

# PERFORMANCE STANDARD BREDS

## General Information and Rules

- \* All Exhibitors must be a current member of the Alberta Equestrian Federation
- \* You are required to review all rules as indicated on Waiver Form.

**All proceeds collected will go to support Performance Standardbreds Placement Program**

1. The show will follow EC (Equine Canada) rules with any additions or modifications to the rules noted.
2. The Judge reserves the right to expel any competitor from competition who in any way abuses their horse or acts in a way that is deemed irresponsible or dangerous, without refund of entry fees.
3. By signing the Release and Waiver on the entry form, you are also agreeing to participate and abide by the rules as set out.
4. The Judge's decision is final.
5. Everyone entering the premises does so at their own risk. This includes not only riders, but also family members, trainers, visitors, children, and spectators.
6. Helmets with secure harnesses are mandatory for all exhibitors under 18 years of age in *all classes*. Helmets with secure harnesses are mandatory in all jumping classes.
7. Stallions are permitted to be shown by persons over 18 years of age. Management reserves the right to request handlers remove unruly animal
8. All participants must be a current member of the Alberta Equestrian Federation (AEF).
9. **DIVISIONS:**
  - **Novice:** Any horse and rider combination in their first or second year of showing. No canter/lope will be asked for in novice classes. Cannot cross enter into any other division/classes, *with the exception of the three classes marked with the "\*".*
  - **Open:** Any horse and rider combination. Three gaits required, walk, jog/trot/middle gait, and lope/canter; middle gait must be consistent, i.e. trot or pace only.
  - **Youth:** Any horse and rider combination where the rider is 17 years of age and under.

Placings and ribbons will be awarded to sixth place.

10. Awards open to all participants include: "Hard Luck", "Best Presentation of Horse and Rider", the "George & Bev Sears Award for the Most Sportsmanlike Rider".
11. Classes may be combined at the show committee's discretion.
12. Ages of contestants are based on the attained age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
13. **DRIVING CLASSES:**
  - Two wheeled carts or four wheeled carriages are acceptable.
  - Single horse drawn vehicles only
  - Vehicle and harness to be in good repair and structurally sound.
  - \*Under ***no*** circumstances shall a bridle or reins be removed from a horse while it is still put to a vehicle.
  - \*The horse must never be left unattended while put to a vehicle
  - ***Failure to comply with the above two rules will result in elimination***
  - When grooms are required, they **must** accompany the vehicle at all times that the turnout/hitch is being driven on the show grounds.
  - All grooms/headers **must** be capable of controlling the turnout/hitch being attended.
  - **Mandatory equipment:**
    - -Breeching or a braking mechanism
    - -A driving whip long enough to reach the shoulders of the horse, carried by the driver.
  - Bridles must be equipped with a throatlatch and a noseband or cavesson.
    - Any vehicle found unsafe, unruly horse or driver clearly out of control will
    - be excused from the competition.
  - The driver is the first one into the vehicle and the last one to disembark.
  - The driver must remain safely seated while the vehicle is in motion.
14. A Concession stand will be on the grounds, from early morning to after the show, providing a variety of homemade meals, snacks and refreshments at a reasonable price.
15. No dogs permitted.
16. All competitors are required to clean up behind their animals and themselves.
17. Overnight stalls are available from 5:00PM on Saturday with a charge of \$25.00/ night. They must be cleaned out prior to leaving and camping is available on the grounds. **NO PENS AROUND TRAILERS.**