifth = 1 point, Sixth = 1/2 point, seventh = 1/4 point, and Eight = 1/8 point. Ties for championship awards will be broken by going to the third best showing and, if a tie still exists, to the fourth best. Should this not break the tie, those riders will both receive awards.

**5.2 Dressage Schooling Shows:** The three highest percentage scores from at least two different judges will be used. Awards will be given for Introductory A & B, Training Level, First Level, Second Level, and above.

**Year End Points:** Points are awarded to each rider (not the horse ridden). The same horse may be shown in both Junior and Senior Divisions by different riders, and a rider need not compete on the same horse throughout the year. Classes judging two riders together (i.e. Pairs, Hunt Teams) will give points to both riders individually; therefore, it is not necessary to ride with the same person each time.

**7. Miscellaneous Rules:**

**7.1** No person may enter the place set aside for the judge or hold any communication with the judge without the permission of the Show Manager or at the discretion of the Show Manager or Judge.

**7.2** No stallions are allowed in Junior classes.