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ARTICLE I

Section 1: The name of this organization is Tennessee Saddle Clubs Association. (T.S.C.A.)

<u>ARTICLE II</u> <u>PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES</u>

Section 1: To promote and cultivate cooperation and friendly relationships within and between the Saddle Clubs throughout this state and elsewhere.

Section 2: To foster legislation for the benefit of the members and to oppose legislation detrimental to the success of the members.

Section 3: To hold a four day show annually, which is Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of Labor Day weekend and to adopt and enforce a uniform set of rules to be used in judging all contests conducted and/or sponsored by members of the association.

Section 4: To establish a calendar of dates for all riding events to be held during the year by members of the association.

Section 5: To properly publicize the activities of members of the association and in doing so to

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stimulate and increase interest in recreational possibilities in the State of Tennessee.

Section 6: To promote blood stock and the physical and mental well-being of horses of all breeds, particularly those horses with which families may use in showing in any manner.

Section 7: The Charter can be changed from Non-Profit to Charitable.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. A saddle club must be incorporated to become a member of the Tennessee Saddle Clubs Association (T.S.C.A.) and must furnish a copy of the club's Tennessee State Charter to the T.S.C.A. Executive Secretary at the time of admission. Active membership in T.S.C.A. shall be granted to all incorporated saddle clubs upon payment of the annual dues, currently \$150.00, and arena verification. Annual Dues must be paid by April 1st to be eligible to participate at the State meet. Dues are to be paid at the January state meeting. After January 31st there is a \$10.00 late penalty.

Section 2. Each club shall provide in writing, to the Executive Secretary, a list of all officers and delegates, with addresses, physical and email, phone numbers and detailed driving directions to their club arena.

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(a) A saddle club must have grounds with an enclosed arena no larger than 200 feet by 500 feet which is suitable for running any of the speed events run at the State Show as well as non-speed events conducted at the State Show. Member clubs must use uniform properties (i.e. barrels, poles, etc.) and related equipment.

(**b**) A saddle club must meet at a designated location and time and complete a minimum of 5 ride nights over at least a three (3) month period, on a predetermined day or night, and open to the public for membership.

(c) A list of all predetermined show dates and times for the required schedule listed in Section 3 (b) above, must be provided to the Executive Secretary postmarked 30 days before the club's start date but no later than April 1. Fall clubs, 30 days before start date but no later than October 1.

(d) A list of all saddle club members with their addresses and phone numbers must be provided to the Executive Secretary no later than May 15, fall clubs no later than October 31.

(e) If two (2) clubs are using the same grounds, each club must meet at a different time. Points

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may not be issued to two (2) clubs during the same riding time.

(f) Points are to be awarded to the top five (5) places in each class, if there are five (5) qualified riders.

(g) No double points for one (1) show.

(h) Saddle clubs are prohibited from holding a club point show on the same day as an open or jackpot show.

(i) Saddle clubs shall not hold any point shows in the State arena.

(j) Saddle Clubs may send up to five (5) qualified contestants per event to the State show.

(k) Saddle clubs do not have to offer all English/gaited classes to qualify riders for State show English/gaited classes. Clubs wishing to send riders to the State show in English/gaited classes must offer an English pleasure type class and a racking class. A rider must ride in three (3) separate shows in whatever English/gaited class is offered.

(1) If weather conditions prevent a club from riding on a designated ride date, the club must notify the Association president or Executive Secretary on that date (or as soon thereafter as

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practical). If a club has met the ride requirement for that month, no notice is necessary.

(m) If a club is protested for failing to meet the requirements of this section and the protest is found to be valid, the club will not be allowed to participate in any event at the State show or remaining events of the State show and will lose all points accumulated to any highpoint trophy.

Section 4. Individuals are automatically affiliated with T.S.C.A. upon affiliation of their respective clubs with T.S.C.A.

Section 5.

(a) For purposes of the State show, a SaddleClub Member is defined as a current year, duespaid member who participated in at least three(3) separate shows at their saddle club.

(**b**) Only Saddle Club Members can show in the State Show.

(c) If a class is offered by a saddle club, a Saddle Club Member must ride in there (3) separate point shows in that class to qualify for the State show in that class.

(d) A list of Saddle Club Members and points are to be sent to the show secretary 21 days prior to the first day of the State show. Point

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books may be picked up by the saddle clubs after their last rider has competed.

ARTICLE IV MEETINGS

Section 1. The Board of Directors consists of the voting representative from each member club.

Section 2. The Board of Directors for T.S.C.A. shall meet a minimum of four (4) times a year, once in January, once in February, once at least one (1) month prior to the State Show and once two (2) months after the State Show, at a time and place fixed by the Executive Board for the purpose of transacting the business of T.S.C.A.

Section 3. Each club has one vote. A director can vote for only one (1) club at a meeting. Members of the Executive Board may vote only if the Executive Board member is the voting representative of a member saddle club.

Section 4. Directors present at a meeting of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting all business before the Board.

Section 5. Proposals for amending or adding new Show Rules, Regulations, or By-Laws are to be made at the January meeting.

Section 6. The By-Laws, Show Rules, and Regulations may be amended only at the February

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meeting of the Board of Directors by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Directors present.

Section 7. Elections for the next years Executive Board shall be conducted at the meeting of the Board of Directors following the State Show.

Section 8. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the Association President, Executive Board, or by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 9. Ten (10) days written notice shall be mailed or e-mailed prior to each meeting to the presidents of each member club at their address as it appears in the records of T.S.C.A.

