



Percheron Telersgenootskap van SA Percheron Breeders Society of SA

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SHOWING RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. GENERAL RULES

- 1.1 All Percheron SA Shows take place under the auspices of the *Percheron Breeders Society of SA*. In the Breed classes (In-hand), Percheron SA standard breed rules will apply. In the ridden classes, the breed standard must be taken into consideration by the judge. The judging arena procedure and methods are based on SASA's (South African Showing Association) rules and regulations to create a uniform standard.
- 1.2 All registered breeders and/or owners of recorded or registered *Percheron SA* and/or members of the *Percheron Breeders Society of SA* must obey the rules as determined by the Board at all Percheron SA Shows as well as any other shows where the *Percheron Breeders Society of SA* are represented. Members must be in good standing regarding their accounts with the Society before any entries for a show will be accepted.
- 1.3 Not the *Percheron SA Breeders Society of SA*, nor their representatives, will be held responsible for any damage, loss, injuries or death caused by or to any horses, riders, appointed workers, the public or their possessions.
- 1.4 Only graded and registered horses over 30 months at SA Studbook are allowed to participate in Regional or National Percheron SA Championship Shows. Birth notifications of young stock under the age of 30 months must be complete (DNA included) and accepted by SA Studbook.

2. APPEALS

- 2.1 The Appeals Committee will handle all disputes. A Standard Appeal Form will be available from the Show Convener. The committee will consist of a minimum of 3 members, namely: the Chairman of the Show Committee or the Convener of the show, 2 Senior Judges and/or 2 Board Members and/or 3 Show Committee Members or one of each. In any dispute, the Appeal Committee's decision will be final. The Chairman of the Showing Committee will appoint such a committee, according to the above-mentioned criteria and notify the *Percheron Breeders Society of SA* office of the appointees, before the commencement of a show.

- 2.2 When a competitor appeals against a result or decision, it must be done in writing on the Standard Appeal Form and be handed to the Show Convenor within 1 HOUR after the announcement of the result together with an appeals fee of R300.00 (Three Hundred Rand). The decision of the Appeal Committee will be final. The right to appeal will only be applicable for technical points.

3. JUDGES AND OFFICIALS

- 3.1 A judge may not be a competitor in the division of a show where he/she is a judge.
- 3.2 When direct family members (husband, wife or child) of a judge participate in a class or a horse that is the property of such a judge or their direct family (as described above) participates, the judge must recuse him/herself from judging that class.
- 3.3 Arena stewards may not compete and steward in a class in which they are participants. If this situation occurs, they must recuse themselves for the duration of the class.
- 3.4 No unauthorised persons (who have not been appointed) will be allowed into the showing arena, except where a horse, rider or an official faces danger and needs assistance from outside.
- 3.5 Judges are not compelled to award a placing.
- 3.6 The Collection Ring Official has the power to disallow any competitor who does not conform to the prescribed equipment or dress rules from entering the class. A competitor may rectify the fault, if possible, but must still be on time to be able to participate in the class. The judge may discriminate and/or eliminate a competitor against faulty equipment and the incorrect dress code.

4. HOOVES

- 4.1 Horses must be neatly shod and the fit must be correct. Only standard horseshoes, without any modifications, will be allowed.
- 4.2 Extra welding underneath the shoe or any form of extra weight or a sole of any kind, medicinal shoes such as bar- or open-bar shoes or calks and trailers, will not be allowed.
- 4.3 Foals under 12 months may not be shod.
- 4.4 Hooves must be blackened and in good condition.
- 4.5 Half-sets are allowed.

