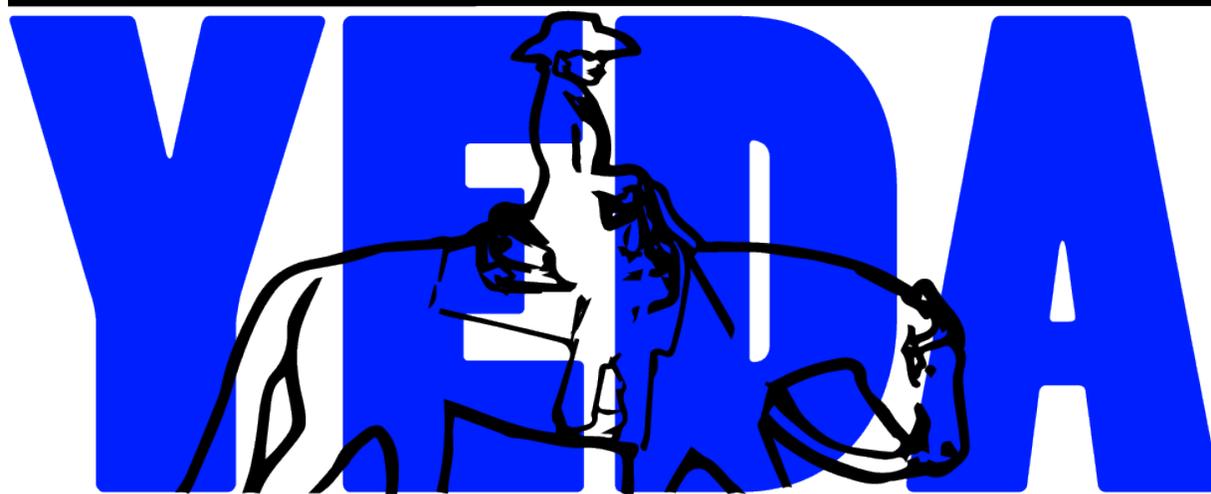


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YEDA rules, rule books and proprietary forms are exclusively used for YEDA events and YEDA sectioned events. No organization can use, refer to, or reference YEDA rules for non-sanctioned events or shows. Any group or groups must be affiliate club or team with YEDA in order to use the rules, rule books and proprietary forms.

Team Membership

Section R1:

R1.01 Any team interested in participating in the activities of the Youth Equestrian Development Association, Inc., and willing to subscribe to the By-laws and Rules of YEDA are eligible for membership.

R1.02 Teams must apply for membership annually on an official YEDA membership form. Such form shall also identify the name of the team, team's coach/coaches and the official mailing address and email. All student riders must have a YEDA approved coach present at the competitions.

R1.03 The team membership application must be accompanied by a check, in the amount of \$125.00 for one team and \$175.00 for two teams of the same address and name.(Ex: One (1) Sr. High Team & One (1) Jr. High Team).

R1.04 The team membership application must include:

- Name, address, phone number of the coach.
- Name of team and official address.
- Name, title and address of coach, coach supervisor or employer if employed by a farm or youth group sponsoring team.
- Signature of coach.
- Signature of supervisor or employer of farm or youth group sponsoring team.

R1.05 For a team to be considered "in good standing," both the initial or annual team membership application and dues must be received before the first show in which they seek to participate.

Individual Student Membership

Section R2

R2.01 Eligibility for Membership & Participation

- A** - A rider will be eligible for the number of regular terms equivalent to the grade they are enrolled. A rider's eligibility time starts with their initial completion of their application.
- B** - Eligibility is Elementary-2 years, Jr High-3 years, and Sr High-4 years (Board of Directors will consider exceptions on applications)
 - B-1 Elementary 4th and 5th grade, Junior High 6th, 7th, & 8th grades, Senior high 9th, 10th, 11th, & 12th grades.
- C** - In order to become an Individual Student member in YEDA, a rider must be a full-time student. In order to participate in YEDA shows or events, an individual member must be in good academic standing at the time of the show.
- D** - A rider in the final term of their senior year enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies may compete in YEDA shows providing the student member certifies that the student is carrying the minimum necessary to graduate (for credit).
- E** - A rider having completed high school and is a graduate in mid academic year is eligible to ride in regular YEDA shows. Student may not be an undergraduate of and competing on a collegiate team.

R2.02 Individual Membership Form

- A** - Annually, prior to the member's first competition, an eligible student must apply for membership on the official YEDA Individual Membership Form, to indicate intent to participate. The application must be signed by both the individual & parent(s) and/or guardian(s).
- B** - Application must be filed with YEDA prior to the first completion and must include an individual membership fee of \$50.00 and must be received by the YEDA Home Office. Memberships are non-refundable.

R2.03 Should a team or individual check be returned for insufficient funds, the team or individual responsible shall be notified in order to resubmit the check. If the check is not made good within 15 business days, the team or individual responsible shall be ineligible to compete until funds are negotiable and all charges and applicable fees are paid. \$25 return check fee plus any additional bank fees must be paid.

Individual Coach Membership

Section R3

R3.01 Eligibility for Coach Membership & Participation

A - In order to become a coach in YEDA, a coach must be affiliated with a member team. In order to participate in YEDA shows or events, a coach member must be in good standing at the time of the show.

B - All YEDA Coaches must be a member of at least 21 years old.

C - All YEDA Coaches must carry professional liability insurance coverage for coaching activities at YEDA events or shows. Proof of professional liability insurance must be included with the coach application.

D - If a team coach on record cannot attend a show date, written consent in the form of a letter from said coach naming and approving a replacement coach must be received by YEDA prior to the competition date, via Fax or email.

E - All YEDA Substitute coaches must meet the requirements set forth in sections R3.01(A) - R3.01(E).

R3.02 Coach Membership Form

A - Annually, prior to their first competition, an eligible coach must submit signed application for membership on the official YEDA Coach Membership Form, to indicate intent to participate.

B - Coach Membership Form must be received by the **YEDA Home Office** prior to the first competition at which a coach intends to serve & must include the coach membership fee of **\$50.00**. Memberships are non-refundable.

R3.03 Should a team, coach or individual check be returned for insufficient funds, the team or individual responsible shall be notified in order to resubmit the check. If the check is not made good within 15 business days, the team or individual responsible shall be ineligible to compete until funds are negotiable. \$25 return check fee plus any additional bank fees must be paid.

Individual Eligibility Packet

Section R4

R4.01 Academic Eligibility

In order to compete in YEDA shows, a YEDA member **must be able to** submit **proof of** Academic Eligibility guaranteeing they are a full-time student in good academic standing, if requested. See Rule R2.01.

R4.02 Individual Placement Form

In order to compete in YEDA shows, an individual member showing YEDA must submit a completed YEDA Individual Placement Form to the team coach who will sign and forward it to the address on the applicable form prior to the member's first show. Coaches are responsible to evaluate a rider in the appropriate division.

R4.03 An Individual Membership and Placement form must be completed in its entirety including signatures. This form must be completed and sent with payment to membership secretary.

R4.04 For a team to be considered "in good standing," both the initial or annual team membership application and dues must be received before the first show in which they seek to participate.

R4.05 Classification by Coach

It is the responsibility of the coach to accurately enter riders in the proper class according to their individual skill and experience levels and in compliance with the definitions and descriptions of those levels as set forth in the rules. Coaches will be held responsible for placement.

R4.06 It is the responsibility of the coach to move riders to the proper class when they have used all their eligibility or achieved certain goals as defined in rules. If a rider has progressed sufficiently in skills, s/he may be moved to a higher class

R4.07 Once a rider has competed at a level, s/he may not move to a lower level unless directed to do so by a show steward of YEDA.

R4.08 Classification by Show Stewards

Classification of riders need not be automatic. When classification is unclear, upon submission of biographical information, a show stewards at the rider's first competition may review the rider's ability for proper classification. If rider is reviewed at the higher class and is moved down, all points and ribbons won in the class shall be forfeited. If rider is reviewed in the lower class, they must ride un-judged for that one class. Rider may be evaluated outside the competition day by designated regional representatives.

R4.09 Riders may compete in one or two classes per show. **Western Horsemanship Rail, Western Horsemanship pattern and Western** reining, depending on are their eligibility for those classes. **This does not include opportunities to compete in Diamond Elite head-to-head challenges.**

R4.10 Falsification of Forms

The falsification of the Team Membership Form, Individual Membership Form, Individual Placement Form, or Eligibility Form, may be cause for immediate expulsion of the individual, team, or coach from YEDA, or any other penalty assigned by the Standards and Ethics committee.

R4.11 Forfeiture of Points

A rider showing in a class for which s/he is ineligible shall forfeit any points, ribbons and trophies won in such class.

Show Membership

Section R5

R5.01 YEDA shows shall be classified as Regular, National Championship, or Invitational Events. Show hosts will be responsible for providing suitable facilities, horses, tack and equipment (See Rule R13). YEDA rules shall govern all classes held at YEDA shows.

- A** - A Regular Point Show shall be shows that will be held by YEDA and/or a member team in good standing under YEDA Rules, and in compliance with the Rules to assist. It will be required for member teams to supply one (1) suitable horse for every seven **(7)** entries.
- B** - The National Championship **Show** shall be held annually. **YEDA** shall approve the site of the show and the judges. The show shall be open to those riders who qualify for the National Championship **Show**, \$50 entry fee will charged.
- C** - Invitational Events Shall be held in conjunction with (Under Revision)

R5.02 Dues for Recognized Shows

- A** - Regular shows shall charge no more than \$40.00 per entry and shall remit \$4.00 of each entry fee to YEDA.
- B** - These funds should be remitted within 5 days of the show. All funds must be in United States currency. If dues are not remitted within 5 days, YEDA may suspend a team until such time as dues are paid.

