

Exhibitor is responsible for accurately completing all required information as well as reading and understanding the rules.

General Rules 2018- 2019 Season

1. Year end awards are based on horse rider combination. **No Exceptions**
2. In the event a horse is unable to compete riders must get a pre-approval from the show chairman and provide a note from the vet with the following information in order to make a substitution:
 - Date animal was seen
 - Injury
 - Length of time required off

A rider may vet back in their original horse with the game show chairman approval. Acts of God must be submitted to the Game Show Chairman in order to be evaluated by the Game Show Committee which will then determine whether substitutions will be allowed on this basis. This is allowed one time per show season.
3. **Unsportsmanlike behavior will NOT be tolerated. You may be asked to leave the property and your points may be forfeited for the day. This applies to show volunteers, parents, and contestants.**
4. All divisions are defined by rider's age as of September 1, 2018.
5. **In order for a class to qualify for a year end saddle, there must be a minimum of four participating members placing at the end of the season. The Board members reserve the right to revisit this provision at their discretion.**
6. No crossovers permitted to a different division except lead-line.
7. A TWO MINUTE call may be called at the discretion of the birdhouse if a rider is not in the holding pen to enter the arena after your name has been called. Any contestant taking longer than two minutes to enter the arena MAY be disqualified at the discretion of the birdhouse. Please pay attention and be ready. In the event of a tack problem, report it to an arena worker immediately and you can be moved to the end of the class. To ensure safety for all, authorized birdhouse personnel retains the right to disqualify a rider as they see fit.
8. **The alley will be the ONLY gate used for entering and exiting the arena. The side gates will NOT be used for safety reasons. Exception to this rule may apply during some of the mystery events and/or Mom/Dad's race.**
9. A Lead-line and Beginner Division was created for kids aged 10 & under that will not score less than 25 seconds in the Barrels Class. Once the kids begin scoring less than 25 seconds, they will be moved into their age appropriate division. Special considerations will be given to those who have physical limitations and/or special needs without any regard to age. There will be no saddle awarded in the Lead-line/Beginner Division.
10. **No entries will be accepted after that class has started.**
11. Classes are open to all participants who meet the age qualifications.
12. Indian River Riding Club, NBHA and WPRA (approved jackpots) rules will apply.
13. No one under 18 may show a stallion and registration must be notified if a stallion is on the grounds.
14. Indian River Riding Club is not responsible for injuries to persons, horses, or for loss of and/or damage to vehicles, trailers and property. Please secure all valuables and lock your vehicles.
15. **No alcoholic beverages or drugs will be allowed on the grounds.**
16. Dogs must be leashed at all times. Excessive barking dogs will be asked to leave. **No aggressive animals.**
17. No horses in the spectator area behind the bleachers (west side) or in the roped off area in front of and to the south side of the registration tower. No schooling and/or running horses on the east side of the arena between the registration tower and vehicles.
18. Proper attire is required – Long pants ankle length, boots with a heel or heeled riding sneakers, and an APPROPRIATE shirt. No shorts, bathing suit tops, halter-tops, tank tops, exercise tops or improper shoes. No offensive logos or language.
19. Any contestant withdrawing from a class after entering shall forfeit the entry fee.
20. Except for tot class, a horse can ONLY be entered in a class ONE time. The ONLY exception is when a lead-line or special equestrian is being led through the class.

