



Standing Rules
of the
Black Forest Saddle Club, Inc.

Revised December 2010

I. General Annual Membership Rules:

1. Standing Rules are subject to change as determined by a majority vote of the Black Forest Saddle Club (herein referred to as "BFSC") Board of Directors or by a majority vote of the voting members present at any regular meeting of the general membership, per Article XI Section 2 of the BFSC By-Laws as revised December 2010.
2. Requests to change the Standing Rules should be presented to the BFSC President in writing. Requested changes will be considered at the next scheduled Board meeting or next scheduled general membership meeting.
3. Standing Rules will never violate the By-Laws or Articles of Incorporation of the BFSC.
4. The annual membership year runs from January 1 through December 31 each year.
5. Annual membership renewals not received by March 15th of the annual membership year are subject to a \$10.00 late renewal fee. No exceptions will be made. Annual members are encouraged to renew their annual memberships in a timely manner to enjoy all the benefits of BFSC annual membership and to avoid the \$10.00 late renewal fee.
6. No annual individual membership will be issued to anyone under the age of 18. Those under the age of 18 can only be an annual member as part of an annual family membership registered under the name of a parent or legal guardian.
7. A separate annual membership (Individual or Family) is required for everyone who has reached his or her 18th birthday as of January 1 of the annual membership year. The exception to this rule is in the case of a member, 18 years or older, which is attending high school, college or any form of special education. This member is eligible to participate in a family membership. If any member feels that he or she has a special circumstance, this circumstance may be brought before the board for board approval. Any decision made by the board in regard to membership qualifications will be final.
8. The BFSC facilities are intended for use by BFSC annual members. Non-annual members may only use the facilities as part of BFSC sponsored events. All non-annual members, who use the facilities for horse related activities must sign a hold-harmless agreement prior to using the facilities and pay a day membership fee, Article II, Section 4, of the BFSC By-Laws as revised December 2010 and these standing rules.
9. Dependents of those listed on an annual family membership who are under the age of 18 may only use the BFSC facilities when accompanied by a parent or legal guardian and when not being used for a scheduled event. BFSC members eighteen and over may use the BFSC facilities unsupervised at any time when they are not being used for a scheduled event. Considering the risk associated with equestrian activities, it is recommended that no one ride alone at the BFSC facilities.
10. Winter Series events span over two annual membership years. If you are an annual member of the BFSC at the beginning of the Winter Series you will continue to receive membership show rates for the duration of the series even though there may be a lapse in the member's annual membership (do not renew by January 1 renewal deadline for the next annual membership year).

11. Each member is required to complete 10 service hours per year. Family memberships must complete 20 hours per year. One half of the required hours must be completed by August 1 to be eligible for yearend awards. All work performed for the purpose of service hours must be approved by a board member to be eligible for the hours worked.
12. Members are responsible for the actions of their families, guests and animals. You will be required to reimburse BFSC for negligent damage to BFSC property. Willful and repeated instances of negligent damage to BFSC property may result in revocation of your BFSC membership.
13. The BFSC is a family centric organization whose activities often include minors. Language and actions should be such that it is acceptable in the presence of minors. Willful and repeated instances of inappropriate language and actions may result in revocation of your BFSC membership.

II. Open Horse Show and Gymkhana Event Rules:

- A. Definitions: For the purpose of this document, the following definitions shall apply:
 1. Open Horse Show Event – Any scheduled formal show of the Summer Series or any scheduled formal shows of a Winter Series.
 2. Open Gymkhana Event – Any scheduled formal gymkhana.
 3. All Breed Show – An Open Show where the horse/rider combination will be grouped and judged by breed as well as by the normal rider classification. There is no requirement for the BFSC to hold an annual event such as this.
 4. Summer Series – Competition that includes a combination of Open Horse Shows/Open Gymkhana Events plus any number of scheduled Monday/Wednesday night informal fun/training shows. Series occurs May thru October or until all scheduled shows are completed.
 5. Winter Series – Competition that includes a combination of any number of scheduled Saturday formal winter shows. Also referred to as the Shaggy Horse Show Series or the Winter Buckle Series. Series occurs October thru April. There is no requirement for the BFSC to hold a Winter Series.
 6. Event – Open Horse Show, Open Gymkhana, any series show, training shows or any activity sponsored by the BFSC.
 7. Discipline – Grouping of classes used in Open Shows. For the purpose of this document the classes will be (but not limited to) English, Western, and/or Speed.
 8. Class – By way of example, Western Pleasure, English Equitation or Barrels.
 9. Rider Classification – Rider ability level. By way of example, a contestant may be Walk-Trot, Novice or Age Group. Rider classifications may be changed or added by a vote of the Board of Directors.
 10. Special Events – An event or special series that may be in addition to the annual scheduled shows. The Special Event may have rules for participation that are