Non-Competition and Associate Memberships

Section R6

R6.01 Non-Competing and Associate Memberships (use form to complete)

- A - Any person, may become an Associate Member of the YEDA. upon payment of the annual associate membership contribution (\$25).**
- B - A person interested in becoming an Associate Member must apply for membership on the appropriate YEDA Associate Membership Form.**
- C - Regular Associate Members shall not be eligible to compete.**

R6.02 Affiliated Association Memberships

Affiliated Associations consist of organizations and other groups in good standing in a state, region or locality, educational institutions offering equine related programs, or other organizations approved by the YEDA Board of Directors upon recommendation of the Executive Committee of YEDA, which have federated together to form an association. Affiliated Associations must pay annual dues of \$150. Any affiliated association will pay dues as an Affiliated Association of the YEDA and be subject to all responsibilities and privileges of an Affiliated Association.

A - Categories of Affiliated Association Memberships

- A.1 National associations, where equestrian-related groups or individuals have formed a national association or organization.**
- A.2 Educational associations, where educational institutions or colleges offer equine related programs.**
- B - Affiliated Associations may be offered oral and/or written representation of Association reports at the annual YEDA Board of Directors meeting. Affiliates will also be offered a link on the showYEDA.com website and have access to the YEDA Rule book and the guidance of the YEDA Board of Directors.**
- C - YEDA is not liable for financial responsibilities or other policies of Affiliated Associations.**
- D - YEDA reserves the right to not renew or decline Affiliated Association membership.**

YEDA Geographic Area Section R7

R7.01 The Board of Directors of YEDA will divide the geographic areas as it sees fit and define those areas for future growth on a yearly basis.

R7.02 Teams within a geographic area or state may group together and create state and/or regional club affiliates. These club affiliates will be granted special permission recognized by YEDA with a completed application.

A - These special rights include:

A.1 YEDA club affiliates will be granted permission to have multiple judged or spilt combined shows.

YEDA Officer Duties & Powers Section R8

R8.01 National Steward

A - Responsible for interpretation of the rules for YEDA shows.

B - Attend and lead steward duties for the YEDA National Show.

C - Presiding over all SEC meetings.

R8.02 National Show Manager

A - Responsible for all aspects of the National Championship Show.

R8.03 National Show Secretary

A - Responsible to collect all entries for National Championship Show.

B - Run the office at the National Championship show.

Rule Interpretation, Enforcement Applicability and Definition

Section R9

R9.01 The provisions of these rules shall apply to the following persons: exhibitor, coach, rider, show official, show employee, designated representative or member of the family of the above, individual, and member colleges, member show and member institution, who act in a manner in violation of the Rules of the Association or deemed prejudicial to its best interests. Any action in connection with a show in violation of the Rules, by a member of the family of a person participating in the Show, who is described in the previous sentence, may be deemed to have been committed by such person and subject to penalties

R9.02 All references to “days” are business days

R9.03 The construction or application of YEDA Rules is governed by the State of OHIO.

R9.04 If the rules of the YEDA do not apply to a given situation, The Board of Directors will rule on the decision.

R9.05 Non-Contestable Decisions

- A - The soundness of a horse or the suitability of a rider or a horse, when determined by a Steward of the Show or by a Judge, is not a violation.
- B - A Judge’s decision, representing his individual preference, is not a violation of the rules.

National Steward

Section R10

R10. 01 Qualification

- A - The National Stewards shall be elected by the YEDA Board of Directors of Youth Equestrian Development Association LLC.
- B - The National Steward may be anyone over 21 years of age, who is member of YEDA. Each term of office shall run for two years. The National Steward shall be elected in even years
- C - The National Stewards must have a working knowledge of the YEDA Rules.

R10.02 Duties

- A - The National Steward shall be responsible for interpretation and clarification of the Rules of the Association.
- B - Upon the request of any member, director, steward or designated representative the National Stewards shall render an opinion as to the propriety of any prospective conduct or action under the Rules by an individual or show. The opinion shall be binding unless reversed before the fact by the Board of Directors, excluding the National Steward.
- C - The National Steward shall if required in writing by a member, director, or designated representative also determine the validity of show results and eligibility for competition by individuals or a team at a Regular, or National Championship Event. Their duties here-under are to be exercised irrespective of any action taken by Standards and Ethics Committee.

D - All opinions or rulings by the National Steward shall be reduced to writing and copies forwarded to the Board of Directors and all other interested persons.

E - The National Steward shall act as the presiding steward at the National Championship Show.

R10.03 Review

All opinions and rulings are subject to review by the YEDA Board of Directors

Standards and Ethics Committee (SEC)

Section 11

R11.01 Composition and Election

A - The Committee shall consist of:

A.1 The designated representative of YEDA will be used National Steward who can vote in case of ties.

A.2 Three elected coaches as defined in R3.01.

A.3 At least one elected alternate.

A.4 Teams should be represented on Committee if possible. Any member involved in an alleged violation must be excused and replaced by the alternate. A Vice-Chairman shall be elected if the Chairman is involved in an alleged violation.

B - The SEC. shall serve for a term of one (1) year.

C - Elections for the SEC shall be held on or before the first Regular show of the YEDA season.

11.02 Jurisdiction

A - The SEC shall have jurisdiction over all alleged violations of the Association.

B - The SEC shall entertain only such alleged violation as are presented to them in writing by a designated representative, steward, show official, or individual member.

C - The SEC shall rule on and enforce such penalties as here under are described for the violation.

D - All SEC rulings shall be reviewed by the YEDA Board of Directors.

R11.03 Judicial Procedure

A - Report of Alleged Violation

A.1 notice of alleged violation must be in writing and addressed to the SEC, within ten (10) days of discovery and must state the full name and address of the accused and the accuser and contain a complete and definitive statement of the acts which constitute the alleged violation. Such notice must be submitted within ten (10) days of the discovery. Precise details regarding a violation of the Rules are necessary. Video review is not permitted in YEDA with the exception of Rule **R28.13.**

B - Hearings

B.1 Following receipt of notice of alleged violation, the SEC shall notify the defendant of the charges alleged against them in writing

B.2 The defendant and accuser shall be given at least seven (7) days notice of the date of the hearing

B.3 The hearing shall be recorded and a copy of proceedings shall be provided to the YEDA board of directors within seven (7) days of conclusion.

B.4 in order to proceed with a hearing, at least four (4) members of the SEC must be present.

B.5 After giving all persons an opportunity to be heard, the SEC shall review the testimony within seven (7) days following the conclusion of the hearing, in closed session. SEC will determine if a violation has occurred, and if so, what penalty, if any should be assessed.

B.6 To reach a verdict/impose penalty, at least three (3) members of the SEC must concur in the verdict and penalty.

C - Notification of Verdict and/or Penalty

D - The verdict and penalty, if any, shall be set forth in writing by the chairman of the SEC within seven (7) days of the determination, and sent by certified (or "Fed Ex") mail or return receipt email to the defendant and the accuser. A copy shall also be sent to the Executive Director should they not be present during the hearing.

R11.04 Extraordinary Procedure

A - In the event that the SEC upon receipt of written charge determines 1) that the outcome of the hearing could affect eligibility for either a Regular or a National Championship

Event and 2) that a hearing upon the notice required cannot be held in sufficient time before such Regular or National Championship Event to insure that only qualified riders or teams will be able to compete, the SEC may on a two-thirds vote follow the Extraordinary procedure herein.

- B** - If the SEC determines that the extraordinary procedure is necessary it shall follow all procedures outlined in R11.03 & R11.04 except all communications shall be carried out as soon as possible by telephone.
- C** - The date of the hearing must be no less than 24 hours after notification.
- D** - In all other respects the hearing shall be as provided in R11.04-B & C.

R11.05 Non-Cooperation

In the event that a member fails to cooperate with the SEC, the SEC by a vote of at least three (3) members shall forth with suspend said member until the member renders the cooperation required. An individual violation is any of the following acts committed by an individual:

- A** - Violation of the Rules of the Association
- B** - Penalization by the Humane Society or Court of Law of violation of Association Rules.
- C** - Acting, inciting and/or permitting another person to act in a manner contrary to the Rules of the Association, or in a manner deemed improper, unethical, dishonest, unsportsmanlike, intemperate, or prejudicial to the best interest of the Association.
- D** - Any act committed or remark made in connection with a Show, considered offensive and/or made with intent to influence or cast aspersions on the character or integrity of the judging; approaching a judge before or after a decision without first obtaining permission from the Show Committee or Steward; inspection of a Judge's card without show management's permission.
- E** - Failure of a judge or Steward to perform their duties at a Show in accordance with the Rules.
- F** - Filing of an inaccurate individual membership application
- G** - Failure of an exhibitor or his/her representative to sign the entry blank of a Show in which s/he competes.
- H** - Physical assault upon a person and/or cruelty to a horse, as defined in R21.02
- I** - Failure to obey any penalty imposed by the Association.
- J** - Administration of central nervous system drugs. See penalties assigned in R15.02.

R11.07 Penalties

If found guilty, penalties for an individual shall be limited to the following:

- A** - PROBATION shall be listed under the defendant's name in the Secretary's Record of Penalties. If found guilty of a further violation, the defendant shall be subject to a heavier penalty than for a first offense.
- B** - SUSPENSION of such person or institution for any period from showing. A suspended person or institution is forbidden for the time specified in the sentence to hold or exercise office in the Association or in any Show, and is excluded from all show grounds during Shows, as an exhibitor, participant, or spectator
- C** - EXPULSION from all recognized shows
- D** - SUSPENSION or EXPULSION from membership in the Association
- E** - FORFEITURE of trophies, ribbons, and points won in connection with the offense committed. See rules **R4.08 & R4.11.**
- F** - SUSPENSION from office as Steward, Judge, or Show official.
- G** - FINE
- H** - CENSURE
- I** - REMOVAL from office.