Section 10. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the Association in all its proceedings and the actions of its Officers and Directors, except that there shall be no previous question.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the association shall be elected from the membership and shall consist of President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Executive Secretary, Show Coordinator, Ticket Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian.

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Section 2. The President, First Vice-President, and 2^{nd} Vice-President can serve up to five (5) consecutive terms in the same office.

Section 3. The Executive Board shall consist of the President, 1st Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Executive Secretary, Show Secretary, Treasurer, (most recent) past President, Ticket Secretary, and Historian.

Section 4. Officers, Directors, hired Show Secretaries, and other personnel can serve with compensation.

Section 5. There shall be a five (5) member Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees will consist of one (1) five (5) year term member, one (1) four (4) year term member, one (1) three (3) year term member, one (1) two (2) year term member, and one (1) one (1) year term member. These positions will be held without compensation. The five (5) year member will be a past president. To remain on the Board of Trustees, each member must attend three (3) of the four (4) meetings held by T.S.C.A. each year. Any vacancies will be filled by the Executive Board and the Board of Trustees and will be for a one-year term.

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ARTICLE VI

DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1. The general supervision and direction of the affairs of T.S.C.A. between regular meetings shall be vested with the Executive Board.

- (a) The Executive Board shall audit the Treasurer's books.
- (b) The Executive Board may fill any vacancies that may occur among the officers and other positions, compensated or non-compensated, and carry on regular business.

Section 2. The President shall preside over all meetings of T.S.C.A. and meetings of the Board of Directors, and shall perform all duties of the office, which include but are not limited to,

- (a) Select awards.
- (b) Hire/select judges.
- (c) Arrange for tractors.
- (d) Arrange for security services.
- (e) Arrange for concessions, photography, announcer stand, and equipment trailer.
- (f) Arrange for setting up arena and facilities for the show, including but not limited to setting arena panels, setting the timer, traffic barricade placement, and restroom checks.

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(g) The President shall the power to appoint such committees as may be deemed necessary.

Section 3. The 1st Vice-President shall act for the president in his/her absence and shall chair the Rules and Regulations Committee and perform such duties as directed by the president.

Section 4. The 2nd Vice-President shall act for the President and 1st Vice-President in their absence and will be the caretaker of all T.S.C.A. equipment and perform such duties as directed by the president.

Section 5. The duties of the Hired Show Secretaries, Show Secretary, and Executive Secretary shall be vested by the Executive Board.

Section 6. The duties of the Show Secretary shall include, but are not limited to,

- (a) Maintain all show related records: entries, document receipt records, class change forms, total actual participants per class for trophy determination, final English/gaited participants and horses to provide to WHOA.
- (b) Collect and record: statistics related to number of entries, individual event times from start to finish, event winners placing 1-10 and honorable mention, track club points
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to determine high point, prepare official records to give to the historian

- (c) Prepare: all forms for sign ups, judges contracts, judges' cards, show bill, packet letter, club draw sheet, DQP inspection, trail pattern, day sheets for posting, official record sheet, WHOA Membership and send check, Order: buckles, printed material entry forms for each day of the show, packet letter, rules/regs, WHOA pre-entry forms, rules and keyhole representatives per club, back numbers when needed (should have 350 different numbers), day sheets (1 copy on colored paper + 4 copies on white paper)
- (d) Verify: Current Coggins per rider, WHOA forms are present and complete, Entry information is complete (rider name, horse name, age where necessary, # rides, member status), club member list, points, etc.
- (e) Staff the announcer booth, train new staff, and create a two shift schedule (day 7-3, night 3-12).

Section 7. The duties of the Executive Secretary shall include, but are not be limited to,

- (a) Recording and reading of minutes at meetings
- (b) Prepares and mails notification of meetings to board of directors and member clubs

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- (a) Property charter for filing
- (c) Prepares charter for filing
- (d) Verifies and Maintains member club information: collects fees, officer list, location, ride dates, state charters, and other information as needed.
- (e) Assist at State Show: DQP area, Announcer booth, Preparation of paperwork, etc.

Section 8. The duties of the Ticket Secretary shall include, but are not be limited to,

- (a) Ticket printing for weekend and each day of the show. Tickets to be dated, color coded and numbered.
- (b) Prepare and distribute packets for each club with 50 tickets.
- (c) Draw, schedule, and notify the clubs of their gate times.
- (d) Divide tickets and gate money for each club
- (e) Collect and account for money from pre-sale and gate tickets. Balance money and tickets per club. Audit and balance money and tickets for entire show.
- (f) Hold clubs accountable for timelines regarding the weekend passes and the August 15th cut-off date.

Section 9. The duties of the Treasurer shall be to keep a record and have charge and custody of all funds.

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- (a) The Treasurer shall report upon the financial affairs of T.S.C.A. when requested.
- (b) The Treasurer shall deliver all funds and records to their successor at the January meeting after the election, or at the instruction of the Executive Board.
- (c) All money of T.S.C.A. shall be handled by the Treasurer and deposited in a bank designated by the Executive Board.
- (d) All checks shall be signed by the Treasurer. The President shall receive copies of all monthly bank statements.

Section 10. The duties of the Historian shall be to keep the records of T.S.C.A. and other related items.

Section 11. The duty of the Board of Trustees is to oversee the Association's budget and may be called upon to assist the Executive Board in the affairs of T.S.C.A.

