

# Letter from the Horse Show Manager

Dear Fellow Horse Show Exhibitors,

Over the past 3 years, I have had the pleasure of creating the horse shows for Nevada County Horsemen that you all have exhibited in. Besides having a great turnout and meeting some wonderful people, word has spread that my horse shows are fun, fair and open to the wants and needs of our horse community. Several groups contacted me to put on their horse shows this year and I choose to go with Golden Empire Equestrians for 2011.

GEE is comprised of a group of Horsepeople in Nevada County that have been around since 1974 and have years of horse experience in just about every facet of the horse world that you can imagine. They take pride in giving back to our local community. These members volunteer for the Mother Lode Horse show and are participates in Reinstorm. The mission statement of GEE focuses on the idea of promoting horsemanship in Nevada County, especially to our youth. Some of our proceeds will be given to local "Horse Oriented" organizations, so your money gets you a really fun day and goes to a good cause.

We have had several meetings to try to incorporate as many of your requested classes as possible and we will continue to provide new disciplines for our participants to try. We will be CSHA Sanctioned!!! That is California State Horseman's Association. We will also have open show points for Morgan Horse, Pac (paint horse) and OEIP (Arabian Open Event Incentive Program). So, come on out and have a great time with your horse this year. Remember, our committee is going to be quite busy, so please be patient with all of us. We could use any help that any of you can give. That being said, please review the below listed newly added classes to see if you are interested in any of them:

1. We have continued and expanded the Walk Only classes ( 17 thru 22), but separated them into 2 divisions - CSHA Approved and Non-CSHA Approved. In Classes #16 thru 18, we changed the age to "6 & Under" to comply with the CSHA rules for Leadline classes. Leadline classes will only be \$4.99.  
In the 10 & Under Walk Only Classes, we will only allow a parent or handler to stand in the middle of the arena with their child during the class, not lead or walk by the horse. Please remember that these classes will help our youngsters to transition from leadline to the regular 10 & Under Walk/Jog classes. These Walk only classes pay the normal youth entry fees.
2. Our Ranch Horse Classes will be held in the top arena and the Ranch Horse Trail Class will be held in the bottom arena on an "At Will" basis. Make sure you get your trail class done early.
3. Trail Classes...we will be having arena trail classes this year
4. Reining Classes...for both the beginner and the advanced

Again this year...we have contacted several breed organizations and have received permission for you to receive points to the below listed breed organizations in our open show...

1. Morgan Horse High Point for the Show - beautiful ribbons and your points count towards medallions
2. Arabian Horse - we are approved for the Open Event Incentive Program (OEIP)
3. Paint Horse - we are approved for the Paint Alternative Competition = (PAC)

We will be using both arenas again - all day - with each arena having their own judge and crew....So please, make sure you watch for your classes as our PA system does not reach all of the parking lot. It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to watch the classes. NO REFUNDS will be given for missing a class. Come on out and visit us for the day, eat at our snack shack and watch the fun....Volunteers and participants are ALWAYS WELCOME....Hope to see you at the show and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at rocknrose@syix.com.

