



## 2023 International Rules & Regulations

JULY 20-29, 2023

TENNESSEE MILLER COLISEUM

MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE

### PRE-ENTRIES IN 2023.

**Entry Deadline for Each Horse is July 18, 2023 – 5 pm.**

Make all entries at [HORSESHOWSONLINE.COM](http://HORSESHOWSONLINE.COM)

Any Horse entered after July 18<sup>th</sup> will be charged a \$50 Late Fee

### Daily DEADLINES for Adds or Scratches

Deadline is 4 PM for the following Morning Session

Deadline is 12 Noon for 4 PM Session

Any Add made after the deadline will be charged a \$35 late fee

Entry fees will be refunded for scratches made before the Add/Scratch deadline

Scratches made after the deadline will be charged the full entry fee

*Any questions or assistance making online entries please contact Amy Cross Nance 615-794-0429.*

**Deadline for Stall and Camper Reservations is July 11, 2023**

Make Reservations for Stalls and Campers at [horseshowsonline.com](http://horseshowsonline.com)

### Maiden Entry Deadline

The Entry Deadline for making entries in the Maiden will be June 28<sup>th</sup>

All Entries must be made and paid for at [horseshowsonline.com](http://horseshowsonline.com)

Maiden entry payments by check will be accepted by the WHOA office if received by the June 28<sup>th</sup> deadline

Any Maiden entry made after the deadline will not be accepted

**Please do not call the WHOA Office to make entries, stalls or campers**

**3. STALL RESERVATIONS/CHARGES: ALL STALLS ARE ASSIGNED BY THE SHOW OFFICE AND PAID FOR PRIOR TO USE. NO REFUNDS. STALLS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT MILLER UNTIL 8:00 A.M. Wednesday, July 19, 2023.** Stall rent for the show is \$225 per stall. Stall reservations for 3 nights or less are \$100 per stall, tack, or feed room and located in the back barns. Reserved unused stalls will be charged. No Split Fees.

**4. STALL BEDDING: NO STRAW** may be used for stall bedding—shavings MUST be used. Shavings can be ordered through Horse Shows online at \$8.00 per bag and ordered 24 hours in advance (prior to arrival). **NO OUTSIDE SHAVINGS MAY BE SOLD ON SHOW GROUNDS. No first bedding included.** Stalls are 10' x 10'. Note: Stalls now have asphalt floors, no mats are provided. **MATS:** You may bring your own mats or, if you wish to order a mat from Elite Stall Mat rentals the responsibility is yours. To contact and make payments with Elite call 855-628-7200 or their website: Elite Stall Mat Rental <https://www.stallmatrentals.com/crm/order/>.

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5. **SPLIT CLASSES:** Classes with 25 or more entries will be split.

6. **ADMINISTRATIVE/DQP FEE:** There will be a one-time \$35 Administrative/DQP fee per horse for the show.

7. **PAYMENT OF FEES:** No horse will be permitted in the show ring unless properly entered by leaving a signed blank check, or credit card information provided in [horseshowsonline.com](http://horseshowsonline.com) or in the show office.

8. **HEALTH CERTIFICATE/COGGINS:** Out-of-state horses must have an interstate health certificate. All horses must have current Coggins test papers.

9. **SHOW AFFILIATION:** All horses will be exhibited and judged under the rules of the WHOA HIO and the Western International Dressage.

10. **Entry Fees:**

The following classes: 58, 59, 61, 63, 65, 69, 72 and 76 entries are free and have no payback.

The following classes: 26, 27, 38, 39, 43, 45, 49, 52, 53, 55, 56, 60, 62, 64, 66, 67, 68, 70, 71, 73, 74, 76, 77, and 78 entry fees are \$20 per class/no payback.

**WHTA/Rider Cup** - Class entries are \$45 per class Prize money: 1<sup>st</sup>, \$50; 2<sup>nd</sup> \$40; 3<sup>rd</sup>, \$30; 4<sup>th</sup>, \$20; 5<sup>th</sup>, \$10.

**Maiden Class - Class 167** – Refer to Maiden information and application.

All other classes not listed above are \$35 per class. Prize money: 1<sup>st</sup>, \$50; 2<sup>nd</sup> \$40; 3<sup>rd</sup>, \$30; 4<sup>th</sup>, \$20; 5<sup>th</sup>, \$10..

