



NCASHA

Academy Guidelines

Helmets required in all classes

RIDERS

- Entries are limited to beginners and intermediates that have shown in academy classes only
- Riders must be participating in a professionally operated lesson program
- A rider who has shown and been judged in Walk/Trot/Canter classes is no longer eligible to return to Walk/Trot classes
- Academy driver may be accompanied in the cart by an experienced adult who is not allowed to coach
- Attire - To be Appropriate for Style of Riding/Driving

HORSES

- Horses must be regularly used as lesson horses in a professionally operated lesson program
- Horses should be plain shod. (Exception may be made if corrective shoeing is needed or one pad and/or wedge is necessary for the comfort of the horse)
- Blinkers are only allowed in the warm- up arena with a professional riding the horse. Horses may not be shown with blinkers
- Horse to be tacked with saddle/bridle consistent with style of riding

- Supportive/protective boots and wraps are allowed in the show ring as long as they are a conservative color
- Full or Pelham bridles or snaffle bridle with running martingale or a snaffle with a German martingale are acceptable. Draw reins are prohibited.
- **Prohibited:** martingale on curb bit or any other leverage bit
- Once a rider has shown in a suit, they are no longer eligible for Academy
- Once a rider has cantered in a competition they can no longer show in the walk and trot division

JUDGING CRITERIA

- Equitation: To be judged on basic seat, hands, and form, along with effective control of the horse
- Pleasure: To be judged on showmanship, general horsemanship, and presentation of the horse to its best ability
- Headers are allowed in any Academy class

Proposed list of classes 2021 Springfest/Silicon Valley

1. **Academy Youth/Adult Driving (Adult may accompany driver)**
2. **Academy, W/T/C, Rider 15 & Older**
3. **Academy Championship, W/T/C, Rider 15 & Older**
4. **Academy W/T/C, Rider 14 & Younger**
5. **Academy Championship, W/T/C, Rider 14 & Younger**
6. **Academy W/T, Rider 11- 14**
7. **Academy Championship, W/T, Rider 11-14**
8. **Academy W/T, Rider 10 & Under**
9. **Academy Championship, W/T, Rider 10 & Under**
10. **Academy, Walk/Trot, Lead line**
11. **Academy, Walk/Trot, Lead line Championship**
12. **Leadline** - walk only