Thank you,  
Diana Culver, Show Manager

# GEE Horse Show General Rules & Information

1. **RULES from HORSE SHOW MANAGEMENT:** West Coast Horse Show/CSHA rules will be used as a guideline. You can find the WCHS rules on the internet. However, the decision of the Horse Show Management will be final. **Some** exceptions are:
  - A. In the interest of **SAFETY...HELMETS** are **MANDATORY** in **ALL** English classes, regardless of age and on all **Youth under the age of 17** **WHENEVER** they are mounted on the show grounds.
  - B. In the specific **Leadline classes #16, 17 and 18**, designated as **“6 and Under”**, any legal bit will allowed to be used on any age horse. The bit must be ridden in accordance with the rules for that bit.
  - C. **Walk Only exhibitors in Class #19, 20, 21, 22 and 23**, must use the proper bit for their age horse and ride in accordance with the rules for that bit.
  - D. **Exhibitors in Classes 17 thru 22** may not have ridden in any previous show in a walk/jog class, nor may they enter into any other walk/jog or walk/jog/lope classes at this show.
  - E. One horse may be used by more than one Youth in different age categories.
  - F. Walk/Jog exhibitor/horse combinations **MAY NOT** have shown at the lope in **any** horse show
  - G. Ponies are classified as 14.2 hands and Under with ¼” given for shoes.
  - H. Any Entrant entered in the English will be allowed to perform their trail class in English attire and equipment.
  - I. Donkeys and Mules are allowed in all classes, except those that are breed specific.
  - J. Additional Management decisions shall be made on a case by case basis. Again, Horse Show Management will have the final decision.
2. **ENTRY FORM:** No entry form will be accepted unless exhibitor and his/her parent/legal guardian agent sign it. All fees must accompany the entry form, unless permission from Horse Show Manager is granted. If the bank refuses the check for the entry fee, a penalty of \$35.00 per check must be paid. Unpaid checks eliminate participant from participating in upcoming shows and any awards such as High Point. Unpaid check, check fees and any additional show entries will then have to be paid in cash. Also, by signing and submitting an entry form the exhibitor and their parent/legal guardian acknowledge and agree that they:
  - A. Understand and have read the GEE/NCHI General Information and Rules Booklet
  - B. Understand and have read the GEE/NCHI Arena & Ground Rules
  - C. Agree to abide by the rules
  - D. Certify that all information on the entry form is true and accurate
3. **POST ENTRY:** Any entry received or postmarked after the entry closing dates will be considered a post entry and will be assessed a **\$5.00 per class post entry fee**.
4. **DRUG FEE:** Equine Medication Monitoring Program (CA Food & Ag Code 24000-24018). Horses are subject to random drug and medication testing specified in the Food and Agricultural Code. The applicable fee is **\$5.00 per horse per event**. All horses are subject to random testing to determine the presence of drugs that may alter the performance or disposition of the animal.
5. **SUBSTITUTIONS:** Any Entrant will be allowed to substitute their horse **ONE** time providing:
  - A. Horse Show Manager is informed and agrees **BEFORE** substitution is made
  - B. A valid veterinarian’s certificate is provided **BEFORE** substitution is made
  - C. Substituted horse must be used for rest of Show or Series. Exhibitor may not return to showing original horse and all rules apply to the new horse/rider combination.
5. **MANAGEMENT:** Show Management reserves the right to return entries, transfer entries or combine divisions or classes, and/or cancel any division or class in which, in its judgment, the entries are insufficient to secure adequate competition. **No Refunds will be made.**
7. **REFUNDS:** Requests for refunds must be made in writing to the Horse Show Manager and may be granted upon approval by the Horse Show Manager. Requests made due to health or soundness of animal must be accompanied by a veterinarian’s certificate

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8. **AGE:** Age of exhibitor on December 1 of the previous year shall be maintained through the next calendar year for Youth classes only.
9. **JUNIOR EXHIBITORS: (age 17 and under):**
  - A. Parent or Legal Guardian must accompany junior exhibitor at show and sign the General Liability Release
  - B. **\*\*What is legal guardianship?**  
Legal guardianship is a court order that says someone who is not the child's parent is in charge of taking care of the child. Legal guardians have a lot of the same rights and responsibilities as parents. They can decide where the child lives and goes to school, and they can make decisions about the child's health care. Legal guardianship is documented by a "*Letter of Guardianship (Juvenile)* (form JV-330)."
  - C. It is MANDATORY that all Junior Exhibitors wear a helmet WHENEVER MOUNTED.
  - D. All Children must always be supervised by an adult in accordance with Arena & Ground Rules.
10. **WAIVERS:** All exhibitors are required to sign a General Liability Waiver to exhibit in the horse show. Exhibitors under the age of 18 years old require a parent or legal guardian signature also. For the Junior exhibitors, the signature of a trainer, instructor or friend is not acceptable substitutes for the parent or guardian's signature. Please see Item #9B.
11. **INSURANCE:** Neither Golden Empire Equestrians or Nevada County Horsemen provide liability coverage on your behalf in the event that your animal would cause bodily injury or property damage. It is strongly recommended that you check with your insurance agent/insurance company to see if your present liability insurance extends to you while participating as an exhibitor at our Golden Empire Equestrian Horse Show.
12. **PROTESTS:** The Judge's decision is protestable only if a rule violation is involved. All protests must be in writing to the Horse Show Manger and accompanied by a \$50.00, non-refundable fee. The protest be reviewed by the Golden Empire Equestrian Board and a letter with their decision will be returned to the Protestor.
13. **JUDGES:**
  - A. The Judge may judge for conformation before entering the show ring.
  - B. In all classes, the judge may give reasons for their decisions to the entrants if requested.
  - C. Judges shall not discriminate against exhibitors wearing protective helmets.
14. **EQUINE HEALTH RULES:**
  - A. All animals must be serviceably sound. The soundness of the animals when determined by the Judge shall be final and cannot be protested.
  - B. All penalties of the Horse Protection Act of 1970 shall be strictly enforced.
  - C. Exhibitors who refuse to allow their horse to be examined shall be disqualified from showing and Such violation shall be reported to F & E. No refund will be made in these cases.
15. **HORSE PROTECTION ACT:** Exhibitors must comply with the Horse Protection Act of 1970 (PL 91-540) and rules adopted by the U>S> Secretary of Agriculture to carry out its provisions.
16. **EQUINE MEDICATION MONITORING PROGRAM:** See State Rules for a listing of prohibited substances. Direct specific questions to CDFA, Animal Health and Food Safety Services, 1220 N Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
17. Absolutely **NO ALCOHOL** allowed on the **Horse Show Grounds. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