11. **LIABILITY:** The International or the Walking Horse Owners' Association will not be responsible or liable for any article of any nature or kind that may be lost, stolen, destroyed, or injury that may be occasioned to any person whomsoever by any horse or pony exhibited, and such horse's or pony's exhibitor shall indemnify the International or Walking Horse Owners' Association against all claims or demands of any nature or kind which may arise from the negligence of the person in charge of such horse or pony.

12. **RING HOURS:** The indoor arena ring will be available for early morning practice sessions starting at 6:30 a.m. each morning.

13. **ENTRIES:** When making entries, all Professional Exhibitor's must have a WHOA Membership Number. All Amateur/Youth Exhibitors must have a WHOA Membership Number. **ALL FEES MUST BE PAID OR A SIGNED BLANK CHECK OR CREDIT CARD MUST BE PRESENTED IN THE SHOW OFFICE BEFORE BACK NUMBERS ARE ISSUED.** Horses entered in Country Pleasure, Trail Pleasure, Lite Shod, Classic Park Pleasure and Spotted must be registered and must show papers in the International show office - front and back. In Racking and Spotted classes exhibitors are required to have a membership to WHOA. Exception: Speed Racking Class #210.

14. **INSPECTION AREA:** Only 1 person will be allowed to go through the DQP inspection station with horse. Only Groom, Trainer and Exhibitor are allowed in the warmup area. A total of 3 people per horse allowed in warm-up area after inspection.

15. **PLEASURE DRIVING CLASSES:** All Pleasure Driving classes are 2-wheel vehicles.

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**16. NOVICE RIDER CLASSES:** A novice rider class is open to riders, which have not won a first-place ribbon in riding classes at the International Horse Show since 1979. Eligibility of the novice entry is established as of the closing date of entries.

**17. NOVICE HANDLER CLASSES:** A novice handler class is open to handlers, which have not won a first-place ribbon in handling classes at the International Horse Show since 1979. Eligibility of the novice entry is established as of the closing date of entries.










**18. NOVICE HORSE CLASSES:** A novice horse class is open to horses, which have not won a first-place ribbon in riding classes at the International Horse Show since 1979. Eligibility of the novice horse is established as of the closing date of entries.

**19. OWNER AMATEUR TRAINED CLASSES (OAT): OAT - Owner, Amateur Trained Classes - the Amateur or immediate family member that exhibits the horse is the same amateur that owns and trains the horse. Co-ownership/Exhibiting between two non-related amateurs is not allowed in this class.**

**20. SHOEING MEASUREMENTS FOR WHOA - NO LUBRICANTS ALLOWED**

Charts:

## WHOA DIVISION CHART

| DIVISION   | PLEASURE   | CLASSIC   | CLASS ELIGIBILITY   |
|--|--|---|---|
| <p><b>All Day</b><br/> <b>Pleasure:</b> Pleasure gait, extended pleasure gait, trail walk, reverse, trail walk, pleasure gait, extended pleasure gait, trail walk. Line up.<br/> <b>Classic:</b> Pleasure gait, trail walk, reverse, trail walk, pleasure gait, trail walk. Line up.</p> | <p><b>Keg shoe or max. 3/8" x 3/4"</b><br/> <b>Trail pleasure shoe</b></p>  | <p>Factory stamped, non-draft breed, KEG shoe</p>  | <p><b>All Day Pleasure:</b><br/> All Day Pleasure<br/> Classic All Day Pleasure</p> <p><b>Classic All Day Pleasure:</b><br/> Classic All Day Pleasure<br/> All Day Pleasure</p> |
| <p><b>Country</b><br/> Flat walk, running walk, flat walk, reverse, flat walk, running walk, flat walk. Line up.<br/> (Canter, trail walk and halt optional)</p>   | <p>Factory stamped, non-draft breed, KEG shoe</p>                           | <p>Factory stamped, non-draft breed, KEG shoe</p>  | <p><b>Country Pleasure:</b><br/> Country Pleasure<br/> Classic Country Pleasure</p> <p><b>Classic Country Pleasure:</b><br/> Classic Country Pleasure<br/> Country Pleasure</p> |
| <p><b>Trail</b><br/> Flat walk, running walk, flat walk, reverse, flat walk, running walk, flat walk. Line up.<br/> (Canter, trail walk and halt optional)</p>   | <p>Max. 3/8" x 3/4"</p>   | <p>Max. 3/8" x 3/4"</p>                            | <p><b>Trail Pleasure:</b><br/> Trail Pleasure<br/> Classic Trail Pleasure</p> <p><b>Classic Trail Pleasure:</b><br/> Classic Trail Pleasure<br/> Trail Pleasure</p>             |
| <p><b>Lite Shod</b><br/> Flat walk, running walk, flat walk, reverse, flat walk, running walk, flat walk. Line up.<br/> (Canter optional)</p>  | <p>Max. 1/2" x 1"</p>   | <p>Max. 3/8" x 3/4"</p>                          | <p><b>Lite Shod:</b><br/> Lite Shod<br/> Classic Lite Shod<br/> Classic Park</p> <p><b>Classic Lite Shod:</b><br/> Classic Lite Shod<br/> Lite Shod<br/> Classic Park</p>       |
| <p><b>Classic Park</b><br/> Flat walk, running walk, flat walk, reverse, flat walk, running walk, flat walk. Line up.<br/> (Canter optional)</p>   | <p>Max. 1/2" x 1 1/2"</p>   | <p>n/a</p>  | <p><b>Classic Park:</b><br/> Classic Park<br/> Lite Shod<br/> (with provisions)</p>   |

**NOTE:**

Tungsten metal (in whole or in part) is prohibited and not allowed on the show grounds at any WHOA horse event. Hoof bands in all classes are prohibited and are not allowed on the show grounds at any WHOA horse event. Maximum hoof toe length of 5 inches, exclusive of the shoe, allowed at any WHOA horse event.

Only clear grooming products are allowed for use as hoof polish. Black or opaque hoof polish is prohibited at any WHOA horse event.

All keg shoes are to be unaltered with the exception of borium, factory stamped (non-draft breed) keg shoes are allowed in all divisions.

## SPOTTED & RACKING DIVISION CHART SPOTTED SADDLE HORSES

| DIVISION  | SHOEING                                    |
|---|--|
| <b>Lite Shod Spotted</b><br>Show walk, Show Gait, Show walk, Reverse,<br>Show walk, Show Gait, Show walk. Line up | Maximum<br>1/2" X 1"                       |
| <b>Country Pleasure</b><br>Show walk, Show Gait, Show walk, Reverse,<br>Show walk, Show Gait, Show walk. Line up  | Manufactured keg<br>shoe                   |
| <b>Spotted Pleasure</b><br>Show walk, Show Gait, Show walk, Reverse,<br>Show walk, Show Gait, Show walk. Line up  | Manufactured keg<br>shoe                   |
| <b>Trail Pleasure</b><br>Show walk, Show Gait, Show walk, Reverse,<br>Show walk, Show Gait, Show walk. Line up    | Maximum 3/8" x 3/4"<br>With 1/16" variance |

## RACKING HORSES

| DIVISION   | SHOEING                  |
|--|--------------------------|
| <b>Trail Pleasure Racking</b><br>Enter at Trail rack. Trail walk, Trail rack, Trail walk, Reverse<br>Trail walk, Trail rack, Trail walk. Line up                   | Maximum<br>3/8" X 3/4"   |
| <b>Country Pleasure Racking</b><br>Enter at Slow rack, Show walk, Slow rack, Fast rack, Show walk,<br>Reverse, Show walk, Slow rack, Fast rack, Show walk, Line up | Maximum<br>1 1/2" X 1/2" |
| <b>Style Racking</b><br>Enter at Style rack, Show walk, Style rack, Show walk, Reverse,<br>Show walk, Style rack, Show walk. Line up                               | Maximum<br>1 1/2" X 1/2" |
| <b>Speed Racking</b><br>Enter at Slow rack, Show walk, Slow rack, Fast rack, Show walk,<br>Reverse, Show walk, Slow rack, Fast rack, Show walk. Line up            | Maximum<br>1 1/2" X 1/2" |

