

2019 MEC WSCA Open Show Series Rules & Commonly Asked Questions

- 1) **All WSCA Rules apply. Please see WSCA Rule Book for specific details. It is available online.**
- 2) **New For 2019!**
 - a. We added Open Ranch Horse Pleasure!
 - b. Hunt Seat Walk/Trot Classes are now English Walk/Trot Classes
 - c. Timed Event Classes will run on Friday Night and Saturday night – No Timed Events on Sunday.
 - d. Egg & Spoon will only count toward Pleasure High Point Awards.
 - e. MEC Series T-Shirts! Profits will go toward our series year end awards!
- 3) **What is the weekend Schedule for 2019?**
 - a. Friday: Noon – 5:30 PM – Open Arena
 - b. Friday: **6PM** – Timed Classes Only on Friday night – No Egg & Spoon on Friday.
 - c. Saturday: **Start Time 8AM** with Judged classes – Timed Classes to immediately follow.
 - d. Sunday – **Start Time 8AM** – Judged classes only on Sunday
- 4) **What are your office hours?**
 - a. Friday: Noon – end of show
 - b. Saturday: 6AM – end of show
 - c. Sunday: 7AM – end of show
- 5) **How do I enter?**
 - a. Print off an entry form from our Website and fill it out. Fill out the Barrel Side Pot entry form if you plan to enter that. **Include your payment with your entry forms.**
 - b. If pre-entering mail to:
Minnesota Equestrian Center
Attn: Dani Wilson
24621 Gilmore Valley Rd.
Winona, MN 55987
 - c. You will need to show proof of current negative Coggins in the show office
- 6) **What age group do I enter?**
 - a. Walk/Trot Classes - Jr is 17 & Under Sr is 18 & Over
 - b. If there is no Sr+ or Sr++ offered, and you are in that age group – you will go in the SR Age Division – that means 18 & Over.
 - c. If Only JR, Intermediate, and Sr are offered – that means Jr is 13 & Under, Intermediate 14-17, SR – 18 & Over.
 - d. Age Divisions if all classes offered:
 - i. Pee Wee – 10 & Under
 - ii. Jr. 11-13
 - iii. Inter. 14-17
 - iv. Sr. 18-34
 - v. Sr+ 35-49
 - vi. Sr++ - 50 & Over
 - e. All Age groups are based on your age as of January 1st, 2019
- 7) **How many shows do I need to attend to qualify for High-Point Awards?**
 - a. You need to attend 3 of our 4 weekends
- 8) **Can I reserve stalls?**
 - a. Yes, Please. It is not required that you pre-enter but it is appreciated. **Stalls are first come first serve based on payment received.**
- 9) **Can I reserve an electrical spot?**
 - a. Yes, we recommend you do. We do sell out of electrical hook-ups. They are assigned in the order that payment is received. **I will not hold a spot without a payment.**

10) Can I enter the walk/trot classes and the walk/trot/lope classes with the same horse?

- a. No, you cannot enter both types of classes with the same horse.
 - i. The same horse can be used for both but must have a different rider.
 - ii. The same rider can enter both but must use a different horse.

11) When can I arrive?

- a. You can come any-time after Noon on the Friday, prior to a show. Arena is open for riding on Friday from Noon – 5:30 PM. It is open before the show starts each morning until 7:30AM.

12) Do I need to pre-enter?

- a. No. **Everyone is welcome.** You can just show up & then come find us in the office for your stall & electrical assignments.
- b. If you pre-enter, your stalls and electrical spots will be posted on our website the Wed/Thurs. prior to the show.
- c. There is typically a line in the office for sign-up, if you want to avoid this, **Pre-enter!**

13) Do I need a membership?

- a. No, these shows are open to everyone!

14) Will the arena be open for riding on Friday?

- a. Yes it is open for riding on the Fridays prior to each open show from Noon-5:30 PM.

15) What hotel should I stay at?

- a. Winona is only 6 miles from the Minnesota Equestrian Center.
- b. If you stay at any of the following – **ask for the Horse show discount**
 - i. **The Plaza Hotel & Suites** - 1025 Highway 61 East – Winona, MN 55987 -507-453-0303
 - ii. **Holiday Inn Express** – 1128 Homer Road – Winona, MN 55987 – 507-454-1700
 - iii. **Riverport Inn & Suites** – 900 Bruski Drive – Winona, MN 55987 –507-452-0606

16) How do you calculate points?

