Notice to All Exhibitors

Trainer, Owner(s), and Rider MUST be a member of the RHBAA.

***There will be a one-time $100 charge per horse, this includes 1 stall with 1 bag of shavings that must be reserved and paid for before April 10th. If you choose to not use a stall you must still pay the $100 fee per horse that is brought onto the grounds. If you choose to use a stall, you must make a reservation. Should no reservation be made resulting in no stall being available you are still required to pay the upfront charge for your horse to show.

*Effective August 1st, 2015 the Board of Directors voted to begin implementing a new policy of collecting a 3% charge on all debit/credit card transactions. We feel this move is necessary to offset the escalating expense we have in offering this service. RHBAA takes Visa or Master debit/credit Cards Only.

***Tabs** can be set-up in entry office, with check or credit card, for class entry and inspection fees only. All other items must be paid for at the time of reservation or service through the RHBAA Office**. Stalls, barn passes, golf cart passes, sponsorships, and any other fees (excluding class entry and inspection fee), must be paid for up front and CANNOT be placed on a tab.** Checks returned for Non-sufficient funds will be turned over to the Morgan County District Attorney's office.

*NO Prize money or awards will be given if a horse/pony fails to pass post inspection after tying in a class.

***All Exhibitor Cards, Trainer, Amateur, and Juvenile, must be current and shown upon registering for a class**.

***Horses must be registered with RHBAA before entering any class.** April 10th is the deadline for submitting Horse Registration Papers for any horse being shown at the Spring Celebration. There will be NO Horse Registrations done at the show. NO EXCEPTIONS.

*Proper Registration numbers must be presented at the time of entry. "Pending" will not be accepted.
If you have a horse that has not had DNA verified, that horse will not be allowed to show. You must provide proof of DNA and/ or pull hair on the show grounds to begin the DNA process.

*Negative Coggins and an EHV-1 Vaccine required. This is not to be taken lightly, and will be required in order to pull horses onto the grounds.

*All horses shown in divisions based on horses' age will be mouthed, including horses shown in the Classic Horse Classes. Each horse will be assigned an official card indicating the age of the horse after being mouthed. Horses providing proof of mouthing will not have to be re-mouthed.

*If entered in **Ladies Auxiliary** or **Juvenile Auxiliary** classes you must comply with all rules of said organization.

***"Open (Barelegged) & Specialty Action (Action Device) Crossing-Over"** Horses in the Open (barelegged) or Specialty Action (action device) division may cross over and show in the Specialty Action or Open Division at the same show. Horses must qualify in the Open division and/or the Specialty Action Division to be eligible to show in their perspective stake/championship classes.

***"Helmet Rule Addition"** Article XI Speed Racking Division All youth exhibitors (17 and under) showing in any speed division will be required to wear an ASTM/SEI- Certified Equine Helmet.

***"Novice"** Article X Section 10.2: To Add (f) Novice.
Novice is defined as the horse or the rider not receiving a first place at a RHBAA World Celebration. Novice status applies at the beginning of the RHBAA World Celebration and will remain throughout that celebration. This applies to any and all divisions covered by the RHBAA, the same throughout the remainder of the RHBAA World Celebration.

* **"Pleasure Rule Change"** Article XI Racking Divisions Section 11.2 Pleasure Division Horses may not cross over from one division of Pleasure Racking to the other with the exception that Trail Pleasure, Western Pleasure, Pleasure Racking, Country Pleasure and Park Pleasure horses may compete in any or all five (5) divisions at the same show. However, any horse may show "up" in his division if a class is not provided for the horse at a particular show (a Style Pleasure horse may go "up" to an Amateur class if no Style Pleasure class is offered.) (Amended 08/07/2023)

***Jackpot:** Jackpot only applies to classes with 4 or less entries. Winners, 1st- 4th of the Class, will receive a prorated portion of entry fee paid to enter the class. Scale is based on number of entries in the class and the amount of the class entry fee. The Championship Class will not be Jackpot, regardless of entry numbers.

Horses in Line Class	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Horses in Stake Class	First	Second	Third	Fourth
1	$27.00				1	$60.00			
2	$31.00	$22.00			2	$80.00	$40.00		
3	$36.00	$27.00	$17.00		3	$100.00	$50.00	$30.00	
4	$41.00	$32.00	$19.00	$14.00	4	$120.00	$60.00	$35.00	$25.00

Other Important Things You Need To Know

HORSE REGISTRATION:
Registration number and complete registered name of horse must be given at time of entry. Each horse must be registered in the name of present owner on the Celebration date to be eligible for exhibition. **Trainer, Owner, and Rider must be a member of the RHBAA**. All entry forms must be correct and COMPLETE, including social security number of person receiving winnings. Stables and Farms cannot be listed as trainer.

BACK NUMBER CHANGES:
We have received a request from the USDA for specific information to be added to our DQP reports. In light of the information the entry office will assign each horse a back number. The back number will no longer be attached to the rider. Each horse will need its own back number**.** Lifetime back numbers may be used for the one horse of your choosing. All back numbers will be provided by the Show Entry Office. **NO OUTSIDE BACK NUMBERS CAN BE USED.** If you need a replacement back number during the show, you must go to the RHBAA Office to have a new one made, this will be a $10 charge.

