



2026 International Rules & Regulations
July 14-25, 2026
Tennessee Miller Coliseum-Murfreesboro, TN

1. PRE-ENTRIES FOR 2026

Entry deadline for each horse is Tuesday, July 7, 2026, 5:00 PM CST

ALL Pre-Entries are required and must be made at horseshowsonline.com

Any horse entered after July 7th will be charged a \$50 late fee

Daily deadline for adds or scratches

Deadline is 4:00 PM CST for the following morning session

Deadline is 12:00 PM CST (noon) for 4:00 PM session

Deadline for dressage classes is July 7, 2026

Any **ADD** made after the deadline will be charged a \$35 late fee

Any **SCRATCH** made before the deadline will not be charged the entry fee

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No entries will be accepted two hours prior to show time; no exceptions.

For assistance in making online entries, please contact Chanda Fowler at 615-394-2983 or chandah@comcast.net.

The Maiden deadline is Monday, June 22, 2026 at 5:00 PM CST

The Challenge, Classes 75 & 76 deadline and payment due by July 7th, 2026 at 5:00 PM CST.

All pre-entries must be made and paid for at horseshowsonline.com.

Entries after the deadlines will not be accepted. Entries are non-refundable.

All information at www.maidenholdingsllc.com or email maidenholdingsllc@gmail.com

For more information, contact Kim Richwine at 317-679-8848.

2. Deadline for Stall and Camper Reservations is Wednesday, July 1st, 2026, if available.

RESERVATIONS OPEN Tuesday, May 12th, 2026.

Stalls & Shavings: Contact Tommy Hall at 615-319-7062 or joinwhoa@aol.com

Fee: \$275 each

OR, four (4) consecutive nights or less (Back Barns) Fee: \$150 each.

Shavings: \$9.00 per bag

Campers: Contact Patsy Newberry at 615-594-7821 or graymerepn@aol.com

Show Fee: **30 AMP** \$375 Show Fee: **50 AMP** \$475

OR, four (4) consecutive nights or less: **30 AMP** (if available) \$175, **50 AMP** \$225

Must be paid when making reservations-**NO EXCEPTIONS**. Please note: LIMITED AVAILABILITY; make reservations early. **NO REFUNDS.**

3. **Stall Reservations/Charges:** ALL STALLS ARE ASSIGNED BY THE SHOW OFFICE. **STALLS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT MILLER UNTIL SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2026.** Stall rent for the show is \$275 per stall. Stall reservations for 1 to 4 consecutive nights or less are \$150 per stall, tack or feed room and are located in the back barns. **Reserved unused stalls will be charged.** **No Split Fees.**

4. **Stall Bedding:** NO STRAW may be used for stall bedding; shavings MUST be used. Shavings are \$9.00 per bag and ordered 24 hours in advance **(prior to arrival).**

NO OUTSIDE SHAVINGS MAY BE SOLD ON SHOW GROUNDS. No first bedding included.

Stalls are 10' x 10'. Note: Stalls now have asphalt floors, no mats are provided.

MATS: You may bring your own mats or, if you wish to order a mat from Elite Stall Mat Rentals, the responsibility is yours. To contact and make payments to Elite, call 855-628-7200 or visit their website

<https://www.stallmatrentals.com/crm/order>.

5. **Payment of Fees:** No horse will be permitted in the show ring unless properly entered by leaving a signed blank check, or credit information in the show office.

6. **Health Certificates/Coggins:** Out of state horses must have an interstate health certificate. All horses must have current Coggins test papers on file at the show office. All Coggins papers must have the registration number and registered name of the horse unless the horse is showing in a division where registration is not required. In that case, the name on the Coggins must match the horse's name used on the entry. You may send to Chanda Fowler by text at 615-394-2983 or email at chandah@comcast.net.

ALL ENTRIES MUST MATCH OWNERSHIP PAPERS. If horses have been sold within the last 30 days, you must receive a letter from TWHBEA to show the transaction.

7. **Show Affiliation:** All horses will be exhibited and judged under the rules of the WHOA HIO.

8. **Entry Fees/Prize Money/Office Fees:**

Office Fee: \$40 one time fee per horse.

Classes 50, 51, 138: Must Enter; No Charge

Versatility Classes: \$35 per class. **Prize Money:** 1st-\$50, 2nd-\$40, 3rd-\$30, 4th-\$20, 5th-\$10.

Prices subject to change pursuant to any industry wide changes.

The following classes 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 69, 70, 72, 73 and 74 entries are \$25 (includes DQP fee) and have no payback.

Class 138: Prize money \$75, \$50, \$40, \$30, \$20 **TWHBEA CANTER CLASS**

WHTA/Rider Cup-Class entries are \$60 (includes DQP fee) per class. **Prize Money:** 1st-\$50, 2nd-\$40, 3rd-\$30, 4th-\$20, 5th-\$10

The Maiden (classes 77 A, B, C, D)-\$500. Information at maidenholdingsllc.com

The Challenge (classes 75 & 76) \$150 each class. Information at maidenholdingsllc.com. For more information contact Kim Richwine at 317-679-8848.