Show Violations & Penalties **Section R12**

R12.01 A Team may be subject to penalties by the SEC for violations of the Rules in the conduct of its show. Violations shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A** - Failure to:
 - A.1** Conduct a show in accordance with YEDA Rules
 - A.2** Use standard specifications for classes with entry deadlines and list suitable horses
 - A.3** Print the YEDA statement and deadlines on each entry blank (See R25.01)
 - A.4** Secure signature of designated representatives on each entry blank
 - A.5** Provide ambulance on grounds or on call, plus qualified medical personnel as outlined in R22.02**G.**
 - A.6** Pay its indebtedness to YEDA

A.7 Pay other indebtedness within thirty (30) days

A.8 Send all show results and reports

A.9 Report the disqualification of a person at the show

A.10 Honor written contract with Judges, Stewards, or other Show officials and employees

B - The use of judges in divisions in which they have not been approved without obtaining, in advance, the required permissions from the YEDA office.

C - The use of non-qualified Stewards

D - The listing of a Judge or Steward in the show program or catalog before the invitation to serve has been accepted.

E - Permitting persons or institutions not in good standing to participate in any manner

F - Permitting acts which are improper, intemperate, dishonest, unsportsmanlike, or contrary to the Rules of YEDA

R12.02 A team guilty of a violation shall be subject to a penalty, including the following:

A - FINE

B - PROBATION. A vote of censure shall be listed under the defendant's name in the Secretary's Record of Penalties. If found guilty of a further violation, the defendant shall be liable to heavier penalty than for a first-time offense.

C - SUSPENSION for any period from the list of approved shows

D - EXPULSION from membership in YEDA

R12.03 Reciprocity - On receipt of official notice that disciplinary action has been taken by a Humane Society or Court of law against a person for an act which may be a violation of YEDA Rules, an officer of this Association may make a charge against such person to the SEC and after a hearing of such disciplined person under the provision of the rules, make take such action as it deems in its own best interest.

Organization and Procedures for Shows, Host Teams & Duties of Show

Personnel

Section R13

R13.01 YEDA Board of Directors will run a minimum 8 horse shows. Any team in good standing, with the approval of YEDA, may host a regular point show.)

R13.02 YEDA Board of Directors will run all National Championship Shows and Events.

R13.03 Host Teams is any Team in good standing that would like to host a YEDA regular point show, with approval of the YEDA Home Office. Please refer to appendix A – Show Hosting Guide and submit application.

R13.04 Host team may limit entries to any number of riders, which shall be binding on all participating teams and cannot exclude any team from their YEDA show but can enforce deadlines. Includes:

- A - Verifying horses with teams participating in show and the ability to stable those horses
- B - Host team may give the option in a fair and equitable manner for teams to rent horses from the host team at no more than \$60 per ride rental.
- C - Host team may reduce the number of horses required to bring for entries but cannot increase the number of horses required for entries as defined in Rule 13.05
- D - It is the responsibility of the Host team to provide suitable stabling for required horses or no-charge horses for entries they accept.

R13.05 Teams are required to bring one (1) horse for every seven (7) entries at a YEDA Show. Unless the host team reduces teams horse entry ratio because of space or entry limits

- A - Every horse must be outfitted with all leather tack.
- B - No synthetic materials will be considered acceptable, with the exception of billets, off billets and cinch straps.
- C - Reins must be an appropriate length for animal they are being used on.
- D - No martingales or tapaderos.
- E - Horses must have up-to-date and appropriate health paperwork, requirements may vary depending on facility and show host.

R13.06 If a team cannot supply the requisite number of horses required by R13.05, then the team is responsible for notifying the YEDA Show or host management, and may pay up to \$60.00 fee per entry for a missing horse to be rented on their behalf. Cost of rented horses may vary depending on availability and area.

R13.07 Teams must apply for a show date 60 days prior to the show date and the show must be announced or advertised 30 day prior to the show date on the YEDA website and social media. The 60 deadline can be waived for extemporaneous circumstances and approved by the YEDA board.

R13.08 Host teams will set an entry fee of no more than \$40 per class. \$4.00 per entry will be submitted to YEDA Home Office and 2 programs with results sent within 5 days after the show. Along with all other required documentation from Show Hosting Guide.

R13.09 Multiple judge or split combined shows will only be run by the YEDA National organization or affiliate club YEDA organizations. Permission must be obtained from YEDA board.

R13.10 Each Show/Judge day may not exceed 300 entries, with the exception of the YEDA National Championship Show.

R13.11 In order to inspect a Judge's card only a coach can obtain show steward permission.

R13.12 Judges Scoresheets should be released and viewable at the end of the day/end of the show when the judge has finished all classes.

Minimum Entry Requirements for Regular Season Shows & Classes

Section R14

R14.01 Minimum Entry Requirements for Regular member shows and classes

- A -** A minimum of three (3) teams must compete in an official Regular YEDA show. In cases of inclement weather, for points to count, fifty (50) % of the entered riders or fifty (50) % of the entered teams must attend.
- B -** In order for a show to count, all regular horse show classes for which rules are here in provided, must be offered.
- C -** There are no minimum entry requirements per class (see Rule 29.01)
- D -** No show/judge may exceed 300 entries.

R14.02 In order for a show to count, all Regular Season Classes for which rules are provided herein, must be offered. Exception may include Diamond Elite classes.

Class Routine Section R15

R15.01 All classes for which rules are provided herein must be conducted accordingly. If the rules of YEDA do not apply to any given situation, the National Steward in conjunction with YEDA Board of Directors will rule.

R15.02 Care and control of horses, including any drugs or medications administered, shall be the sole prerogative of the horse provider or their designated representative.

A - Administration of drugs and medications shall be limited to therapeutic use only, and used for the well-being of the horse. The administration of central nervous system drugs is prohibited in YEDA competition.

R15.03 A rail class in operation at the time of the stopping of a show for any reason shall cease and no placements shall be made. In the event that a pattern class in which horses compete individually is stopped while in progress, due to storm, accident, or other emergency, the following procedure shall govern:

A - If the class is continued at the same session of the show, it shall proceed from the point at which it was stopped

B - If the class is continued at a succeeding session of the show, it shall be held over in its entirety, and no scores credited in the first session shall count.

R15.04 If a show is stopped while in progress, and is unable to recommence, no points will be awarded for the show.

R15.05 On the day of the show, no rider entered may school a horse to be used in the show prior to that rider having competed in his/her own classes. Western horses may be schooled with roweled spurs, in accordance with the wishes of the horse provider. Western horses should be schooled in a manner which best prepares them for the class.

R15.06 At Nationals, no rider entered may school/ride a horse prior to that rider competing. This includes the day before, or the day of the show before his/her own class(es). This includes riding any horse on the show grounds.

R15.07 Small ponies (13.2 or smaller) shall not be used in YEDA shows

Falls, Refusals, & Eliminations

Section R16

R16.01 A rider is considered to have fallen when s/he is separated from their horse that has not fallen, in such a way as to necessitate remounting or vaulting into the saddle

- A** - In the event of a fall/accident where the rider is apparently unconscious or concussed, s/he is precluded from competing until evaluated by qualified medical personnel as defined in rule **R22.02 G**. If the rider refuses to be evaluated, s/he is disqualified from the competition.
- B** - If qualified medical personnel determine that a rider has sustained unconsciousness or a concussion, the rider must be precluded from competing until cleared to compete. In order to return to competition, the rider shall submit a signed letter, completed by a licensed medical professional, stating that the rider is cleared to compete. The letter shall be submitted to the Team Coach, with a copy sent to the National Steward, in order to compete in YEDA shows.
- C** - The fall/accident that results in unconsciousness or concussion shall be reported on the YEDA accident report and forwarded to the Executive Director.
- D** - In the event of a fall as defined in R16.01, if subsections A, B, or C do not apply, the rider is precluded from competing until evaluated by qualified medical personnel as defined in R22.02 **G**, and shall be reported on the YEDA Accident Report Form and forwarded to the Executive Director.

R16.02 A horse is considered to have fallen when the shoulder and haunch on the same side have touched the ground or an obstacle on the ground.

R16.03 In the event of a fall where the Steward determines a re-ride is to be granted, if Rule 16.01 subsections A, B, or C do not apply, the rider is precluded from competing until evaluated by qualified medical personnel as defined in R22.02 **G**.

R16.04 If an elimination occurs during a ride-off, the contestant shall be placed last of all those chosen for the ride-off.

Drawing for Horses Section R17

R17.01 Drawings will be by lot from the pool of designated horses. There must be at least one designated alternate. The draw shall be held at least twenty (20) minutes prior to the start of each class. Announcement of the draw must precede it by at least ten (10) minutes.

R17.02 **Diamond** Elite Pattern Classes will draw one horse for head to head riders or the Show management and/or steward may select a finals horse, no draw necessary.

A - EX: If 4 teams are participating than 2 individual riders will draw collectively for their mount, and the next 2 will draw for their mount. Riders will compete head-to-head on the same horse and move to the next bracket or to a finals in the Diamond Elite competition.

Re-Rides Section R18

R18.01 When through no fault of the rider, a horse performs so poorly or is unsafe that it is impossible to fairly judge the rider's ability, a re-ride may be granted. Examples of poor or unsafe performance, bucking, kicking, rearing, or bolting etc.

R18.02 A re-ride must be requested prior to the lineup in a rail class, or the last horse leaves the ring in a pattern or reining class.

R18.03 Only the coach of the rider or the designated representative listed with Show Management for that rider's team may request a re-ride.

R18.04 Although they may confer with show management and the judge, only the Show Steward may grant or deny a re-ride.

R18.05 If a re-ride is granted, it shall be judged as if the first ride never occurred.

R18.06 If a re-ride is granted in a class in which riders compete individually, the re-ride shall take place after all other riders in that class have competed

R18.07 If a re-ride is granted in a class in which all riders compete simultaneously, the class may resume from the point the re-ride is granted and/or can be left to the discretion of the judge and steward to start part or the entire class from the beginning.

Tack & Aids Section R19

R19.01 Neither substitution of tack or aids, nor addition of materials by exhibitors which could affect the horse or tack shall be permitted unless approved by Stewards.

R19.02 In the event of tack breakage, the Stewards may stop the competition to fix and/or replace the tack. The rider may then resume the pattern/course where the breakage took place without penalty, or the Steward may grant a re-ride.

