

2012 GEORGIA ACADEMY RULES AND REGULATIONS

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

ACADEMY DIVISION: GENERAL RULES

1. Academy classes are open to any breed of horse or pony ("horse"). Stallions are prohibited.
2. Horses **MUST** be used for lessons in a lesson program and **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.
Academy Showmanship/Pleasure class – The RIDER is judged on the horsemanship and ringmanship ie 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.
Academy Pleasure Driving – the DRIVER is judged on his/her ability to handle the horse or pony in the ring and show at the walk and trot. Backing is not allowed.
4. SAFETY in the Academy division is paramount. The judge has the responsibility to excuse any horse that is considered unsafe.
5. 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.
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. Riders showing in Leadline Walk/Trot are not eligible for Leadline (Not to be Judged) at the same show.

ACADEMY: EQUIPMENT/ATTIRE

1. Horses are prohibited from wearing any artificial devices/appointments while in the show ring; this includes braids (excluding hunters braided for other classes), 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 blacked. Horses may be flat shod or wear pads.
2. Horses can be bridled with a snaffle, snaffle with 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 a 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).
5. All Participants in any class in Academy (even in Lead Line not to be judged) must have a suitable saddle with feet in stirrups.
6. 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 line up at the walk.(see sketch below for pattern)

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 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