Equi Skills Challenge Cup: (Class 71) Entry Fee: \$125

All other classes not listed are \$50 per class (includes DQP fee).

Prize Money: 1st-\$50, 2nd-\$40, 3rd-\$30, 4th-\$20, 5th-\$10

Get a Sire: Class 209-Payment will be a jackpot for this class; fee paid by stallion owner.

9. **Liability:** The International or the Walking Horse Owners' Association will not be responsible or liable for any article of any nature or kind that may be lost, stolen, destroyed, or injury that may be occasioned to any person whomsoever by any horse or pony exhibited, and such horse's or pony's exhibitor shall indemnify the International or Walking Horse Owners' Association against all claims or demands of any nature or kind which may arise from negligence of the person in charge of such horse or pony.

10. **Ring Hours:** The indoor arena ring will be available for early morning practice sessions starting at 6:30 AM each morning.

SPEED HORSES can use the main arena from 11:30 AM until 12:30 PM each day for workouts.

11. **Entries:** When making entries, all exhibitor's (owner, exhibitor, trainer) must have a WHOA membership number. All amateur/youth exhibitors must have a WHOA Membership number.

ALL FEES MUST BE PAID OR A SIGNED BLANK CHECK OR CREDIT CARD MUST BE PRESENTED IN THE SHOW OFFICE BEFORE BACK NUMBERS ARE ISSUED. Horses entered in Country Pleasure, Trail Pleasure, Lite Shod, Classic Park Pleasure and Spotted must be registered and must show papers in the International show office-front and back. In Racking, Spotted and Speed classes, owners and exhibitors are required to have a membership with WHOA.

SPLIT CLASSES: Classes with 24 or more entries will be split.

12. **Inspection Area:** Only **one (1) person** will be allowed to go through the **DQP inspection station** with the horse. **Only Groom, Trainer and Exhibitor are allowed in the warmup area.** A total of **three (3) people per horse are allowed in the warmup area after inspection.**

13. **Pleasure Driving Classes:** All Pleasure Driving classes are 2 wheel vehicles.

14. **Novice Rider Classes:** A novice rider class is open to riders which have not won a first-place ribbon in riding classes at the International Horse Show since 1979. Eligibility of the novice entry is established as of the closing date of entries.

15. **Novice Handler Classes:** A novice handler class is open to handlers which have not won a first-place ribbon in handling classes at the International Horse Show since 1979. Eligibility of the novice entry is established as of the closing date of entries.

16. **Novice Horse Classes:** A novice horse class is open to horses which have not won a first-place ribbon in riding classes at the International Horse Show since 1979. Eligibility of the novice horse is established as of the closing date of entries.

17. **Owner Amateur Trained Classes (OAT)**: OAT-Owner, Amateur Trained Classes – the Amateur or immediate family member that exhibits the horse is the same amateur that owns and trains the horse. Co-ownership/exhibiting between two non-related amateurs is not allowed in this class.
18. **Shoeing measurements for WHOA**: See WHOA Rulebook; walkinghorseowners.com
19. **Game classes**: Horse or pony must be a Tennessee Walking Horse, Racking Horse, or Spotted Horse.
20. **Lounge chairs**: Lounge chairs are prohibited in the Miller Coliseum
21. **Smoking**: No smoking is allowed in the Miller Coliseum
22. **Pets**: NO pets allowed inside the Miller Coliseum. **PETS OUTSIDE THE COLISEUM MUST BE ON A LEASH AT ALL TIMES.**
23. **Video or Digital Recording at the show**: The following guidelines must be followed when using video equipment for personal videotaping during the show.
 - Barr Studios-Official Photographer
 - People may use handheld video equipment only
 - No tripods may be used in the arena
 - Persons who video for personal use must be considerate of others around them.
 - No videotaping for commercial purposes
24. **Federal Disqualification**: Persons on federal disqualification cannot transport horses to this show and can participate ONLY as a spectator.
25. Spotted horse classes will follow the WHOA Rulebook. For rules regarding Professional-Amateur, Limited Amateur or Youth exhibitor levels, refer to the 2026 WHOA Rulebook available at walkinghorseowners.com.
26. **No plastic wrap on show grounds.**
27. **No lubricants allowed in show ring.**

Halter Division

28. A. In model division the horse may be shown in a show bridle or a leather show halter.
- B. In model division and showmanship, tack and attire may be English or Western but not a combination of both. In Western attire, a whip is prohibited.
- C. In Hand may be shown in a bridle or halter.
- D. In the showmanship division, horses must be shown with halter.
- E. Showmanship and equitation patterns will be posted **48 hours prior to the class.**

29. **Division Eligibility**

All Day Pleasure Horses may cross over into all versatility classes, Model, In Hand, Showmanship, and Equitation.

