# UPHA Chapter 16 Academy Rules & Regulation

The Academy division is for those riders and/or drivers who have never shown in an "A" circuit show.

**Helmets are required for ALL riders in compliance with the 2009 congressional helmet law.**

**AGE & DIVISION:** Membership to the Florida State High Point Program is required for all riders wanting to compete in the Academy classes. A rider's age for the competition year is determined on December 1st the preceding year.

**CLASS RULES:** Headers are allowed in if needed for safety, no towels or whips allowed in with them. Classes will be split at the 13th rider. Splits will be shuffled to keep equitation and showmanship back to back (i.e.: 1a, 2a, 1b, 2b). Class holds will be 2 minutes in length. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Holds must be requested 15 minutes before the academy session/show begins. Gate times will be strictly enforced and as one class exits the next will promptly be called. Horses will individually enter and exit the arena for each class, unless an exception granted by UPHA President or Vice-President.

**ACADEMY HORSES:** Horses in academy classes MUST be a lesson horse regularly used in a professionally operated lesson program. The horses must display safety characteristics accordingly. Horses will be excused from the competition for unsafe behavior such as going too fast for a rider to handle. ***Horses are not to be judged, and must be serviceably sound.*** No farm/barn affiliation should be visible on the horse, tack, or rider.

**TURN OUT:** Required is a plain shod horse, 1 therapeutic pad and or wedge allowed. No saddle seat mane braids or artificial appliances are to be used. Hoof blacking and hunter braiding is optional. Any protective leg wraps, knee boots, bell boots, splint boots are allowed, but must be similar color to the horse's body color (i.e., no white wraps allowed unless the horse's body is white).

**ACADEMY EQUITATION**: Judged on the rider's basic equitation skills with correct diagonals and leads, proper use of ring is considered.

**ACADEMY SHOWMANSHIP:** Judged on the rider's horsemanship abilities. It is judged on the rider's ability to control and show his/her horse. The rider's command of the horse, for example, speed, collectiveness, and placement in the ring is to be considered. Walk-trot riders should not be penalized for incorrect diagonals. For walk-trot-canter riders, promptness in finding the correct leads and diagonals is important.

**WALK/TROT ON THE LINE CLASS:** Riders are to be judged on form and presentation style. Walk-Trot riders will enter the ring at a walk, be judged on the rail as a group at the walk both directions of the ring. The class will line up. Each rider and leader will individually trot down one long rail, reverse and trot back, and return to the line-up. Trainers may designate a temporary header in the line-up should he/she need to run with another of the riders. In equitation classes diagonals will count, trainers may help with diagonals. In showmanship class, diagonals will not count. If a show only has one Walk/Trot lead line class on the schedule, it is to be conducted as an equitation class.

**NOVICE CLASSES:** For each age division and for riders who have not received 3 blue ribbons in any and all academy divisions (except Lead Line classes).

## TACK AND APPOINTMENTS:

**SADDLE SEAT:** Tack: Horses may be shown in a snaffle bridle with a running martingale or German martingale, Pelham, or double bridle, no draw reins allowed. Saddles must be a cutback English saddle. No tie downs, side/over checks, standing martingales, or blinkers are allowed. Attire: Jodhpurs, jodhpur boots or paddocks boots, long sleeve button-down or collared shirts, tie and gloves are required. Vests are optional, n
o derbies allowed. Riding whip and non-roweled spurs are optional. Long hair must be secured back in a bun or braid(s).

**HUNT SEAT:** Tack: Horses may be shown in a snaffle bridle with or without a running martingale or German martingale, Pelham or double bridles are allowed, no draw reins are allowed. Saddles must be hunt seat saddles. No tie downs or blinkers are allowed, standing martingales for over fences classes are permitted. Attire: Breeches, an appropriate hunt seat shirt, hunt boots, paddock boots, or black half chaps with black paddock boots and gloves are required. Riding crop and non-roweled spurs are optional. Long hair must be secured back in a bun or braid(s).

**WESTERN:** Tack: Horses may be shown in a snaffle bridle with or without a running martingale with two hands or a single curb bit bridle with one hand. Saddles must be western saddles. No ties downs, standing martingales, or blinkers are allowed. Attire: Jeans or pants, a western style shirt, jodhpur, paddock or western boots and gloves are required. Chaps and Western hats are not allowed. "Polo" shirts are not allowed. Whips and non-roweled spurs are optional. Long hair must be secured back in a bun or braid(s).

**DRIVING:** Tack: Any 2 wheeled vehicle is allowed. Any work or show harness and cart may be used as long as it is in good working condition. Attire: Any academy attire is appropriate or you may wear pleasure driving attire. Glasses or goggles and gloves are required. Driving whip is optional. Instructor may ride along with the driver; however, no instruction can be given.

## ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE IN THE ACADEMY PROGRAM

Riders and drivers who have competed in any "show riders," USEF, Star Rated, A-Circuit type classes at any show in any discipline are ineligible to compete in the Academy program and must register FSHPP Performance Division program (exception: "A-circuit" level riders may compete in Academy driving classes, also "A-circuit" level drivers may compete in Academy riding classes).

Academy riders/drivers may participate in any open breed schooling shows and still be eligible to compete in UPHA Chapter 16 Academy classes and earn FSHPP points as long as these guidelines are followed:

1. If you compete in Academy W/T, you **can not** canter at any other shows.
2. If you compete at a schooling show in dressage, you must only compete in Intro level tests, and not in a jacket. Above Intro level, you are considered an "A-Circuit" rider, even if it is at a schooling show.
3. If you compete at a schooling show in hunter/jumper classes they must be considered "short" stirrup or "long" stirrup classes.
4. You must submit a copy of the prize list of the schooling show to FSHPP within 14 days of the competition, with the Show Secretary's contact information for verification of the results.

***Please direct all questions to horse show manager or the UPHA Chapter 16 representative***
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