Section 12. The Executive Board and/or the Board of Directors shall enforce the By-Laws and direct the activities of T.S.C.A.

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ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES

Standing Committees

Section 1: Rules & Regulations Committee

- (a) The Rules and Regulations Committee shall be chaired by the First Vice-President, who votes only in the case of a tie.
- (b) Each member club shall appoint a delegate to the Rules & Regulations committee in January to serve during the calendar year at all activities of T.S.C.A.
- (c) Clubs may replace delegates at any time but must notify T.S.C.A. Executive Secretary in writing of the replacement.
- (d) Each club shall provide the name, address, email address, and telephone number of delegates and alternates to the chairperson of the Rules and Regulations committee and to the T.S.C.A. Executive Secretary.
- (e) All rules and regulations shall be approved by the Board of Directors prior to April 1st of each year and are not subject to

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	 change after that date. Should the Board of Directors for any reason fail to act on or before April 1st, then those Rules & Regulations in effect at that time shall prevail. (f) The Rules & Regulations Committee shall meet whenever it is deemed necessary by T.S.C.A. President, or by the chairperson of the Rules & Regulations Committee.
Section 2.	Finance & Budget Committee
	(a) The Finance & Budget
	Committee shall be the Executive
	Board and the Board of trustees.
	(b) All Finance & Budget
	Committee recommendations are
	subject to approval by the Board
	of Directors prior to April 1 of
	each year. (c) This committee shall meet
	whenever it is deemed necessary
	by the Chairperson of the
	committee (Treasurer) or
	T.S.C.A. president.
Section 3.	Policy Committee
	(a) The Policy Committee shall be
	the Executive Board.

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	 (b) All Policy Committee recommendations are subject to approved by the Board of Directors prior to April 1 of each year. (c) This committee shall meet whenever it is deemed recovery.
	whenever it is deemed necessary by the Chairperson of the Committee or T.S.C.A. President.
Section 4.	 Grant Committee (a) The Grant Committee shall be the executive Board (b) All Grant Committee recommendations are subject to approval by the Board of Directors prior to April 1 of each year.
	(c) The committee shall meet whenever it is deemed necessary by the Chairperson of the Committee or the T.S.C.A. President.

All standing committees shall be an appendage to the By-Laws.

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TSCA POLICY

- <u>Class Participation</u>: If the number of participants (not entries) in a class is five (5) or less from the previous, the class will be eliminated the following year.
- Trophies and Awards: When the participants of a class decrease to 14 or less based on the number of participants from the previous year, the designated number of awards given will decrease to 5 (five). Errors made by any club during the awarding of trophies and buckles will result in a fine of \$100, unless the error originated with the announcer or record keeper. The show staff will supply an official list of placings to the working club.
- 3. <u>Entry Fees:</u> Entry fees are to be paid at the time entry forms are turned in. Entry fees will go to the designated state show personnel and advance ticket sales shall go to the Show Ticket Secretary. Show Ticket Secretary may be contacted for extra tickets until the day of the show. Pre-sold show tickets must be post-marked by 8/15.
- 4. <u>Vendors and Services:</u> T.S.C.A. shall handle all booth/spaces related to

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concessions and vendors to better serve the members of the Association.

- 5. <u>Meetings and results:</u> Meeting minutes will be posted on the website after the February meeting. Final State Show results will be posted soon after the conclusion of the State Show.
- 6. <u>Adding Classes:</u> Any new classes that are added to the T.S.C.A State Show will be worked by the club that made the motion to add the class. The new class will be added to the end of that day's events with an exception being additions to the western classes. Additions to western classes will be added to the end of the western events held inside the arena.
- 7. <u>Participant Waiver:</u> All TSCA State Show participants will sign a waiver acknowledging the inherent dangers of equine activities and holding TSCA, it's officers and members, and affiliated clubs harmless for any injury or damages that occur while participating in or on the grounds of the TSCA State Show.

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SHOW RULES

The State Show Committee, consisting of all T.S.C.A. officers, executive staff and Board of Directors shall have official direction over the management of the show and have the authority to enforce all rules governing the show.

- 1. Eligibility
 - 1.1 Class Age Groups are as follows: 6 & under, 12 & under, 13 through 17, Adults, and 50 & over.
 - A contestant's age on or before April 1 of each year shall determine the age group of a contestant for competition.
 - No contestant can ride for points in more than one age group, at the same club, during an official show season year.
 - c. Youth classes exception: An exception for moving out of an age group is when a horse/pony is over 52 inches and the rider's age is 12 or less. This requires that the rider be placed in the 13 through 17 age group.
 - d. Adult Classes exception: It is the rider's personal choice regarding their choice of age group: 50 & over or Adults.
 - Once a rider moves to another age group for points, he/she must stay there for the entire year.
 - f. All ages may ride in Open classes.

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- g. Where a specific class does not exist for a specific age group, a contestant may participate in another age appropriate class. (ex. 6 & under can participate in Keyhole, 50 & over in Adult Arena Flags, 6 & under and 12 & under in 17 & under Trail)
- In judged classes, no stallions can be shown by any contestant 17 years or younger.
- All children 12 years of age and under riding in "12 and under" and "six (6) and under" speed classes shall be required to wear helmets.