Country Pleasure Horses may cross over into all versatility classes, Model, In Hand, Showmanship, and Equitation.

Trail Pleasure Horses may cross over into all versatility classes, Model, In Hand, Showmanship, and Equitation.

Lite Shod Horses (Lite Shod Shoe) may cross over into all versatility classes, Model, In Hand, Showmanship, Equitation and the Classic Park Division.

Classic Park Horses (Classic Park Shoe) may cross over into all versatility classes, Model, In Hand, Showmanship, and Equitation.

Racking Horses may cross over into All Day Pleasure, versatility classes: Model, In Hand, Showmanship, and Equitation if their shoes are the correct size for the All Day Pleasure division.

Speed Horses may only show within the Speed Divisions.

Spotted Horses may cross over into Racking Division and All Day Pleasure Division. All other spotted horses may cross over into walking classes by meeting shoeing requirements and will be required to show walking papers if the spotted horse shows in walking divisions: Country Pleasure, Trail Pleasure, Lite Shod, Classic Park divisions. Refer to the WHOA Rulebook.

Spotted Horses may cross over into All Day Pleasure if the shoes are the correct size for All Day Pleasure division.

CLASSIC ALL DAY PLEASURE CLASSES ARE OWNER AMATEUR TRAINED (OAT), KEG SHOD, AND GAITS ARE TRAIL WALK AND PLEASURE GAIT. REFER TO WHOA Rulebook.

OAT DIVISION IN ALL DAY PLEASURE AND CLASSIC ALL DAY PLEASURE CANNOT SHOW THE SAME HORSE IN THE OAT DIVISION. YOU MAY CROSS OVER IN THE OTHER CLASSES BUT NOT THE OAT CLASSES.

30. Horses showing in Country Pleasure, Trail Pleasure, Lite Shod, and Classic Park must be registered. Copies of papers will be asked for at the International Horse Show in these divisions. Send to Chanda Fowler via text at 615-394-2983 or email at chandah@comcast.net.
31. 2026 WHOA Rulebook is on the WHOA website at www.walkinghorseowners.com
32. **NO BANDS:** After horses are unloaded, absolutely no bands are allowed on the show grounds or in the show ring at any time. Metal hoof bands, such as used to anchor or strengthen pads and shoes, are not permitted. Hoof bands are prohibited and are not allowed on show grounds. Any violation of this rule will be subject to a fine. First offense \$500.00, second offense \$750.00 and third offense \$1,000.00 with a 30 day suspension. Fine shall be due and payable upon issuance of the fine. The trainer and horse(s) are suspended, effective immediately, until the fine is paid. For the third offense, trainer, owner and horse(s)

will be suspended for a period of not less than thirty days from the date of the issuance of the fine. A DQP or member of Show Management or WHOA staff must verify and document the infraction.

33. No tungsten allowed in any division
34. Polish will be allowed on horse's hooves.
35. If a class is listed as flat shod, then any approved shoe is eligible to show in that class.
36. **No pads** allowed in any class (including therapeutic).
37. **WHOA Racking and Speed Horse rules;** see WHOA Rulebook on the website www.walkinghorseowners.com.
38. **Dressage rules** will follow WDAA and TWHBEA. TWHBEA rules dictate that a horse and rider team may only compete in tests in two consecutive levels. There is no limit to the number of tests within those levels however. To be eligible for the Into Level, a horse/rider combination must not have shown in Level 1 or above in that division (traditional/western) in the same competition year.
39. **4-H Junior:** A junior member should be enrolled in the 4th or 5th grade on January 1, of the current calendar year and must be a current 4-H member.

4-H High & Senior Pleasure: A member should be enrolled in the 6th-12th grade on January 1, of the current calendar year and must be a current 4-H member.

ALL 4-H class exhibitors must be a current 4-H Member.
40. **Academy:** To show in academy championship classes, rider must have shown in an academy class in 2026.
41. To enter a championship class, the horse you must have shown in a listed qualifying class.
Must enter championship class by daily deadline. EXCEPTION, weanling and yearling championship classes.
42. The Association classes are for the exhibitors that are members of that Association. The horse and rider must have shown at one of the Associations sponsored shows in the current show season (2026).
43. **Get of Sire Class**-exception to prize money; prize is jackpot.
Class description and rules to be determined.

WARNING: Under Tennessee Law, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, title 44, chapter 20.44-20-103. Limitation on liability for injury or death of participant Except as provided in §44-20-104., an equine activity sponsor, an equine

professional, or any other person which shall include a corporation or partnership, shall not be liable for an injury to or the death of a participant resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities. Except as provided in §44-20-104, no participant or participant's representative shall make any claim against, maintain an action against or recover from an equine activity sponsor, an equine professional, or any other person for injury, loss, damage or death of the participant resulting from any of the inherent risks of equine activities.

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