

MID-STATE ASSOCIATION RULES AND GUIDELINES

AS REVISED *December 19, 2012*

ORIGINAL GUIDELINES WERE DRAFTED FEBRUARY 18, 1974

1. The Mid-State Association board of directors are the governing body. It shall consist of two delegates from each of the member saddle clubs. The delegate's term shall run from January 1 through December 31 of each year. Meetings of the board of directors shall be called as needed by the President or by delegates of at least three member clubs.
2. Elected officers of the Mid-State Association shall be president, vice president and secretary-treasurer. Officers do not have to be delegates. The officer's term shall run from January 1 through December 31.
3. Elections for the coming year must be held prior to December 31.
4. Each delegate has the right to vote at every meeting. Delegates must be present to vote. The president can only vote to break a tie. Clubs can send designated alternates by notifying a Mid-State officer. This notification must be made by a club officer or delegate.
5. In addition to the foregoing, a show secretary and a chairman for the year end awards banquet shall be selected by appointment or volunteer. The primary duty of the show secretary shall be to accumulate and keep record of points earned. Duties of the year end chairman shall include making arrangements for trophies and/or certificates, a place to hold the gathering and other special details pertaining to the ceremony.
6. Annual membership dues for each club are payable in January and shall be \$75.00.
7. All member clubs shall be members of the Western Saddle Club Association.
8. The directors shall have the power to accept or reject new applications for membership. The total Mid-State Association membership not to exceed 9 clubs. 'See attached "Procedure to become a Mid-State Association member saddle club"'. .
9. Each member club shall sponsor one point show per year.
10. There will be no Mid-State point show prior to May 1st.
11. Member clubs will have membership list, WSCA membership list including names and address, to the Mid-State Association show secretary before the first point show. Any club that does not have their membership list in will have to pay a fine of \$25.00 per point show until their membership list is received by the show secretary, before their members can receive points. If there are any new club members added to the membership after the first point show, points will start counting when the show secretary receives the name from the club secretary. For any name left off the original membership list, by the club secretary, a penalty of \$10.00, per family member(s) name, as of the date they joined the club, be paid before their points will count. The penalty and name(s) must be received by the show secretary no later than August 1st.
12. The same judge shall not be used for more than one point show within the, Mid-State Association each year.
13. The judge shall not be a member of a Mid-State Association club.

14. Member clubs shall not sponsor events that conflict with point shows.
15. Deleted 10/19/99
16. The show secretary shall total points on each point class.
Points will accumulate on horse and rider combination.
17. The entry cards, 1st - 6th place, for the point classes shall be given to the Mid-State Association show secretary within two weeks following the date of the show. The entry cards will be returned once the show secretary has finished with them.
18. Points shall be awarded to 6 places in each class as follows:
 First - 6 points Second - 5 points Third - 4 points
 Fourth - 3 points Fifth - 2 points Sixth - 1 point
 EXCEPTION: The North and South Fund Raisers - points will double
 Example: Should Mid-State Association members place 2nd and 4th in a class and outside contestants place 1st, 3rd, 5th and 6th, association points will be awarded only for 2nd and 4th places.
19. Show rules shall conform to the current Western Saddle Club Association official rule book.
20. Point classes are as follows: (Total of 50 classes)
 Open Halter, 2 years & Under
 Open Halter, 3 years & Older
 Junior Showmanship at Halter
 Intermediate Showmanship at Halter
 Senior Showmanship at Halter (18 - 34 years old)
 Senior + Showmanship at Halter (35 and Over)
 Bareback Horsemanship
 Lead Line Class, 6 years & Under; Can not go in any other RIDING class at the show.
 Walk-Trot Class, 10 years & Under; Horsemanship/Equitation, non qualifying class
 Pony Pleasure 48" & Under, 10 years & Under
 Pony Pleasure 54" & Under, 13 years & Under
 2 & 3 year old Western Pleasure
 Junior Western Pleasure
 Intermediate Western Pleasure
 Senior Western Pleasure (18 - 34 year old)
 Senior + Western Pleasure (35 and Over)
 Pony Horsemanship 54" & Under, 13 years & Under
 Junior Horsemanship
 Intermediate Horsemanship
 Senior Horsemanship (18 - 34 year old)
 Senior + Horsemanship (35 and Over)
 Open Driving
 English Pleasure 17 years & Under
 English Pleasure 18 years & Over
 English Equitation 17 years & Under
 English Equitation 18 years & Over
 Egg & Spoon 17 years & Under
 Egg & Spoon 18 years & Over
 Speed Dash
 Pony Barrels 48" & Under, 10 years & Under
 Pony Barrels 54" & Under, 13 years & Under
 Junior Barrels
 Intermediate Barrels