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21. **GAME CLASSES**: Horse or pony must be a Tennessee Walking Horse, Racking Horse, or Spotted Horse.
22. **LOUNGE CHAIRS**: Lounge chairs are prohibited in the Miller Coliseum.
23. **SMOKING**: No smoking is allowed in the Miller Coliseum.
24. **PETS**: NO pets allowed in the Miller Coliseum. **PETS OUTSIDE THE COLISEUM MUST BE ON A LEASH AT ALL TIMES.**
25. **VIDEO TAPING AT THE SHOW**: The following guidelines must be followed when using video equipment for personal video taping during the show.
  - Persons may use handheld video equipment only.
  - No tripods may be used in the arena.
  - Persons who video for personal use must be considerate of others around them.
  - No video taping for commercial purposes will be allowed.
26. **FEDERAL DISQUALIFICATION**: Persons on federal disqualification cannot transport horses to this show and can participate **ONLY** as a spectator.
27. Spotted Saddle Horse classes are affiliated with the SSHBEA for points. Classes will follow the WHOA Rulebook.
28. For Rules regarding Professional-Amateur, Limited Amateur or youth exhibitor levels; refer to the 2023 WHOA Rule Book at: [www.walkinghorseowners.com](http://www.walkinghorseowners.com)
29. **No plastic wrap on show grounds.**
30. **No lubricants allowed in the show ring.**
31.
  - A. In model division horse may be shown in a show bridle or, a leather show halter
  - B. In model division and showmanship tack and attire may be English or Western but not a combination of both.
  - C. In Hand may be shown in a bridle or halter.
  - D. In showmanship division horses must be shown with halter.
  - E. Showmanship and equitation patterns will be posted prior to the show.
  - F. All Horses are eligible to show in halter, showmanship, equitation, and all game and versatility classes.
32. **Best of Show Class 261 Youth** can be shown in English or Western. Horses eligible to compete in this class are horses that qualified in any previous youth class.  
**Best of Show class 262 Amateur**, can be shown in English or Western. Horses eligible to compete in this class are horses that qualified in any previous Amateur class.  
**Best of Show class 263** can be shown in English or Western. Horses eligible to compete in this class are horses that qualified in any previous **NO CANTER** Class.
33. **All Day Pleasure Horses** may not show in any other division except versatility classes, Model, In Hand,

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Showmanship and Equitation.

**Country Pleasure Horses** may cross over into all versatility classes, Model, In Hand, Showmanship and Equitation.

**Trail Pleasure Horses** may cross over into all versatility classes, Model, In Hand, Showmanship and Equitation.

**Lite Shod Horses** may cross over into all versatility classes, Model, In Hand, Showmanship, Equitation and the Classic Park Division.

**Classic Park Horses** may cross over into all versatility classes, Model, In Hand, Showmanship and Equitation.

**Racking Horses** may cross over into All Day Pleasure, versatility classes: Model, In Hand, Showmanship & Equitation if their shoes are the correct size for the All-Day Pleasure division. The rider must be a WHOA member.

**Spotted Saddle Horses** may cross over into Racking Division and All-Day Pleasure Division. All other spotted saddle horses may cross over into walking classes by meeting shoeing requirements and will be required to show walking papers if the Spotted Saddle horse shows in walking divisions: Country Pleasure, Trail Pleasure, Lite Shod, Classic Park divisions.

Spotted Saddle Horses may cross over into All Day Pleasure if the shoes are the correct size for the All-Day Pleasure division. The rider must be a WHOA member.

**34. HORSES SHOWING IN CLASSIC/COUNTRY PLEASURE, CLASSIC/TRAIL PLEASURE, LITE SHOD, AND CLASSIC PARK MUST BE REGISTERED.**

**COPIES OF PAPERS WILL BE ASKED FOR AT THE INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW IN THESE DIVISIONS.**

**35. CLASSIC TRAIL PLEASURE** - Refer to Rule Book pages 24.

**36. CLASSIC COUNTRY PLEASURE** - Refer to Rule Book page 25.

**37. WHOA Rule Book** is on WHOA website at [www.walkinghorseowners.com](http://www.walkinghorseowners.com)

**38. AFTER HORSES ARE UNLOADED, ABSOLUTELY NO BANDS ALLOWED ON SHOW GROUNDS OR IN THE SHOW RING AT ANY TIME. HORSES FOUND IN VIOLATION WILL BE FINED \$100 PER HORSE.**

