

ECOSC RULE BOOK & CIRCUIT INFORMATION

East Coast Open Show Circuit - 2009

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Announcements for 2009

Welcome to the 2009 East Coast Open Show Circuit season!

Please note the following additions / changes to our show schedule. Class and/or division definitions and descriptions may be found in the appropriate section of this rule book.

2009 East Coast Open Show Circuit Dates

- ECOSC Fuzzy & Fun Open Horse Show & Awards Banquet: Jan. 31 & Feb. 1, 2009
- ECOSC Circle B-Roanoke Rental Open Horse Show: April 25 & 26, 2009
- ECOSC Martin Festival Open Horse Show: June 20 & 21, 2009
- ECOSC Freedom Classic Open Horse Show: July 18 & 19, 2009
- ECOSC Sunnyside Open Horse Show: September 25*-26-27, 2009 (*tentative)

All shows held at the Senator Bob Martin Eastern Agricultural Center in Williamston, NC.

Show Format:

April, June and July circuit shows will work classes in the Main Arena on Saturday and Sunday, the covered Arena on Saturday, and the Trail Ring on Saturday. As the 2009 season progresses, adjustments may be made to improve class timing and overall format. **See page 14 for the complete 2009 show format.**

Divisions for 2009:

1. Stock/Hunter Type Horse
2. Saddle Pleasure Type Horse
3. Halter: 2 Yrs & Under
4. Halter: 3 Yrs & Over
5. Western Pleasure
6. Huntseat
7. Saddleseat
8. Field Hunter
9. Working Western
10. Non-Trotting
11. Dressage Suitability
12. Driving Horse
13. Driving Pony

Trail Classes

- Points earned in Trail classes will count towards Overall Show High Point Horse.
- Points earned in Trail classes will be tracked for Circuit Nominated Horses for Year End Circuit Overall High Points and Achievement Points.

Announcements for 2009 (continued)

Circuit Nominations

Circuit Nomination Form for the 2009 East Coast Open Show Circuit is provided on page 15. Horses must be re-nominated into the 2009 circuit for eligibility for circuit points.

All circuit horses will be assigned a back number. Circuit horses will be required to show under this number in order for points to be tracked and counted. Numbers will be provided by ECOSC. Please indicate your back number of choice on the circuit nomination form. Every attempt will be made to assign your requested number. If no number is requested, ECOSC will assign one.

Please see page 10 for full details on circuit participation.

Rules and Regulations:

The following regulations are emphasized for clarity:

1. **Payment: Pre-entries must be accompanied by payment or they will not be processed.** When sending a blank check with your entry form, please make sure it is signed. Any unsigned checks, or other lack of payment, will be considered as non-payment and we will hold your entries until you arrive at the show office before processing, assigning stalls, and assigning back numbers. No exceptions.
2. **Stall Reservations:** Stall reservations that are phoned in *must be followed up with entry forms and payment*, to be considered binding. Stall reservations that are called in and not accompanied by payment (or blank, signed check) cannot be assured of the stalls requested. When stall availability reaches full capacity, preferred or requested stalling will be assigned according to entries received with payment and according to post marked date.
3. **No one shall approach a judge with regard to a decision** unless they first obtain permission from the Show Management, who shall arrange an appointment with the judge at a proper time and place.
4. **Overnight Stalling:** Any horse kept on the show grounds overnight must be kept in a purchased stall with bedding. Stalling overnight in trailers is not allowed. This is in compliance with the Senator Bob Martin Eastern Agricultural Center bylaws and contract. All violators will be submitted by show management to the Ag Center. Offenders will be required either to comply or leave the premises.
5. **Bounced checks/insufficient funds:** All show checks received that bounce or are returned to us for insufficient funds will be processed with an additional \$50 office fee. Please be aware that a horse show can only survive if all checks are good for the amount that they are written for. Returned checks hurt us all by incurring unforeseen costs which are ultimately passed on to the management and the exhibitor. Any checks returned for insufficient funds will be pursued, if necessary, through the Magistrates Office. Show management reserves the right to place continuous offenders on a cash-only basis, and/or to refuse entry into the show.
6. **NO DOGS allowed anywhere in the Coliseum: This includes the paddock (staging) area, show office, vending areas, food court, grandstands etc.** In addition, no dogs are allowed in the staging area for the Covered Arena, the practice rings, and lunging rings. Dogs must be on a leash at all times. Do NOT tie dogs in the barn aisle ways (which are for Horses and People).

1. Divisions and Classes

1.a. Divisions and Show High Point Awards

Show High Point Awards for the following divisions will be announced during each show, after the final class tabulation of each division has been completed. Awards may be picked up at the Show Office.

- **Halter 2 Yrs & Under** High Point Horse and Reserve High Point Horse
- **Halter 3 Yrs & Over** High Point Horse and Reserve High Point Horse
- **Western Pleasure** High Point Horse and Reserve High Point Horse
- **Non-Trotting** High Point Horse and Reserve High Point Horse
- **Huntseat** High Point Horse and Reserve High Point Horse
- **Saddleseat** High Point Horse and Reserve High Point Horse
- **Field Hunter** High Point Horse and Reserve High Point Horse
- **Working Western** High Point Horse and Reserve High Point Horse
- **Dressage Suitability** High Point Horse and Reserve High Point Horse
- **Driving Horse** High Point Horse and Reserve High Point Horse
- **Driving Pony** High Point Pony and Reserve High Point Pony
- **Stock/Hunter Type Horse** High Point Horse and Reserve High Point Horse
- **Saddle Pleasure Type Horse** High Point Horse and Reserve High Point Horse

The following Overall Show High Point Awards will be announced at the conclusion of each show:

- **Overall High Point Horse**
- **Reserve Overall High Point Horse**

All of the above Division Points will be tracked for Circuit Year-End High Point Awards for circuit-nominated horses.