Age Verification

- Each saddle club is responsible for verifying that each rider is riding in the correct age category. Fall clubs must adhere to the age category guidelines.
- If a rider is protested, verification of the rider's age must be provided (driver's license, birth certificate etc.)
- Failure to provide proof of age will result in a \$250.00 fine and a 100-point penalty to the saddle club.

2. Contestant Requirements

2.1 Contestant Competition:

 A saddle club member can compete once in each class for which that member qualified.

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- **b.** A saddle club member shall ride under their own (given) name.
 - **c.** A saddle club member shall compete for only one (1) club at the State Show.
- 2.2 **Contestant Timeliness** Each saddle club member shall have 30 seconds to get his/her horse into the arena and mounted after the member's name is called. Members shall not be disqualified if an honest effort is being made.
- 2.3 Contestant Ties In the case of a tie, the saddle club members will be given the option to have a run-off or a coin toss. If one member wants a run-off and the other member wants a coin toss, there will be a run-off. There will be a one (1) second penalty for each knocked over property.
- 2.4 Horse Ownership: Any saddle club member may ride any saddle club horse, but the saddle club member and the horse owner must be members of the same club. The horse may be ridden only once in any event unless ridden by members of an immediate family in the same household. Immediate family being spouse and children still in school.

2.5 **Contestant Withdrawal or Substitution:** Each club shall designate two (2) representatives per day to make substitutions when a rider has scratched, no

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other changes can be made at the State Show.

- **a.** The names of these representatives are to be turned in with the entry forms.
- b. Changes made by anyone other than the designated representatives to anyone other than the State Show Manager/Secretary will not be accepted.
- c. Fees: A club requesting a contestant change (includes substitution of a person, horse, etc.) at the show or after the deadline will be charged \$10 (ten dollars) cash at the time of the change. There is no charge or refund for a scratch.
- d. Horse/pony Substitutions: When substitutions are necessary, a current coggins must be presented to the show secretary. If a pony is used for a 52" or less class, the height must be verified and an identification sticker must be placed on the coggins as proof of verification.

3. Attire and Tack

3.1 Required Minimum Attire:

- a. All contestants must wear boots or shoes with western type heel
- **b.** Pants must be long enough to cover the calves

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с.	Shirts must have sleeves equivalent to a
	standard sleeved T-Shirt

- All 11 & under contestants competing in non-trotting (gaited) classes must wear an ASTM approved helmet.
- 3.2 **Saddle Safety:** No rider shall be fastened to their horse on the show grounds except with a Magic Seat[™] or equivalent.
- 3.3 **Hats:** There will be a five (5) second penalty assessed if a member loses a hat/cap in the arena during their ride in all speed events.
- 3.4 **Tack Changes:** Requests for tack changes are made to the show secretary. There will be a maximum of 7 (seven) minutes allowed for any requested tack change. If 7 (seven) minutes have not passed, the time will expire when the requestor enters the arena.

4. Events

- 4.1 Event records (Record setting times):
 - **a.** T.S.C.A. record times will count only on standard patterns.
 - b. If a record is broken, the pattern will be measured and verified immediately after the run.
- 4.2 **Closing classes:** A class will be closed when the first rider for that class is called.
- 4.3 Points and Awards to be awarded at the State Show Shall be:
 - a. English Division High Point Club
 - **b.** Western Division High Point Club

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c. Timed Division – High Point Club

- **d.** Over-All High Point Club to be named after a major sponsor, where applicable.
- Class trophies and points will be as follows: 10 places with 1st place – 10 points, 2nd place – 9 points, etc. down to 10th place – 1 point.
- f. The first year of a new class will only place 5 places, except all 12 and under classes which will place 10 places.

5. Arena, Timer, and Records

- 5.1 **Recorded Times:** A saddle club member shall get one accurate time on the clock and that will be the recorded time, qualified or disqualified. (Secretaries from working clubs are responsible for recording disqualified times)
- 5.2 **Timer:** The timer is to be set up no further than 75 feet from the gate
- 5.3 **Chute**: The arena/ring will have an entry/exit chute
- 5.4 **Arena Lights**: Lights will be turned on before the start of the show each day.
- 5.5 **Safety**: A horse may be escorted into the arena by another horse or person for safety or expediency reasons.
- 5.6 Working the Arena: During speed events, except keyhole, the first arena drag will occur at the number equal to one half the number of participating clubs and then on

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the same number thereafter. Each western and speed event starts new.

6. Judged Events

- 6.1 Judge Expectations: English and Western Pleasure judges will handle classes entirely, including checking for "soring" or any other issues that appear out of order. Shoes will be checked by the Rules & Regulations Committee and/or appointee.
 - Judges will place eleven (11) places in English and eleven (11) places in Western classes.
 - The Western judge will be a current card-holding judge. (AQHA, ARHA, APHA, ApHA)
 - English (Gaited) Judge will be a current WHOA affiliated judge.
 - d. Judges are to be found by April 1 and have a contract of understanding that they are responsible to find an equivalent judge if they must cancel.
 - e. Judges must be selected from outside of the State of Tennessee.
- 6.2 **Class Size for Judged Events:** In the pleasure classes there shall be no more than 30 horses in each working, however, each working shall be kept as equal as possible.
- 6.3 **Keyhole Judges:** The class will have five (5) judges from the Rules and Regulations Committee. Each judge will be assigned to

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one area of the pattern and will be responsible for judging that part only

- Pony Height: It will be the individual club's responsibility to have all ponies measured (Club President or Rules Committee Representative) prior to the State Show.
 - 7.1 Measurement:
 - The chairperson of the Rules and Regulations Committee has the final say. All ponies will be measured in a measuring chute and the chute will be available to the clubs on a first come first served basis.
 - b. The owner will hold the pony. When the pony is standing and relaxed squarely to the owner's satisfaction, he will be measured by the Rules and Regulations committee. The pony's legs cannot be touched or adjusted.
 - c. The owner of a pony may voluntarily have a pony measured by the President and Vice-President of the T.S.C.A. If the pony is voluntarily measured, the pony's measurement will be valid for the entire weekend.
 - d. The pony must be run in the same manner that it was measured. If measured without shoes, the pony must run without shoes.