specific to that event and may vary from the standing rules or bylaws. The rules for these events will be set by the board of directors and may be changed at the discretion of the board and without approval of the general membership.

B. Open Show and Gymkhana Show General Rules:

1. The decisions of the judges and show officials will be final. Arguing with the judges and/or show officials can be grounds for dismissal from the show, removal from BFSC property, forfeiture of show fees, loss of BFSC membership privileges, or any combination of the above penalties. Penalty will be determined by a majority vote of the BFSC board.
2. Open Show and Gymkhana Show protests and disputes should be brought to the attention of the Vice President of Arena (show manager) on the day of the event. If not resolved by the Vice President of Arena, the BFSC President will arbitrate. Protests or disputes that cannot be immediately resolved should be sent, in writing, to the BFSC President. Written disputes will be discussed at the next scheduled Board meeting. Written disputes will not be accepted more than 10 days after the disputed event. A \$50.00 deposit is required with each written protest or dispute. If the protest or dispute is resolved in favor of the protestor, the \$50.00 deposit shall be refunded.
3. All Open Shows and Gymkhana Shows will be conducted in accordance with AQHA Rule Book when it does not conflict with the Standing Rules. When a conflict exists between the AQHA Rule Book and the Standing Rules, the Standing Rules will take precedent. A copy of the AQHA Rule Book and Standing Rules should be maintained in the show office at all times to help resolve questions, disputes, and/or protests.
4. Exhibition and/or schooling entries may be permitted in judged and gymkhana classes at the sole discretion of the show judges and show management. Every effort will be made to make beginner and Novice classes fair and safe for inexperienced riders.
5. Participation points will not be awarded for non-judged/exhibition participation in an Open, Gymkhana, All Breed, Summer Series, Special Events or Winter Series classes.
6. Exhibition and/or schooling entries may be permitted in judged Open Show classes at the sole discretion of show judges and/or show management. If permitted, the judge will not consider these exhibition rides in their official placing of the class nor will they be used to determine the points earned in that class.
7. You may enter only one horse per class for the purpose of the daily high point awards or yearend awards, however you may use more than one horse per discipline, class and/or event. Show management may waive this requirement at their discretion to permit exhibition rides.

8. The use of helmets by riders in BFSC events is encouraged and recommended but not required.
9. All contestants under the age of 18 must have the signature of their parent or legal guardian on the entry form to participate in a show. For insurance reasons, no exceptions will be made to this rule.
10. A parent or legal guardian must be present at a BFSC event for any minor to participate in the event. Another adult may assume responsibility for a minor child at a BFSC event with written permission of the minor's parent or legal guardian.
11. No contestant under the age of 18 years shall be allowed to show a stallion.

C. Open Show and Gymkhana Show Cancellation Rules:

1. In the event of inclement weather, Open Shows and Gymkhana Shows may be delayed up to 60 minutes to await a change in condition.
2. Open Show or Gymkhana Show cancellation or change of venue can be determined based on the weather or condition of the grounds. A motion to cancel or change venue can only be made by the President, Vice President of Arena, or Vice President of Scheduling. Cancellations or changes in venue will be determined by a majority vote of board members present at the event.
3. Year-end summer series points will be awarded for all fully completed age groups within any class should it become necessary to cancel a gymkhana. For an age group to be considered fully completed, all contestants in an age group for that particular class must be completed. (ex. All contestants entered in barrels that have completed and received their time in age groups 13 & Under and 14-18 but only ½ of the contestants were able to run in 19 and over. Year-end points will be accumulate for 13 & Under and 14-18. No points will accumulate for 19 and over as all the contestants did not have a chance to run.)
4. In the case of a cancellation of a horse show in the middle of the event, points will be accumulated for year-end awards based on all fully completed age groups within any class. For an age group within a class to be considered fully completed, all contestants in that age group must have been given the opportunity to perform. (ex. All contestants entered in 14-18 Western Horsemanship must have been given the opportunity to perform the pattern prior to cancellation for any of that particular show's points to accumulate for any contestant for year-end awards in the 14-18 age group.)
5. Participation in trail classes is on a first come-first serve basis, points will be awarded in the trail classes if the show is cancelled but the trail course had been opened for at least 3 hours. This exception is made to give credit to those who finish in a timely manner. All participants who do not complete the trail course by the time it is closed will be considered a no-show from the class and forfeit their entry fee. Points will be based on the number of judged exhibitors.