Cross Entry Rules: See information about [Cross-Entry Rules](#) (page 9) for the following Divisions: Field Hunter, Huntseat, Western Pleasure, and Working Western Divisions; Stock/Hunter Type and Saddle Pleasure Type Divisions; Pony and horse height requirements for the Driving Division.

Non-Trotting: As we have always done with our circuit, any non-trotting horses may enter the Open - GAYP (Go As You Please) classes, while following the same rules described regarding cross entries. Please be aware that for any classes labeled "Walk-Trot" or "Walk-Jog", a trot or jog will be required unless noted otherwise. Non-trotting horses/ponies may enter driving classes – if entering a non-trotting horse in the Driving Division, please let show management know so classes will be called appropriately.

1. Divisions and Classes (continued)

1.b. List of Utility Classes

The following utility classes do not count for any division points, yet they all will be tracked for Show High Points and Circuit Overall High Points and Circuit Achievement Points.

Utility classes are open to all horses, regardless of Type (Stock/Hunter or Saddle/Pleasure) or other divisions you show in. Trail course will be located outside, weather permitting.

Utility Classes	Show Overall High Points	Circuit Overall High Points	Circuit Achievement Points
Trail	Yes	Yes	Yes
Showmanship	Yes	Yes	Yes
Interim Walk/Trot	No	No	Yes

1.c. List of Specialty Classes:

The following specialty classes do not count for any division points, yet they all will be tracked for Show High Points and Circuit Overall High Points and Circuit Achievement Points.

Specialty Classes	Show Overall High Points	Circuit Overall High Points	Circuit Achievement Points
Most Colorful	Yes	Yes	Yes
Miniature Halter	Yes	Yes	Yes

2. Definitions and Class Descriptions

2.a. Definition of Terms: Please read and become familiar with the following terms, as these will apply throughout each show.

Stock/Hunter Type Horse: This includes all Quarter Horses, Paints, Appaloosas, and any horse fitting this general classification (registration papers are not required). Offered in Western Pleasure and Huntseat divisions.

Saddle Pleasure Type Horse: This includes all Saddlebreds, Morgans, Arabians, Paso Finos, Peruvian Pasos, Walking Horses, Spotted Saddle Horses, and any horse fitting this general classification (registration papers are not required). Offered in Western Pleasure and Huntseat divisions.

“Open” Classes: Classes designated as **Open Classes** refer to type of horse. These classes may be entered by both Stock/Hunter and Saddle Pleasure type horses (Stock/Hunter type horses and Saddle Pleasure type horses will show together). Non-trotting horses may enter the Open Go-As-You-Please (GAYP) or Saddle Pleasure Type Go-As-You-Please (GAYP) classes that are outside of the Non-Trotting Horses division. Please be aware that for any classes labeled “Walk-Trot” or “Walk-Jog”, a trot or jog will be required.

Novice Rider or Horse: Novice classes are open to horses or riders which have not won three first place ribbons in any breed or open shows in the particular performance division in which they are shown. If novice status is broken during an ECOSC show, the horse or rider will retain that novice status until the close of the show. However, the horse or rider may no longer ride in a novice class in any subsequent ECOSC circuit shows. In all cases, ribbons won within one section do Not count in the reckoning of Novice status if the horse or rider competes in a different section.

Maiden Rider or Horse: Maiden classes are open to horses or riders which have not won a first place in any breed or open shows in the particular performance division in which they are shown. If maiden status is broken during an ECOSC show, the rider or horse will retain that maiden status until the close of the show. However, the rider or horse may no longer ride in a maiden class in any subsequent ECOSC circuit shows. In all cases, ribbons won within one section do Not count in the reckoning of Maiden status if the horse or rider competes in a different section.

Amateur To Ride Class: These classes are offered for amateur riders only (horses may currently be in training with a professional trainer). The amateur rider does not have to be the owner of the horse.

Junior Horse: Horse 5 years old and under as of January 1 this year. Curb bits are allowed.

Horse vs. Pony size limit: 14.2 hands or under (pertains to driving classes and pony classes only).

Distinction of Horse vs. Pony in Driving Classes: The height restriction for pony size limit (as stated just above) will apply to all horses (**including miniature horses**) and ponies for all driving classes: Any horse/pony 14.2 hands or under may only enter driving classes designated They may not enter driving classes designated “horse.”

To all exhibitors: We trust that you will use the honor system with regards to entering classes specified for Novice and Maiden Riders or Horses, and Amateur Riders. Please be aware that the status of exhibitors may be checked periodically, in an effort to maintain the integrity of these classes.

2. Definitions and Class Descriptions (continued)

2. b. Definitions of Field Hunter, Working Western and Dressage Suitability Divisions

Field Hunter Division:

This division promotes the field hunter horse, which should have a free-flowing long stride with correct gaits and proper cadence. Excessively slow gaits or appearance of depression will be penalized. Emphasis will be placed on a frame and way of going that is proper for horses going over fences. Headsets are not to be emphasized. Field hunter classes are to be shown on the flat. No cross entries are allowed for any horse between divisions designated Field Hunter Division and Huntseat Division.

