

## 2009 GEORGIA ACADEMY RULES AND REGULATIONS

ALL ACADEMY JUDGES ADJUDICATING IN GEORGIA MUST READ AND ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING GEORGIA ACADEMY RULES. SHOW MANAGEMENT MUST PROVIDE THESE RULES TO SAID JUDGES IN ADVANCE OF THE DAY OF THE HORSE SHOW.

### 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 public or private (family owned) program.  
Horses 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; The ability of the rider to handle the mount and put it through its required gaits correctly.  
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 right to excuse a horse that is considered unsafe or is Endangering other riders.
5. Show management has the right to ask all trainers, attendants and spectators to adhere to basic rules of safety with 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: Ten and under 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: THE HORSE AND RIDER

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.  
In Western Academy classes, a western curb bit without a martingale is allowed.

Unless otherwise specified as a class allowing multiple disciplines, the saddle must be of a Saddleseat type. If a horse show allows combined Saddleseat and Hunt Seat classes, the rider may use a saddle appropriate for either Hunt Seat or Saddleseat. It is recommended that Western Academy, if offered, be separate from Saddleseat and/or Hunt Seat classes. If a Horse Show Allows multiple discipline academy classes, it must be stated in the prize list.

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, and jodhpurs are appropriate attire for the academy rider. Jackets, derbies and attire with farm logos and/or farm names are prohibited. Safety Helmets are the only acceptable headgear. If Western Academy is offered, the rider must NOT use western show apparel (western hat, chaps, or western show vest and jackets). Helmets are ALWAYS acceptable.
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. Horses may be cross entered in other classes at the same horse show; however performance horses not utilized in a lesson program or in lessons are prohibited from showing in the Academy Division.
7. In Academy Leadline Walk/Trot, the riders will enter at a walk and line up. When requested by the ringmaster, each rider will individually trot up the rail, reverse and trot back. The entry will return to the line up at the walk.
8. As a safety consideration, all handlers/headers in any Academy class for any horse or rider must be 16 years of age or older.

The following are the Academy Classes (all age divisions) which must abide by the previous said rules and regulations at ASHAG Sanctioned Shows.

Academy Saddleseat Equitation Walk and Trot  
Academy Saddleseat Equitation Walk, Trot and Canter  
Academy Lead Line Walk and Trot (8 and Under)

Academy Saddleseat Showmanship Pleasure Walk and Trot  
Academy Saddleseat Showmanship Pleasure Walk, Trot and Canter

(Approved by UPHA Chapter 17, ASHAG and GMHC Representatives)