

MRSC

GOVERNING BYLAWS

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ARTICLE I

Mission, Name, Tax Exempt, Earnings, Operational Limitations

SECTION 1 – MISSION

To promote education, enjoyment, and sportsmanship through competitive events for horses and their owners. To provide an economical venue for members and non-members of all abilities and skill levels that serves as a training ground for youth, novice and adult riders striving to improve their skills in multiple events. MRSC is proud to support their local chapter of Therapeutic Horsemanship (equine assisted therapy programs for individuals with disabilities) including their Horses for Heroes program through specialty classes at our shows along with financial support and fundraising events.

SECTION 2 – NAME/ADDRESS

This association shall be known as the Mid Rivers Saddle Club and shall at all times be operated and conducted as a non-profit club in accordance with the laws of the State of Missouri. The official abbreviation shall be MRSC Inc., hereinafter referred to as MRSC.

Board of Directors herein to reference all Officers and Board members.

The principle place of business shall be the address of the current Treasurer of MRSC, unless otherwise designated by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3 -TAX EXEMPT

An annual report will be filed and all fees paid by August 31st of each year to remain tax exempt. This is to be filed by the Treasurer.

SECTION 4 - EARNINGS

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributed to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered. A balance determined by the Board of Directors will be held in the treasury at the end of each fiscal year to be used for operating expenses in the following show year.

SECTION 5 - OPERATIONAL LIMITATIONS

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501 c 3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by corporation contributions which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

SECTION 6 – DISSOLUTION CLAUSE

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation dispose of all the assets of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purpose as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 c 3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as said Court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

SECTION 7 – INDEMNIFICATION

Each member of the Board of Directors and Committee person of the MRSC shall be indemnified by MRSC against all costs, expenses, and liabilities reasonably incurred by him/her in connection with, or resulting from, any action, suit, or proceeding to which he/she may be made a party by reason of his/her being or having been a member of the Board of Directors or Committee person of MRSC, except in relation to matters which shall have been occasioned by the willful misconduct or dishonesty of such an Board of Director or Committee person. The foregoing indemnification shall cover amounts paid in settlement of any such action, suit, proceeding when such settlement appears to be of the interest of MRSC, the foregoing shall be in addition to any other rights to which such members of the Board of Directors or Committee person may be entitled as a matter of law.

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1 - APPLICATION DUES

Application for membership shall be made on a form furnished by MRSC and upon completion and payment of associated fees; the application will then be accepted or denied by the membership present at the next general meeting. Any member who is in default in the payment of annual dues shall be considered an inactive member.

Individual memberships are restricted to one (1) person, carried in the person's legal name only. Family memberships include person requesting membership, his/her spouse and non married children 18 years and under. All fees must accompany membership application. Membership in MRSC is a privilege, not a right. Membership or membership application may be terminated or rejected by the members, committee or Board of Directors for cause detrimental to the interest of MRSC.

SECTION 2 – MEMBERSHIPS & SPONSORSHIPS

Membership in MRSC is not required for participation in MRSC events. In order to be eligible for year-end awards each rider **MUST** have paid their membership at or prior to their first show. Memberships and sponsorships will be accepted until October 1st of the current calendar year. In addition, each horse and rider combination **MUST** acquire or pay the required horse and rider combination sponsorship fee at or prior to showing at their second show. If the sponsorship is not paid at or before their second show, all points earned at all shows will be lost and will not start to accumulate until it is paid. There will be no exceptions. Memberships are non-refundable and non-transferable. Sponsorship of horse and rider combinations are non-refundable. Sponsorship of horse and rider combinations are non-transferable once horse has been shown at MRSC.

SECTION 3 - CONDUCT

Disorderly conduct in any MRSC activities or violation of MRSC rules and regulations will be subject to discipline, expulsion, or suspension as approved by the Board of Directors. Members have the right to request a review of the action taken against them. A member can be reinstated by a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors present.

