

DURHAM SADDLE CLUB
BY-LAWS 2018

1. The Durham Saddle Club is governed by ten directors, holding the following positions: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and six general directors. This group of ten has voting authority regarding the policies and procedures for the club.
2. At least three executive members must be present to vote on issues or discrepancies that require decisions on show days.
3. Officials are nominated and elected each year at the Annual General Meeting by all club members in good standing.
4. Elections are held at the Annual General Meeting for the upcoming show season. The newly elected officials begin their duties after the preceding show season's banquet and continue until after the next banquet.
5. All competitors, including non-members, must sign and return a liability waiver form before their entries will be accepted.
6. Ribbons will be awarded to sixth place in each class at each show.
7. All competitors must be members in good standing to be eligible to compete for year-end awards. Exhibitors must have paid their membership fees for the current year before they will be given credit for points earned.
8. Members must compete in the class at a minimum of three shows to be eligible for year-end awards in that class.
9. Members must compete in all classes in the Division at a minimum of three shows to be eligible for year-end awards in that division.
10. Year-end awards will go to the top six competitors with the highest cumulative points in each division. In the event that a class is not included in any division calculation, the award will go to the six competitors with the highest cumulative points in the class. Points will be accumulated based on the horse/one rider combination.
11. Ribbons will be awarded to 6th place.
12. Points will be awarded as follows regardless of class sizes:

First 7	Fifth 3
Second 6	Sixth 2
Third 5	All other placings 1
Fourth 4	

13. In the event of injury, death or the sale of the horse or pony, points can be transferred to a new horse/pony. This change will be allowed only one time during the show season. Member must formerly request a "Horse Change" from the Show Secretary who will submit it to the board for approval. Proper documentation may be required. i.e. Vet certificate, bill of sale. This does not apply to Leadline.

14. The following CLASSES will be recognized for year-end high points awards: Green Horse, Open Cross Rails, Trial, and Reining.

15. The following DIVISIONS will be recognized for year-end high points awards:

Youth Line
Senior Line
Youth Cross Rails
Youth English Over Fences
Senior English Over Fences
Open Over Fences
Leadline
Beginner
Novice
Pony
Open
Youth English
Senior English
Youth Western
Senior Western
Youth Speed
Senior Speed

16. Division year end High Point Champion will receive a perpetual trophy or plaque which is the property of the Durham Saddle Club. The trophy must be returned in good repair to the show office at the final show of the season.

17. In addition to the aforementioned Divisions and Classes that will be recognized for year end high points, the most versatile horse/rider combination will also be awarded the Durham Saddle Club Versatility Awards. This replaces a similar award. Charlie's Pride, which is now retired. For more details on requirements for this award please see Class Rules & Regulations.

18. Classes with fewer than three entries may, at the executive's discretion, be run concurrently with other classes in that division or with the next age group. In such cases, points will be awarded separately. (leadline, beginner, pony and novice rider classes are exempt).

19. Riders will be assigned one number for the entire show season. A \$5.00 fee will be charged for the back number and any replacement numbers given. The initial \$5.00 back number fee will be

refunded when the number is physically returned. NOTE: each rider/horse combination requires a separate back number.

20. Hors Concours Individual Class Rule – riders will enter the ring after the class has been run and while the judge is filling out the judge's card. Riders will be limited to once around the course. Any refusals, riders will be excused from the ring.

21. Riders may enter a group class 'hors concours' by paying the appropriate entry fee (member or non-member). Riders must wear proper show attire and adhere to The Durham Saddle Club tack and equipment rules. Riders will not have a number showing and they will not be awarded points and/or ribbons.

22. Open Barrel Stakes and an English/Western Pleasure Stakes will be held at each show. Payout will be as follows:

- a) 5 or less entries in the class, payback will be given to third place
- b) 6 or more entries in the class will, payback will be given to fifth place
- c) 1st place receives 30% of the pot; 2nd place receives 25% of the pot; 3rd place receives 20% of the pot. 4th place receives 15% of the pot. 5th place receives 10% of the pot.