Working Western Division:

This division promotes a more natural working type of western horse. Free-flowing stride, correct gaits, and proper cadence will be emphasized. Headsets are not to be emphasized; the nose should not be behind the vertical. Artificial gaits will be penalized. Appearance of intimidation, excessively slow or unnatural gaits, or depression will be penalized. Examples of unnatural or artificial gaits are a four beat lope, or walking in the back and trotting in the front when at the trot. Horses will not be penalized for not being clipped. Silver shall not count over plain, working tack. No cross entries are allowed for any horse between divisions designated Western Pleasure Division and Working Western Division.

Performance/Conformation Combination Class Description:

To be judged 25% on performance, 75% on conformation

1. Horses and riders will walk and then jog one way of the ring (counter clockwise) – under saddle.
2. Horses and riders will then line up along the rail at the ring steward, facing the judge. Riders dismount and remove the saddle/saddle pad for conformation inspection. Bridles are not removed.
3. One assistant per horse/rider unit will be allowed to enter the ring to assist with saddle removal, however it is not mandatory. Tack may be placed on the fence, or saddle racks may be brought in.
4. The assistant is allowed to switch places with the rider and handle the horse for the remainder of the class (conformation inspection.)
5. Horses will be judged for conformation and working condition (sweat and saddle marks will not be penalized).

Dressage Suitability Division: Open to all horses (horses may cross enter from any division)

Equipment: Horses to be shown in a plain snaffle bridle and smooth snaffle bit with cavesson or a full bridle (in accordance with USEF Dressage Chapter DR). Kimberwicke or Pelham bits are not allowed. Drop, flash (a combination of a cavesson noseband and a dropped noseband attachment) or figure eight nose bands are permissible. Saddles shall be dressage or all purpose English type. Martingales of any type, draw reins, other artificial appliances, boots and bandages are prohibited in competition. One whip is permitted in all classes. The whip must not be longer than 47.2 inches or 120cm, including the lash.

Dressage Seat Equitation:

To be shown at the medium walk, working trot and canter, both ways of the ring. Only the rider is to be judged. The class will be performed by the exhibitors simultaneously (no pattern). The rider is judged for position, seat and correct use of aids.

Suitability For Dressage:

This class promotes a horse with correct temperament and movement to perform in dressage events. Examples of qualities to be judged are: The freedom and regularity of the gaits, the lightness and ease of movements, lively impulsion, acceptance of the bridle with submissiveness throughout and without any tenseness or resistance. In all his work, even at the halt, the horse must be on the bit. To be shown at the walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring.

2. Definitions and Class Descriptions (continued)

2. b. Definitions of Field Hunter, Working Western and Dressage Suitability Divisions

Dressage Division (continued)

Show Hack:¹

The Show Hack is a suitable section for the well trained animal. Show Hacks must be balanced and show vitality, animation, presence, clean fine limbs and supreme quality. Soundness is required. The collected and extended gaits must be called for; i.e., collected walk, extended walk, normal walk; collected trot, extended trot, normal trot; collected canter, extended canter, normal canter and hand gallop. At the discretion of the judge, horses while on the rail may be asked to halt and reign-back. A Show Hack shall be able to perform all of these gaits with a noticeable transition between the normal, collected, and extended gaits. The horse must be under complete control and easily ridden. Obedience to the rider is of prime importance.

2. c. Definitions of 'Utility' Classes

Trail Classes:

This class will be judged on the performance of the horse in maneuvering obstacles. Trail courses will be posted at the show. Both In-Hand and Under Saddle Trail classes are offered. Trail entries may show at will during the specified time slot (which will be announced). Classes are run concurrently, and exhibitors will show on a first-come first-serve basis. When you arrive at the Trail Course for your turn, you are to declare to the Paddock Master which Trail class or classes your horse is showing in. For horses showing in 2 or more Trail classes under saddle, you have the option to ride 2 classes back-to-back. After 2 back-to-back turns, if other horses are waiting in line for their turn, you must go to the end of the line to ride your additional classes.

For the first 3 circuit shows, you must be signed up for Trail Classes no later than 8:00 a.m. on the day of classes. All Trail exhibitors must be checked in line by 4:30 p.m. on the day of classes. (Please check your program for the times required for the Sunnyside Show.) Trail patterns will be posted at the Show Office. Trail is not a division – any horse, any breed, using any appropriate tack, may be entered. Points will count towards show Overall High Points. Points will be tracked for Circuit Nominated Horses, and will count for Year End Circuit Overall High Points and Achievement Points.

Showmanship:

Classes are judged on the exhibitor's ability to prepare and present the horse safely, correctly and elegantly. Conformation of the horse is not to be judged. The ideal showmanship performance consists of a poised, confident, appropriately attired exhibitor leading a well-groomed and conditioned horse that quickly and efficiently performs the requested pattern with promptness, smoothness and precision. Points will count for Show and Circuit Overall Points and Circuit Achievement Points.

Interim Walk/Trot Class:

This class is for riders who are becoming competent at the trot, this class is to help riders gain experience and confidence in the show ring. One assistant (parent/trainer etc.) must accompany entries. No lead lines allowed. Assistant will stay within helpful distance of their horse & rider. Riders will be asked to walk, trot, halt, and reverse both ways of the ring. The class begins by all entries entering the ring and lining up in the center with their assistants. At this time, assistants may hold the horse. Up to 4 exhibitors at a time will be asked to take a well-spaced position on the rail and execute the above requirements of the class. Upon completion of their "go", exhibitors will return to the line-up and the next group gets a go. This is a judged class through 8 placings.

Exhibitors in this class may cross enter in the Lead Line class. Exhibitors entered in this class may not enter any other classes requiring a trot or canter. Exhibitors may ride in this class as many times as they wish throughout the circuit year; however, once they "graduate" into regular trotting classes, they are no longer eligible for the Interim Walk Trot class. Walk/Trot Interim Class is open to all trotting horses, and all ages of riders. Points will count for Circuit Achievement Points only.