ARTICLE III - VOTING POWER

Individuals who have not paid their membership dues as of January 1 will no longer be able to vote until said membership dues are paid. One must be 19 years of age to be eligible to vote. Members have the power to one vote per adult member.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS

SECTION I - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

The President shall set the time and place for general membership meetings. All members will be publically notified 10 days in advance. In addition to the general membership meetings, the President may call special meetings to discuss procedural or bureaucratic issues with the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2 -ORDER OF BUSINESS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The order of business will be conducted according to Roberts Rules of Order as follows:

- Call meeting to order by the President
- Sign in & roll call of officers
- Receive & approve applications for new memberships
- Reading and approval of the minutes
- Officer's reports
- Committee reports
- Old business
- New business
- Special announcements
- Adjournment

All issues not agreed upon by 100% of members in attendance will require a motion by the floor in order to be accepted as a ruling. A second motion will be required to bring the issue to vote. All motions will be discussed and a vote will be taken. A simple majority will carry the vote. All motions passed will be final for the duration of the calendar year unless special circumstances that would be detrimental and/or have negative consequences to the club appear.

SECTION 3 – ORDER OF BUSINESS BOARD OF DIRECTORS/OFFICERS

Board of Directors meeting shall be called by the President or the Vice President. Meeting will require a minimum of 70% physically in attendance by the current Officers/Board of Directors.

All issues not agreed upon by 100% of members physically in attendance will require a motion by the floor in order to be accepted as a ruling. A second motion will be required to bring the issue to vote. All motions will be discussed and a vote will be taken. A simple majority will carry the vote. All motions passed will be final for the duration of the calendar year unless special circumstances that would be detrimental and/or have negative consequences to the club appear.

SECTION 4 –SPECIAL/ANNUAL MEETINGS

There shall be an annual meeting of the general membership during the fourth quarter of the calendar year for the purpose of election of officers for the following year. All members in good standing shall receive public notice of the meeting to include date, time and place a minimum of ten days in advance of the meeting.

Special membership meetings may be called by the President or by a majority of the Board of Directors if deemed necessary provided all members have been notified as stated above.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION I - RESPONSIBILITIES

It is ultimately the responsibility of the Officers and Board of Directors to actively ensure that all shows are ran successfully. In the event that during a show any volunteer positions that are not filled, it will be the Officer and Board of Directors responsibility or their designee to fill those positions. Failure to actively participate may result in action by the Board.

All Officers and Board of Directors are expected to attend and participate in 75% of general membership and Board meetings. In addition, all Officers and Board of Directors or their designees will assist the show committee on the night before and/or day of the show as needed.

SECTION 2 - NOMINATION AND ELECTION

Nominations in writing to the Recording Secretary will be accepted prior to the annual meeting to be included on the official ballot. Write-in candidates are permitted if the write-in candidate meets the election qualifications. In order to be elected to any office, or to serve as a member of the Board of Directors, an individual shall be a member in good standing. Any officer or director must be an adult member age 19 or older as of January 1 of the calendar year.

Ballots will be printed and will be posted on the website and emailed to members, as available. Ballot cards are given to all members present for the election. Once elections have been completed by those members, completed election ballots and those ballots received by proxy will be counted. Proxy ballots must be received by the MRSC Recording Secretary, prior to the meeting start time. All ballots will remain sealed until the annual meeting of the general membership. A committee of three people not on the ballot will be appointed by the Board of Directors at the annual meeting to receive, verify, and count the ballots. Ballot count results will be made available to the general membership upon request.

SECTION 3 - DUTIES OF OFFICER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEES

The **President** shall preside at all general membership meetings of the organization. It is his/her duty to keep order of business, assign the floor, receive motions, and keep the pending question clearly before the assembly at all times. The President's duties require prompt, impartial decisions. The President shall bring all questions to the Board of Directors for decision and approval. The President will enforce all the laws of the organization applicable to members, appoint all committees approved by the floor, and perform other duties as required.