Senior Barrels (18 - 34 year old)
 Senior + Barrels (35 and Over)
 Pony Pole Weaving 48" & Under, 10 years & Under
 Pony Pole Weaving 54" & Under, 13 years & Under
 Junior Pole Weaving
 Intermediate Pole Weaving
 Senior Pole Weaving (18 - 34 year old)
 Senior + Pole Weaving (35 and Over)
 Pennant Race
 Rescue Race
 Pony Jumping Figure 8, 54" & Under, 13 years & Under
 Junior Jumping Figure 8
 Intermediate Jumping Figure 8
 Senior Jumping Figure 8 (18 - 34 year old)
 Senior + Jumping Figure 8 (35 and Over)
 Keyhole/Key Race (Left up to the show committee) 17 years & Under
 Keyhole/Key Race 18 years & Over

21. You must fill out the entry card completely, or points will not count. There will be absolutely no exceptions. A Mid-State rider will be allowed to recheck his or her entry card the same day of the show to make any corrections on it.
22. **Year End Award:** Deleted 9/30/97 Reinstated 12/11/01 Revised 12/19/12
 To be eligible to receive a year end award, you must have shown in at least 3 Mid-State point shows. ***One of these shows must be a Mid State Fund Show.*** You must **SIGN YOUR NAME** in the book at the entry booth **ONLY ONCE** and check all the shows you exhibited in by the last Mid-State point show. DO NOT check or sign the book when you are not showing.
23. Two awards shall be given to the horse owner in the rescue race, with the owner giving the second award to the other member of the team that he/she desires. The rescue race partner must also be eligible for the team to receive points.
24. Awards shall be presented at a year-end awards banquet, the date to be decided upon by the Board of Directors.
25. Any rule or class changes must be passed by November in order to be in effect for the following show season.
26. Measure Ponys: ***Work off the WSCA champ show's pony measurement list, if a Pony isn't on that list they would have to be measured at the first Mid State Show they attend and be added to the list.***
27. All Judges decisions are final the day of the show.
28. ***Two Day Show: Clubs that split their show to 2 days and hold the same class on both days, Mid State Points will be given to the riders highest placing, if they place in both shows.***

PROCEDURE TO BECOME A MID-STATE ASSOCIATION MEMBER SADDLE CLUB

DRAFED MAY 3, 1988
AMENDED APRIL 17, 1990

A request for membership should be sent to the Mid-State Association Secretary by May 1st of the year proceeding the year in which membership is wanted.

(I.E. May 1st of 1988 for 1989 membership.)

The secretary will then send a questionnaire to the club requesting membership.

The questionnaire would ask such items as:

Number of members

Number of members, who would most likely show at Mid-State Point Shows

Location of show grounds

Whether or not club is a WSCA member

A copy of the Mid-State Association's rules and guidelines, calendar of events and a list of delegates should be sent with the questionnaire.

The club requesting membership should invite all Mid-State Association saddle club members to an open show held during the summer in which the application request is received. This invitation should be sent to each Mid-State delegate.

After the open show and before December 1st, each club should discuss whether or not to accept the club. The directors will vote at the Mid-State Association meeting.

If more than one club would apply, when there is only one opening for membership, the completed questionnaire which is received first will be considered.