5. TACK AND TURNOUT OF HORSES

- 5.1 Only a good quality saddle with straight saddle-flaps, which will hide the minimum of the horse, may be used. Saddles must fit horses properly. Cutback Western, Endurance, Co-operation or Military saddles will not be allowed. Numnahs must be small and neat and must fit the shape of the saddle in either the colour of the saddle or the horse. Girths must be as close as possible to the colour of the saddle or horse.
- 5.2 Martingales, breastplates, croppers or any other addition to the saddle are not allowed.
- 5.3 The use of spurs is allowed in all ridden classes. Gooseneck spurs are allowed, except too long, sharply-pointed or any roller spurs. The neck of the spur may not exceed 2 cm. The excessive use and/or abuse of spurs may lead to disqualification and elimination.
- 5.4 Standard quarter boots or over-reaching boots are only allowed in Harness classes. No changes and/or conversions will be allowed. No extra weight, of any kind, will be allowed in or on quarter boots.
- 5.5 The plaiting of the mane and tail is compulsory in the Breed classes. (In-hand) No shaven manes are allowed except for an optional bridle path not exceeding 10 cm in length. The traditional Percheron way of plaiting a mane and tail is preferred and recommended. (See Show Book)
- 5.6 No other methods or customs relating to the horse, equipment of the horse as well as the dress of the competitor, other than described in the Show Book, will be allowed.
- 5.7 Horses may not be stretched (parked).
- 5.8 No glitter may be used on the horse.
- 5.9 No tongue checks or guards of any kind are permitted. The use of string, wire, twine, cord or anything similar in the horse's mouth is prohibited.
- 5.10 Bits, snaffles and bridoons must be of standard fabrication made of stainless steel, nickel, vulcanite, nylon or rubber. All corners must be smooth and safe. Mouthpieces may not be square or twisted or be made of wire or chain and must be without rollers. Pelhams must be used with a curb chain and lipstrap. Any other attachments to the bit are not permissible.
- 5.11 Bridles must fit the horse correctly. No bitless bridles are permissible. The welfare and safety of the horse are paramount.

- 5.12 Carriages and harnesses must be clean, safe and in very good condition.
- 5.13 The horse must be clean and must be in a good and healthy condition. In good condition means that the horse's coat must be shiny (even during the winter), ribs must be covered and eyes must be alert. There must not be any botfly eggs on the legs or body. All straw, bedding and manure marks must be removed from the body as well as from under the hooves. No prohibited substances may be admitted.

6. PREREQUISITES FOR COMPETITORS

- 6.1 Every competitor must wear a visible number on the back for identification purposes and make certain that it is the correct number allocated to the horse.
- 6.2 The use of prompters in the Breed classes (In-hand) is optional.
- 6.3 If a horse leaves the arena without permission from the Judge during judging, the horse will automatically be disqualified except where a horse's behaviour is a result of circumstances beyond the control of the handler/rider. Judges' decisions will be final. Competitors may only leave the arena with the permission of the steward.
- 6.4 Help from outside the arena will only be allowed for reparation and not for adjustments. If help is required, the competitor must move to the middle of the arena and draw the attention of the steward.
- 6.5 Children under the age of 15 years will not be allowed to compete on stallions.
- 6.6 Owners and competitors must ensure that horses, during their stay at the showgrounds, are unfettered, free and comfortable in a natural way while in the stables. Appointed officials may inspect any stable at any time.
- 6.7 If a horse behaves in an unruly or dangerous manner or displays continued disobedience in the opinion of the judges, the judge is entitled to eliminate the horse from the class or competition.
- 6.8 In the Working Riding, Working Hunter, Show Jumping, Dressage or any other class requiring a set test, no horse may practice in the arena before the commencement of the class, the set course, any obstacle or set test or part thereof. This will lead to immediate disqualification.
- 6.9 A fall of a horse and/or rider in any class is a disqualification. A horse is said to have fallen when its shoulder and hindquarters touch the ground. A rider is said to have fallen when, either voluntarily or involuntarily, he/she is separated from the horse, which has not fallen, in such a way that he/she touches the ground and needs any form of support to remount.