In the absence of the President, the **Vice President** will perform the same duties as the President. The Vice President shall assist in maintaining order if the President is unable to fulfill duties, submits resignation and/or upon removal shall become President and serve

as such until after the next regular election. The Vice President shall further be responsible for all duties assigned to him/her by the organization.

The **Recording Secretary** shall keep and distribute the minutes of all meetings, including all motions passed and reports made or submitted as well as resolutions introduced. It is the duty of the Recording Secretary to conduct correspondence for and in the name of the organization. The Recording Secretary maintains a database record of approved memberships and sponsorships.

Horse Show Secretary in conjunction with the Horse Show Committee approved by the Board of Directors shall keep an accurate account of the points awarded. All points must be checked by the Horse Show Secretary and further checked by the Board of Directors if a dispute arises. The Horse Show Secretary is responsible for obtaining judges and arenas for all the shows and making sure show bills and forms are available one month in advance.

Awards Secretary is responsible for making sure awards (ribbons, trophies, etc.) are available for each show. He/she along with the Horse Show Committee will decide on any special theme or event, awards, procure participation gifts/door prizes for shows, select year-end award items and manage the recipient ordering process.

The **Treasurer** shall receive all funds from all sources of the organization, give his/her receipt as evidence of the receipt thereof, and deposit the funds in a bank of sound financial standing in the name of the organization within 10 business days. The Treasurer shall send out all bills pertaining to the club business and keep accurate records of such. The Treasurer must keep a ledger book of disbursements and receipts and make all disbursements and payments. A financial statement must be presented at every general membership meeting and a copy given to all officers. He/she is responsible for all moneys received at every organizational function, including recording entries, and collecting entry fees at every horse show. Before the new fiscal year, the books may be audited by an auditing committee appointed by the President.

Public Relations shall be responsible for promoting the club's activities through news media and all other venues including the website. Items must be up to date and presented in ample time to facilitate publication. He/she must oversee promotion of horse shows by distribution of show bills and/or fliers. He/she is responsible for producing and distributing (at the expense of the club) a regular newsletter.

The **Sergeant at Arms** shall be responsible for all properties and equipment of the organization not delegated to any other officer or member. He/she shall also remove any member for improper behavior when requested to do so by the Board of Directors. At meetings the Sergeant at Arms is the authority; at horse shows the Board of Directors in attendance are the authority. If the Sergeant of Arms is absent the President may appoint a temporary at the meeting.

The **Board of Directors** will consist of at least 5 members in addition to the elected officers (totaling an odd number). The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the club and will be empowered to make decisions which must be made between general

meetings. Decisions affecting the entire membership must be presented to the general membership at the next general meeting. Said Board of Directors shall handle all protests, disputes, complaints, and criticism that do not fall under another individual board member's authority, and there shall be no appeal on the findings of the Board of Directors.

Horse Show Committee will work with the Horse Show Secretary to select patterns for the pattern book before each show year; organize printing and availability of books. In addition, the committee will find and manage staff for each show including announcer, ring steward, gate person, registration, etc. and will set-up and tear-down before and after each show. Committee will manage resolution of any disputes or discrepancies during shows and manage any props owned by the MRSC.

Additional committees will be chaired by the Board of Directors for MRSC duties as necessary.

SECTION 4 - VACANCIES

A vacancy in the office of the President shall be automatically filled by the Vice President. Any other vacancy of officers or board members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors for the unexpired term and those appointed shall serve until the election and acceptance of their duly qualified successors.

SECTION 5– TERM LIMIT

The offices of President and Horse Show Secretary will be limited to three (3) consecutive terms. He/she may run for the same office again once a minimum of one year has passed. All other offices may be held by the same person for unlimited terms.

ARTICLE VI – BYLAWS

Bylaws and show regulations shall be reviewed annually by the Board of Directors and all changes will be presented at the annual meeting of the general membership for ratification. Any member in good standing can submit a request for a by-law change from January 1st through October 31st of the current calendar year. A hard copy of the bylaws will be available at the shows for member review and added to the MRSC website.