R19.03 Use of Crops

- A - Crops, whips, or bats (here in after “Crops”) may be carried only when specified by the Show Committee and the Horse Provider.
- B - Aids are not to be used prior to entering the ring.
- C - One or two disciplinary applications in the event of disobedience are sufficient.
- D - Stewards may rule that a rider be disqualified for improper use of Crops.

R19.04 Use of Spurs

- A - Spurs are permitted in Western Horsemanship except for Pearl & Opal divisions.
- B - **Ball spurs are allowed in Emerald, Ruby, Sapphire, and Diamond divisions.**
- C - Roweled spurs will be allowed in Sapphire and Diamond Horsemanship classes, Sapphire Pattern Class, and Diamond Reining and Diamond Elite classes, in accordance with the instructions of the horse provider and Steward. Roweled spurs must not be “rock grinders” and every pair of roweled spurs used must be approved by the Show Steward prior to the start of the class.
- D - It is up to each horse provider to determine if they will allow the use of spurs of their horse.
- E - It is recommended that all Western Riders provide their own non-roweled spurs.

R19.05 Responsibilities of Horse Providers

- A - A list of aids appropriate to each horse must be posted or accompany each horse.
- B - Riders shall comply with the suggested use of aids.
- C - Tack and equipment used at the discretion of the Horse Provider

- D - Every horse must be outfitted with all leather tack, no synthetic materials, excluding billets/latigos, off-billets, and/or cinch straps.
- E - Reins must be an appropriate length for the horse on which they are being used.
- F - No martingales or tapaderos

R19.06 Dress & Headgear

- A - All student riders must show in official YEDA logo Show Shirts.
- B - In all Western classes, the riders must be correctly attired in suitable show clothes.
- C - Clothing must be clean, workmanlike and neat.
- D - Chaps are optional at the discretion of the rider.
- E - Riders shall wear a western hat or ASTM/SEI certified safety helmet.
- F - Team identifying logos are **NOT** allowed on Official YEDA logo Show Shirts, nor on any other item of clothing worn in the show ring.
- G - Official YEDA logo Show Shirts may be tailored for optimum fit, however they may **NOT** be modified from the original format, including but not limited to: crystals and personalized additions.
- H - Hair must be neat and securely fastened so as not to cover the rider's number.
- I - Any exhibitor found in competition with any piece of accouterments or attire, including magnetic devices, which in the opinion of the Judge or Steward would tend to give a rider an unfair advantage will be disqualified.

Awards - Ribbons & Trophies

Section R20

R20.01 The color of awards at all shows shall be:

- A - Champion Blue - Red - Yellow
- B - Reserve Champion Red - Yellow - White
- C - 1st Blue
- D - 2nd Red
- E - 3rd Yellow
- F - 4th White
- G - 5th Pink
- H - 6th Green

R20.02 A minimum of six awards shall be awarded in each class

R20.03 Ribbons and awards shall be furnished by the show committee for Regular Shows and the National Championship **Show**

R20.04 Champion and Reserve Ribbons or equivalent prize shall be awarded to the following at each show:

- A - First and second place teams
- B - First and second place High Point Rider in both Jr & Sr. High competitions
- C - **High point and Reserve High Point riders it is recommended a monetary scholarship be awarded. However, the amount of the scholarship cannot exceed the total riders' entry fee amount for that day. Reference R20.10**

R20.05 Additional awards may be given to the winners of each individual class, to the Champion team, and/or High Point rider(s) at the discretion of the Show Committee.

R20.06 In the event of a tie for Champion team, the Scores shall stand, and the show committee shall rule on the awarding of awards and/or ribbons.

R20.07 **At all YEDA horse shows a "horse of the day" award must be given to a horse chosen by the judge.**

R20.08 At the YEDA National Championship Show

- A - All Champion riders, and the Champion Team shall be presented with awards and Champion size Rosette.
- B - All Reserve Champion riders and the Reserve Champion team shall receive Champion size Rosette.
- C - First through eighth in each division shall be awarded champion sized rosettes.
- D - **All exhibitors will receive a National Qualifier Award.**

R20.09 Sportsmanship Recognition **Award:**

Sportsmanship Nomination Form shall be available at every show, and may be used by coaches, show staff, and/or other exhibitors to nominate an outstanding Rider/exhibitor who has shown extraordinary levels of sportsmanship. Award need not be awarded at every show, but only in situations where show staff feels extra acknowledgment is appropriate. There is no minimum or maximum number of awards to be given in a single season. **YEDA sportsmanship patches must be given for this award and are available through the YEDA Home Office. Refer to the Show Hosting Guide**

R20.10 Monetary awards to students:

- A - Student riders may receive monetary awards in the form of scholarships toward undergraduate, trade and vocational education.**
- B - Direct monetary awards at a YEDA Show for student riders based upon their performance i.e. high point and reserve high point rider, must not exceed their entry fees for a given YEDA show day. This assures student riders are in compliance of any NCAA, undergraduate or conference affiliations rules or by-laws.**
- C - No family member of a student rider, team or coach may receive monetary awards on behalf of a student rider.**

Personal Conduct of Exhibitors, Coaches, and Show Personnel

Section R21

R21.01 General: It is expected that exhibitors, spectators, and coaches will behave in a manner that reflects the dignity of the sport. Ill-mannered conduct will not be tolerated. Any behavior deemed inappropriate may be presented as a protest to the SEC. At YEDA horse shows, the show management, in conjunction with the Stewards, may expel from the grounds any person whose behavior is deemed dishonest, unethical, unsportsmanlike, or detrimental to the health, safety, or well-being of any horse, person or the YEDA Association during the progress of the show.

R21.02 Cruelty: Equestrian sport is made possible by the animals, who serve the rider. This is a sport of grace and elegance, where rider and animal work as a team. There is neither grace nor elegance in an abusive spectacle. It is the responsibility, therefore of all parties concerned to be aware of the conduct of participants and the condition of the horses; and, if a violation is observed, a report must be made immediately to the stewards.

R21.03 Alcohol: The use and/or possession of alcohol, or any illegal substances by the exhibitors, coaches **or spectators** is strictly forbidden on the show grounds. Any participant apprehended with such materials will automatically be suspended from the Association.

R21.04 Veterinary Drugs: It is the responsibility of all parties concerned to consider the welfare of the horse. The administration of Central Nervous System drugs is prohibited in YEDA competition. (See rule R15.02).

R21.05 Social Media: It is expected that exhibitors, spectators and coaches will not use Social Media in a negative manner that reflects poorly to the dignity of the sport. Inappropriate posts, pictures, or depictions of YEDA and/or its members may result in expulsion from the organization. Persons whose behavior is deemed dishonest, unethical, unsportsmanlike, or

detrimental to YEDA or any of its members in their Social Media will be subject to disciplinary actions.

Show Officials & their Duties

Section R22

R22.01 The term “Show Officials” shall include and refer to all persons directly engaged by the show.

R22.02 Officials and their duties shall include:

- A - Show Manager - ** Someone who completes all communication and paperwork with the YEDA Home Office.
- B - Show Secretary - ** Someone who creates the show bill and program before the show. During the show they manage the office, track points, collect money, organize judge's cards and scoresheets, creates a final program.
- C - Announcer - Individual announces placing and other information the day of the show.
- D - Judge - Suggested to be a carded judge of a major equine associations (AQHA, APHA, PtHA etc.) The judge needs to understand the difference between a YEDA show and a breed show and agree to fill out score sheets for all rail and pattern classes. See Example *Judges Contact.
- E - Show Steward - This individual needs to understand and uphold the YEDA Rulebook. They need to be present the entire day of the show including coaches meeting, horse schooling and all classes. They need to watch each class carefully, grant re-rides if necessary, and approve changing of tack in the paddock. During Pattern classes they will monitor the flow of riders entering into the ring. They will watch when the judge is ready and let the rider know they can enter or even assist the rider with entering the arena. *Show Steward Contract Template available.
- F - Ring Steward - Individual who is knowledgeable about a horse show's judging and is ring smart. The Ring Steward will be in the ring with the judge all day, assisting the judge with scoresheets as a scribe (if the judge requests), calling gates, communicating with the announcer etc.
- G - EMT or Nurse - This individual needs to be on the grounds and available from the time the first rider mounts for warm up till the end of the final class.
- H - Paddock Manager - This individual organizes the horses and riders in preparation for upcoming classes. This individual also helps to manage changing of tack, tightening of girths, and overall safety in the paddock.
- I - Further details in the show hosting document refer to appendix A.

Judges Section R23

R23.01 Qualifications:

- A - To judge, an individual must be selected from any carded breed association as listed (PtHA, APHA, AQHA, ApHC, NSBA, and NRHA).
- B - A judge not qualified under R23.01(A) may be used with prior approval YEDA board and the National Steward by the closing date of the horse show.
- C - A person may judge up to two (2) shows per YEDA Season.
- D - A judge for the National Championship Show must not have officiated at any YEDA show in the current season.
- E - A judge may not officiate if s/he has had a professional relationship with any coach or member of a hosting team, including clinics with any exhibitor or member team, within 120 days prior to the show.
- F - No YEDA individual member may show before a judge with whom s/he has had a professional relationship, including but not limited to clinics, within 120 days prior to the show.
- G - The National Championship **Show** shall have two (2) judges.

R23.02 Responsibilities of a Judge

- A - Good judging depends on a correct observance of the fine points and the selection of the best rider under the conditions of the class. A judge serves three interests: their own conscience, exhibitors, and spectators. S/he should make clear to the audience that the best rider wins. The attention of judges is directed to the difference in requirements as stated in the YEDA rule book for the class in question. A judge is obligated to adjudicate each class in conformity with the rules and specifications of that class as they appear in the YEDA rule book. S/he is expected to have a working knowledge of the Rules of the Association.
- B - The decision of each judge constitutes solely their individual preference and not a verdict by the Association.
- C - No one shall approach a Judge with regard to a decision unless s/he first obtains permission from the Show Steward, who shall arrange an appointment with the Judge at a proper time and place.