- a. Points are calculated using the WSCA point system
 - i. 1st– 6pts 2nd– 5pts 3rd– 4pts 4th– 3pts 5th– 2pts 6th - 1pt
 - ii. If a class is not full, points are awarded based off of the number in the class.
 - 1. Example: If there are 4 exhibitors in the class, Points Given are 4, 3, 2, 1.
 - iii. In the event of a tie: The person that received the most 1st places will be the winner. If there is a tie based off of the number of 1st place wins, then we review 2nd place wins, then 3rd place wins, and so on until the tie is broken.
 - iv. Pee Wee Awards are based off of Pee Wee Classes only

17) What is Walk/Trot Showmanship?

- a. This class is for those going in the Walk/Trot riding classes. If you are going for Walk/Trot high point awards – you want to enter the walk/trot showmanship class rather than your age division showmanship class. These showmanship classes count toward the Walk/Trot High Point Awards.

18) What are your awards?

- a. 10 Belt Buckles **Every Weekend** to our Grand Champions in each division & 10 Reserve awards!
- b. Pee Wee Awards each weekend for 2019! Plus Pee Wee Series year end award belt buckles!
- c. Ribbons for 1st Place – 6th Place. Ribbons are in the office – You come and get them as you earn them.

19) What are your weekend Circuit award divisions?

- a. Pee Wee
- b. Jr.
- c. Intermediate
- d. Sr.
- e. Sr + (35 & Over)
 - i. A-E are for Judged and Timed Events
- f. Walk/Trot (Judged Events Only) – Awards for JR & SR Age Divisions!

20) What are your series awards?

- a. High Point Judged saddle for the person with the most accumulated points throughout the Series
- b. High Point Timed Event saddle for the person with the most accumulated points through the series
- c. 1st– 10th for Pleasure and Games will receive Series Year End Awards in 2019! That is 20 Series Year End Awards!

21) Does Egg & Spoon count for High Point?

- a. Yes, it counts toward Pleasure High Point Awards

22) Do all classes count toward High Point?

- a. All Classes count except for Open Ranch Horse Pleasure & Ribbon Race.

23) Can I come show for just one day?

- a. Yes. You are still required to pay for a stall, even if you only show one day.

24) Can I bring my own shavings?

- a. No, it is required that you use the shavings provide by the facility.
- b. The minimum requirement is 2 bags per stall.

25) Should I come to the office to check in, even if I pre-enter?

- a. Yes! Get settled in and then stop up in the office. If I have any questions regarding your paperwork, we can figure it out before the show starts.

26) Should I sign up for classes on Friday?

- a. Yes, please come sign up on Friday. Time is limited Saturday morning before the show starts.

27) How do I change classes?

- a. We have add/scratch cards that you fill out in the office if you need to make a change. They will be on the table with the show bill and entry forms. **Scatched classes will not be refunded.**

28) How will we know when games start?

- a. That is all dependent on the judge and the size of the show. We try to start games by 3pm.

29) Where can I get patterns?

- a. Patterns are posted on the outside window of the show office. If approved by the judges, they will be posted on Friday. If not approved to be posted ahead of time, they will be posted by 6AM on Saturday morning.

30) Do I need to use the same back number for the entire series?

- a. **Yes!** For point purposes, you will need to use the same one. Please print copies for each show.

31) What happens if I pre-enter and do not provide a back number?

- a. If you pre-enter and do not provide a back number, one will be assigned to you. If you are pre-entered and do not like the back number assigned to you – there will be a \$10 office fee to change it.

32) What is the Barrel side pot?

- a. This is your opportunity to win some money!
- b. If you enter the side pot, placings will be based off of your run in your barrel class. This is not an additional run.
- c. Payout will be based off of how many enter – we usually pay 1-3 spots in each D. That is 8-12 people that will win money each day!
- d. Each division is a full second split – 4D race.

33) What is the cost to enter the Barrel side pot?

- a. \$10/horse per day

34) How much money is added to the Barrel side pot?

- a. \$50 added per day by Purina + all of the entry fee money from those entering
- b. 100% payback

35) Do I have to sign up for the barrel side pot ahead of time?

- a. No, you can sign up anytime but must be entered prior to the first horse running in Pee Wee Barrels.

36) Do you have a concession stand?

- a. Yes, we have food & drinks available.
- b. Breakfast sandwiches, Burgers, chicken strips, taco salads, yogurt parfait, some baked treats, candy bars
Coffee, Pop, Gatorade, & Water – Plus more!

37) Are the stalls matted?

- a. Yes, all stalls have mats.

38) Who do I contact with questions?

- a. Dani Wilson – mec.wsca@gmail.com Call or Text 507-450-4559