MEASUREMENTS:
All 15.2 & Under horses must be measured before performance. Animals that are measured out of classes may enter an appropriate class if one is available on the remaining schedule. No refunds will be made for animals disqualified by being measured out of the class originally entered. Measurements are done by SHOW HIO, DQP's during inspection.

PROMPT ENTRANCE TO RING:
Due notice will be served upon all exhibitors as to the time classes will be called, and all horses must be ready and waiting so that they may enter the ring promptly. When the gates are closed upon any class and the judges have started to work, no exhibitor who is late will be admitted to the ring.

COMMISSIONERS AND OFFICIALS:
Commissioners will be available on the show grounds to examine and qualify horses meeting requirements for registration. There will be no officials to complete registrations at the show. Horses showing must have registration applications in the office no later than April 10th in order for the horse to have a registration number prior to the show. There will be no exceptions.

REFUNDS:
No refunds will be made when a horse or pony is withdrawn by an exhibitor for any reason other than that of illness, and this reason must be substantiated by a certificate from an Official Veterinarian, at time of scratch. No refunds are made on entries which fail to pass the inspection station. The Celebration reserves the right to decline any entry and to return any fee before or during the show without being liable for compensation.

DISQUALIFICTION:
Any entry or entries considered by the judges or committee to be in any undesirable, untrained, unfit, or improperly turned out may be disqualified from any class or from the show.

VETERINARY EXAMS:
Horses must be serviceably sound in order to show in any class or classes. Any dispute as to age, height, or soundness of horses will be referred to an Official Veterinarian who will be furnished by the Celebration, and whose decision shall be final. Any entry not having been checked by DQP prior to entering the ring will be charged with a 5-minute time out.

CHALLENGE TROPHIES:
All challenge trophies must be retained in the Racking Horse Breeders' Association of America office. Prior arrangements must be made with the Racking Horse Celebration Arena (256) 353-7225 for all Challenge Trophies presentations.

QUALIFICATIONS:
Horses entered and shown in preliminary qualifying classes (classes with an *beside them) will be eligible, according to age of exhibitor, to compete in their respective stake or championship classes.

VICTORY PASSES:
Only horses who receive 1st place in their class may receive a victory pass. The victory pass is used to acknowledge the horse and rider's accomplishment and to allow our Official Show Photographer an opportunity to capture the achievement. Sportsmanship standards apply and excessive "showboating" will not be allowed. Due to time constraints, the horse who receives 2nd Place will NOT be allowed a Victory Pass.

RESPONSIBILITY:
Neither the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration nor the Racking Horse Breeders' Association of America shall be held responsible for loss incurred or damage caused to horses exhibited or animals, persons, vehicles, or articles brought or sent to the Celebration.

SPORTSMANSHIP:
The management reserves the right to disbar from competition, by immediate expulsion from the arena, any exhibitor displaying unsportsmanlike conduct: Each exhibitor is encouraged to practice safe horsemanship at all times on the shows grounds.

RESPECT TOWARDS CENTER RING:
Trainers, grooms, and exhibitors must show respect to judges during the show. Please refrain from calling a judge by name. Please show respect to the ribbon presenter by exhibiting a show walk to receive the ribbon. You may step your horse up when exiting the ring only after receiving your ribbon and are well clear of the ribbon presenter. Please refrain from riding too close to center ring as this could be a safety hazard for you, your horse, and our officials.

WARM-UP AREA:
The enforcement of the rules for the Warm-Up Area has become a necessity to eliminate the number of spectators in the Warm-Up Area. No more than 3 individuals are allowed to accompany each horse into the Warm-Up Area. There will be 3 armbands attached to each Exhibitor Back Number, these armbands must be worn by the 3 individuals accompanying said horse into the Warm-Up Area. Any individual without the appropriate armband will not be allowed into the Warm-Up Area.

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Two Horse Industry Organizations (HIO) for Tennessee Walking Horses and Racking Horses will require cards for exhibitors and horses in order for them to compete at their affiliated shows in 2025. The sale of the cards will be administered by the Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders' & Exhibitors' Association (TWHBEA) and the cards will be required at shows affiliated with American Horse Services and S.H.O.W.-HIO.The implementation of the Exhibitor Card and Horse Card will raise funds for the industry's impending challenges to the USDA rulemaking as well as to challenge the due process issues that have plagued the industry for years. The industry will be forced to defend the show horse from the proposed rulemaking which would affect the performance, pleasure, and speed Racking and Walking Horse. In addition, and given that the USDA agrees that it has significant problems with due process under the HPA, it is paramount that the Industry challenges the USDA's lack of due process in the current enforcement of the HPA at horse shows that result in disqualifications without the guaranteed notice and hearing thus violating the Horse Protection Act (HPA), Due Process under the Constitution and under the Administrative Procedures Act (APA).The ability for the industry to fund these legal challenges relies heavily on income derived from the sale of Exhibitor and Horse Cards.