- 6.10 Horses deemed to be unfit for a competition (class), for any reason whatsoever, will be disqualified by the appointed Showing Committee/Officials or stewards.
- 6.11 Riders may under no circumstances be attached to the saddle, stirrup leathers, stirrups or reins with any part of their body, or be restricted in moving unhindered and freely in the saddle or the stirrups.
- 6.12 A horse or rider may not compete in more than one age group in Breed, Riding horse, or Rider classes.
- 6.13 If a horse was entered in a class at a Percheron SA Show but must be withdrawn or retired as a result of an injury or death before or during the show, such a horse may be substituted with another horse in the same class that was entered for originally. Riders may also be substituted in the same manner.
- 6.14 The use of prohibited substances as set out in FEI rules and regulations will be enforced at the discretion of the *Percheron Breeders Society of SA* show when and where it is deemed necessary.

6.15 Dress code for competitors

- 6.15.1 Breed classes (In-hand) – long-sleeved and collared plain white, cream, pastel, checked or striped shirt; conservative trousers; conservative tie with tie pin; black, navy, cream or brown cap/hat; black or brown belt; comfortable, closed black or white shoes; and black or white gloves (optional).
- 6.15.2 Riding attire – (SASA dress code)
- General: Riding attire must fit the rider comfortably and well. Riding attire must be neat and clean.
 - Jackets and shirts: black, navy, brown or conservatively-coloured, fine-check riding jackets, collared white or pale, plainly-coloured shirts only. ('Turtleneck' or 'American rolled-collar' shirts are not allowed).
 - Ties: conservatively-coloured, shift-knot ties with tie pin only. (String ties are not allowed.)
 - Jodhpurs or breeches: to be in shades of beige, faun, crème or light khaki. (White jodhpurs or breeches are not allowed in showing classes.)
 - Boots: Long riding boots to the knee with heels for adults and short jodhpur boots for children under 15 years of age. Smooth leather or synthetic leather gaiters may be worn. (Brushed suede 'chaps' are not allowed).
 - Spurs: Prescribed spurs that are correctly fitted may be worn.
 - Riding hats: hard 3-way safety harness riding hats are compulsory in the arena or when a horse is mounted anywhere on the showgrounds.
 - Gloves: Plainly-coloured, black, navy or brown gloves only.
 - Riding canes: riding canes are permitted but dressage whips are not allowed.
 - Hair: If hair length is below the level of the ears, it must be brushed back. All loose hair must be covered by a hairnet.

- Earrings: Small plain earrings that do not hang lower than the earlobe are allowed.
- Make-up: Light make-up is allowed – preferably for adults only. Children under 15 years of age should not wear make-up.
- Sunglasses: may only be worn outside during the day but must be very plain and functional.

7 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 7.1 Any owner, rider, competitor, handler, trainer or parent/guardian of a minor, who during or after a class, without appealing through the correct channels, attempts to interfere or influence the judges, uses foul and/or derogatory language and behaviour on the grounds towards, judges, committee members or appointed officials of either the *Percheron Breeders Society of SA* or the show concerning any awards made by the judge may forfeit any awards due to him/her and might not be allowed to participate in any further classes at the show. Banning from competing at any future Percheron SA show is not excluded and will be decided at the discretion of the Board.
- 7.2 If any appointed officials have a suspicion that any handler or rider (competitor) constitutes any danger, interference or humiliation, inside or outside the arena, to himself/herself and/or fellow competitors and/or judges and/or officials and horses as a result of suspected alcohol- and/or drug abuse or any bad and unacceptable behaviour or that he/she will bring the *Percheron Breeders Society of SA* into disrepute, such competitor may be refused entry into the arena. If any competitor, feels compromised by the above-mentioned behaviour of a fellow competitor he/she may report it in writing to an official to take action. Any further participation at the show may be denied as well as participation in any future Percheron SA Shows at the discretion of the Board.
- 7.3 Competitors must ensure that they are in time for the start of the classes. It is recommended that competitors be ready at the arena and remain there at least 5 minutes before the commencement of a class. Late arrivals (when the gate is open for commencement of a class) will be disqualified at the discretion of the Show organiser.