



OPEN HORSE SHOW ASSOCIATION

Online Fall Show Circuit Rules

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New This Fall: Enter Shows Through the Pegasus App!

OHSA has moved to **Pegasus** — a streamlined show management app that makes entering classes easier than ever. All class entries, fees, and videos are submitted right through the app, from your phone or device.

First time using Pegasus? Here's how to get started:

1. **Find the event** — Go to Search Events and look for the OHSA show by name or month
2. **Create your account** — Choose your user type (Lone Rider, Team Rider, or Guardian for minors), enter your details, and set your username
3. **Add your horse** — Enter your horse's name, breed, gender, and color
4. **Select your classes** — Pick your classes and assign the rider and horse to each one
5. **Sign your paperwork** — You'll sign digitally right in the app; any additional riders will be emailed to sign theirs
6. **Confirm and pay** — Review your entries, choose credit card or Pay at Show, and submit!

After registering, manage everything from **My Events** → **Manage** — add classes, upload your videos or scratch entries anytime.

 **Need help?** Free live customer support is available right inside the app — just tap the in-app help portal and a real person will assist you.

 **Full step-by-step guide:** <https://intercom.help/pegasus-app/en/articles/12082700-1st-time-using-pegasus-to-register-start-here>

★ What's New This Fall!

The Fall season brings exciting updates designed to improve clarity, fairness, and the overall exhibitor experience.

- **Class fees** are going up \$1 per class to help cover the cost of awards and shipping.
- **Ground Poles** – Ground Poles has been removed from all divisions except Hunt Seat. Ground Poles classes listed in other divisions must be shown as Hunt Seat.
- **New Draft Division** – for draft horse and pony breeds such as Percheron, Haflinger, and other draft breeds.
- **New Versatility Awards** – 2 Gait Versatility, 3 Gait Versatility, and ONLY Versatility High Point Divisions. See Specialty Award section for details.
- **New JACKPOT DIVISION!** – No circuit points or awards, simply cold hard cash back! Entry fee is \$10 per class with 70% going into the jackpot. Disqualified entries will have their payout % added to the jackpot but they cannot earn money if disqualified, even if they are the only entry. Entries that are deemed Off Pattern may still earn a payout but will not be placed above entries who were not off pattern.

Payout Structure:

# of Entries	First	Second	Third	Fourth
4 or more entries	40%	30%	20%	10%
3 entries	50%	30%	20%	
2 entries	60%	40%		
1 entry	100%			

Payouts will be processed via your requested payout method provided during membership registration. If this has changed, notify OHSA prior to end of circuit.

- **Tie-Breaking** – Ties for Division High Point and Reserve High Point will be broken using the Equitation class. If both three-gait and two-gait Equitation are available, three-gait will be used first, followed by two-gait if necessary. Any remaining tie will be decided by the highest average Equitation scores across the entire circuit.

◆ Section 1 Equine Liability

By entering our online show, you agree to abide by all rules. You acknowledge that equine activity sponsors or professionals are not liable for injury or death resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities. Payment (by you or your parent/guardian) constitutes acknowledgement and agreement to these rules and liability regulations.

State-specific liability regulations can be found here: **Equine Liability Statutes** — www.showohsa.com

🐾 New Member Tips

💛 **Welcome to the Circuit!** If this is your first OHSA online show, welcome — you're going to love it! Start by picking 2–3 classes you feel confident in, record your video in good light, and don't overthink it. Our judges love seeing horses and riders of all levels. We're glad you're here!

◆ Section 2 Membership Requirement

All competitors must be current members of the **Open Horse Show Association (OHSA)**. Memberships can be purchased at www.showohsa.com. All OHSA-hosted online shows are eligible for year-end award points, although certain classes may not qualify.

◆ Section 3 Refund Policy

No refunds will be issued except in cases of verified member or horse illness or lameness. Appropriate documentation is required for consideration.

◆ Section 4 Entries

All class entries and fees must be submitted through the **PEGASUS app**. More information can be found at the bottom of this document or at <https://showohsa.com/online-show.html>. Select your classes, list the horse and rider names, and complete payment.

💡 **New Member Tip** Not sure which classes to enter? Check out the OHSA Show Rules document to browse class descriptions. When in doubt, enter the 2-gait version of a class — it's a great way to get comfortable before jumping into 3-gait classes. And remember, one video can count toward multiple classes!

◆ Section 5 Entry Videos

Video submissions are required for all classes. **Still photos are accepted only for the Fun class.**

Upload your videos directly to the **Pegasus App**.

Entry fees and video submissions must be completed between the first and last day of the show month. **Late or incomplete entries will not be accepted, and no refunds will be issued.**

Entries disqualified by the judge or show management are nonrefundable.

◆ Section 6 Class and Show Rules

All classes will be judged according to the **OHSA Show Rules** document. If a class is not specifically covered under OHSA, the judge will refer to **AQHA** and/or **USEF** standards as appropriate.