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 An official measurement form will be completed and kept on file for each pony that is voluntarily measured.

7.2 Protests (Pony Height):

- At their discretion, the Rules and Regulations Committee (President, Vice-President – chairperson of the Rules and regulations Committee) can measure a pony at any time at the State Show, without a protest fee. This may result in disqualification.
- Any pony protested and found to be too tall will be eliminated from competition and the responsible club will be penalized 100 points, be required to pay a fine of \$500.00 (five hundred dollars), and is banned from competing the following year.
- c. When a pony is protested it is to be taken directly from the arena and measured immediately in an area designated by the Rules and Regulations committee (President, Vice-President of T.S.C.A. chairman of the Rules and regulations Committee). Refusal to immediately comply will result in disqualification.

8. General Protests

8.1 Eligibility: Any Saddle Club Member or in the case of a minor, the person responsible for the minor at the State Show, may allege

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violations of class or show rules by making a protest to the Rules & Regulations committee.

- 8.2 Fee:
 - **a.** A required deposit fee of \$10.00 must be paid.
 - The fee will be refunded if the Committee finds the protest is valid.
 - c. The saddle club President or Vice President will then file the official protest on behalf of the individual club member.
 - **d.** If the Committee finds the protest is invalid, the person filing the protest forfeits the \$10.00 and it goes to the Association general fund.
 - The representative of the club (President or Vice President) making the protest shall have a vote in the final decision.

8.3 Filing A Protest:

- a. The protest must be made before the completion of the class from which the protest arises.
- **b.** No protest will be considered after the conclusion of a class.
- During a protest, class places, and trophies will be held pending the Rules & Regulations Committee decision, but

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other classes will continue as scheduled.

- d. When a protest meeting is called, each saddle club president or vice-president has five (5) minutes to reach the meeting site. At the end of five (5) minutes, roll call will be taken and the meeting will start. No other club representative will be allowed at the meeting.
- e. If a protest is found to be valid, the protested party is disqualified from the protested event and to any class to which the protest applies.

9. Behavior and Animal Welfare

- 9.1 **Disqualification**: The Rules & Regulations Committee has the power to disqualify any saddle club member or person acting on behalf of the member for the following:
 - a. Not following the rules of the event
 - Knocking over any property. (Property being anything used in the event that is moveable, a rider may hold up property.)
 - Intentionally hitting a horse with property.
 - **d.** Poor sportsmanship, intoxication, or unruly conduct.
 - e. Use of a hot stick or other electrical devices.

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 f.	At the discretion of the T.S.C.A., any
	suspicion of animal abuse may warrant
	action by T.S.C.A. Any suspected
	unhealthy horse will be checked by a
	veterinarian with action to be taken
	accordingly.

- **g.** During any event, an unruly or out-of-control horse will be disqualified.
- h. If a saddle club member is suspended or disqualified, the suspension or disqualification period can range from a single day/event to permanent suspension from current or future State Shows.
- i. In the event of a random inspection, all fines given to a horse whether by an official of USDA or other state or federal agency will be the responsibility of the horse owner including any fines assessed by T.S.C.A.
- **j.** All animals must have shade provided to them.
- Club Duties: Each club will be assigned event duties by a drawing at the meeting held at least 30 days prior to the show date. Duty schedules and times will be determined by the Executive Board.
 - There will be two (2) separate drawings, one for working the fairgrounds gate and one for working the assigned class.
 - **b.** Workers report 30 minutes before their scheduled time.

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 с.	Duties consist of working classes,
	entrance gates, checking/selling tickets
	and receiving money.
d.	Two Rules & Regulations committee
	members are to work each class.
	Workers must be designated from a
	T.S.C.A. club.
e.	Clubs that do not report to work at the

Clubs that do not report to work at the designated time will be fined two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00). The fine must be paid before the end of the State Show in order to pay the club that worked in the first club's absence. At the discretion of T.S.C.A. the absent club will be brought before the Executive Committee for consideration of suspension.

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11. Show Grounds:

- 11.1 **Rules Enforcement:** Anyone refusing to follow the rules of T.S.C.A. will be asked to leave the grounds by security.
- 11.2 **Emergency Services:** T.S.C.A. will arrange for security services for the State Show and will rely upon local medical emergency services as provided by calling 911 or similar public assistance.
- 11.3 Severe Weather: In the event of severe weather, the show may be delayed for safety. The Vice President or other executive officer will make all decisions regarding severe weather. If the show is delayed, contestants will have 30 minutes to return to the arena once the announcement is made that the severe weather has passed, and all is clear.
- 11.4 Sales of Goods and Services: The sale of anything at the T.S.C.A. State Show is restricted solely to approval by the T.S.C.A. President.
- 11.5 Show Curfew: One hour after the last event each night, there will be no running the roads, cruising on horses or vehicles. Everyone is to be in their campsite or gone from the show grounds. This will be enforced by T.S.C.A. and security.
- 11.6 **Motorized Vehicles & ATV's:** For safety purposes, there will be no loud motorized recreational vehicles of any kind allowed on

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the state show grounds. This includes, but is not limited to motorcycles, 3-wheelers, and 4-wheelers. Golf carts, Scooters (Honda Spree or similar), Gators or similar farm utility vehicles are allowed, but must be driven by a licensed driver, registered with the show office, and have an assigned and visible ID tag prior to using them on the show grounds. Bicycles, skates, or other things that will frighten a horse must be kept away from the arena.