Bylaws can be amended by the Board of Directors with ratification by the general membership.

ARTICLE VII - HORSE SHOWS

SECTION 1 - SHOW SEASON

January 1st shall start the show season and December 31st shall close the show season with regard to points unless special circumstances allow otherwise. Point shows will be designated as such before the show season begins.

SECTION 2 - SHOW BILLS

All show bills will be approved 60 days prior to the show season by the Board of Directors. Classes may be dropped due to lack of participation. General rules shall be stated on the show bill. Entry fees are listed on the show bill.

SECTION 3 - ENTRY FORMS

One entry sheet per horse and rider combination must be filled out with the following stated:

- All entry forms must be filled in legibly and signed.
- Age of minor exhibitor should also be shown on the entry form as entered on the membership application. Birth certificate copy may be needed in case of discrepancy. Age at January 1st of the current calendar year determines the age of the exhibitor for the entire show season. Parent's or guardian's signature is required for all minor exhibitors.
- Per Missouri State Law, proof of negative Coggins for all horses is required. Health certificates for out of state horses are required and may be checked at the registration table.

SECTION 4 - JUDGES

Obtaining the judges for all shows is the responsibility of the Show Secretary. The same judge should not be used in more than one point show per season. No MRSC member or delegate will be allowed to judge MRSC point shows. Due to potential conflict of interest, no horse or exhibitor may show to a judge if that judge or member of his immediate family have owned, trained or acted as an agent for or have provided lessons or any other service in which they have received remuneration for any reason for 90 days prior to the date of show.

SECTION 5 - RINGMASTERS

Ringmasters are appointed by the Horse Show Committee. Ringmasters should be knowledgeable of the bylaws and concerned with safety inside the arena at all times. Conversation with the judge should be minimized.

SECTION 6 - EXHIBITORS

Exhibitors must conform to rules of conduct and dress to ensure show standards are met. Riding helmets are strongly encouraged for all riders.

Exhibitors may be subject to disqualification for infringing on the following rules:

1. Failure by exhibitor to wear correct number(s) in a visible manner
2. In all classes it is mandatory to wear appropriate attire, including shirt with collar, helmet/hat and boots. The helmet/hat must be on the riders head when the exhibitor enters the arena. Spurs of the rowelled type are not allowed in English classes but are optional for all other riding classes.
3. In any class the judge shall have the authority to disqualify or remove any exhibitor with illegal equipment per applicable breed association rules
4. Two handing with a shank bit not allowed in western classes.
5. Extreme speed or disruption of class shall be penalized and the exhibitor excused from class at the judge's discretion.
6. Absolutely no excessive spurring, striking, or abusing will be allowed either in show arena or on the grounds.
7. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated.
8. One horse per entrant allowed per class with the exception of trail and other events where no rail work is required in these classes.
9. No horse may be shown by more than one exhibitor per class.
10. No stallions are allowed at MRSC shows.
11. Horses are to be of Stock type.

SECTION 7 - RIDER DESCRIPTION

Lead Line – Riders age 7 & under as of January 1st of current year. Riders may not cross enter into any other classes except for Halter and the Specialty Class if applicable.

Walk – Riders of any age. Riders may not cross enter into any other classes except for Halter and the Specialty Class if applicable.

TH Rider – Riders of any age who participate in Therapeutic Horsemanship of Wentzville, MO or Therapeutic Horsemanship Horses for Heroes programs. Riders may only ride horses provided by Therapeutic Horsemanship. TH Riders are only eligible to ride in TH Classes.

Youth 13 & Under Walk Trot – Riders age 13 & under only as of January 1st of current year. Cross entry into Youth is not allowed.

Youth – Riders age 18 & under as of January 1st of current year. No cross entry into Youth 13 & under Walk Trot.