This is a **dress-down circuit**. Casual attire is welcome — T-shirts, jackets, ball caps, knit caps, and similar clothing are all allowed. Traditional show attire is optional. **Boots and long pants or breeches are required in all classes**, and exhibitors should maintain a neat, clean appearance. **Helmets are required for all over-fences classes** and anywhere else safety rules mandate their use.

Exhibitors may show multiple horses in a class, and a horse may be shown by multiple exhibitors. However, a member may not show the same horse more than once in the same class, except in Dressage and combined-seat classes as outlined below.

Dressage

Exhibitors may enter multiple tests within the same class, provided each test is different.

Combined-Seat Classes

A horse may be entered more than once when shown in different seats or gaits. Example: in class 32 you may enter twice, once showing as WJL and once as WJ.

Adult and Youth Sections

Classes may be divided into Adult and Youth sections when each group has at least six entries — six adults and six youth.

The judge's decision is final.

All videos must be recorded during the show month. Any video filmed outside the designated timeframe will result in **disqualification**, and no refund will be issued.

◆ Section 7 Video Rules

A single video may be used for multiple classes if it meets all class-specific requirements and was recorded within the correct timeframe. For example, one video may be used for Walk Jog Western Pleasure and ONLY Western Pleasure. However, a Walk Jog Western Pleasure video may not be used for Western Pleasure (3-gait) because the required gaits differ.

Do not include music in your videos — this includes background music, barn radio noise, or any copyrighted audio. Copyright holders have previously removed members' videos from YouTube, sometimes after the submission deadline. OHSA may not be aware of a removal in time to notify you, and any video that becomes unavailable will result in disqualification.

Exhibitors are responsible for reviewing the Show Rules and ensuring each video meets every requirement for the class entered, including:

- Required gaits
- Required views
- All pattern elements

Freestyle and "Your Pattern" classes must include all required movements as defined in the Show Rules Document. Failure to meet class requirements may result in **disqualification** at the judge's discretion.

🚫 Heads Up: Skip the Music! We know barn radio sets the mood, but please record in silence — or mute any background music before you start. Copyright claims have cost members their entries in the past. Better safe than sorry!

◆ Section 8 Video Editing & Continuity

All videos must be recorded in **one continuous, unedited take**. Any evidence of editing — including stopping and restarting the recording — will result in disqualification of the member and horse from all classes in that show, and all entry fees will be forfeited.

If an arena is not available, exhibitors may use any reasonably flat area, including a pasture, as long as it is free of major distractions and allows the judge to clearly see both horse and rider. Be aware that tall grass or poor visibility can hinder judging.

Pattern classes that require markers must include cones or other safe, visible markers. **Failure to include required markers may result in disqualification.**

◆ Section 9 Video Clarity & Visibility

Exhibitors must ensure their videos are clear, well-lit, and properly framed. Videos that are too far away, too dark, overly bright, or otherwise difficult to view cannot be judged accurately. Give yourself the best chance for fair evaluation by submitting a video that is **clean, bright, and appropriately zoomed** so the judge can easily see your work.

Video Tips

 **Pro Tip: Great Lighting Goes a Long Way** You don't need a professional camera — just good light! Shoot with the sun at your back or in an open, evenly lit area. Avoid filming into the sun or in deep shadows. A clear, bright video gives your judge the best chance to see your hard work.

◆ Section 10 Video Dates

Pegasus uses your phone or device's metadata to verify video date. No need for you to use your camera's date stamp or announce/visually show the date at the beginning of your video.

◆ Section 11 Class Clarifications

Color Class now includes a companion **Non-Color Class** for horses that are not Appaloosa, Paint/Pinto, Buckskin, Dun, or Palomino.

Western Road Hack

This new western class is judged on forward motion, smooth gaits, and the horse's ability to travel comfortably over long distances.

Fine Horse Classes

For horses generally classified as fine horses — Arabian, Saddlebred, Morgan, and similar saddle-type horses. Saddle Seat and Side Saddle entries are combined. A horse may be shown multiple times in each class, once in each applicable division:

- Walk/Trot Saddle Seat
- Walk/Trot/Canter Saddle Seat
- Walk/Trot Side Saddle
- Walk/Trot/Canter Side Saddle

ONLY Division

For those that **Walk Trot or Walk Jog only**. Entries in this class may not cross-enter into any 3-gait classes. They can cross-enter into any other 2-gait class.

Silver Snaffles Division

For those **age 50 & Over**. You may cross-enter into any other division you qualify for.

Circuit Division Eligibility

To qualify for a circuit division award, exhibitors must compete in at least one riding class within that division. The **In-Hand and Driving divisions** are exempt from this requirement.

◆ Section 12 Freestyle (Your Pattern) Classes

You must send in the pattern you are riding in Freestyle and "Your Pattern" classes. It can be typed into your email or attached. It can be written or drawn.