11.7 **Pets:** No pets are allowed in the seating and concession areas.

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CLASS RULES – Speed/Timed Events

General Requirements for Speed/timed Events:

- a. **Barrel Requirement:** Unless specified otherwise, all barrels must be 55 gallon plastic and white in color, with the exception of barrels that have been sold for advertisement. If advertisements are sold for the barrels, they must be affixed to the barrel by either taping or tying tightly.
- b. Hat Penalty: There will be a 5 second penalty assessed if a rider loses a hat/cap in the arena during their ride.
- c. *Helmets:* Required for all 12 & under contestants riding in speed events.
- d. **Chute Requirement**: The arena/ring will have a chute.
- e. **Timer Placement:** In speed events, the timer is set up No Further than 75 feet from the gate.
- f. **Marker:** The marker is a physical fixture (such as a stake and rope), a string/rope cut to the exact length specified and tied to a post, or a physical measurement as required for setting an event pattern.
- BARREL RACE: (Classes: Adults 50 years & over, Men's, Women's, Youth 13 thru 17, Youth12 & under with Ponies 52" & under, Youth 6 & Under with Ponies 52" & under)
 - a. Contestants may go either right or left of the first barrel, but must make one right turn and two left turns, or one left turn and two right turns.

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- b. The barrels must be 20 feet from the starting line, 90 feet between marker number one (1) and number two (2), 105 feet from marker number three (3) to barrels one (1) and two (2).
 - c. Barrels are set inside the marker
 - d. Knocking over a barrel or not following the pattern as set by the TSCA will result in disqualification
- KEYHOLE: (Classes: 12 & under with Ponies 52"& under)
 - a. Pattern is in the shape of a basic keyhole and is marked using powdered chalk or equivalent.
 - Pattern starts at the clock with a lane that is 40 feet long and 4 feet wide, leading to a circle 20 feet in diameter.
 - c. Contestants are to run the pony to the end of the lane and into the circle, perform a rollback inside the circle and then ride back out of the lane to the finish line.
 - d. The contestant is disqualified if the pony steps on or over the line at any time during the run.
 - e. The class will have five (5) judges from the Rules and Regulations Committee. Each judge will be assigned to one area of the pattern and will be responsible for judging that part only.
- POLE BENDING: (Classes: Adults 50 years & over, Adults, Youth 13 thru 17, Youth12 & under with Ponies 52" & under, Youth 6 & under with Ponies 52" & under)
 - a. Pattern is set with six (6) plastic poles at least six (6) feet high, a minimum of two (2) inches in

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diameter, with approximately 1/16 inch wall thickness, and white in color.

- b. Poles are uniform and set 21 feet apart and 21 feet from the starting line (clock).
- c. Contestant may have a running start.
 Contestant runs to the last pole, begins and ends weaving at the 6th pole, turns and races back to the finish line.
 A contestant is automatically disqualified for knocking over a pole.
- 4. FIGURE 8 FLAG RACE: (Classes: Adults, Youth 13 thru 17)
 - a. The flag used is a conventional type stick, 14 inches long.
 - b. The bucket must be 3 ½ gallons and made of sturdy plastic. All flag buckets will have the same size diameter at the top and bottom.
 - c. The bucket will be filled with sand and placed on a standard barrel.
 - d. The barrel should be 20 feet from the starting line.
 - e. To complete this pattern, a barrel should be placed 110 feet from the starting line and in line with barrel holding the flag bucket. The contestant may start from either side of the barrel.
 - f. The contestant is disqualified if he knocks over any property, does not get the flag back in

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bucket, hits the horse with the flag, circles the flag barrel, or fails to make a figure 8 pattern.

- FIGURE 8 FLAG RACE: (Classes: 12 & under, with ponies 52" & under). Same as listed in 4 above, except for the barrel holding the flag bucket is a 30gallon barrel, which will set the bucket approximately three (3) feet off the ground.
- FIGURE 8 SPEED RACE: (Classes: Adults 50 years & over, Adults, Youth 13 thru 17, Youth12 & under with Ponies 52" & under, Youth 6 & under with Ponies 52" & under)
 - There will be two barrels in a line in the arena. The first barrel will be 20 feet from the starting line while the second barrel will be 180 feet from the starting line.
 - b. Barrels should not be any closer than 20 feet from the rail.
 - c. Contestants may have a running start, go either side of the first barrel, but must go around the second barrel and run a figure 8 pattern in doing so.
 - d. The contestant is disqualified for knocking over barrels or fails to make a figure 8 pattern.
- ARENA FLAG RACE: (Classes: Adults, Youth 13 thru 17)
 - Barrel number one (1) and two (2) are each placed 20 feet from the starting line to the marker and 10 feet from the fence to the marker.