Adult – Riders age 19 & over as of January 1st of current year. No cross entry into Novice is allowed.

**Novice – Rider of any age who's showing experience is limited to less 15 MRSC Shows in the past 10 years (or showing experience is limited to 3 calendar years in the past 10 years). Novice status for breed registry does not constitute eligibility into Novice division at MRSC shows. Once the Year End Novice High Point has been won, rider is no longer eligible to ride in the Novice Division. No cross entry into Youth or Adult classes allowed.*

Open – Any age rider. Open riders may enter all other classes.

SECTION 8 - PROTESTS

Judges decisions are final. All protests will be handled by the Horse Show Committee. Protests must be made in writing the day of the show and must be accompanied by a \$25 fee. The fee will only be refunded if the Horse Show Committee approves the protest.

SECTION 9 – RELEASE OF AUTHORIZATION

Attendance at a MRSC event, in whatever capacity, shall constitute authorization for MRSC, its agents or designees to photograph, videotape, televise or otherwise record any person or animal on the premises of an MRSC approved event. Attendance shall further constitute authorization for the use of such person or animal's name or performance record.

ARTICLE VIII - POINT CLASSES

SECTION 1 - GENERAL CLASS RULES

- All classes will be placed, including Lead Line and Walk.
- All horses should be shown as legally allowed per appropriate breed standards.

SECTION 2 - GENERAL CLASS RULES BY DIVISION

Halter

Mare Halter – any age

Gelding Halter – any age

Halter class is defined as a class where horse is judged based upon its conformation, correctness, and soundness. Horse to be shown in appropriate head gear as allowed per breed standards. Procedure of class will be determined by judge. Horses may be shown by any age exhibitor.

Showmanship

- Novice Showmanship
- Youth Showmanship 13 & Under
- Youth Showmanship 18 & Under
- Adult Showmanship 19 & Over

The ideal showmanship performance consists of a poised, confident, neatly attired exhibitor leading a well groomed and conditioned horse that quickly and efficiently

performs the requested pattern with promptness, smoothness, and precision. The showmanship class is not another halter class and should not be judged as such.

Therapeutic Horsemanship Walk/Trot English/Western Assisted with Handler

- The rider or their family does not have to own the horse but must be supplied by Therapeutic Horsemanship.
- Horses with a slight disability or lameness may be used at the discretion of the judge.
- Handler – One or two handlers are required in the ring per entry to facilitate the safety of the rider. The handler must be 16 years of age or older. A halter must be on the horse either over or under the bridle for use by the handler if needed. The handler must have a suitable lead line in hand in case of need.

Therapeutic Horsemanship Walk/Trot English/Western Assisted With Adaptive Equipment

- The rider or their family does not have to own the horse but must be supplied by Therapeutic Horsemanship.
- If necessary, one or two handlers per entry may be used to facilitate the safety of the rider. The handler must be 16 years of age or older.
- Equipment should conform to the needs of the rider and be suitable for the horse.
- Special adaptive equipment may be used where appropriate. Special adaptive equipment to be determined by Therapeutic Horsemanship.
- Horses with a slight disability or lameness may be used at the discretion of the judge.

Therapeutic Horsemanship Walk/Trot English/Western With Out Assistance

- The rider or their family does not have to own the horse but must be supplied by Therapeutic Horsemanship.
- Horses with a slight disability or lameness may be used at the discretion of the judge.
- If determined necessary by Therapeutic Horsemanship, handlers shall stand quietly as a group in a designated area of the ring.

Hunter Under Saddle Walk Trot

- Novice Hunter Under Saddle Walk Trot
- Youth Hunter Under Saddle Walk Trot 13 & Under
- Youth Hunter Under Saddle Walk Trot 18 & under
- Adult Hunter Under Saddle Walk Trot 19 & Over
- Open Hunter Under Saddle Walk Trot

To be shown in Hunt Seat attire and tack. To be shown only at a walk and trot in both directions. It is the judge's option to require an exhibitor to extend gait. Horses may be required to back.