- D - A Judge may order from the ring a horse or rider whose actions may endanger other exhibitors and/or horses. (See rule R26.03).
- E - All classes will have an individual score sheet filled out for horsemanship rail, pattern and reining classes. The score sheets will be posted at the conclusion of every show.

Show Steward Section R24

R24.01 General

- A - A regular show shall have one (1) Qualified Steward.
- B - The National Championship **Show** shall have not more than seven (7) qualified stewards. The National Steward shall act as presiding steward. The remaining stewards should be equally divided between the paddock and arena, and one (1) shall act as draw steward.

R24.02 Qualifications

- A - A YEDA steward may be anyone over the age of 21.
- B - Steward must be hold current YEDA membership as either a regular member or an Associate Member.
- C - A Steward must have current working knowledge of YEDA Rule book and know the distinctions between YEDA and other competitive organizations.
- D - No person may serve as a steward at a show hosted by the Institution with which s/he is associated in any manner.

R24.03 Duties and Powers: Show Stewards serve to interpret the Rules of the Association.

Stewards duties include but are not limited to:

- A - Protect the interest of exhibitors, Judges, and Show Management.
- B - Investigate and act upon any alleged rule violations, without waiting for a protest.
- C - Report to the Show Committee any misrepresentation or substitution of entry without waiting for a protest.
- D - Report to the Show Committee any violation of the Rules, and pursue charges against the violator if not otherwise properly handled.
- E - Supervise the drawing of horses.
- F - Fill out and return to the **YEDA home office** a Show Steward report within five (5) days of the show. If there were any show problems or any riders were reclassified, the show report must be forwarded onto the National Steward within two (2) days of receipt of the report.

- G - Collect all accident/claim forms and forward a copy to the YEDA home office within five (5) days of the conclusion of the show.

R24.04 Stewards Powers (including by not limited to):

- A - Permit re-rides, under specific conditions, as agreed upon by the Show Committee and Horse Provider manager prior to beginning of competition.
- B - Determine, under extenuating circumstances or extreme unfairness to one or more exhibitors, if a class should be re-run.
- C - Determine suitability of rider to horse, rider to class, and/or horse to class level.
- D - Stop a class in the event a horse or rider should be considered unsafe.

R24.05 Classification of Riders by Show Steward

- A - The Show Stewards of YEDA will give advice if requested, and shall have the power to reclassify riders who are competing at incorrect levels. All points and ribbons won in such classes shall be forfeited.
- B - Classification of riders need not be automatic. When classification is unclear, upon submission of biographical information, the Show Steward(s) at the riders first competition of the YEDA season may review the rider's ability for proper classification.
 - B.1 If rider is reviewed at the higher class and is moved down, all points and ribbons won in the class shall be forfeited.
 - B.2 If rider is reviewed in the lower class, they must ride un-judged for that one class.
- C - Rider may be evaluated outside competition day by designated YEDA representatives. (See rule R4.08).

Show Program Section R25

R25.01 General

A - A - The Show Program shall contain:

- A.1** The name of the Judge
- A.2** Name and Address of Show Manager
- A.3** Date, Location, and Phone Number for show
- A.4** Time of registration and start of Show
- A.5** Closing Date for Entries
- A.6** Information about food and entertainment
- A.7** Amount of entry and other fees. Once distributed, the fees may not be changed for said show.
- A.8** Disclosure Statement

B - Show Program must be sent to ALL TEAMS via email not less than two (2) weeks prior to the closing date of entries.

C - Reference appendix A Show Hosting Guide

D - Forms for Show

- D.1** The Entry Blank must contain spaces for name, class numbers, and the name of the team and Exhibitor number. An Exhibitor number is required for every rider and is used for the duration of the YEDA Season.
- D.2** Each Team Entry Form must contain the following statement to be signed by the Coach/ designated representative of each member team making entry.
- D.3** *This entry constitutes an agreement and affirmation that the team, riders, coaches, trainers and/or any affiliate, agent, and/or representative of the aforementioned individuals making entries (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Exhibitor(s)"), shall accept and abide by the rules of YEDA and of the Show, that each rider is eligible as entered. Exhibitors certify that each rider is eligible for competition in the level entered, and that Exhibitors will accept any rulings of the YEDA with respect to their conduct as final and beyond contestation. Additionally, Exhibitors agree to defend and hold YEDA, its directors, official, employees, and all persons, stables, and/or other entities providing facilities, horses or equipment for YEDA Shows and activities (hereinafter collectively referred to as "YEDA & Affiliates"), harmless for any claim action, or suit, including claim, action, or suit for injury, property damage, or death sustained during participation in the show by the entity, his/her coach, trainer or visitors.*
- D.4** *Furthermore, Exhibitors hereby acknowledge and recognize that competing in YEDA and event and/or show is an inherently dangerous activity and may result in substantial and serious injury, including but not limited to, maiming, paralysis,*

and/or death, and that all of the aforementioned individuals openly and freely accept all of the potential risks association with participation in YEDA events/shows. Accordingly Exhibitors agree to waive, release, and hold harmless the YEDA & Affiliates from any and all actions, causes of action, suits, debts, promises, damages, judgments, claims, and/or demands whatsoever, in law and/or equity. In making entry into YEDA Competition or event, team and/or individuals explicitly indemnify YEDA & Affiliates from any threatened and/or actual liability, and agree to defend YEDA & Affiliates from the same.

D.5 Each coach must sign the entry blank for entrants from his/her team. In the event of failure to do so, the first entrance into the ring of an exhibitor of that team shall constitute acceptance of the Rules of YEDA and of the Show by both the team and each entrant from that team. As such, that team and all of its exhibitors shall be held subject to aforementioned Rules.

R25.03 Entries

- A** - The acceptance of substitutions is entirely at the discretion of the Show Committee.
- B** - A show may adopt its own policy regarding the refunding of entry fees to an exhibitor who cancels entries after the closing date. However, each entry shall still be charged the \$4.00 due to YEDA, and all similar cancellations must be handled according in the same manner.
- C** - Any violation of financial obligations, including those monies due to the **YEDA Home Office**, will result in the team or individual in question being restricted from future shows until such fees are paid. Show Management will require entries be paid prior to the first class.
- D** - In case of discrepancy between information in the Show Program and that of the entry blank, the entry blank shall take precedence.
- E** - It is recommended that all entries received by the closing date be acknowledged by the Show Secretary, including a schedule indicating the classes for each entry.

R25.04 Programs Shall Contain:

- A - Number of classes on the show program. (See rule R35.01).
- B - The classes listed, in order, with a numerical list of exhibitors in each class.
- C - Names of Show Steward and Judge
- D - YEDA Logo and www.showyeda.com printed on front cover.

General Judging Requirements

Section R26

R26.01 In ALL YEDA classes only the rider is being judged; therefore, no penalty should be assessed because of the horse's confirmation, color, or way of going. Tack and equipment used is at the discretion of the horse provider. (see rule R19.05)

R26.02 Falls, Refusals, and Eliminations (See rule R16).

R26.03 Any rider not having their mount under sufficient control shall be removed from the ring and shall be disqualified or remounted at the Show Steward's discretion.

R26.04 Riders must remain on the same horse throughout all phases of the class unless/until the judge or steward requests a change.

R26.05 No attendant shall be allowed in the ring except at the request of the Judge or Steward

R26.06 If additional tests are desired and appropriate, the Judge's instructions to riders shall be publicly announced. It is suggested that the judge go over these instructions with the announcer to assure mutual understanding of the wording. Judges shall not confer with riders individually during the line-up.

Western Horsemanship

Section R27

R27.01 General: Riders will be judged on seat, legs, hands, ability to control and show horse. Results as shown by performance of the horse are NOT to be considered more important than the method used by the rider in obtaining them.

R27.02 Basic Position: The rider should sit in the center of the saddle and the horse's back with the legs hanging to form a straight line from the rider's ear through the center of the shoulder and hip, touching the back of the heel or through the ankle. Feet should be placed in the stirrups with the weight on the ball of the foot. Consideration in making this judgment,

however, should be given to the width of the stirrup. The heels should be lower than the toes, with a slight bend in the knee and the lower leg should be directly under the knee. Riding with the toes in the stirrups will be penalized. The rider's back should be flat, relaxed and supple. The shoulders should be back, level and square.

R27.03 Hands:

- A - One Hand:** Both hands and arms should be held in a relaxed manner, with the upper arm in a straight line with the body. The arm holding the reins should be bent at the elbow forming a line from elbow to the horse's mouth. No more than one finger is allowed between the reins when split reins are used. The position of the free hand and arm is optional but should be kept clear of the horse and equipment. Excessive pumping of the free arm as well as excessive stiffness will be penalized.
- B - Two Hands:** Except as noted, only one hand is permitted on the reins and hands are not to be changed. Two hands may be used only on horses designated by show management. When two hands are used, the tails of the reins must be crossed on opposite sides of the neck. The reins may be held with both reins in each hand, or "bridged"; or one rein may be held in each hand.
- C - Romal Reins:** When using romal reins, the rider's hand shall be around the reins, with the extension held in the freehand. Bosal and/or hackamore reins shall be held in two hands. No fingers are allowed between reins when using a romal.
- D - The rein hand** should be carried immediately above or slightly in front of the saddle horn. Bracing against the horn will be penalized.
- E - Reins** should be adjusted so that the rider has light contact on the horse's mouth, and at no time shall reins require more than a slight hand movement to control the horse.
- F - Excessively tight or loose reins** will be penalized
- G - The hand** is to be around the reins at all times.

R27.04 Position in Motion: Rider's base of support should maintain secure contact with the saddle from the seat to the thigh. Light contact should be maintained with the saddle and horse from the knee to mid-calf. Riders should sit to jog and not post. All movements of the horse should be governed by the use of imperceptible aids.