**39. CLASSIC ALL DAY PLEASURE CLASSES ARE OWNER AMATEUR TRAINED (OAT), KEG SHOD AND GAITS ARE TRAIL WALK AND PLEASURE GAIT. REFER TO RULEBOOK PAGES 27.**

**40. NO TUNGSTEN ALLOWED IN ANY DIVISION AT THE 2023 INTERNATIONAL.**

**41. ONLY CLEAR POLISH WILL BE ALLOWED ON HORSES HOOVES.**

**42. IF A CLASS IS LISTED AS FLAT SHOD, THEN ANY APPROVED SHOE IS ELLIGIBLE TO SHOW IN THAT CLASS**

**43. NO PADS ALLOWED IN ANY CLASS (INCLUDING THERAPUTIC).**

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**44. Dressage** is affiliated with **Western International**. Their rules will be followed and dictate that a horse and rider team may only compete in tests in two consecutive levels. There is no limit to the number of tests within those levels however, to be eligible for Intro Level, a horse and rider combination must not have shown in Level 1 or above in that division (Traditional/Western) in the same competition year. This rule will also be followed at the TWHBEA World Versatility show.

If you plan to show in both Dressage shows on July 20<sup>th</sup>, you must enter with the International and TWHBEA World Show at [horseshowsonline.com](http://horseshowsonline.com)

**45. Exhibitors** showing in **4-H Classes** (as of January 1, 2023) must show that they have a current 4-H Membership. 4-H Junior members are students in the 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. 4-H Senior members are students in the 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Proof of 4-H membership should be a letter from the 4-H leader, or proof of activity.

**46. To show in Academy Championship** classes you must have shown once in Academy classes prior to the International.

**47. Halter Attire:** Exhibitors/Handlers shall wear a long-sleeved, collared shirt, tie and long pants. Clothing shall be western style if showing horse with western equipment and English style if showing a horse with English equipment.

**48. Maiden Maturity** classes are those horses that have competed in The Maiden class at the International, but did not have to place, just had to compete in a preliminary class and make it to line-up.



## The Maiden Procedures & Policy

**Purpose:** To bring an exciting and competitive event to the International that will attract both spectators and exhibitors with significant prize money.

**Goal:** To make The Maiden a premier event that will drive the 2-year-old flat shod horse market and bring a new and exciting event to the International.

- This is a Trail Pleasure, Optional Tack Open class
- This class is modeled after the Quarter Horse Congress Masters Class. This is a class for 2-year-old horses that have never been shown under saddle prior to this class.
- Horses may be shown at Halter or In-Hand only prior to The Maiden.
- If a horse shows in a driving or under saddle class at ANY show (sanctioned or unsanctioned) it will be INELIGIBLE for The Maiden.
- Horses must be entered and fees paid by June 28, at 5 p.m. Make Maiden entries at [horsehowsonline.com](http://horsehowsonline.com)
- A judge will be ineligible to judge The Maiden if said Judge has any previous ties (ownership, breeder, etc) to a current year's entry.
- The Maiden will announce the set number of preliminary splits prior to the entry deadline each year.
- The Maiden Reserves the right to add additional heats as entry numbers dictate. • Entry fees go toward prize money jackpot.
- 2023 Entry fee: \$350 • Jackpot Payout Structure: Calculated when all entries and sponsorships are received. 10th place is guaranteed to pay \$350 and payout increases with each placement.
- For the purposes of prize distribution, the owner and breeder on record with TWHBEA will be used.
- Payout Policy: 50% of winnings are paid to the owner on record according to TWHBEA and 50% are paid to the trainer on record according to the official entry form.
- Additional prizes: Will include but not limited to, Champion and Reserve Champion belt buckles, Reserve Champion Cooler, Champion Owners Trophy, additional donated products for Top Ten and Finalists.
- The Maiden reserves the right to modify class procedures on a yearly basis as necessary. Any changes will be released to the public immediately.