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- Barrel number three (3) is placed 130 feet from the starting line to the maker.
 - c. Rider may ride either to the inside or outside of barrels one (1) and two (2), in obtaining or placing the flag; but the rider must ride on the outside of barrel number three (3).
 - d. The flag and buckets will be the same type as used in the Figure 8 Flags.
 - e. Failure to run the pattern, to obtain or replace the flag, knocking over any property, or hitting horse with the flag results in disqualification.
- ONE BARREL SPEED RACE: (Classes: Adults 50 years & over, Adults, Youth 13 thru 17, Youth12 & under with Ponies 52" & under, Youth 6 & under with Ponies 52" & under)
 - a. The marker is 180 feet from the starting and finishing line and center of the arena.
 - b. Rider may start pattern on either side of the arena, must run around the outside of the barrel, and then cross the finish line.
 - c. The rider is disqualified for knocking over a barrel or failing to run the correct pattern.

CLASS RULES – 2023 <u>CLASS RULES – Judged Events</u>

GENERAL Requirements for All Judged Classes:

- a. No Stallions can be shown by any contestant 17 years of age or younger
- b. AGE Divisions: No contestant can ride in more than one age group for any single event. Where required a rider must participate in their age appropriate class (See current Show Rules, section 1, for further clarification).
- c. There shall be no more than 30 horses in each heat. Each heat will be kept as equal as possible.
- d. The Judge and All Show/Arena workers will be informed of the required gaits for each class.
- e. The gaits specified by the rules are the ones required in the class, no additions or exceptions.
- f. Classes 9 14 will be judged by a current carded Judge. (AQHA, ARHA, APHA or ApHA). Please contact the TSCA for specific information.
- g. Classes 15 24 will be judged by a current WHOA affiliated judge.

WESTERN (Trotting Breeds) CLASSES (#9 – 14):

- 9. LEADLINE: (Riders 6 & under, Ponies 52" & under)
 - a. Rider and pony only to be judged.
 - b. TACK AND ATTIRE FOR WESTERN OR ENGLISH REQUIRED.
 - \$7.00 entry fee, Unlimited Entries, Ten places awarded, Small awards for all other participants. Points earned will count toward highpoint totals.

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- - d. If a 6 & under contestant rides Lead line, they may ride in a qualified age appropriate class, but must ride alone and unassisted.
- 10. WESTERN PLEASURE: (Classes: Adult, Youth13 thru 17, Youth12 & under with Ponies 52" & under)
 - a. Open to horse or pony of any sex, breed, or combination of trotting breed normally used for pleasure.
 - b. Horses ridden in Western Pleasure cannot be ridden in Ranch Horse Pleasure.
- 11. TRAIL CLASS: (Classes: 17 & under, Adult)
 - a. Open to all breeds of horses using either English or Western tack.
 - b. Judged on performance of horse over designated obstacles.
 - c. Points are given or deducted based on performance. Exhibitors will be asked to move past an obstacle after three attempts.
 - d. A minimum of five (5) obstacles will be chosen by the Judge and posted Friday morning of the state show.
 - e. Horses ridden in Class #11 Trail cannot be ridden in Class #24 English/Gaited Trail.
- 12. HALTER CLASS: (Classes shown on Friday: Mares, Geldings, Ponies)
 - a. Class is shown with a halter.
 - b. Contestant attire to match horse's breed.
 - c. A horse can only be shown in one (1) halter class at the state show.
 - d. Pony Class is for 12 & under contestants only.
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Ponies must be 52" & under.

e. Pony Class: For safety purposes, a contestant may be accompanied by a parent/assistant who is at least 16 years of age. The parent/assistant cannot touch the pony or equipment or the contestant will be disqualified.

13. HUNTER UNDER SADDLE: (Classes: Adults, Youth 17 & Under)

- Shown at a flat-footed walk, square trot, (judge's option of sitting, posting, or extended trot), and canter on a reasonably light rein.
- b. Horses are reversed to the inside (away from the rail); horses shall not be asked to reverse at a canter.
- c. Horses shall stand quietly and back readily.
- d. Shown in English tack and rider shall wear appropriate Hunter attire.
- e. Open to all trotting breeds.

14. RANCH HORSE PLEASURE: (Classes: 17 & under, Adults)

- Open to horse or pony of any sex, breed, or combination of trotting breed normally used for pleasure.
- b. Shown in accordance with the American Ranch Horse Association (ARHA) rules and TSCA exceptions where listed.
- c. Any horse ridden in Ranch Horse Pleasure cannot be ridden Western Pleasure.

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GAITED/ENGLISH (Non-Trotting Breeds) CLASSES (#15 – 24):

GENERAL Requirements for Gaited/English/Non-Trotting Classes

- a. There will be no Padded horses allowed in any of the gaited classes.
- b. Bands will NOT be allowed in any English class.
- c. The Rules and Regulations set forth by WHOA shall take precedence over any TSCA rule for all English classes. All riders are responsible to know the rules.
- d. A rider will be disqualified for any of the following: Entering the arena for the wrong class, not following class rules, improper tack or attire, inappropriate shoes on the horse, etc.
- e. WHOA safety rule for riders 11 & under: ASTM-SEI approved headgear (helmets) are required for all classes regardless of age group (17 & under or Open). No exceptions allowed.

15. GAITED HALTER CLASS: (Class to be shown Thursday and Open – All ages)

- a. Open to all non-trotting breeds
- b. Class can be shown in halter or in-hand
- c. Contestant attire to match horse's tack.
- d. A horse can only be shown in one (1) halter class at the state show.