6. A contestant will be considered scratched from a class when the contestant verbally notifies the office staff of the intended scratch. Notification is considered made when notification had been made no less than 2 age groups prior to the scheduled class. Contestants who scratch will receive a credit for a show in the future, no cash refunds will be given for scratched classes.
7. A contestant will be considered a no show if the contestant fails to notify the office staff of an intended scratch and fails to show up in time to be judged or timed. No cash refunds or credits will be given for a no show (See Show Refund and Credit Rules below).
8. Make-up of canceled events or classes will be done at the sole discretion of the BFSC board.
9. Daily awards will only be given at the completion of at least 50% of the discipline (ex. 50% of English, 50% of Western, and 50% Speed). By way of example, if 50% of English is completed and the show is canceled then there will only be awards for English.

D. Open Show and Gymkhana Show Office Rules:

Show Fee Schedule:

1. There will be no class charge or office fee for lead line or therapeutic riding classes.
2. There will be a \$5.00 office charge for members and \$10.00 office charge for non-members per contestant. The maximum office charge per member family per open show is \$10 and \$20 per non-member family regardless of the number of family members entered as contestants. These fees may be changed at the discretion of the board.
3. The office charge will be waived for members and non-member when pre-entries are done in a timely fashion via fax, email or BFSC website. Entries are considered “timely” when received by the designated office staff 2 days prior to the BFSC event.
4. All contestants participating in BFSC Open shows and gymkhanas who are not BFSC annual members must purchase a day membership, sign a hold harmless statement and pay a day membership fee in an amount set by the board of directors. This day membership fee is assessed per day member contestant per show and for insurance purposes and will not be waived under any circumstances.
5. Gymkhana and Show fees (training shows):
 - a) Judged and Speed classes annual members: \$3.00
 - b) Judged and Speed classes non-members: \$5.00
6. Open summer series show class fees:
 - a) Judged and Speed classes annual members: \$5.00
 - b) Judged and Speed classes non-members: \$10.00

7. Open winter series show class fees:
 - a) Judged and Speed classes annual members: \$5.00
 - b) Judged and Speed classes non-members: \$10.00
8. Fees for shows not specifically listed herein will be set at a rate approved by the BFSC board of directors.
9. Fees may be changed by approval of the board of directors.
10. No contestant under the age of 18 years shall be allowed to show a stallion.

Show Refunds and Credits:

1. **Cash refunds will not be given.** Credit for a future BFSC event will be given for classes canceled because of the weather or classes scratched prior to the start of the class. The contestant or their representative must formally withdraw (scratch) the contestant with office personnel at least 2 classes prior to the class to be eligible for a credit. No cash refunds will be given for scratched classes, future credits only. No cash refunds or credits will be given to a contestant should they fail to show up for their scheduled class (no-show).
2. In the event of cancellation of classes due to weather, contestants must formally ask office personnel for a future credit for cancelled classes. The open show manager or gymkhana show office manager will issue the credit that can be used at a future BFSC event. The request for credit must be received and granted the day of the event.
3. Credit will be issued in the form of a credit slip signed by the open show manager or gymkhana office manager listing the contestant, date credit issued, and the amount of the credit. The open show manager or gymkhana office manager will confirm that fees have been paid for all classes where credit is being issued and annotate the show sheets accordingly.
4. Once issued, credit slips will be replaced. Credit slips can only be used for entry fees and cannot be used at the concession stand, to offset membership fees, or for any other charges.
5. The open show manager or gymkhana show office manager will provide to the BFSC treasurer a list of office credits and debits (unpaid office charges) after each event. The BFSC treasurer will create and maintain a debit sheet that will be provided to the open show manager or gymkhana show office manager prior to each event. The open show manager or gymkhana show office manager will annotate the sheet when debits are paid. Any unpaid debits could result in forfeiture of membership privileges.