Hunter Under Saddle

- Novice Hunter Under Saddle
- Youth Hunter Under Saddle 18 & Under
- Adult Hunter Under Saddle 19 & Over
- Open Hunter Under Saddle

To be shown in Hunt Seat attire and tack. To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter in both directions. It is the judge's option to require an exhibitor to extend gait. Horses may be required to back.

Hunt Seat Equitation

- Novice Walk Trot Hunt Seat Equitation
- Youth Walk Trot Hunt Seat Equitation 13 & Under
- Youth Hunt Seat Equitation 18 & Under
- Adult Hunt Seat Equitation 19 & Over

Hunt seat equitation is an evaluation based on the ability of a rider to perform various maneuvers in harmony with his/her horse. The communication between horse and rider through subtle cues and aids should not be obvious. Equitation is judged on the rider and his/her effect on the horse.

Lead Line

- Lead Line – Hunt Seat or Western – 7 & Under

Exhibitor must be seven years and under. Child must be able to show horse at walk only while being led in both directions. Exhibitor may be asked to back. Horse exhibitor and leader must be in proper attire (western or Hunt Seat). Handler must be at least 16 years of age or older.

Walk – Hunt Seat or Western – Any age

Horse to be shown at the walk only in both directions. Exhibitor may be asked to back. Horse and exhibitor must be in proper attire (Hunt Seat or Western).

Specialty Class

To be determined by the show committee. Class rules to be posted prior to the show.

Western Walk Trot

- Novice Western Walk Trot
- Youth Western Walk Trot 13 & Under
- Youth Western Walk Trot 18 & Under
- Adult Western Walk Trot 19 & Over
- ***Select Western Walk Trot 50 & Over**
- Jr. Horse Open Western Walk Trot
- Sr. Horse Open Western Walk Trot

To be shown in western attire and tack. To be shown at a walk and jog in both directions. It is the judge's option to require an exhibitor to extend gait. Horse may be required to back.

Junior Horse – Horse 5 years or under. Proof of age may be required at registration. Junior horses competing in junior western pleasure, western horsemanship, and trail that are shown with a hackamore or snaffle bit may be ridden with two hands on the reins.

Senior Horse – Horse 6 years or older.

Western Pleasure

- Novice Western Pleasure
- Youth Western Pleasure 18 & under
- Adult Western Pleasure 19 & Over
- Jr. Horse Western Pleasure
- Sr. Horse Western Pleasure

To be shown in western attire and tack. To be shown at a walk, jog, and lope, in both directions. It is the judge's option to require an exhibitor to extend gait. Horses may be required to back.

Junior Horse – Horse 5 years or under. Proof of age may be required at registration. Junior horses competing in junior western pleasure, western horsemanship, and trail that are shown with a hackamore or snaffle bit may be ridden with two hands on the reins.

Senior Horse – Horse 6 years or older.

Horsemanship

- Novice Walk Trot Horsemanship
- Youth Walk Trot Horsemanship 13 & Under
- Youth Horsemanship 18 & Under
- Adult Horsemanship 19 & Over

The western horsemanship class is designed to evaluate the rider's ability to execute, in concert with their horse, a set of maneuvers prescribed by the judge with precision and smoothness while exhibiting poise and confidence, and maintaining a balanced, functional and fundamentally correct body position. The ideal horsemanship pattern is extremely precise with the rider and horse working in complete unison, executing each maneuver with subtle aids and cues.

Trail

- Novice Walk Trot Trail
- Youth Walk Trot Trail 13 & Under
- Youth Trail 18 & Under
- Adult Trail 19 & Over

Horse to be judged on performance and ease of handling. Class to have a minimum of 6 obstacles per course. Pattern will be posted the day of the show. Horse and rider are allowed three attempts per obstacle at the judge's discretion.

ARTICLE IX – YEAR END AWARDS

SECTION 1 -ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

This is for the purpose of giving the Year End Awards for the show season. It should be held after the conclusion of the show season.

