SHOW RULES

1. **Rules:** AQHA rules apply. Beginner and Beginner Walk/jog Classes run under Club rules.
2. **Registered Horses:** a copy of horse registration papers will be required with nominations. It is entirely the responsibility of each competitor to complete entry details correctly, and all owners and riders of registered Horses must be financial members of the applicable Association if points are to be recorded.
3. **Unregistered horses:** may only compete in Beginner & Beginner walk/jog classes. Unregistered horses are unable to be entered into any Approved class (Rule 43.2). The rider must be a MEMBER of MDWPC or AQHA or paid DAY MEMBERSHIP.
4. **Amateur Owner:** Over 18 years of age and hold a valid Amateur Owner permit. Proof of status must be produced.
5. **Select Amateur Owner**: Aged 50 years of age or older and hold a valid Amateur Owner permit. Proof of status must be produced.
6. **Youth classes:** 18 years of age and under and must have parent/guardian signed consent. Proof of status must be produced.
7. **Beginner:** maximum of 4 wins with 5 or more competitors in the Class. Will be run under Club Rules. Shown at walk/jog/lope. *Suggested* attire for Western is leather boots, jeans, long sleeved shirt and hat (Chaps are optional). For English, suggested attire is skull cap, long sleeved shirt, jodhpurs, dummy spurs and leather boots (long boots and jackets are optional). Riders may have verbal assistance for pattern classes. Open to Beginner Rider and/or Beginner Horse.
8. **Beginner Walk/Jog:** maximum of 4 wins with 5 or more competitors in the Class. Will be run under Club Rules. Shown at walk/jog only. *Suggested* attire for Western is leather boots, jeans, long sleeved shirt and hat (Chaps are optional). For English, suggested attire is skull cap, long sleeved shirt, jodhpurs, dummy spurs and leather boots (long boots and jackets are optional). Open to Beginner Rider and/or Beginner Horse.
9. **Non – Members:** A Day membership fee of $20.00 per person per show is applicable if non member of AQHA or MDWPC
10. **Stallions:** not permitted to be exhibited by Youth or entered into Beginner classes. Colts/stallions may be shown in halter classes with a lip cord from 1 year of age.
11. **Led versatility:** horses aged 1 year and above. Not permitted to enter any ridden classes at the same show.
12. **2 Year Old:** Snaffle bit horses are not permitted to compete under saddle until 1st April and must be 24 months of age. Can only compete in a maximum of 3 ridden classes at a show.
13. **Junior Horse:** 3-5 year old. To be shown in a snaffle bit or hackamore two handed or one handed in a bridle.
14. **Senior Horse:** 6 years and over. To be shown one handed in a bridle unless competing in Beginner classes.
15. **Program:** The committee reserves the right to cancel or combine any event with insufficient entries. The Judges decision is final. Events will be run under the rules of the AQHA and the by-Laws of the MDWPC Inc.
16. **Ranch Riding:** Competitors who ride in Ranch Riding classes may compete in Western Pleasure classes at the same Show (Rule 95.3)
17. **Gear Changes:** All gear changes of horse and rider must be done outside the arena. No classes will be delayed waiting for competitors to change gear.
18. **Dogs:** must be on a leash at all times (regardless of size). ANY dog excrement MUST be picked up. Restricted areas apply. Contact Showgrounds Mobile 0427 773 760 for further information
19. **Risk:** MDWPC Inc. will take no responsibility for any loss, damage or theft to any persons/horses, vehicles or property whilst at these shows. All competitors compete at their own risk.
20. **Refund Policy:**

    a) If the show is cancelled - full refund will be given less a $10 administration fee.
    b) If the show is postponed- you must advise the club within 7 days of receiving notice to receive a full refund (excluding $5 admin fee).
    c) More than 14 days prior to the show: Full refund less a $10 administration fee.
    - 7–14 days prior to the show: 50% refund.
    - Less than 7 days prior to the show: No refund.
    - After entries close: No refunds will be issued for change of mind or withdrawal.
    - Failure to attend the event: No refund will be issued.

    d) Any monies not collected at the end of each show for back numbers will be forfeited. No refund cheques sent or credits carried over to future events.
21. **Back Numbers:** ONE NUMBER per HORSE for the show season. Must be displayed when competing – NO back number or INCORRECT back number = no placing. Back numbers are $5.00.
22. **Ribbons:** Awarded to 3rd Place unless advised otherwise
23. **Champion and Reserve**: Ribbons will only be given where there are more than three (3) in the class. Ribbons may be purchased for $5.00 Points will be received regardless
24. **Prize money:** Will be advertised on Program (for "AA" AQHA shows only: 1st $10 2nd $ 6.00 3rd $4.00) unless advised otherwise
25. **Nominations:** All Shows are Pre Nominated via NOMINATE – No Late Nominations permitted - UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED. Nomination fee: $ 15.00 per Class unless advised otherwise
26. **Camping and Stables:** Book through http://nominate.com.au (48 hours prior) to the show commencing. No Booking = No Stable
27. **Facility fee:** $ 12.00 ***PER DAY for EACH HORSE*** **- PAID via NOMINATE**
28. **Office fee:** An Office Fee of $ 10.00 per household per show. Fee is waived for MDWPC members.

COMPETITORS/PARTICIPANTS AT MDWPC Inc EVENTS GENERAL CODE OF CONDUCT

No alcohol is allowed in, or can be consumed in the marshalling areas, working arenas or show pen/contest areas. Competitor's/participants at any event run by MDWPC Inc have a responsibility to ensure the welfare of their horses and at all times to treat their horses humanely and with dignity, respect and compassion. Competitors/participants are to conduct themselves in a professional manner and act with integrity in all dealings with the Affiliate and other competitors. To uphold the rules and regulations of the MDWPC Inc and the AQHA at all times. Competitors/participants are to demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times, showing respect for your fellow competitors and officials, following the rules and to treat people the way you yourself wish to be treated. All youth competing or taking part in an AQHA approved event, must have written permission from their parent/guardian to be at that event as a contestant or participant and in the case of a contest, the parent/guardian must also sign the entry form. All youth competing or taking part in an AQHA approved event, must be in the care of a responsible adult who is in attendance for the duration of that event, whilst the youth is in attendance at that event.