E. Open and Gymkhana Show Eligibility and Participation Rules:

1. Riding categories are based on the ability and age of the contestant and not on the horse. Assessment of a rider's ability is a judgment call of the contestant but should follow the following general definitions:
 - a) Walk-Trot: A beginning level rider whose riding proficiency is at the walk and trot only. No loping will be required in any Walk-Trot classes. Open to all ages.
 - b) Novice Rider: An intermediate level rider whose riding proficiency extends to beginning loping. Patterns for the novice riders will be simpler than those for age group riders and require only simple lead changes. Open to all ages.
 - c) Age-Group Rider: An advanced level rider whose riding proficiency extends to all gaits (walk, trot and lope). Patterns for Age-Group riders are more complex than those for novice and may require flying lead changes. There are 3 age groups as described below.
2. Contestant's age as of January 1st of the competition year will determine the age group classification that the contestant must enter for summer series shows. Contestant's age as of the first winter series show will determine the age group classification that the contestant must enter for winter series shows. Available age groups include the following:
 - a) 13 and Under
 - b) 14-18
 - c) 19 and Over
3. All Contestants must declare which rider classification they will be participating in at the first show of any series. One change in classification is allowed per show season. Accumulated points will not follow the contestant to their new classification.
4. You may move up in rider classification but not down in classification. The only exception is if the board determines that it is unsafe for a contestant to participate in the upper classification. This rule is waived for participation in winter show series as walk-trot or novice classes may not be offered in these shows.
5. If a contestant receives a year-end high point BFSC award in walk-trot or novice the contestant must move up to the appropriate rider classification the following year. Other contestants whose riding skill level exceeds the definition of walk-trot or novice listed previously should voluntarily move up in rider classification the following year. The BFSC board will monitor this situation and may require a rider to move up if the board determines that a person is riding in a classification level below their riding ability.

6. If a contestant has participated in walk-trot or novice for 2 years or more and has received a reserve or runner-up award then it is at the board's discretion to require the contestant must move up to the next rider classification.
7. Year-end points are accumulated on a one horse/one rider combination. Points cannot be accumulated towards year-end awards based on one contestant using more than one horse. Combining points earned from 2 different horses for the purpose of winning a year-end award will not be allowed even though the contestant may be the same for both horses.
8. If a contestant is presenting more than one horse at any BFSC event, the contestant must nominate a point horse for that particular event. A contestant will not be awarded a high point and reserve high point daily award as all awards are presented to the nominated one horse/one rider combination.
9. No contestant under 18 years old shall be allowed to show a stallion.

F. Open Show and Gymkhana Show Events and Classes:

Training Show Events and Classes:

1. Training horse show events will be held every Wednesday night (with a few exceptions) during the summer, weather permitting. They will start promptly at 6:30 p.m. and proceed until concluded or canceled. Every effort will be made to have the show office open at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the first class. The start and end date for the training shows will be at the discretion of the BFSC board. Cancellation of training shows will be at the discretion of the BFSC board. Changes to the schedule will be posted in the BFSC website. Training show points will accumulate towards year-end awards.
2. Training gymkhana events will be held every Monday night (with a few exceptions) during the summer, weather permitting. They will start promptly at 6:30 p.m. and proceed until concluded or canceled. Every effort will be made to have the show office open at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the first class. The start and end date for the gymkhana training events will be at the discretion of the BFSC board. Cancellation of gymkhana training events will be at the discretion of the BFSC board. Changes to the schedule will be posted in the BFSC website. Gymkhana training event points will accumulate towards year-end awards.
3. Classes for each training horse show and gymkhana training event will be posted on the appropriate show bill. The classes available at each training show or training event may be altered by a majority vote of the board.
4. A typical schedule may look as follows but may change at the board of director's discretion:
 - a) Lead-line
 - b) Pleasure
 - c) Horsemanship

- d) Showmanship
 - e) Speed (5 classes)
5. Training gymkhana events may be ridden by walk-trot riders on a non-timed basis. This will not forfeit the participant's eligibility to compete in future BFSC events as a walk-trot rider. No year-end points will be awarded for such participation.
 6. Dress for training horse shows is casual and will not factor into the judging.
 7. No contestant under 18 years of age shall be allowed to show a stallion.