For Dressage Tests, you can submit the Test Title (e.g., *USDF Training Level Test 1*) or the full test. Tests should be from the current tests available. You can submit tests from:

- USEF / USDF / FEI
- WDAA
- Netsky
- Red Rosettes
- The Judges Eye (TJE)

◆ Section 13 Circuit Awards

All circuit awards are based on the **horse-and-rider combination**. Circuit-end High Point rosettes or similar awards will be presented. No individual monthly class awards will be given.

Classes with **\$3 entry fees and free classes** are excluded from circuit awards, although some may still qualify for year-end points. All awards are determined strictly by circuit standings.

Circuit Tips

★ **Tip: Consistency Wins Circuits!** You don't have to enter every class to be competitive — showing consistently across all four months adds up fast. Pick your strongest division and commit to it each month for the best shot at High Point!

◆ Section 14 Memorial Awards

OHSA offers the following memorial awards honoring horses who made a lasting impact on the organization. Horses are automatically eligible and entered into the point standings for these awards.

- **The DC Injusto Award** – Recognizes the horse with the highest combined points in all in-hand classes. Eligible horses must be weanlings, yearlings, or two-year-olds born on or after January 1, 2024. Riding classes do not count.
- **Firefly Mini Horse Award** – Honors Whinny For Me Firefly, one of OHSA's earliest miniature horses. Awarded to the miniature horse with the highest overall circuit points. To qualify, the horse must be registered with a miniature horse association or measure no more than 34 inches at the base of the last mane hair.
- **The Austin** – Commemorates Austins Painted Eeyore, the 2023 overall year-end winner. Awarded to the senior horse (age 20 or older) with the highest overall points. All classes count toward this award.

◆ Section 15 Versatility Awards

ONLY Versatility will use ONLY classes. 2 Gait and 3 Gait classes will be from the regular class list for the various divisions. If you enter both Western and Hunt Seat Trail, multiple dressage classes/tests, or divisions such as ONLY, Silver Snaffle, and standard classes you must email OHSA at info@showohsa.com and declare the classes you want to count for versatility. If you do not, then the first class of each type in the class list will be used.

Versatility Award Classes include:

- Conformation
- Western Pleasure
- Hunter Under Saddle
- Pleasure Driving or Ground Driving
- Trail
- Dressage
- Barrel Racing

◆ **Section 16 Circuit Divisions**

High Point and Reserve High Point buckles will be awarded in the following divisions:

- In-Hand (Classes 1–13)
- Ranch Horse (Classes 95–110)

At the conclusion of the circuit, OHSA will designate **five additional buckle divisions** from the list below based on the remaining divisions with the highest overall entry numbers.

In all divisions not designated as buckle divisions, High Point, Reserve High Point, and placings through sixth will receive **large rosettes, neck sashes, trophies, or similar awards**.

🏆 **How We Pick the Buckle Divisions** In-Hand and Ranch Horse are guaranteed buckle divisions every circuit. The remaining five buckle divisions are awarded based on you — whichever divisions draw the highest total entries across the circuit earn that top-tier recognition. So spread the word, bring your friends, and show in your favorite division. The more entries, the more buckles go out!

Division List:

Division	Class Range
◆ Western	Classes 14–32
◆ Hunt Seat	Classes 33–53
◆ Dressage	Classes 54–63
◆ Fine Horse	Classes 64–76
◆ Driving	Classes 77–82
◆ Gaited	Classes 83–94
◆ ONLY	Classes 111–131
◆ Silver Snaffles	Classes 132–142
◆ Timed Events	Classes 143–150
◆ Exceptional	Classes 151–162
◆ Walk Only	Classes 163–170
◆ Leadline	Classes 171–178
◆ Green Division	Classes 179–185
◆ Draft	Classes 186–192

Circuit Class Awards

First through Sixth Awards are based on circuit points by class. Rosettes or similar awards will be presented. **No individual class ribbons will be awarded for monthly shows.**

Sponsor a Division!

OHSA's Fall Circuit awards are made possible in part by the generous support of our sponsors, and we'd love to have you involved! For just **\$200, you can sponsor a circuit division and guarantee buckle awards** for the High Point and Reserve High Point winner in that division.

Whether you're sponsoring in honor of a beloved horse, celebrating your barn, or promoting your business, your contribution goes directly toward recognizing the hard work and dedication of our exhibitors.

Sponsorship opportunities are open to:

- **Individuals** — honor a horse, rider, or someone special to you
- **Businesses** — get your name or logo in front of our growing OHSA community
- **Groups** — friends, families, and fellow horse lovers are welcome to pool together and co-sponsor a division

Co-sponsorship is a wonderful way to make an impact when you want to support a division together. Simply reach out and we'll make sure everyone is recognized!

To claim your division or learn more, contact us at **info@showohsa.com**. Divisions are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, so don't wait — the Fall Circuit will fill up fast!

Thank you for helping make OHSA a special place for horse lovers of all levels. 🐾