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2. d. Definitions of ‘Specialty’ Classes

Most Colorful:

Most Colorful (Specialty Halter Class): Any Age, Any Type – To be judged 60% on color, 40% on conformation. This “halter” specialty class is not associated with the Halter Division or Halter Division Points. Points will count for Show and Circuit Overall Points and Circuit Achievement Points only. This class does not qualify entries to show back in the Halter Division Championship Classes. “Most Colorful” entries are welcome to also show in their appropriate class within the Halter Division.

Miniature Horse Halter:

Halter class for miniature horses. Any age, any sex. Points will count for Show and Circuit Overall Points and Circuit Achievement Points.

3. Cross-Entry Rules and Explanations

Cross Entry of Horses	
Stock Hunter Type and Saddle Pleasure Type:	No cross entries are allowed for any horse between classes designated Stock/Hunter Type horse and Saddle Pleasure Type horse. Please choose ONE type you feel is appropriate for your horse and enter only those classes throughout the show. <u>Please designate type of horse on the entry form.</u> Offered in Western Pleasure and Huntseat classes.
Field Hunter Division and Hunt Seat Division:	No cross entries are allowed for any horse between the divisions designated as Field Hunter Division and Huntseat Pleasure Division. You must ride only in one division or the other.
Working Western Division and Western Pleasure Division:	No cross entries are allowed for any horse between divisions designated Western Pleasure Division and Working Western Division. You must ride only in one division or the other.
Driving: Horse or Pony	Classes will be divided into 2 sections: Horse and Pony.
Driving: Pony vs. Horse height restrictions	Within the Driving Division, The height restriction for <u>pony size limit</u> (as stated just above) will apply to all horses (including miniature horses) and ponies for all driving classes: Any horse/pony 14.2 hands or under may only enter driving classes designated “pony.” They may not enter classes designated “horse.”
Cross Entry of Exhibitors	
Lead Line	Exhibitors in this class may cross enter in the Interim Walk/Trot class. The Lead Line class is open to ALL horses.
Interim Walk Trot	Exhibitors in this class may cross enter in Lead Line class only. Exhibitors may ride in this class as often as they wish throughout the circuit year; however, once they “graduate” into regular trotting classes, they are no longer eligible for the Interim Walk Trot class. Walk/Trot Interim Class is open to all trotting horses, and all ages of riders

4. Circuit Information and Nomination Form

East Coast Open Show Circuit - 2009 Circuit Information

The East Coast Open Show Circuit is a series of horse shows carrying on in the tradition of the East Coast Open Shows quality and spirit. This circuit exists in order to recognize the achievements of our horse show exhibitors, and to provide even more opportunities for our exhibitors to show their horses in an atmosphere of quality competition, camaraderie, and fun.

The ECOSC is a series of 4 approved horse shows, with points to be awarded to horses and riders (points follow the horse) to determine the best among the competitors at the end of each year. It provides an account and history of the horse and riders performance throughout a given period of time. Points are recorded at each show and tabulated at year's end for each type of horse and each division. Year-end high point awards will be presented at our exhibitors' appreciation awards banquet and social.

The Annual Exhibitors Awards Banquet typically takes place the first weekend of February to coincide with the **ECOSC Fuzzy & Fun Open Horse Show** (the Fuzzy & Fun Show does not count for circuit points). Future dates will be posted on our website.

East Coast Open Show Circuit - 2009 Show Dates

- ECOSC 4th Annual Fuzzy & Fun Open Horse Show and the 5th Annual Year End Exhibitor's Awards Banquet - January 31-February 1, 2009
- ECOSC 6th Annual Circle B – Roanoke Rental Open Horse Show - April 25 & 26
- ECOSC 6th Annual Martin Festival Open Horse Show - June 20 & 21
- ECOSC 6th Annual Freedom Classic Open Horse Show - July 18 & 19
- ECOSC 10th Annual Sunnyside Open Horse Show - Sept. Sept 25*-26-27 (*Friday Sept. 25 is tentative)

Show Location: Senator Bob Martin Eastern Agricultural Center, Williamston, North Carolina

Circuit Nomination Form

- The Circuit Awards Program Nomination Form is on page 15 of this rule book; Circuit nomination forms will also be available at the ECOSC shows, in the show programs, as well as online at www.eastcoasthorses.com.

Show Programs and Entry Forms:

- Prize lists and entry forms for all ECOSC shows will be online at www.eastcoasthorses.com.
- Copies of all show programs, entry forms and rule book will be available at each show.
- Please call 252-799-0334 (Trish) or 252-809-3687 (Norma) or email trishandrews@embarqmail.com or normag@embarqmail.com if you need a copy of this Rule Book or any show programs/entry forms mailed to you.
- Please check the website for show and circuit updates and news. All checks for all shows are to be made payable to **East Coast Equine, Inc.**

