

2017 GEORGIA ACADEMY RULES AND REGULATIONS

ALL ACADEMY JUDGES IN GEORGIA MUST READ AND ABIDE
BY THE FOLLOWING GEORGIA ACADEMY RULES.

***ALL RIDERS THAT ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE HIGH POINT PROGRAM MUST FOLLOW
THE 2016 ASHAG HIGH POINT RULES IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR HIGH POINT
AWARDS***

ACADEMY DIVISION: GENERAL RULES

1. Academy classes are open to any breed of horse or pony (“horse”). Stallions are prohibited.
2. Horses DO NOT have to be used in a lesson program but MUST display the characteristic and manners of a horse capable of being used in a lesson environment. The quality of the horse is not to be a determining factor in the class.
3. In ALL Academy classes, only the rider or driver is to be judged.

Academy Equitation class – the RIDER is judged as a beginning equitation rider. (i.e. BASIC equitation skills with correct diagonals and leads)

Academy Showmanship/Pleasure class – The RIDER is judged on horsemanship and ringmanship skills (i.e. control of the horse...ability to transition the horse into its proper gaits. Ability to walk the horse as well as correct diagonals and canter leads will be judged, speed, placement in ring and collection)

Academy Pleasure Driving – the DRIVER is judged on ability to handle the horse or pony in the ring and show at the walk and trot. Backing is not allowed. Open to any amateur or juvenile drivers who have never shown in a competitive driving event. Driver may cross enter into under saddle performance classes or other academy classes. Appropriate attire is the same as for academy under saddle classes. Work or show type harness. Two wheel work or show type buggy only (jog carts, roadster bike or pleasure driving). Overchecks or side checks are optional. Blinder/blinker bridles are required. One or two snaffle bits may be used.

Academy Championship class- judged 50/50 Equitation-Showmanship.

4. SAFETY in the Academy division is paramount. The judge has the responsibility to excuse any horse that is considered unsafe. Headers will be allowed in the ring at the judge’s discretion.
5. **All academy riders ages 17 and Under MUST wear a helmet.**
6. No whips, plastic bags and/or noise devices in the warm up ring and/or show ring areas. This includes the use of whips or any other attention getting devices when riders are lined up.

6. Riders who have been judged in a regular performance class at any show may not return to the academy division. Once a rider shows in a Walk/Trot off the lead, a return to showing on the lead is prohibited. **EXCEPTIONS:** Walk/Trot Riders may return to Academy Walk/Trot/Canter after they leave the Walk/Trot Only division. Riders may show in Driving and In Hand Showmanship without being ruled ineligible for the Academy Division.
7. Riders who have cantered in a class are not eligible for Walk/Trot Academy Classes.
8. Show Management must provide the judge with the Georgia Academy Rules and Regulations before the horse show date and they must have copies of the Rules and Regulations available at the horse show office for exhibitors.
9. Show must have academy classes as one “session”. Academy may not be intertwined with any other classes at the show.

ACADEMY: EQUIPMENT/ATTIRE

1. Horses are prohibited from wearing any artificial devices/appointments while in the show ring; this includes tail switches, and/or tail braces, blinders, or action devices. Tongue ties may be used, lip cords are not allowed. Hooves may or may not be blackened. Horses may be barefoot, flat shod or wear pads. Braiding is ok for horses showing in performance classes. Soundness is NOT to be considered.
2. Horses can be bridled with a snaffle, snaffle with running martingale, snaffle with German Martingale, snaffle with draw reins, Full bridle, or bridle with a Pelham or Kimberwick style bits. Horses using Full Bridles, Kimberwicks, or Kimberwick style bits, pelhams or any bit that includes a curb chain, curb strap or any other configuration that acts as a leverage device CANNOT use any style of martingale or draw reins.
3. Horses can wear protective boots and/or leg wraps only if necessary for the safety of the horse. No weighted boots and or action devices, i.e. chains or action devices will not be allowed.
4. Gloves, riding boots, shirt, vest, tie and jodhpurs are appropriate attire for the academy rider. Farm logos and/or farm names are prohibited in the show ring. Safety Helmets are the only acceptable headgear and are ALWAYS acceptable. If Western Academy is offered, the rider must NOT use western show apparel (western hat, chaps, or western show vest and jackets). Girls should wear their hair neatly styled. Longer hair should be pulled back from the rider's face and secured with an unobtrusive bow, ribbon or hair clip and should not obscure back numbers. (Buns, as if you are showing in performance classes, are the best option) **No rider or driver shall wear any clothing in which their initials or barn logos are visible to the judge. In addition, no saddle pads shall have initials or barn logos visible to the judge.**

7. All Participants in any class in Academy (even in Leadline not to be judged) must have a suitable saddle with feet in stirrups.
7. In Academy Leadline Walk/Trot, the riders MUST be judged and tied. Each entry will enter at a walk and line up. When requested by the ringmaster, each rider will individually trot up the rail, stop, reverse, trot back, stop, then return to the lineup at the walk.

As a safety consideration, all handlers/headers in any Academy class for any horse or rider must be 16 years of age or older.

Correct wording for ASHAG Academy Classes is as follows:

Academy Driving

Academy Lead Line Walk & Trot (always as 8 and Under)
Academy Equitation Walk & Trot
Academy Showmanship Walk & Trot
Academy Equitation Walk, Trot & Canter
Academy Showmanship Walk, Trot & Canter
Academy Walk & Trot Championship
Academy Walk, Trot & Canter Championship

HIGH POINT CATEGORIES FOR ACADEMY 2016

Academy Lead Line Walk & Trot (always as 8 and Under)
Academy Equitation Walk & Trot (14 and up, 11-13, 9-10, 8 and under)
Academy Showmanship Walk & Trot (14 and up, 11-13, 9-10, 8 and under)
Academy Equitation Walk, Trot & Canter (all ages)
Academy Showmanship Walk, Trot & Canter (all ages)
Academy Walk & Trot Championship (all ages)
Academy Walk, Trot & Canter Championship (all ages)
Academy Driving (all ages)