21. **Abuse of ANY animal will NOT be tolerated at the Indian River Riding Club. Any authorized birdhouse personnel and/or Board members who witness any animal abuse reserves the right to dismiss the rider from club premises resulting in a forfeiture of all points.**
22. In the event of a tie for yearend score we will break the tie by the most attended shows. **You must be present to receive your ribbons. They will no longer be saved for the next show.**
23. **NEGATIVE COGGINS REQUIRED. Must be produced at registration. This is a State Law.**
24. Jackpot is open to all ages except lead-line. A contestant may enter more than one horse as long as an entry fee is paid for each horse. One point will be awarded to the rider's daily show total for each entry of Jackpot Barrels and/or Jackpot Poles on the horse that the rider is competing with in the games show that day.
25. Riders are permitted to enter more than one horse in a class provide they pay an entry fee for each horse. Each horse/rider combination is eligible for year end awards.
26. If a rider dismounts a horse during an event, after the start of the timer, it will result in a disqualification unless caused by a tack break.
27. In the event of a timer malfunction the rider will have the option of a rerun immediately after their run or at the end of the class.
28. Riders must be mounted in a western style saddle. No bareback pads or English Saddles.
29. **Only riders in the current or on deck class should be in the warm up arena.**
30. Horses known to have a kicking problem should be marked with a red ribbon tied to their tail.
31. **No Rider shall be tied, buckled or fastened to the saddle in any manner. Authorized Birdhouse personnel reserve the right to grant exceptions at their discretion.**
32. Exhibition rides are the only time a rider shall be in the arena before and after a race.
33. No riders shall be signed up for an event by anyone but themselves or another person on their family membership.
34. Horses are not to be tied to fences and are to be secured at all times.
35. A downed pole or barrel will result in a 5 second penalty. **A downed barrel in hairpin or Texas will result in a no time.**
36. A broken pattern will result in a no time for that event. A broken pattern is defined as a deviation from the pattern without a correction and a correction can only be made if the rider has not passed the obstacle preceding the obstacle where the deviation occurred.
37. The Indian River Riding Club reserves the right to change or amend any rule when necessary.
38. In the case of severe weather a show may be postponed or rescheduled to another date. We will post all updates on the website and facebook.
39. Except Jackpot a rider may have a rerun in the event of a tack break. The problem must be fixed and the rider ready by the end of the class or forfeit that run.
40. **Each membership must perform a minimum of 10 volunteer hours. Those memberships with more than 1 rider are required an additional 5 hours per show season per rider with a maximum of 20 volunteer hours per show season. A \$25 per hour fee may be paid for any unworked hours. Riders must participate in 7 of the 9 scheduled shows. You may have someone work on your behalf but hours cannot be donated between memberships under any circumstance. The hours must be recorded on the sign up sheet at the birdhouse the day of each event and be signed off by authorized birdhouse personnel. YOU ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN IN AND OUT AT REGISTRATION TO RECEIVE CREDIT FOR HOURS WORKED. Please be sure to give your correct email as we will send out a volunteer sign up opportunity through our Sign-Up Genius webpage.**
41. The show chairman or show committee will have final say in interpreting the rules in this sheet, and will make the final decision in the event a dispute arises which is not covered in the above rules. All disputes will be handled at the end of the show day.
42. Wanda sincerely supports all the kids by believing that **"NO CHILD WILL GO UNNOTICED."** This means that if you have attended 7 out 9 Jackpot and Game shows, completed **ALL** volunteer hours, attend the End of Year Award Banquet, and support your club and fellow members by cheering them on and displaying good sportsmanship... **YOU WILL BE GUARANTEED A PRIZE AT THE END OF THE YEAR!!**
43. **OUR END OF THE YEAR AWARD BANQUET IS SATURDAY, AUGUST 10th, 2019. YOU MUST ATTEND THE BANQUET TO RECEIVE ANY AWARDS. EMERGENCIES WILL BE CONSIDERED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD MEMBERS, OTHERWISE ALL AWARDS WILL BE FORFEITED FOR NON-ATTENDANCE OF THE AWARD BANQUET.**
44. Indian River Riding Club takes pride in supporting our youth. Therefore, we want to help as many of our youth riders follow their dreams of going to NBHA Youth World and State Competitions. In order for

these members to benefit from any fundraising attempted, they **MUST** attend at least 7 out of 9 of either Game/Jackpot shows, **ALL** volunteer hours must be completed, must attend any **MANDATORY** meetings, and will be required to help with the fundraisers as needed.

45. **Since we embrace the element of surprise and want to be able to give our awesome members the best prizes possible, we have upgraded ALL of our saddles. If you check that you would like a saddle instead of money, you will be required to pay an upgrade fee of \$150 to receive your saddle the night of the banquet. If you do not pay for the upgrade, you will forfeit your saddle and/or money.
46. **IN ORDER TO AVOID MISTAKES AND DISTRACTIONS, PLEASE UNDERSTAND WE ARE NO LONGER ALLOWING ANY UNAUTHORIZED PERSONNEL IN THE BIRDHOUSE AT ANYTIME. YOUR PATIENCE IS APPRECIATED AS WE IMPLEMENT THIS NEW RULE.**

PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR REQUIRED FOR EVERY LEADLINE RIDER WHILE ON A HORSE ANYWHERE ON INDIAN RIVER RIDING CLUB PROPERTY. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR FOR ALL RIDERS.

*** Points are calculated as follows.**

1 st	6 Points
2 nd	5 Points
3 rd	4 Points
4 th	3 Points
5 th	2 Points
6 th	1 Point

AT THE END OF EVERY GAME SHOW SERIES, ALL POINTS DISTRIBUTED TO NON-MEMBERS THROUGHOUT THE SEASON WILL BE RE-DISTRIBUTED TO MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID MEMBERSHIP FEES, COMPLETED ALL VOLUNTEER HOURS, AND ATTENDED 7 OUT OF 9 SHOWS. ROOKIE RIDERS (aka NOVICE) MUST FILL OUT AND APPLICATION AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SEASON AND WILL BE SCORED AND POINTS WILL BE REDISTRIBUTED THROUGH A INDEPENDENT ROOKIE RIDER CLASS AFTER IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THEY DID NOT PLACE IN THEIR CURRENT CLASS.

AGE DIVISIONS

Age as of September 1st

***Lead-line / Beginner Classes: 10 and under
Special considerations will be given to those who have physical and/or special needs without any regards to age.

- Tot: 7 and under
- Youth: 8 to 11
- Junior: 12 to 14
- Senior: 15 to 17
- Senior/Adult: 18 to 39
- Super Senior: 40 and over