4. Circuit Information and Nomination Form (continued)

Circuit Participation

1. ECOSC requires a nomination fee for participation in its year-end awards program (nomination form is attached). The nomination fee for the circuit is \$35.00 per horse per year. Please include payment with your nomination forms. Complete information on horses participating in this program must be provided on the Nomination Form. Points will follow the horse, not the horse/rider team. You may nominate as many horses as you want, but each horse needs to be on a separate Nomination Form. Please feel free to make as many copies as you need of the attached form.
2. You do not have to join the circuit in order to participate at any of the circuit shows, but to be eligible for year-end High Point Awards, your horse must be nominated into the circuit program.
3. Each horse that is nominated into the circuit program is required to show at a minimum of two circuit shows to be eligible for year-end High Point Awards (double pointed shows do not count as two horse shows).
4. Points will not be tabulated or counted until after fees are paid and nomination form is received. You may join the circuit at any time prior to the third show of the season, but please be aware that any points theoretically accumulated prior to nomination and payment of fees cannot be used towards year-end High Point Awards. Exhibitors cannot pay after placing and expect points to be counted. Although you can join the circuit at any time prior to the third show, show management suggests joining prior to the first show of the circuit. The nomination fee helps to offset costs for office fees, points tracking, and to provide high quality year-end High Point Awards and Achievement Awards.
5. Circuit Nomination Form is on page 15 of this rule book.
6. On the Nomination Form, list the full name of horse exactly as horse will be listed on the show entry forms.
7. All **circuit nominations** and **payment** must be submitted together. We cannot take a nomination form without payment, or payment without the appropriate nomination form.
8. Achievement awards are tracked from year to year. If you change a horse's name in any way from one year to another, please make sure to let us know.
9. Location of Shows: All four circuit shows will be held at the Senator Bob Martin Eastern Agricultural Center (SBMEAC). The Senator Bob Martin Eastern Agricultural Center is located on Highway 125 just south of Williamston, North Carolina. Take US State 4-lane Highway 64 East, Exit 512 for the Ag Center, 1.5 Miles from Williamston, NC. On US 17, take the exit for 64 W at the Water Tower (1.5 miles from Williamston). Also, visit www.eastcoasthorses.com for a printable map.
10. **Year End High Point Divisions**
 - Stock-Hunter Type
 - Saddle-Pleasure Type
 - Huntseat Pleasure
 - Western Pleasure
 - Non-Trotting
 - Driving: Horse
 - Driving: Pony
 - Saddleseat
 - Field Hunter
 - Working Western
 - Dressage
 - Halter: 2 Years and Under
 - Halter: 3 Years and Over
 - Overall High Point Horse
 - Reserve Overall High Point Horse

Note: Each Year-End High Point Award Division will be placed down through 10th place, with the exception of the Overall and Reserve Overall High Point Horse.

4. Circuit Information and Nomination Form (continued)

Achievement Awards (points accumulate from year to year):

Achievement Awards will be awarded to exhibitors as points are earned throughout the circuit seasons. This will allow more member participation in the circuit, and awards will be presented in our annual High Point Awards Exhibitor's Banquet. Achievement Awards are designed to establish a record of outstanding performance within the circuit. Achievement Awards shall become part of a horse's permanent circuit performance record. Points from all classes, including Halter, will be used to calculate Achievement Awards points [with the exception of Lead Line].

1. All horses nominated into the circuit are automatically tracked for Achievement Awards Points.
2. Achievement awards will be earned consecutively from year to year (points from one year will carry over to the next year). All circuit members are eligible for these awards, regardless of year-end High Point standings. Achievement awards will be tracked and counted regardless of how many circuit shows are attended by a nominated horse within a show year.
3. To ensure proper tracking of Achievement Points, it is essential when re-nominating your horse for consecutive years to record the horse's name exactly the same way on each year's nomination form. If you change a horse's name in any way from one year to another, it is your responsibility to let us know.

The Achievement Awards are:

- **Achievement of Honor** 150 points minimum
- **Achievement of Excellence** 300 points minimum
- **Achievement of Masters** 600 points minimum
- **Achievement of Supreme Excellence** 1200 points minimum

Horses that earn the Achievement Awards of Honor, Excellence and Masters will be honored at the year-end Awards Banquet. Horses that earn the Achievement of Supreme Excellence Award have the option of their award to be presented at a Circuit Show of their choice, or at the year-end Awards Banquet.

Circuit Points will be tabulated as follows:

Regular Class Points:

1 st place	5 points
2 nd place	4 points
3 rd place	3 points
4 th place	2 points
5 th place	1 point

Championship Class Points will be doubled:

Champion	10 points
Reserve Champion	8 points
3 rd Place	6 points
4 th place	4 points
5 th place	2 points

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4. Circuit Information and Nomination Form (continued)

Achievement Awards (continued)

Supreme Championship Class* Points will be doubled:

Supreme Champion	10 points
Reserve Supreme Champion	8 points
3 rd Place	6 points
4 th place	4 points
5 th place	2 points

*Note: For the Supreme Championship Classes, awards will be presented only to the Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion horses. However, points for all placings (1st through 5th) will be tracked for circuit point standings.

Note: Points will be posted publicly during the show season year on the web at www.eastcoasthorses.com.

ECOSC Circuit Regulations and Procedures

All rules and regulations, definitions of divisions and classes, and policies of the East Coast Open Show Circuit shows will apply. In addition:

Circuit Awards: Circuit awards will be presented at an annual banquet to be held at year's end. All awards will be paid for by the circuit.

Ties: In case of Ties for High Point Awards: Two horses tied for any High Point Award placing will then be evaluated for the most First Place ribbons earned during the show season. The horse with the highest number of First Place ribbons in that division will be declared the winner of that placing and the other tied horse will be placed one placing below. During the tie-breaker, in the event of a tie for First Place ribbons earned during the show season, the horses will then be evaluated for most number of Second Place ribbons, etc. until the tie is broken. This applies to all division awards and to Overall High Point Horse Awards.