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**18. RANCH HORSE COMPETITION:** The GEE Horse Show Committee members will continue the classes at our horse show which showcases the ranch horse. This series was created using the AQHA Versatility Ranch Horse Competition as a guideline only to provide a competition that more of our membership would enjoy and that would showcase the many talents of their ranch type horses. Our version of the Ranch Horse competition demonstrates the versatility of the ranch horse in four categories: ranch conformation, ranch riding, ranch reining and ranch trail. So bring your horse of any breed (mules welcome!) and come on down to join the fun.

**Ranch Conformation:** The ranch conformation class will be based on balance, structural correctness, breed and sex characteristics, and degree of muscling, with balance being the most important. Horses are to be shown in a good working halter (rope, braided, nylon or plain leather). All sexes will be judged in one class. Horses will walk to the judge one at a time then trot straight to a cone. At the cone, the horse will continue trotting, turn to the right and trot toward the right wall or fence of the arena. After trotting, horses will be lined up head to tail for individual inspection by the judge. The judge shall inspect each horse from both sides, front and rear.

**Ranch Riding: (Patterned Riding)** This class shows the horse's ability to move at a working speed with a rider. Horses will be shown at various gaits, such as the walk, trot and in some classes the lope while completing a riding pattern in the arena. Horses also will be asked to perform various tasks as indicated by a posted pattern. A horse will be given credit for traveling with his head held in a normal position, ears alert and moving at a natural speed for the gait requested. Horses will be asked to extend the lope or the trot in at least one direction. Credit also will be given for making a smooth transition between the gaits, for keeping the correct lead and for maintaining the gait until the pattern asks for a change. A rider must show his horse with only one hand on the reins, unless the horse is five years old or younger and is being shown in a snaffle bit or bosal.

**Ranch Reining:** This class shows the ability of the ranch horse to rein. Each contestant will perform individually. One of three approved patterns will be used for this class. Maneuvers may include at least one circle in both directions, a change of leads in each direction, at least one 360-degree turn in each direction, a rollback in each direction, stop and back for the loping class and various other beginning maneuvers specifically for the walk/jog class.

**Ranch Trail:** This class contains a course with a minimum of six obstacles and is designed to show a horse's ability and willingness to perform several tasks that might be asked of him during the course of a normal day's ranch work. Whenever possible, realistic or natural obstacles will be used and we may set up the course outside the arena in a natural setting. The horse will be judged on three gaits, walk, trot and lope performed between the six obstacles to be determined when the judge chooses the pattern. A horse will be rewarded with higher credit for performing these gaits on the correct lead and with an alert attitude. Mandatory obstacles will include opening and closing a gate, dragging a log, unbridling and bridling and picking up all four feet. Some optional obstacles might include crossing a water hazard, crossing a bridge and roping a stationary steer.

### **General Rules for Ranch Horse:**

- A. All Participants must enter the Ranch Horse Confirmation Class and the three additional classes (ranch riding, ranch reining and ranch trail) pertinent to their division of walk/jog or walk/jog/lope
- B. Tack should be a good working outfit and will count OVER silver-inlaid equipment. Silver on bridles and saddles is discouraged.
- C. No horses less than 3 years of age may be exhibited.