- The cost is $100 per horse and per exhibitor for each Horse and Exhibitor Card.
- All Horse and Exhibitor Cards for the 2025 show season will expire on December 31, 2025.
- Exhibitor Cards will follow the Exhibitor and Horse Cards follow the horse across RHBAA and TWHBEA. If a horse is transferred during the year, the new owner will not be required to purchase a new Horse Card if one was previously purchased for the year.
- Horse Cards are required for Racking Horses and Tennessee Walking Horses. They are not required in halter classes, versatility classes, or open breed classes (i.e. local pleasure).
- Youth exhibitors can show one time during the year without the requirement of an Exhibitor Card.

In support of the industry, the Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders' & Exhibitors' Association (TWHBEA) has agreed to donate staff time and resources necessary to administer the cards. Exhibitor Cards and Horse Cards can be purchased the following ways:

- Online at twhbea.com/ShowCards *(A 3% convenience fee will be applied to all credit card transactions.)*
- By Phone (with credit card) by calling 931-359-1574 *(A 3% convenience fee will be applied to all credit card transactions.)*
- By Mail by sending a check (payable to TWHBEA) with form found on twhbea.com/ShowCards to PO Box 286, Lewisburg, TN 37091

Following each show the status of each horse and exhibitor will be verified as the show results are entered. The first time a horse and/or exhibitor shows without the required card they will receive a courtesy notice reminding them to purchase the card(s). If any horse or exhibitor shows a second time without the required card(s), their name will be sent to all participating HIOs and they won't be allowed to participate in shows affiliated with any of the participating HIOs until the card is purchased. Please have your Horse and Exhibitor Cards purchased prior to showing at the RHBAA Spring Celebration.

Procedure Update: For Horse DQP Inspection Area

Only 1 person will be allowed in the DQP Inspection Area per entry.

Custodian MUST have ALL of the following information before having a horse inspected

1. Name of horse
2. Class #
3. Back #
4. Name of Rider in the class

Make sure if you are the custodian leading a horse through DQP Inspection that you have ALL info, or you will be asked to go back to the barn to get the correct information. *Only 3 people per horse will be allowed in the Warm-Up Area. This includes the horse's exhibitor, trainer, and groom, unless the exhibitor is a Juvenile.*

Grounds Policies

- ABSOLUTELY NO OUTSIDE SHAVINGS ALLOWED ON PROPERTY. There will be a charge of $30.00 per stall for using outside shavings.
- 1 Bag of shavings is included with each Stall rented. Extra Shavings may be purchased on the show grounds during normal Show Office business hours by visiting the RHBAA Show Office. Shavings are $8.00 per bag (as of 03/01/2025) but due to rising cost, this price could increase at any time before the show.
- Stall/Tack Room reservations made through the RHBAA Office are good for the afternoon of Tuesday April 22nd – Morning of Sunday April 27th. If you need to reserve your Stall/Tack Room for an extended length of time, all extra days must be reserved through the Celebration Grounds, please call (931) 684-5915.
- If a Tack Room or Stall you rented is locked, DO NOT cut the lock/chain. Please Call the RHBAA Office at (256)353-7225.
- Any Vehicle entering the Gate into the Barn Area must have a Barn Pass, NO EXCEPTIONS. Barn Passes are $25 for the entire show and may be purchased through the RHBAA Office.
- Horse Trailers CANNOT be left, unhooked, or parked for extended amounts of time in the Barn Alleyways. You may only park your Horse Trailer at the barn long enough to unload. All Trailers must be parked in a Truck/Trailer Parking Lot.
- All Manure must be dumped in the manure pits behind the 2nd Row of Barns on "Dr. Nathan Thomas Ave".
- If your barn does not have a wash pad, you may wash your horse in the gravel next to the barn.
- Golf Carts only, no razors, UTVs, ATVs, gators, rangers or similar vehicles. Golf Carts can be rented on the Celebration Grounds by calling Mikey's Motors (615)962-9265. Golf Cart Passes are required, they are $20 for the entirety of the show and can be purchased through the RHBAA Office.
- Golf Carts must be parked once the Show starts and stay parked until the end of the Show.
- RV/Camper Rentals can be rented by calling the Celebration Arena at (931)580-7690.
- Show General Admission Tickets/Armbands can be purchased at the Ticket Booth at the front of the Calsonic/Cooper Steel Arena or during business hours in the RHBAA Show Office. You must have a Show General Admission Ticket/Armband to enter into the Arena from the Front Doors or the Warm-Up Area Stairs.
- Horses may be ridden in the Outdoor Warm-Up Arena or Champions Arena during the day. Horses may NOT enter the Calsonic/Cooper Steel Arena prior to their class during the show.
- To report damage or any repairs that need to be made to a barn please call *the Celebration Maintenance Office at (931)224-9592.*
- If you leave any items on the Celebration Grounds after the final day of the show you must call *the Celebration Maintenance Office at (931)224-9592.*