Sale of Horse: If a horse with accumulated circuit points is sold during the year, the new owner is not required to pay the nomination fee again (for that year) before showing for points. Points will be carried over for the horse. The new owner will simply fill out an updated Nomination Form for that year, with no additional payment.

4. Circuit Information and Nomination Form (continued)

ECOSC 2009 Show Formats:

Jan 31-Feb.1 2009 ECOSC 4th Annual Fuzzy & Fun Open Horse Show and 5th Annual Year End Exhibitor's Awards Banquet

A *cool* way to start off the new show season! Get back in shape with an abridged format of our 4 circuit shows, plus Fun Classes for kids of all ages. Note, the Fuzzy & Fun Show does not count for circuit points. Saturday evening enjoy a night of great food, music and fun, with the presentation of year-end Circuit High Point and Achievement Awards.

April 25-26, 2009 ECOSC 6th Annual Circle B – Roanoke Rental Open Horse Show

Single pointed show for circuit members. Single judge Main Arena, single judge Covered Arena (Saturday only), and single judge Trail Ring. Exhibitors will be seen by a different judge each day. High Point Awards for the show Overall and Reserve Overall High Point Horse will be awarded. We will also present the show High Point and Reserve High Point awards for the following divisions: Saddle Pleasure Type, Stock Hunter Type, Halter (2 & Under / 3 & Over), Western Pleasure, Huntseat, Saddleseat, Non-Trotting, Driving (Horse and Pony), Working Western, Field Hunter, and Dressage.

June 20-21, 2009 ECOSC 6th Annual Martin Festival Open Horse Show

Double pointed show for circuit members. Each placing counts double points towards the year-end circuit awards and achievement awards. Single judge Main Arena, single judge Covered Arena (Saturday only), and single judge Trail Ring. Exhibitors will be seen by a different judge each day. High Point Awards for the show Overall and Reserve Overall High Point Horse will be awarded. We will also present the show High Point and Reserve High Point awards for the following divisions: Saddle Pleasure Type, Stock Hunter Type, Halter (2 & Under / 3 & Over), Western Pleasure, Huntseat, Saddleseat, Non-Trotting, Driving (Horse and Pony), Working Western, Field Hunter, and Dressage.

July 18-19, 2009 ECOSC 6th Annual Freedom Classic Open Horse Show

Double pointed show for circuit members. Each placing counts double points towards the year-end circuit awards and achievement awards. Single judge Main Arena, single judge Covered Arena (Saturday only), and single judge Trail Ring. Exhibitors will be seen by a different judge each day. High Point Awards for the show Overall and Reserve Overall High Point Horse will be awarded. We will also present the show High Point and Reserve High Point awards for the following divisions: Saddle Pleasure Type, Stock Hunter Type, Halter (2 & Under / 3 & Over), Western Pleasure, Huntseat, Saddleseat, Non-Trotting, Driving (Horse and Pony), Working Western, Field Hunter, and Dressage.

September (25)-26-27, 2009 ECOSC 10th Annual Sunnyside Open Horse Show

Our Sunnyside Open Horse Show will serve as the grand finale to the show circuit. Single pointed show for all circuit members. High Point Awards for the show Overall and Reserve Overall High Point Horse will be awarded. The Overall High Point winner (Horse and Rider) will be added to the Sunnyside Open Horse Show Perpetual Trophy. We will also present show High Point and Reserve High Point awards for the following divisions: Saddle Pleasure Type, Stock Hunter Type, Halter (2 & Under / 3 & Over), Western Pleasure, Huntseat, Saddleseat, Non-Trotting, Driving (Horse and Pony), Working Western, Field Hunter, and Dressage. Final 2 or 3 day format is to be determined.

Note: Show names may change due to title sponsorships.

See next page for the Circuit Nomination Form.

East Coast Open Show Circuit

2009 Circuit Awards Program Nomination Form

One nomination form per horse.

Date of Nomination: _____

Horse Name: _____

List the full name of horse exactly as horse will be listed on the show entry forms. This is very important. Note: Achievement awards are tracked from year to year; If you change a horse's name in any way from one year to another, please make sure to let us know.

Name of Horse Handler/Rider(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Name of Horse Owner: _____

(if different from Horse Handler/Rider)

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Back Number: All circuit horses will be assigned a back number. Circuit horses will be required to show under this number in order for points to be tracked and counted. Numbers will be provided by ECOSC. **Please indicate your back number of choice; every attempt will be made to assign your requested number. If no number is requested, ECOSC will assign one.** – *Please see Note* on next page* –

Back Number Requested: 1st choice _____

2nd choice _____

Barn Affiliation: Please list below any barn, stable, or trainer you are affiliated with when showing with us. Please include this party's Name and Telephone Number.

Barn Affiliation: _____

I the undersigned do hereby affirm that I have read the rules and regulations regarding nomination and agree to abide by them. In addition, I will comply with the ECOSC Rule Book and USEF rulebook and any variations deemed necessary by show management.

Signature: _____

\$35.00 annual nomination fee must be enclosed for each horse being nominated for each year. Points will not count until nomination form has been submitted and paid for. **Please make all checks payable to "East Coast Equine Inc."**

<i>Office Use Only:</i>	
Circle Payment type: Check (# _____) Cash	On Tab of: _____
If nominated during show, received prior to class # _____	Received by: _____

Mail nomination form and fees to:

Trish Andrews • 1074 Holly Springs Loop Rd • Williamston, NC 27892 (Phone: 252-799-0334)

*Please Note!

Circuit Nominations

All circuit horses will be assigned a back number. Circuit horses will be required to show under this number in order for points to be tracked and counted. Your back numbers will be provided to you by ECOSC, at the first circuit show you attend. Please indicate your back number of choice on the circuit nomination form. Every attempt will be made to assign your requested number. If no number is requested, ECOSC will assign one.