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**19: ARENA & GROUND RULES:** The NCHI Arena & Ground Rules were adopted by the NCHI Membership and must be followed by any participant of the GEE Horse Shows as we are renting the grounds. The penalty for Non-Members not following these rules will be that they are asked to leave the premises, with a possible suspension from attending ANY NCHI hosted function. If the non-member refuses, we may be forced to request the local Sheriff to escort them off the property. The NCHI Arena & Ground Rules are listed below:

### *General Arena and Grounds Rules*

1. Check in with the Caretaker, if available, for permission to use grounds, arena or equipment. (Does not apply to horse show participants)
2. **NO** equipment or vehicles are allowed behind the entry booth or the white piped fence in the snack shack area except:
  - A. During scheduled events, snack shack workers may park next to the snack shack.
  - B. The Event Chairperson may give special permission to park in posted areas, due to special circumstances.
3. All equipment used must be returned to the storage area after use:
  - A. Event Chairpersons have 24 hours to return equipment to storage or as needed by the club.
  - B. Report any faulty equipment to the Caretaker, Wrangler or Bldgs & Grounds Chair.
4. All members, guests and participants are responsible to police the area after use. If you pack/trailer it in, then you must pack/trailer it out.
5. Arena must be watered prior to use/event and during your use/event to control dust.
6. All dogs must be leashed and controlled by an adult at all times. No dogs are allowed in the Snack Shack area, entry booth, clubhouse and arena unless the dog is a Certified Service Dog. Cattle and Eventing dogs must be leashed, or contained, when not showing or working. The Event Chairperson in charge of each event will be responsible for enforcing these rules and may make allowances under Special Medical Circumstances. The event Chairperson is permitted to request and enforce the "No Dogs Allowed" rule for their event. Please clean up after your dogs. In keeping with California Penal Code 597.7...No person shall leave or confine an animal (dog) in any unattended motor vehicle.
  - A. First Offense: Warning
  - B. Second Offense: Dog banned from Grounds
7. No motorcycles or off road vehicles permitted on grounds except to or from the parking area.
8. A. NCHI is not a Boarding Facility.
  - B. Animals requested to remain on grounds overnight will be by application only.
  - C. Approval of an "Overnight" request may only be granted by the President of NCHI.
  - D. The application and overnight waiver must be signed and approved by all parties prior to the overnight stay.
9. During scheduled events there will be no bicycle riding or skateboarding on the grounds except in the posted area. (Posted area at this time is behind the snack shack only) At no time will you be allowed to ride bicycles or skateboards on the clubhouse porch.

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10. Trotting or running of horses will not be permitted in the parking area.
11. No alcohol is allowed in the arena during scheduled events. No intoxicated person/persons will be allowed to participate in NCHI sanctioned events. The Events Chairperson has the authority to request the offensive person(s) be removed from the grounds.
12. Any unnecessary or abusive language will not be tolerated at any time. The Events Chairperson has the authority to request the offensive person(s) be removed from the grounds.
13. **Sportsmanship:** All participants and family members are expected to display good sportsmanship at all times. No level of abuse toward any animal at the event will be allowed. Foul language, misconduct or abusive comments spoken to any participant, spectator, staff member or volunteer will result in immediate participants disqualification and no refund of entry fees. Participants are also responsible for their traveling companions and family members.
14. Parents and/or Legal Guardians must accompany any Junior members using the arena. A Junior member is defined as 17 years and under. \*\*
15. All participants must have a signed Hold Harmless Liability Agreement on file.
16. No more than one person on a horse at a time during scheduled events in the arena or on the grounds, except for specific events that require 2 persons on a horse.
17. **Dress Code for Riders:** All riders must wear pants, shirts and boots or riding shoes with heels. Helmets are encouraged for everyone, especially for juniors.

A violation of any of these rules will result in the following

- A. Members/participants may be issued a warning by the Events Chairperson.
- B. Depending upon the severity of the violation the participants (members or non-members) may be excused from the grounds.

Members violating any of the above rules may be brought before the club membership at the next meeting to decide on disciplinary actions. The President or Executive Board, while awaiting membership decision, may take emergency action.