Open Summer Series Show Events and Classes:

1. There will be at least five open summer horse shows and open summer gymkhana events each year. One open summer horse show and one summer gymkhana show will be held monthly during the months of May through September with any make-up shows in October. The number of shows can be increased or decreased at a majority vote of the board. Exact dates for the open shows will be determined at a board meeting and be based on recommendation of the Vice President of Scheduling and a schedule of competing events. Open summer horse shows will start promptly at 9:00 a.m. and proceed until concluded or canceled. Open summer gymkhana events will start promptly at 1:00 p.m. and proceed until concluded or canceled. Start times may vary depending on the scheduled event. Any change in start time will be posted on the BFSC website. Every effort will be made to have the horse show and gymkhana events show office open 45 minutes prior to the start of the first class. Cancellation of shows will be at the discretion of the BFSC board. Changes and cancellations to the schedule will be posted on the BFSC website.
2. Classes for each open summer series show (horse show and gymkhana) will be posted on the respective summer series show bill. The classes available at each open summer series show may be altered by a majority vote of the BFSC board.
3. Proper show attire is required at all open summer series shows and will factor into the judges placing of the classes. Disqualification for improper dress is at the discretion of the judge.
4. A lead-line class will be offered at each open summer series horse show. The class will be open to all ages and requires the contestant to be led in the arena by a responsible handler.
5. A therapeutic class and/or 2 year old western pleasure class may, but need not be, offered at each open summer series horse show. The therapeutic class is open to those who are mentally and/or physically challenged. The 2 year old western pleasure class is open to any horse 2 years old.
6. Halter class will be offered at each open summer series horse show. The class will be divided into 3 divisions: geldings, mares, and stallions. Ribbons will be awarded in each division. Halter points do not count towards summer series daily

awards or year-end overall awards as this class is based on the horse's conformation and not the contestant's ability. Halter classes are open to handlers of all rider classifications. No contestant under the age of 18 years shall be allowed to participate in the halter stallion division. Summer series year-end halter class awards will be given.

7. Walk-trot classes will be offered at each open summer series horse shows. Classes will include the disciplines of showmanship, western, english and trail. Trail can be ridden English or western. Appropriate attire is required.
 8. Novice rider classes will be offered at each open summer series horse shows. Classes will include the disciplines of showmanship, western, english and trail. Trail can be ridden english or western. Appropriate attire is required.
 9. Age group open summer series show classes will be divided into the following 3 disciplines and may include any of the listed classes. Showmanship will be considered both an english and western class. All classes listed below may or may not be available at all the summer series horse shows or summer series gymkhana events.
 - a) English (showmanship, open showmanship, english pleasure, english equitation, english riding control, english show hack, over fences, open hunter under saddle, open english equitation);
 - b) Western (showmanship, open showmanship, western pleasure, western riding control, western horsemanship, reining, western riding, trail, open western pleasure, open horsemanship);
 - c) Speed (barrels, poles, flags, key hole, 75 up and back, open barrels, open poles).
 10. The trail course at the open summer series horse show will be open and available for contestant completion on a first come first serve basis from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or at the judge's availability and/or show management discretion.
- III. Open Show and Gymkhana Show Point Tabulation and Award Rules:
- A. **Point Tabulation Rules:**
1. A maximum of six placing ribbons will be awarded for every open show and gymkhana class.
 2. Points are awarded in each class based on placing number of judged entries or timed entries in a class, and participation in the class.
 - a) Points awarded for each class are tabulated as follows:

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- b) One participation point will be awarded to all non-exhibition contestants in a class.

3. In a gymkhana class, if “no-times” result in less than 6 placings in the class, points will be based on the total number of contestants in the class and not the total number of placed contestants in the class. For example, if 6 contestants enter a speed class but only 3 have a time, then first place will be awarded 6 points, second place 5 points, and third place 4 points. All participants in the class will also get one participation point, even the contestants that had a “no-time”.
4. In a judged class, if “disqualifications” result in less than 6 placings in the class, points will be based on the total number of contestants in the class and not the total number of placed contestants in the class. For example, if you have 6 contestants enter a judged class but only 3 are placed, then first place will be awarded 6 points, second place 5 points, and third place 4 points. All participants in the class will also get one participation point, even the contestants that have been disqualified.