SECTION 2 -POINT SYSTEM

All classes will be placed 1-6. Points must be given for any class listed as approved point class and that class appears on a MRSC approved show bill which is shown in strict accordance with the rules of the club. Points are awarded as follows: 1st place = 6 points, 2nd place = 5 points, 3rd place = 4 points, 5th place = 2 points, 6th place = 1 point, no place = 0 points Exception: there will be no more points awarded than number of horses in the class. For example: If there are three horses in the class, the 1st place horse will receive 3 points, the 2nd place horse will receive 2 points, and the 3rd place horse will receive 1 point.

Point accumulation is based on single horse/rider combination. If participant is disqualified, their entry is still counted in the class total, but no points for that participant will be awarded. If the participant is scratched, their entry will not be counted in the class total. Entry fees will not be refunded in the case of a disqualification or a scratch.

SECTION 3 -QUALIFICATIONS

In order to participate in the accumulation of points for the MRSC year-end Awards, exhibitors and horse owners must be a member and have the proper horse/rider sponsorship. Points will not accumulate prior to submitting the required membership and sponsorship per the MRSC bylaws. No minimum number of shows is required to be eligible for year-end awards.

SECTION 4 -AWARDS

Amount to be used toward the year-end awards will be determined by the officers and board members as allowed within the yearly budget. Award offerings will be determined prior to the final show of the season and may include cash awards, trophies and/or other merchandise. An Awards Committee, chaired by the Awards Secretary, will determine the available awards. All merchandise/awards should be personalized with MRSC designation when appropriate.

The Awards Committee and the current show season officers will be responsible for the awards presentation and the details pertaining to the year-end awards banquet.

SECTION 5 – DIVISIONAL HIGH POINT AWARDS

MRSC will award divisional high point awards to the exhibitor earning the highest number of points in each category: Novice, Youth 13 & Under, Youth 18 & Under and Adult under the following guidelines:

The winner of the high point is determined by adding all points earned in all qualified classes including Halter.

In case a tie occurs, the horse and rider combination who placed 1st in the most number of classes will be declared the winner. If unable to break tie, highest number of placings until tie is broken.

Categories and eligible classes are as follows:

Novice

- Halter
- Showmanship – Novice
- Hunter Under Saddle Walk Trot - Novice
- Hunter Under Saddle – Novice
- Hunt Seat Equitation – Novice
- Western Walk Trot - Novice
- Western Pleasure – Novice
- Horsemanship - Novice
- Trail – Novice

Youth Walk Trot (13 & Under)

- Halter
- Showmanship – 13 & Under
- Hunter Under Saddle Walk Trot – 13 & Under
- Hunt Seat Equitation Walk Trot – 13 & Under
- Western Walk Trot – 13 & Under
- Horsemanship Walk Trot – 13 & Under
- Trail Walk Trot – 13 & Under

Youth (18 & Under)

- Halter
- Showmanship – 18 & Under
- Hunter Under Saddle Walk Trot – 18 & Under
- Hunter Under Saddle – 18 & Under
- Hunt Seat Equitation – 18 & Under
- Western Walk Trot – 18 & Under
- Western Pleasure – 18 & Under
- Horsemanship – 18 & Under
- Trail – 18 & Under

Adult (19 & Over)

- Halter
- Showmanship – 19 & Over
- Hunter Under Saddle Walk Trot - 19 & Over
- Hunter Under Saddle – 19 & Over
- Hunt Seat Equitation – 19 & Over
- Western Walk Trot – 19 & Over
- Western Pleasure – 19 & Over
- Horsemanship – 19 & Over
- Trail – 19 & Over

SECTION 6 -SHOW BILL

A copy of the current MRSC show season approved show bill will be considered as a listing of the classes approved for the year-end award and will be considered an addendum to the bylaws. All information printed on the show bill, including any class rules and regulations not covered in these bylaws is final.