R27.05 Class Routine

- A - Horsemanship Rail Class:** Riders shall enter the ring and show collectively on the rail at all required gaits in both directions prior to any individual testing. The order to reverse should be executed away from the rail. Light contact with the horse's mouth shall not be penalized. Entries shall line up on command. A judge may change a rider(s) from any horse to any other horse in the same class. This may occur provided rail work has been completed by all riders.
- B - Horsemanship Pattern Class:** Riders will enter the arena collectively or individually. Each rider must perform a designated pattern and be judged individually on a score sheet. Any or all riders may be required to execute any appropriate tests included in class requirements. Additional testing is optional in all classes. If a retest is granted by the Stewards during the horsemanship pattern, the riders may retest on an alternate horse.
- C - Elite Pattern Class-** The Top 4, 6, 8 or 12 leading teams in team points for the year competing at a show will have the option to designate one rider for the Elite class. Those riders will compete head-to-head on a horse drawn from a pool of horses or selected by the Steward. (Class may not be offered at every show. Show host will decide the number of team riders invited to compete if class offered) The number of teams represented and present at a show will also determine the number of riders in this class.
- D - Diamond and Alumni Horsemanship Rail and Pattern Class:** Riders will enter the arena collectively or individually to be judged on a pattern first and then rail work. The pattern and rail will be judged individually on a score sheet. Any or all riders may be required to execute any appropriate tests included in class requirements. Additional testing is optional in all classes. If a retest is granted by the Stewards during the horsemanship pattern, the riders may retest on an alternate horse. Diamond will use Diamond Patterns and Alumni will use Sapphire Patterns

R27.06 Western Horsemanship Elements: A western judge may choose from the following elements, singly or in combination, and/or any other appropriate and equivalent elements that may be deemed necessary.

- A - Individual performance on the rail
- B - Halt and/or back
- C - Figure 8 at the jog
- D - Extended jog
- E - 360-degree turn
- F - Lope & Back
- G - Figure 8 at the lope, demonstrating a simple change of lead (through walk & Jog)
- H - Ride without stirrups
- I - Change of leads down the center of ring, demonstrating simple change of lead]
- J - Counter-canter

Western Reining

Section R28

R28.01 Class Procedures: Entries are to perform individually before the judge. Three markers will be placed on the left and right rail: A center marker and two end markers spaced appropriately to the size of the arena to allow easy passage beyond the markers. Personal appointments, position, and procedures are consistent with the rules governing the YEDA Western Horsemanship Division.

R28.02 General Guidelines: Riders are to be judged on proper symmetry of figures, definite changes of speed, direction, and size of circles; proper technical application of natural aids in obtaining lead changes, stops and turns; and reasonable working horsemanship. Emphasis is on precision, technical application, and the ability to show an unfamiliar horse in a preassigned pattern. (Results as shown by the performance of the horse are not necessarily to be considered more important than the methods used by the rider in obtaining them.)

R28.04 Patterns:

- A - The Show Committee of each show must determine which pattern is most appropriate, based on the suitability of horses and arena footing
- B - Patterns may be selected from only from the YEDA **Pattern/**Rule Book.

R28.05 A winning ride includes the following:

- A - Proper use of natural Aids
- B - Smooth, consistent figures
- C - Efficient, well-placed changes of lead
- D - Definite changes of speed
- E - Noticeable difference in circle size
- F - Proper use of arena markers
- G - Proper working horsemanship

R28.06 Faults incurring a score of 0: Not to be placed

- A - Illegal use of hands on the reins
- B - Performing maneuvers other than in the specified order
- C - Inclusion of maneuvers not specified
- D - Running away or failure to guide where it becomes impossible to discern whether rider is on pattern
- E - Using the reins as a whip
- F - Fall by horse or rider (See rule R16).
- G - Abuse of the horse

R28.07 Rider may untangle excess rein, but only when excess rein may prevent the rider from properly executing the pattern; the rider may untangle excess reins only during periods when such movements may not be used to affect the performance of the horse, such as during hesitations, or while settling the horse.

R28.08 Faults incurring major penalties (including but not limited to):

- A - Excessive, reckless, or inappropriate speed
- B - Any unnecessary aid by the rider, such as excessive talking, petting, kicking, or jerking of reins (etc)
- C - Overly aggressive or abusive use of natural aids
- D - Jogging in excess of 1/2 circle or 1/2 length of the arena while starting a circle, circling, or exiting a rollback
- E - Use of free hand to intimidate or to show praise to the horse
- F - Spurring in front of the girth
- G - Holding or touching the saddle with either hand.

R28.09 Faults incurring in which severity of the penalty must be determined according to the judges' perception as to whether blame lies more with the horse or the rider (including but not limited to):

- A - Figure asymmetry
- B - Failure to properly use arena markers
- C - Starting or completing any circle on an incorrect lead
- D - Starting any lope maneuver at a jog

R28.10 Faults incurring in which severity of the **penalty must be determined according to the judges perception as to whether blame lies more with the horse or the rider** (including but not limited to):

- A - Any deviation from well-balanced stops or turns or timely transitions
- B - Delayed changes of lead
- C - Anticipation of signals by the horse
- D - Backing sideways or refusing to back
- E - Failure to complete the pattern as written will result in a score of 0. Unless it is determined by the Show Steward that the fault was the horse and not the riders' ability.
(See R18).

R28.11 Show Management must use an official YEDA reining pattern. **Any changes because of horse availability or arena condition** must be announced at least 1/2 hour prior to the class.

Patterns should be worked as stated, not as drawn. * The drawn pattern is to give the general idea of how the pattern will appear in the arena

R28.12 The judge may ask a rider to return to ride any approved reining pattern on the same or different horse.

R28.13 Judges may not confer on any penalty or maneuver prior to submitting a score. If a major penalty (a penalty which results in a no score, 0, or 5 pt penalty) is unclear, a judge will submit his/her score and ask that the score be held, pending a conference or review of the official video at the next drag, or as soon as practical. Should the judges determine via conference or video replay **(if an official videographer is present)** that a penalty was incurred, it should be applied. However, if no penalty occurred, the score will be announced as originally submitted. No judge shall be required to change his/her score following a conference or video replay. Each judge's decision is an individual call and based on individual decision from a conference or video replay. The use of video review equipment by the judges is only permissible if the judge has reason to believe that all entries have been videotaped by a YEDA official videographer. **Only a judge may request a video review.**

Point Requirements & Scoring

Section R29

R29.01 Points will be based on the number of riders that compete in a class.

EXAMPLE:

1 Rider	2 Riders	3 Riders	4 Riders	5 Riders	6-11 Riders
1st - 1 pt	1st - 2 pts 2nd - 1 pt	1st - 3 pts 2nd - 2 pts 3rd - 1 pt	1st - 4 pts 2nd - 3 pts 3rd - 2 pts 4th - 1 pt	1st - 5 pts 2nd - 4 pts 3rd - 3 pts 4th - 2 pts 5th - 1 pt	1st - 6 pts 2nd - 5 pts 3rd - 4 pts 4th - 3 pts 5th - 2 pts 6th - 1 pt

R29.02 Procedures:

- A - Cumulative and aggregate point totals of teams and individuals shall be kept by the YEDA Point Secretary. Such current scores shall be available to participating teams at each show.

- B** - The official point records shall determine annual class advancement of riders, as well as eligibility for National Championship Show, YEDA Invitational Shows, YEDA High Point Rider, and YEDA High Point Team.
- C** - All points recorded will become final and not subject to protest at the close of each show season; therefore, any adjustments or corrections must be made before the last show of the season.

Individual Point Procedures & Requirements

Section R30

R30.01 Riders have two (2) years of eligibility in the elementary category; Three (3) years of eligibility in Jr High Sections; and four (4) years of eligibility in Sr. High Sections.

R30.02 Riders have two (2) years of eligibility in each division within the category and must move up to the higher division once they have used all their eligibility regardless of points earned.

R30.03 Eligibility in a division can exceed 2 years if a student rider have no other advancement options within their Category

A - Riders in the Jr. High Category in the Sapphire division can have up to 3 years of eligibility

B - Riders in the Sr. High Category in the Diamond division can have up to 4 years of eligibility

R30.03 Riders must move up a division in their Category (i.e. Jr. High and Sr. High) if they finish in the Top Three (3) of their division for the season, or finish as National or Reserve Champion in their Individual Class at the National Championship Show.

R30.04 Moving from Category to Category (i.e. Jr. High to Sr. High) and remaining in the same division is considered moving up a one division.

R30.05 Riders become eligible for YEDA National Invitational Events by competing in a minimum of 2 shows throughout the season. This event should not be confused with the National Championship Show. These events will be exclusive to riders interested in being recruited by Collegiate Level Equestrian Competition Programs.

R30.06 Riders become eligible for the YEDA National Championship show by competing a minimum of 2 shows in the events to be qualified.

R30.07 A rider will achieve a qualifying point total by taking their top six (6) judges points in a class and total them, dropping the remaining points not going toward their total points earned

in a class. (See rule R29). Rider can compete up to a maximum of 10 shows/judges per class.

High Point Teams and Riders for Regular Shows

Section R31

R31.01 General:

- A - High Point riders and Reserve High Point riders shall be determined by totaling the points in the Sr High Diamond and Jr High Sapphire divisions at each show.
- B - In the event of a tie for High Point and Reserve High Point Riders, ties shall be broken in by the judge with assistance from the show steward will test the riders with an equine knowledge question.

R31.02 Point Scoring for High Point Teams:

- A - Each Sr High team's highest placing Diamond Horsemanship, Diamond Reining, Sapphire Rail, Sapphire Pattern, Ruby Rail, Ruby Pattern, Emerald Rail, Emerald Pattern, Opal Rail and Opal Pattern rider's score will count toward the team total and all be added together for the team score for the day.
- B - Each Jr High team's highest placing Sapphire Rail, Sapphire Pattern, Ruby Rail, Ruby Pattern, Emerald Rail, Emerald Pattern, Opal Rail, and Opal Pattern rider's score will count toward the team total and all be added together for the team score for the day.
- C - In the case of a tie for the Team Championship of a regular show, teams shall remain tied. Distribution of awards and/or ribbons, will be at the discretion of the show management.
- D - If an ineligible rider score is used as a team point earner, the team will lose that score and one more score, the highest score in that category will be dropped, regardless of the size of the team.