23. A 'Youth' rider is 18 years of age or under on January 1st of the current year.

24. All youth riders must be supervised by an adult. They must have their liability waiver forms and all entry forms signed by a parent or a legal guardian. If the parent or legal guardian is not present on the show grounds, the youth rider must provide an emergency telephone number.

25. Youth riders are not permitted to show stallions.

26. A 'Senior' rider is 19 years of age or over on January 1st of the current show season.

27. Senior riders with ponies must compete in the senior division.

28. A horse will measure 14 hh or higher (for the purposes of DSC showing)

29. A pony will measure 14.2 hh or lower (for the purposes of DSC showing)

30. An equine 14hh to 14.2hh is considered to be a crossover between a large pony and a small horse. The rider must declare the equine to be a horse or pony at the beginning of the season and continue to show it in the appropriate classes and divisions as set out in the rules and bylaws. In some circumstances the same animal may be declared a pony by one rider and a horse by another. This is permitted provided the horse/rider combination maintains that identity for ALL classes throughout the season. Should the declaration change, no points will be transferred and the newly declared horse/rider will be treated as a new entry and assigned a new number.

31. Youth riders with ponies under 14.0 hands may enter into any of the following: Divisions - Line, Cross Rails, Over Fences, Leadline, Beginner, English, Pony and Speed; Classes - Mystery and Trail

32. With the exception of the Novice division, where the equine must be a minimum of 14hh, there are no restrictions on horse/pony size for senior riders.

33. The Judge may, at his/her discretion, excuse a rider who is off pattern or unable to complete the pattern in a timely manner.

34. Competitors may address the Judge only after obtaining permission through the Ring Steward.

35. Protests must be made in writing and be delivered to the Show Secretary or an executive director, within forty-eight hours of the show. Each written protest must be signed by the individual lodging the protest and must be accompanied by a deposit of \$20. The executive directors must act as soon as possible upon receipt of the protest. If the protest is sustained, the deposit shall be returned to the protester. If it is not sustained, the deposit shall be forfeited to The Durham Saddle Club.

36. Non-protest able decisions include:

- a) The soundness of a horse when determined by a veterinarian or a judge.
- b) A judge's decision representing his/her individual preference.

37. A protest with respect to the height of a horse or pony may only be made to the executive members during the show. Re-measuring shall take place immediately.

38. The following actions will result in disqualification from a class or possibly excusal from the show grounds, this includes spectators and coaches:

- Unsportsmanlike behaviour
- Profanity or disruptive behaviour
- Alcohol consumption (as dictated by our insurance policy)
- Excessive whipping or spurring of horses
- Abusive and/or inhumane treatment of animals

• Ill mannered or out-of-control horses which interfere with the safe conduct of classes and show grounds.

- Any act or behaviour which could or does result in damage to property of The Pickering Horse Centre or Durham Saddle Club would be the financial responsibility of the entrant and or parent or legal guardians.

39. Proper show attire is required and consists of:

English - Hunt jacket, breeches or jodhpurs, approved ASTM helmet with harness, or saddle suit and bowler hat (Senior only), and boots with at least a half inch heel. All riders over fences must wear helmets with secure safety harnesses.

Western - Long sleeved shirt, slinky, western vest or show jacket (tie, pin or bandanna optional), western hat (Seniors only) or approved ASTM helmet with harness (required for youth) and western boots. Jeans may be worn; however, they must be clean and in good repair. Chaps are optional. Western speed event riders may wear a short sleeved collared western shirt; jackets will be excuse for riders wearing English attire; however, they must wear their English shirt.

40. ASTM Helmets with secure safety harnesses are highly recommended for all competitors and MUST be worn by youth at all time, in all classes and warm up without exception. Senior Western riders will NOT be penalized for wearing a helmet in lieu of a cowboy hat. For all Novice Division and Jumping competitors, helmets are mandatory.

41. Riders will not be penalized for using English or Western quick release stirrups or stirrups with tapaderos.

42. Restricted areas of the show grounds must be respected.

43. Dogs may not be permitted at some venues; if dogs are permitted they must be on leashes at all times.

44. Entry fees may be refunded to a competitor at the sole discretion of the executive.

45. Cheques return non-sufficient funds will incur a \$25 fee and the competitor will not be permitted to write cheques at future events.