

Martha's Vineyard Horse Council Rules and Regulations

MVHC MEMBERSHIP MUST BE PAID TO PARTICIPATE IN MVHC EVENTS*

The MVHC, event organizers, officials or clinicians will not be responsible for any accident that may occur to any animal, person or property and each participant shall hold them harmless and indemnify them against any legal proceedings or liabilities arising from any such accident, or loss of property caused to or by property or employee of such participant.

General:

- The MVHC reserves the right to change officials or clinicians, decline any entry, revise time schedule, cancel any class where there is less than two entries, combine classes or divide any class in the best interest of the event.
- Neat attire, including helmet and boots, shall be worn by all riders at all events.
- Proof of negative Coggins must accompany each entry. Coggins tests must be dated within six months for out-of-state horses and 24 months for Massachusetts horses. Other vaccinations should also be current.
- All riders must wear protective headgear while riding anywhere on the event grounds. Headgear must be approved and conform to the standards of USA Equestrian Association. Harnesses must be secured and properly fitted. Any rider violating this rule will be immediately prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place. It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian of a junior exhibitor to see that the headgear worn complies with such standards.
- Stalls at the Ag Hall barn are \$5.00/day on a first come basis. Participants are responsible for cleaning their stall and area around their stall before leaving the show grounds. A \$25.00 cleaning fee will be charged for any stall not properly cleaned.
- Under MA Law an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities pursuant to section 2D of Chapter 128 of the General Law.

Horse Shows:

- Horses entered and not exhibited shall forfeit fees, unless the committee is presented with a veterinary certificate, or in equitation only, a physician's certificate
- No participant or person shall approach the judge unless he first obtains permission from the show manager. Any exhibitor or person disregarding this rule may be asked to cancel all entries and forfeit entry fees. Judges' decisions are final.
- Champion and Reserve ribbons may be awarded in all divisions to the top two horses who have acquired the most points in their divisions. Points will be awarded through 6th place: 10, 8, 6, 4, 2, 1. There must be at least three entries in the first over fences class in all hunter divisions and at least two entries in all other classes unless otherwise stated for championship and year-end points to be awarded. To be eligible for championship and reserve, the exhibitor must have shown in at least one other qualifying class in the division.
- A trophy may be presented in all classes.
- Post entries are \$25/horse for all entries not received by Wednesday before the event.

*Horse related events including horse shows, clinics, trail rides, and hunter paces.