Individual Point Requirements for Championship Horse Shows

Section R32

R32.01 Riders are eligible to compete in the National Championship Show upon acquiring the top ten (10) highest point total in their individual class, or are in the top 20% of all those in their individual class. (Whichever method is a greater number of qualifiers).

R32.02 In case of a tie for qualified riders in the individual year end ranking, no tie will be broken, all ties will be invited to the National Championship Show.

R32.03 A rider will achieve a qualifying point total by taking their top six (6) judges points in a class and total them, dropping the remaining points not going toward their total points earned in a class. Rider can compete up to a maximum of 10 judges per class.

R32.04 Student riders must be full-time students in good standing in the academic period immediately prior to the show in accordance with Rule R2.01.

R32.05 Riders qualifying in both Western Horsemanship Rail and Western Horsemanship Pattern classes, or Western Horsemanship Pattern & Reining classes, may show in both classes at the National Championship Show.

R32.06 No minimum number of riders is needed to fill a class at the National Championship Show.

R32.07 Should a rider at any level who has qualified for the National Championship Show be unable to attend, s/he must notify YEDA at once. YEDA shall then invite the next highest ranked rider qualified until all vacancies have been filled.

Team Point Requirements for Championship Horse Shows

Section R33

R33.01 Cumulative totals of team points from each show will be kept to determine High Point and Reserve High Point Team. The twelve (12) teams with the highest cumulative point totals shall be invited to the National Championship Show to compete for National Championship Team in both Jr. High & Sr. High Categories.

R33.02-In the case of a tie for qualifying teams, all affected teams involved will be invited to the National Championship Show.

R33.03 In order to be eligible for the National Championship Show, a team must compete in a minimum of five (5) Regular YEDA shows.

Placement Specification for Western Horsemanship Riders

Section R34

R34.01 Definition: Recognized Competition: Any breed association event including but not limited to AQHA; APHA; PtHA; ApHC; NRHA.

R34.02 Western Riders in Elementary Category including 4th and 5th graders.

A - Pearl Division:

A.1 Pearl riders are student riders of any skill level that walk jog and who are riders currently enrolled in 4th or 5th grade for the school year of competition. Pearl riders have two years of eligibility starting with their initial completion of the YEDA Individual Membership Form.

A.2 Introductory Walk-Trot division for students of all skills levels to get experience riding unfamiliar horses in a group.

A.3 Does not count toward Team Points.

A.4 Riders are eligible to qualify for the National Championship Event as an Individual.

R34.03 Western Riders in Jr. High Category including 6th through 8th graders.

A - Opal Division: Walk-jog students who are beginning riders who have not had more than twenty-four (24) weeks of mounted instruction, and who have not competed in mounted competition which require them to canter or lope. Opal riders have two years of eligibility starting with their initial completion of the YEDA Individual Membership Form.

B - Emerald Division: For first time walk-jog-lope students who have had more than twenty-four (24) weeks of mounted instruction who have competed in non-recognized competitions which require them to lope or canter, less than 8 shows/events. These riders typically come from 4-H or open horse show circuits.

C - Ruby Division: For Students who have competed in mounted classes during recognized competitions to include any western or hunter-seat classes. Ruby riders may not have earned more than 25 points from any breed association (AQHA/APHA/PtHA/

ApHC/NRHA) including novice. This excludes roping, games, halter, showmanship, 10 & under classes, and/or non-roping classes. Ruby riders have competed in more than eight (8) open shows and/or county fairs, and have not won five (5) blue ribbons in recognized competitions in classes with five (5) or more competitors.

D - Sapphire Division: For students who have won more than five (5) blue western horsemanship ribbons in recognized competitions in classes with five or more competitors **this includes Novice classes.** Or riders who have earned 26 or more points from any breed association in western classes, excluding roping, games, halter showmanship, or non-roping classes. Sapphire riders are those who have competed in an AQHA/APHA/PtHA/ApHC/NRHA World Championship, or finished the year Top Three in State or affiliate AQHA/APHA/PtHA/ApHC/NRHA in a western division, excluding roping, games, halter, or showmanship.

R34.04 Western Riders in Sr. High Category including 9th through 12th graders

A - Opal Division: Walk-jog students who are beginning riders who have not had more than **twenty-four (24) weeks of mounted instruction, and who have not competed in mounted competition which require them to canter or lope. Opal riders have two years of eligibility starting with their initial completion of the YEDA Individual Membership Form.**

B - Emerald Division: For first time walk-jog-lope students who have had more than twenty-four (24) weeks of mounted instruction who have competed in non-recognized competitions which require them to lope or canter, **less than 8 shows/events.** These riders typically come from 4-H or open horse show circuits.

C - Ruby Division: For Students who have competed in mounted classes at recognized competitions to include any western or hunter-seat classes. Ruby riders may not have earned more than 25 points from any breed association or associations i.e. (AQHA/APHA/PtHA/ApHC/NRHA) including novice. This excludes roping, games, halter, showmanship 10 & under classes, and/or non-roping classes. Ruby riders have competed in more than eight (8) open shows and/or county fairs, and have not won five (5) blue ribbons in recognized competitions in classes with five (5) or more competitors.

D - Sapphire Division: For students who have won more than five (5) blue western horsemanship ribbons in recognized competitions in classes with five or more competitors **this includes Novice classes.** Or riders who have earned 26 or more points from any breed association in western classes, excluding roping, games, halter showmanship, or non-roping classes. Sapphire riders are those who have competed in an AQHA/APHA/PtHA/ApHC/NRHA World Championship, or finished the year Top Three

in State or affiliate AQHA/APHA/PtHA/ApHC/NRHA in a western division, excluding roping, games, halter, or showmanship.

E - Diamond Division: For students who have finished Top Five in ANY non-gaited breed National/World Championship, or have finished in the Top 10 of the AQHA/APHA/PtHA/ApHC/NRHA World/Congress Championship in a western class, excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship or novice classes.

F - Diamond Elite Division: Diamond Division Riders will be given the opportunity to compete in a “head-to-head” style class at select shows.

F.1 Teams leading in the year-end points prior to the beginning of competition will be given priority to select a Diamond Division rider to compete in the Diamond Elite Horsemanship Class.

F.2 Up to twelve (12) teams may participate in this class or team represented at a given show. **The number of participants will be determined by show host**

F.3 All Riders will compete head to head in a NCEA style competition with special emphasis on their individual achievement.

F.4 **Teams hosting YEDA shows may elect to offer Diamond Elite to the top point leading teams present at the show.**

F.5 Diamond Elite horsemanship does not count toward team points.

Western Horsemanship Competition

Section R35

R35.01 All Regular YEDA Shows must include the following classes:

A - Elementary Category:

Class 1 Pearl Division – Rail Horsemanship

Class 2 Pearl Division-Pattern Horsemanship

B - Jr. High Category:

Class 3 Opal Division - Rail Horsemanship

Class 4 Opal Division – Pattern Horsemanship

Class 5 Emerald Division - Rail Horsemanship

Class 6 Emerald Division – Pattern Horsemanship

Class 7 Ruby Division - Rail Horsemanship

Class 8 Ruby Division - Pattern Horsemanship

Class 9 Sapphire Division - Rail Horsemanship

Class 10 Sapphire Division - Pattern Horsemanship

C - Sr. High Category:

Class 11 Opal Division -Rail Horsemanship

Class 12 Opal Division-Pattern Horsemanship

Class 13 Emerald Division - Rail Horsemanship

Class 14 Emerald Division-Pattern Horsemanship

Class 15 Ruby Division - Rail Horsemanship

Class 16 Ruby Division - Pattern Horsemanship

Class 17 Sapphire Division - Rail Horsemanship

Class 18 Sapphire Division - Pattern Horsemanship

Class 19 Diamond Division – Rail/Pattern Horsemanship

Class 20 Diamond Division - Reining

Class 21 Alumni Division – Rail/Pattern Horsemanship

R 35.02 Classes that MAY be offered at a regular YEDA show.

Class 22 Diamond Elite Horsemanship

R35.03 Division Descriptions:

A - Pearl Horsemanship & Pattern: (Classes 1 & 2)

- A.1** Walk-Trot Division. Open to all Elementary, 4th and 5th grade students. No matter their ability or experience levels.
- A.2** Used up their two (2) years of eligibility; or
- A.3** To be shown at the walk and jog both ways of the ring.
- A.4** YEDA Elements A - D may be asked. (See rule 27.06)
- A.5** Patterns for this division must be chosen from the Official YEDA Patterns or YEDA Rulebook. Patterns for this division will remain on the rail.
- A.6** Execution: If Rider is on pattern but is having a problem executing a maneuver, this does not mean an automatic disqualification (DQ). The maneuver will be indicated “over” with a signal. The signal can be a whistle or announcement through the Scribe or Ring Steward. The rider will continue on with the pattern and the maneuver will be scored a minus 2 1/2.

B - Opal Horsemanship & Pattern: (Classes 3,4, 11 & 12)

- B.1** Open to beginner Walk-Trot riders as described in R32.01(A) & R32.02(A).
Beginner riders have two years of eligibility starting with their initial completion of the individual membership form, or until they point out by finishing in the Top 3 YEDA Point Earners for the season, or finish in the Top 3 at the YEDA National Championship Event. Patterns for this division must be chosen from the Official YEDA Patterns or YEDA Rulebook. Patterns for this division will remain on the rail.
- B.2** Used up their two (2) years of eligibility; or
- B.3** New riders as described in rule R32.02(B) & 32.03(B).
- B.4** To be shown at the walk and jog both ways of the ring.
- B.5** YEDA Elements A - D may be asked. (See rule 27.06)
- B.6** Patterns for this division must be chosen from the Official YEDA Patterns or YEDA Rulebook. Patterns for this division will remain on the rail.
- B.7** Execution: If Rider is on pattern but is having a problem executing a maneuver, this does not mean an automatic disqualification (DQ). The maneuver will be indicated “over” with a signal. The signal can be a whistle or announcement

through the Scribe or Ring Steward. The rider will continue on with the pattern and the maneuver will be scored a minus 2 1/2.