B. Gymkhana Show Award Rules:

1. All points earned by a member contestant from the weekly and monthly horse shows and gymkhana events will accumulate towards year-end high point awards as described in the section for Year-End Point Tabulation and Award Rules.
2. In open summer series gymkhana and weekly gymkhana events contestants may enter more than one horse in a class. The contestant must pay a class fee for each run they take in a speed class. The fee for an “exhibition run” is set by the board and can be changed at the discretion of the board. Only the points from one speed run counts towards summer series gymkhana and weekly gymkhana events year-end points/awards. A point horse/run must be designated in the show office and marked on the entry form prior to the start of the class.

C. Open Summer Series Show Award Rules:

1. The following High-Point awards will be given at each Open Summer Series Horse Show and Open Summer Series Gymkhana Event with the exception of Walk-Trot. No Walk-Trot awards will be presented at gymkhana events. Awards will not be presented in categories that do not have participants who qualify for the award (ex. no Novice Reserve award will be given if only one rider participates in the Novice riding classes – must have 2 in the class for a Reserve to be awarded).
 - a. Walk-Trot High-Point (not awarded in gymkhana events)
 - b. Walk-Trot Reserve (not awarded in gymkhana events)
 - c. Novice High-Point 13 & Under (Horse show and gymkhana events)
 - d. Novice Reserve 13 & Under (Horse show and gymkhana events)
 - e. Novice High-Point 14 & Over (Horse show and gymkhana events)

- f. Novice Reserve 14 & Over (Horse show and gymkhana events)
 - g. 13 & Under English High-Point
 - h. 13 & Under English Reserve
 - i. 13 & Under Western High-Point
 - j. 13 & Under Western Reserve
 - k. 13 & Under High-Point Gymkhana Events
 - l. 13 & Under Reserve Gymkhana Events
 - m. 14 – 18 English High-Point
 - n. 14 – 18 English Reserve
 - o. 14 – 18 Western High-Point
 - p. 14 – 18 Western Reserve
 - q. 14 – 18 High-Point Gymkhana Events
 - r. 14 – 18 Reserve Gymkhana Events
 - s. 19 & Over English High-Point
 - t. 19 & Over English Reserve
 - u. 19 & Over Western High-Point
 - v. 19 & Over Western Reserve
 - w. 19 & Over High-Point Gymkhana Events
 - x. 19 & Over Reserve Gymkhana Events
2. Showmanship points will count toward Open Summer Series Show High-Point and Reserve in both English and Western Disciplines.
 3. You must ride in at least one riding class in a discipline to qualify for Open Summer Series Show High-Point and Reserve awards for that discipline (ex. you must ride one English class to qualify for High-Point or Reserve English – cannot qualify based solely on Showmanship points).
 4. In the event of a tie for Open Summer Series Show High-Point or Reserve, the following tie breakers will be used:
 - a. Walk-Trot tie breaker will be Showmanship
 - b. Novice tie breaker will be Showmanship
 - c. Age Group Western discipline tie breaker will be Showmanship
 - d. Age Group English discipline tie breaker will be Showmanship
 - e. Age Group Speed discipline tie breaker will be Barrels
 - f. Novice Speed discipline tie breaker will be Barrels
 5. In Open Summer Series Gymkhana Events, contestants may enter more than one horse and take only one run per speed class per horse. Time permitting, exhibition runs will be allowed. Any horse can be used for these exhibition runs. The contestant must pay a set fee for each exhibition run. The fee for an “exhibition run” is set by the board and can be changed at the discretion of the board. No show or year-end points will be awarded or accumulated for exhibition runs.