NOTE: To ensure a mixed distribution of circuit and non-circuit back numbers during any given class or show, show management may randomly add a "0" or "00" or "000" to the end of the back number you request.

Example: if you choose back number 72, your "final" issued back number may be 720 for the circuit year. If you choose back number 2, your back number may be 200 or 2000 for the circuit year.

5. East Coast Open Show Circuit – Rules and Regulations

WARNING:

Under North Carolina law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for any injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting exclusively from the inherent risks of equine activities. Chapter 99E of the North Carolina General Statutes.

1. **Payment: Pre-entries must be accompanied by payment or they will not be processed.** When sending a blank check with your entry form, please make sure it is signed. Any unsigned checks, or other lack of payment, will be considered as non-payment and we will hold your entries until you arrive at the show office before processing, assigning stalls, and assigning back numbers. No exceptions.
2. **Stall Reservations:** Stall reservations that are phoned in *must be followed up with entry forms and payment*, to be considered binding. Stall reservations that are called in and not accompanied by payment (or blank, signed check) cannot be assured of the stalls requested. When stall availability reaches full capacity, preferred or requested stalling will be assigned according to entries received with payment and according to post marked date.
3. **STABLING:** Entries are encouraged to pre-enter the horse show in order to secure the stalls that they need. Stalls will be available on a first come first served basis. All non-stalled horses must pay a \$25.00 grounds fee. Stalls with doors will be available on the day before the show. Any parties wishing to stall together at the show should mail their entries together in the same envelope and indicate on the entry form whom they wish to be stalled with.

Overnight Stabling: All horses on the show grounds over night must be stabled in a permanent stall. Any horse kept on the show grounds overnight must be kept in a purchased stall with bedding. Stalling overnight in trailers is not allowed. This is in compliance with the Senator Bob Martin Eastern Agricultural Center bylaws and contract. All violators will be submitted by show management to the Ag Center. Offenders will be required either to comply or leave the premises.

Over 300 permanent stalls are available. No initial bedding will be provided.

4. **Shavings:** Bag shavings will be available at the show. Straw will not be available. Persons who wish to bring their own bedding may do so. In accordance with the SBMEAC facility policy, retail sales and/or delivery of shavings on the show grounds during move-in day or show days is prohibited. Shavings may only be carried onto the show grounds for ECOSC shows on exhibitor's or trainers' vehicles/trailers, and not by any commercial vendor.
5. **ENTRIES:** All pre-entries must be made on one of our entry forms. Please be aware that exhibitors that have pre-entered have priority. You may call in your stall reservations and are encouraged to do so; however, stalls paid for and secured with written, completed pre-entry forms will have priority of location and availability, in the event the stalls are sold out with pre-entries. Proper horse identity should be specified on the entry form and not general words such as "Entry".

All entry forms must be signed by the exhibitor, or exhibitor's parent or guardian if under 18.

Show Entry Deadline: All entries must be postmarked no later than the entry deadline specified on each show program, to avoid a late entry fee of \$10.00 per horse.

6. **Bounced checks/insufficient funds:** All show checks received that bounce or are returned to us for insufficient funds will be processed with an **additional \$50 office fee**. Please be aware that a horse show can only survive if all checks are good for the amount that they are written for. Returned checks hurt us all by incurring unforeseen costs which are ultimately passed on to the management and the exhibitor. Any checks returned for insufficient funds will be pursued, if necessary, through the Magistrates Office. Show management reserves the right to place continuous offenders on a cash-only basis, and/or to refuse entry into the show.
7. **Dogs:** Dogs will not be allowed on the Show Grounds unless restrained by a leash and under control of the owner or responsible person at all times. **NO DOGS allowed anywhere in the Coliseum: This includes the paddock (staging) area, show office, vending areas, food court, grandstands etc.** In addition, no dogs are allowed in the staging area for the Covered Arena, the practice rings, and lunging rings. **THIS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.** Dogs must be on a leash at all times. Do NOT tie dogs in the barn aisle ways (which are for Horses and People). Vaccination records must be made available upon request. We ask that you please abide by this rule and keep the pets away from all horse traffic.

5. East Coast Open Show Circuit – Rules and Regulations (continued)

8. **Coggins:** All horses coming into the show will be required to show proof of a current **NEGATIVE COGGINS CERTIFICATE (EIA)**. Negative Coggins Certificate must be current and issued within 12 months. **PLEASE HAVE YOUR COGGINS CERTIFICATE AVAILABLE FOR THE BARN MANAGERS TO CHECK AS YOU ARRIVE AT THE SHOWGROUNDS.** Horses will not be allowed on the premises without a current negative Coggins certificate, as required by state law.
9. **Camper spaces:** Camper spaces are available on first-come first-serve basis upon arrival. Please note, reservations will not be taken for camper spots. Please make sure to inform the Show Management which camper space you use at the time you pick up your entry number in the Show Office.
10. **Parking:** Please leave the center “isle” of the parking lot (where the light poles are) vacant. Do not park there, to allow RVs and campers to be able to park and/or leave. Anyone parking in the center isle of the parking lot will be asked to move, and will ultimately be towed.
11. **ECOSC shows are not “Ride Through The Gate.”**

In order to **add a class**, you must add it in the show office before the last class of the Division or Section that precedes the Division or Section you wish to add a class in. **Any scratched class** must be made in the show office before the last class of the Division or Section that precedes the Division or Section you wish to scratch a class from. **Scratches MUST be made in this manner in order to receive credit.** If your class is in the first division in the morning, you must have added or scratched any classes for that division by 7:30 a.m. that day. ALL Trail Class entries must be submitted to the show office no later than 8:30 a.m. the day of classes.