C - Emerald Horsemanship & Pattern: (Classes 5,6, 13 & 14)

Eligibility: Open to riders who:

- C.1 Have **advanced** out of Class 3,4, 11 or 12
- C.2 Used up their two (2) years of eligibility; or
- C.3 New riders as described in rule R32.02(B) & 32.03(B).
- C.4 To be shown at the walk, jog, & lope, both ways of the ring. Leads will count
- C.5 YEDA Elements A - E may be asked. (See rule 27.06)
- C.6 Patterns for this division must be chosen from the Official YEDA Patterns or YEDA Rulebook. Patterns for this division will remain on the rail.
- C.7 Execution: If Rider is on pattern but is having a problem executing a maneuver, this does not mean an automatic disqualification (DQ). The maneuver will be indicated "over" with a signal. The signal can be a whistle or announcement through the Scribe or Ring Steward. The rider will continue on with the pattern and the maneuver will be scored a minus 2 1/2.

D - Ruby Rail & Pattern Horsemanship: (Classes 7,8,15, & 16)

Eligibility: Open to riders who:

- D.1 Have **advanced** out of Class 5,6,13 or 14
- D.2 Used up their two (2) years of eligibility; or
- D.3 New riders as described in rule R32.02(C) & R32.03(C).
- D.4 To be shown at the walk, jog, & lope, both ways of the ring. Leads will count.
- D.5 Patterns for this division must be chosen from the Official YEDA. Rulebook. Patterns for this division will remain on the rail.
- D.6 YEDA Elements A - **G** may be asked. (See rule 27.06)
- D.7 Execution: If Rider is on pattern but is having a problem executing a maneuver, this does not mean an automatic disqualification (DQ). The maneuver will be indicated "over" with a signal. The signal can be a whistle or announcement through the Scribe or Ring Steward. The rider will continue on with the pattern and the maneuver will be scored a minus 2 1/2.

E - Sapphire Rail & Pattern Horsemanship: (Classes 9,10,17, & 18)

Eligibility: Open to Riders who:

- E.1 Have **advanced** out of Class 7, 8, 15, or 16; or
- E.2 **Used up their two (2) years of eligibility; or**
- E.3 New riders as described in rule R32.02(D) & R32.03(D).

- E.4** To be shown at the walk, jog, & lope, both ways of the ring. Leads will count
- E.5** Patterns for this division must be chosen from the Official YEDA Patterns or YEDA Rulebook. Patterns for this division can be in the center of the arena.
- E.6** YEDA Elements A - J may be asked (See rule 27.06)
- E.7** Execution: If Rider is on pattern but is having a problem executing a maneuver, this does not mean an automatic disqualification (DQ). The maneuver will be indicated “over” with a signal. The signal can be a whistle or announcement through the Scribe or Ring Steward. The rider will continue on with the pattern and the maneuver will be scored a minus 2 1/2.

F - Diamond Pattern Horsemanship: (Class 19)

Eligibility: Open to Riders who:

- F.1** Have pointed out of Class 17 & 18; or
- F.2** New riders as described in rule R32.03(E).
- F.3** To be shown at the walk, jog, & lope, one or both ways of the ring. Leads will count.
- F.4** Patterns for this division must be chosen from the Official YEDA Patterns or YEDA Rulebook. Patterns for this division may be performed in the center of the arena.
- F.5** YEDA Elements A - J may be asked (See rule 27.06)
- F.6** Execution: If Rider is on pattern but is having a problem executing a maneuver, this does not mean an automatic disqualification (DQ). The maneuver will be indicated “over” with a signal. The signal can be a whistle or announcement through the Scribe or Ring Steward. The rider will continue on with the pattern and the maneuver will be scored a minus 2 1/2.

G - Diamond Reining: (Class 20)

Eligibility: Open to Riders:

- G.1** As described in Rule R32.02(E); and
- G.2** Showing no lower than Class 19; and
- G.3** Who have had 6 continuous months of professional reining instruction within the past calendar year.
- G.4** To be shown individually in a preassigned pattern, from the Official YEDA Patterns, per rule R26.
- G.5** Show management may place appropriate constraints on the number of entries per team, to be determined by the availability of horses, etc. However, each YEDA show must make this class available to at least one (1) rider per team competing at the show from each team.

G.6 Execution: If Rider is on pattern but is having a problem executing a maneuver, this does not mean an automatic disqualification (DQ). The maneuver will be indicated “over” with a signal. The signal can be a whistle or announcement through the Scribe or Ring Steward. The rider will continue on with the pattern and the maneuver will be scored a minus 2 1/2.

H - Alumni Pattern Horsemanship: (Class 22)

Eligibility: Open to Riders who:

H.1 Reference section 38 of this rule book for complete Alumni Rules

H.2 Have graduated or no longer eligible for YEDA youth status;

H.3 Riders who have graduated from a team youth program.

H.4 Rail portion to be shown at the walk, jog, & lope, one or both ways of the ring.
Leads will count

H.5 YEDA Elements A - J may be asked (see rule R27.06)

H.6 Patterns for this division must be chosen from the Official YEDA Patterns or YEDA Rulebook. Patterns for this division may be performed in the center of the arena.

H.7 Execution: If Rider is on pattern but is having a problem executing a maneuver, this does not mean an automatic disqualification (DQ). The maneuver will be indicated “over” with a signal. The signal can be a whistle or announcement through the Scribe or Ring Steward. The rider will continue on with the pattern and the maneuver will be scored a minus 2 1/2.

I - Diamond Elite Pattern Horsemanship: (Class 21)

Eligibility: Open to Riders:

I.1 Open to riders showing in the Diamond Division, Class 19/20.

I.2 Show management must designate on their showbill prior to the show if they will offer Diamond Elite and how many spots will be available for the day of show. (4,6, 8 or 12 spots for those top point earning teams at that show to designate a rider.)

I.3 Entries will be taken at the coaches meeting prior to the start of the show. Based upon the current team standings as indicated by the date in the showbill.

I.4 To be shown individually in a preassigned pattern, from the Official YEDA Patterns, or YEDA Rulebook.

I.5 Description: Each eligible team is represented by one rider in “head- to-head” competition based on NCEA Format. Up to twelve 12 riders/teams will be eligible to compete in the Elite Class Priority is given to the top teams ranked in Top 12 based on current season cumulative points prior to the start of the days competition.

- I.6 Execution: If Rider is on pattern but is having a problem executing a maneuver, this does not mean an automatic disqualification (DQ). The maneuver will be indicated “over” with a signal. The signal can be a whistle or announcement through the Scribe or Ring Steward. The rider will continue on with the pattern and the maneuver will be scored a minus 2 1/2.
- I.7 Diamond Elite Horsemanship may not be available at every show.
- I.8 Diamond Elite Horsemanship will be run at the National Championship show offering an entry to each Sr High team competing in the team competition. 12 teams will send a Diamond Elite Rider. In the event of an uneven number of riders the National Steward will hold a draw for the remaining open slots. In the event of more than 12 teams competing at Nationals from year end ties, the National Steward will decide the excluded team or teams.

Western Horsemanship Patterns

Section R36

R36.01 Individuals showing in **Classes 2, 4 and 12: Opal and Pearl Pattern Horsemanship** will be required to execute the elements named in any one of the Opal and Pearl Patterns contained in YEDA Rulebook

R36.02 Individuals showing in **Classes 6 and 14: Emerald Pattern Horsemanship** will be required to execute the elements named in any one of the Emerald Patterns contained in YEDA Rulebook

R36.03 Individuals showing in **Classes 8 and 16: Ruby Pattern Horsemanship** will be required to execute the elements named in any one of the Ruby Patterns contained in YEDA Rulebook

R36.04 Individuals showing in **Classes 10 or 18: Sapphire Pattern Horsemanship** will be required to execute the elements named in any one of the Sapphire Patterns contained in YEDA Rulebook

R36.05 Individuals showing in **Class 19: Diamond Pattern Horsemanship** will be required to execute the elements named in any one of the Diamond Patterns contained in YEDA Rulebook

R36.06 Individuals showing in **Class 21: Alumni Horsemanship** will be required to execute the elements named in any one of the Alumni Patterns contained in YEDA Rulebook

R36.07 Individuals showing in **Class 22: Diamond Elite Horsemanship** will be required to execute the elements named in any one of the Diamond Patterns contained in YEDA Rulebook

Western Reining Patterns

Section R37

R37.01 Individuals showing in Class 20: Diamond Reining will be required to execute the elements named in any one of the Diamond Reining Patterns contained in YEDA Rulebook.
Reining patterns provided courtesy of NRHA and IHSA

Alumni

Section R38

R38.01 Eligibility for YEDA Alumni:

- A** - Alumni must be a high school graduate to compete in the YEDA alumni division.
- B** - Alumni rider must have competed one YEDA season during 4-12 grade or team competitive riding in a similar association.
- C** - Alumni rider must be affiliated with an active YEDA team and coach, the team and coach do not have to be the same as your high school YEDA team.

R38.02 The alumni division will consist of only one class that will be a pattern/rail combination horsemanship class. The pattern will be those designated for the Sapphire division. (R27.05 D)

R38.03 Alumni Membership.

- A** - Alumni rider must pay a YEDA membership and purchase a YEDA back number.
- B** - Alumni riders must show in an official YEDA show shirt.

R38.04 Alumni Showing and Points earned

- A** - Points will be earned the same as all other YEDA classes.
- B** - An alumni rider can show to up to 10 judges per season with the top six placing being averaged into the overall year end standings.
- C** - The top 10 ranked riders or 20% whichever is greater will be qualified to compete at the National Championship show.
- D** - Alumni riders must compete in a minimum of 2 regular season shows to be eligible for the National Championship Show.

R38.05 Alumni Riders are not eligible for the Scholarship Incentive Fund program.

R38.06 Alumni are subject to all rules and fees of YEDA. By becoming an Alumni member of YEDA you are agreeing to all policies and rules not defined in the Alumni section.

Appendix A

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