IV. **Year-End Point Tabulation and Award Rules:**

A. **Summer Series Year-End Point Tabulation and Award Rules:**

1. Summer Series year-end awards/prizes will be given. Prizes for all award categories will be recommended by the Trophy and Award Committee and approved by the board. Approval is subject to the availability of funds to purchase the awards. Prizes may be purchased throughout the show year and will be awarded at the annual BFSC awards banquet.
2. You must be a BFSC annual member to accumulate points towards Summer Series year-end awards. If you become a BFSC annual member during the middle of the show season, only Open Summer Series Shows, Gymkhana Events and training shows during your membership period will count toward Summer Series year-end high point awards. No points accumulated prior to membership will be included in the calculation for yearend awards.
3. If you move up in riding classification during the Summer Series year, your points do not move up with you. For Summer Series year-end awards purposes, this may result in you having points in more than one classification. A person is not eligible to collect a year-end award in more than one classification. If this situation should arise, the contestant will be given the award for the highest award that they qualify. In the event that they qualify for an equal award in two classifications, they will be given the award for the higher classification.
4. The following Summer Series year-end awards will be given. The exact natures of the prizes that will be given are at the discretion of the BFSC board but will be consistent across classifications with higher value awards generally being awarded for higher rider classification levels.
 - a. Walk-Trot High-Point (not awarded in gymkhana events)
 - b. Walk-Trot Reserve (not awarded in gymkhana events)
 - c. Walk-Trot Runner (not awarded in gymkhana events)
 - d. Novice High-Point 13 & Under (Horse show and gymkhana events)
 - e. Novice Reserve 13 & Under (Horse show and gymkhana events)
 - f. Novice Runner 13 & Under (Horse show and gymkhana events)
 - g. Novice High-Point 14 & Over (Horse show and gymkhana events)
 - h. Novice Reserve 14 & Over (Horse show and gymkhana events)
 - i. Novice Runner Up 14 & Over (Horse show and gymkhana events)
 - j. 13 & Under English High-Point
 - k. 13 & Under English Reserve
 - l. 13 & Under English Runner Up
 - m. 13 & Under Western High-Point
 - n. 13 & Under Western Reserve
 - o. 13 & Under Western Runner Up

- p. 13 & Under High-Point Gymkhana Events
 - q. 13 & Under Reserve Gymkhana Events
 - r. 13 & Under Runner Up Gymkhana Events
 - s. 14 – 18 English High-Point
 - t. 14 – 18 English Reserve
 - u. 14 – 18 English Runner Up
 - v. 14 – 18 Western High-Point
 - w. 14 – 18 Western Reserve
 - x. 14 – 18 Western Runner Up
 - y. 14 – 18 High-Point Gymkhana Events
 - z. 14 – 18 Reserve Gymkhana Events
 - aa. 14 – 18 Runner Up Gymkhana Events
 - bb. 19 & Over English High-Point
 - cc. 19 & Over English Reserve
 - dd. 19 & Over English Runner Up
 - ee. 19 & Over Western High-Point
 - ff. 19 & Over Western Reserve
 - gg. 19 & Over Western Runner Up
 - hh. 19 & Over High-Point Gymkhana Events
 - ii. 19 & Over Reserve Gymkhana Events
 - jj. 19 & Over Runner Up Gymkhana Events
 - kk. Halter High-point (awarded to horse) will be awarded to over all mares, geldings and stallions
 - ll. Halter Reserve (awarded to horse) will be awarded to over all mares, geldings and stallions
 - mm. Lead-line Participants
5. In the event of ties for Summer Series year-end awards, Showmanship will be the tie breaker.
 6. If you use more than one speed horse in a class or take more than one run in a speed class during an Open Summer Series Show or Gymkhana Event, only the nominated point horse will count toward Summer Series daily high-point awards. Exhibition, non-judged, and non-point horse/runs will not be included in year-end high point totals.
 7. Summer Series year-end awards will be based on an accumulation of points from Open Summer Series Horse Shows/Gymkhana Events and weekly training shows.
 8. A contestant must participate in a minimum of one-half of the held Open Summer Series Horse Shows and Gymkhana Events to be eligible for a Year End Award. (Does not include training shows.)

9. Summer Series Year-End Halter awards will be based on the accumulation of points from Open Summer Series Horse Shows. Halter awards are based on the horse and not the handler. More than one handler can be used at different Open Summer Series Horse Shows for the same horse.
10. If possible, summer series year-end point standings will be computed and posted in the show office on a weekly basis. Disputes of points must be made within ten (10) days of the posting of the points.