16. COUNTRY PLEASURE: (Open – All ages)

- a. Shown in English or Western tack, no artificial devices of any kind.
- b. Horses or ponies required to walk, favorite gait

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(which is not a square trot) and canter.

- c. Horses are required to back readily.
- d. Cantering is required for this class, no exceptions.
- e. Restricted shoes Quarter Horse type keg shoe, bought either with or without heel. If heel is worn, it must be a factory made shoe.
- f. There will be no: toe weights, turned up heels. mule shoes, homemade shoes. Only the above types are allowed. Shoes will be checked at beginning of class.

17. SPEED RACKING CLASS: (Open – All ages)

- a. Shown in English Tack and Attire. No set tails.
- b. Rubber and vinyl boots are allowed but weighted boots are not.
- c. Horses are judged 20% show walk, 20% slow rack, 40% fast rack, and 20% confirmation.
- d. Ride at your own discretion. This is a speed class.
- e. Horses will be excused where it is obvious that they are not competitive speed racking horses. They will be brought to the center of the arena or excused from the arena at the judge's discretion.

STYLE RACKING CLASS: (Classes: Adults, Youth 17 & under)

- a. Shown in English tack and Attire. No set tails.
- b. Horses are judged at 40% show walk, 40% style rack and 20% conformation.

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- SADDLE HORSE PLEASURE: (Classes: Adults, Youth 17 & under)
 - a. Gaits are walk and favorite gait (no square trot). No canter.
 - b. No built-up shoes. No other restrictions on shoes.
 - c. The class is English tack and attire only.
- 20. PLANTATION PLEASURE: (Classes: Adults 50 &
 - over, Adults, Youth 17 & under)
 - Shown with light rein, walk and favorite gait (not a square trot).
 - b. No Canter in 50 & Over and 17 & under classes. Adult class will Canter.
 - c. Bumping and Pumping of the reins will be penalized.
 - d. Set tails, humane tails, action devices and pads are not allowed.
 - Entries shall be plain shod as for trail and pleasure riding with one-piece shoe and no pads.
 - f. The metal from which the shoe is made must not exceed one-half (1/2) inch in thickness, or one and half (1 ½) inches in width, with no bar, plate, or other weight inside the shoe. A regular keg shoe is suggested.
 - g. Shown in English tack and attire except for the 50 & Over class only shall have the option to wear Western or English attire.
- 21. WESTERN SADDLE HORSE PLEASURE: (Classes: Adults, Youth 17 & under)
 - a. Gaits are walk and favorite gait (not a square
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trot). No canter.

- b. No built-up shoes. No other restrictions on shoes.
- c. Western Attire and Tack only.

22. FLAT SHOD STYLE RACKING: (Open – All ages)

- a. This class is a two (2)-gaited class featuring a show walk and style rack.
- b. Shown in English attire and tack.

23. FLAT SHOD RACKING: (Open – All ages)

- a. Hoof to shoe with no pad of any type, whether for corrective purposes or otherwise.
- b. Judged 20% show walk, 30% slow rack, 30% fast rack and 20% confirmation.
- c. No set tails.
- d. Shown in English attire and tack.
- e. Shoe can be made conventional or manmade to owners specifications.

24. ENGLISH/GAITED TRAIL CLASS: (Open – All ages)

- a. Open to all breeds of horses using either English or Western tack and corresponding attire.
- Judged on performance of horse over designated obstacles. Points are given or deducted based on performance.
- c. A minimum of five obstacles will be chosen by the Judge and posted Thursday evening of the state show.
- d. Horses ridden in Class #24 English/Gaited Trail cannot be ridden in the Western Class #11 Trail.

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ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. A saddle club must be incorporated to become a member of the Tennessee Saddle Clubs Association (T.S.C.A.) and must furnish a copy of the club's Tennessee State Charter to the T.S.C.A. Executive Secretary at the time of admission. Active membership in T.S.C.A. shall be granted to all incorporated saddle clubs upon payment of the annual dues, currently **\$150.00**, and arena verification. Annual Dues must be paid by April 1st to be eligible to participate at the State meet. Dues are to be paid at the January state meeting. After January 31st there is a \$10.00 late penalty.

(Club membership dues changed from \$100 to \$150)

POLICY

2. Trophies and Awards: When the participants of a class decrease to 14 or less based on the number of participants from the previous year, the designated number of awards given will decrease to 5 (five). *Errors made by any club during the awarding of trophies and buckles will result in a fine of \$100 unless the error originated with the announcer or record*

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keeper. The show staff will supply an official list of placings to the working club.

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NO Changes for 2022

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ARTICLE VI Section 2

(d) Arrange for security services.

(Previous language: (d) Arrange for security and EMT services.}

POLICY

7. Participant Waiver: All TSCA State Show participants will sign a waiver acknowledging the inherent dangers of equine activities and holding TSCA, it's officers and members, and affiliated clubs harmless for any injury or damages that occur while participating in or on the grounds of the TSCA State Show.

NEW. No previous language.

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Section 11.2 Emergency Services: T.S.C.A. will arrange for *security services for the State Show and*

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will rely upon local medical emergency services as provided by calling 911 or similar public assistance.

(Previous language: 11.2 Emergency Services: T.S.C.A. will arrange for police and ambulance services for the State Show.)

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