12. **Failure to check out at the show office will result in a non-closeout fee of \$25.00.**
13. **Stall Refund Policy :** Once a stall has been occupied, there will be no refunds allowed on stall fees. SBMEAC will charge the show management for the use of a stall, if a stall appears to have been occupied even temporarily as a tack or dressing stall. Please do not occupy any stalls that have not been assigned to you.
14. **Grounds Fees:** All exhibitors showing out of trailers pay a \$25.00 grounds fee per horse per weekend. This fee is for all non-stalled horses on the show grounds whether they are being shown or not.
15. **Out-of-trailer:** If you plan show out of your trailer for a day (not stall overnight), we encourage you to still pre-enter your classes. This will speed up your check-in procedure in case you have early classes. NOTE: If you trailer in to ride in the first Division of the day without pre-entering, please try to arrive early enough to have your class entries done by 7:45 a.m. in the show office (7:30 for Trail Classes). If there is a line in the show office, please let the office staff know you have 1st classes.
16. **CIRCUIT AWARDS PROGRAM: All circuit nominations and payment must be submitted together. We cannot take a nomination form without payment, or payment without the appropriate nomination form.**

Nomination Forms for the Circuit Awards Program will be available at the show office, and also at www.eastcoasthorses.com.

Please make certain that the horse name and rider/handler information is identical to the information provided on both the Circuit Nomination Form and the horse show entry form. This is critical for your horse's points to be accurately tracked. Complete owner address must be indicated in the specified area on the entry form. All entry blanks must be signed in ALL places provided. Exhibitors wishing to pay individually must complete a separate entry form.

17. **Show Protocol and Conduct**
 - (a) **The show will be under absolute control of the Management.** Only qualified persons shall be allowed in the ring during judging.
 - (b) Exhibitors are notified that any act of discourtesy or disobedience to the judge or show officials on the part of the owner, rider, agent, or groom will disqualify horse or rider and the owner shall forfeit his entry fees and other fees.

5. East Coast Open Show Circuit – Rules and Regulations (continued)

- (c) **If exhibitors wish to speak to the judge an appointment needs to be made through the show management.** No one shall approach a judge with regard to a decision unless they first obtain permission from the Show Management, who shall arrange an appointment with the judge at a proper time and place.
18. No classes will be moved either forward or back. You must know your time situation and come prepared to enter the classes as the schedule indicates. Our time schedule is tight and we will follow the schedule as printed. The gate will close two minutes after the first horse in the class has entered the ring. The P.A. system and paddock calls are considered a courtesy.
19. THE HORSE SHOW MANAGEMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO:
- Vary or add to the names of those Officials who have been invited to participate.
 - Refuse any or all entries, return any money paid for stalls or entry fees without explanation or recourse to the Show for liability or compensation.
 - Limit the number of horses accepted in each division. Every animal entered for competition shall be under the control of the management.
 - Change classes in the event of inclement weather.
20. **Registration papers are not required... This is an open all-breed horse show. Everyone is welcomed to come out and participate!**
21. **RESPONSIBILITY:** The East Coast Open Show Circuit or Show Management will in no way be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur, and it will be a condition of the entry that each exhibitor shall hold the horse show and the Senator Bob Martin Agricultural Center blameless for any loss or accident to his or her horse, horses or equipment that may occur from sickness, fire, or otherwise. Nor shall they be held responsible for any article of any kind or nature that may be lost, destroyed, or stolen; and will not be responsible for or liable for injury sustained in any way to exhibitors, spectators, employees, or any other interested parties or third parties. All owners and exhibitors will be held responsible for any damages, incurred by them or their agents to barns or other properties on the Show Ground and will be BILLED ACCORDINGLY.
22. **Championship Performance Classes:** To qualify for championship classes, the horse needs only to show in a previous qualifying class within that same division. It is acceptable for riders or handlers to switch.
23. **Championship Halter Classes: The 1st place horses and 2nd place horses** in each qualifying class are invited to show back in their corresponding Championship Halter class. There are no entry fees for Championship Halter Classes. Points will count towards year-end high point awards and towards show high point awards.
24. **Family Environment:** We ask for your help in maintaining a family environment. Please remember that we are all setting an example for others by our behavior, language, and sportsmanship. Unsportsmanlike, violent, disorderly or unruly conduct will not be tolerated.
25. **Patterns** for Showmanship and Trail classes will be available in the show office Saturday morning before the show.
26. **Basis for Rules:** Judges are generally selected for their integrity, skills, and knowledge in judging multiple breeds and disciplines. They are made aware of special rule variations that may set this show apart from others. The United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) rulebook is the basis for many of our rules. This rulebook comprehensively covers more different breeds and disciplines than any other rulebook. Variations will apply. There will be variations in rules for the Non-trotting Division to allow for the appropriate style of showing for each type of non-trotting horse. These variations for the non-trotting division will be announced at the shows. In the event of disputes, we will use the USEF rulebook as a guideline. Show management shall decide questions not covered by USEF rules, and its decisions shall be final.
27. Show management reserves the right to split or combine classes or switch rings in which classes are held, as deemed necessary.
28. **Safety:** Please keep the in-gate to the main arena clear of horses.
- The in-gate to the main arena must only be occupied by horses showing in the current division entering or leaving the main arena. The staging (paddock) areas must only be occupied by horses showing in the on-gong division.