

2017 ALL AMERICAN BUCKSKIN HORSE CONGRESS RULES

The All American Buckskin Horse Congress is a show designated to allow **ABRA** registered horses across the country a chance to compete for **National ABRA points**. **THIS IS NOT A SCHOOLING SHOW. EACH HORSE MUST BE ENTERED IN AT LEAST ONE CLASS IN ORDER TO SECURE A STALL RESERVATION. TACK STALLS WILL BE MARKED ACCORDINGLY AND USED FOR THAT PURPOSE ONLY!**

ABRA and BUCKSKIN BRED EXHIBITORS

In order to show in ABRA or Buckskin Bred classes, horses must be registered with ABRA. Weanlings do not need to be registered or have a work order to show in the Congress; but a DUN FACTOR weanling **MUST** have an ABRA work order. The following needs to be submitted with the Congress entry form:

- A photocopy of the horse's ABRA registration papers front and back
- A photocopy of owner's current ABRA membership card
- A photocopy of exhibitor's current ABRA membership card
- A photocopy of the ABRA lease agreement if applicable
- All ABRA exhibitors in all classes must present ABRA registration papers OR ABRA lease agreement to verify current ownership of the horse and the associated ABRA membership cards at the show.

ABRA PERFORMANCE HALTER

To be eligible to compete in the performance halter classes, a Register of Merit in performance must be earned and recorded on the horse's record. Proof of Register of Merit **MUST** be provided to show management. A performance Register of Merit must be earned in the division in which it is to compete (i.e. Amateur division, the performance Register of Merit must have been earned in the Amateur division.) Submit a copy of this ROM with entries if registering for Performance Halter.

- A horse may not show in the age division halter class and the performance halter class at the same show in a particular division. (i.e. may not enter Amateur Halter Mares and Amateur Performance Halter Mares at the same show.)

ALL BREED EXHIBITORS

Non-ABRA horse entries do not require registration papers unless showing in an age specific class (i.e. All Breed Yearling Longe Line, All Breed Open Junior Horse Hunter under Saddle). However, all of the horse's information does need to be on the entry form.

All Breed Adult (Non-Pro) exhibitors should have a current amateur or novice card from any horse association. Please provide a copy of your membership card with entries. If exhibitor is not a current amateur/novice/non-pro member of another organization, please note that on the entry form. Non-Pro classes are meant for amateur/novice/non-pro exhibitors only.

All Breed Novice Youth and All Breed Novice Adult classes are intended for novice exhibitors. These classes are not designed for experienced riders on novice horses.

ALL EXHIBITORS

A current **Negative Coggins** is required to show and stall any horse and must be presented before unloading the trailer.

A 10 day current Health Certificate with temperature recorded is required for any horse not from the state of Michigan and must be presented before unloading the trailer.

January 1, 2017 is the cutoff date for age specific classes for both horses and exhibitors. For Youth, it is their age as of January 1, 2017 and for horses it is the age they turn in 2017. **NO YOUTH MAY EXHIBIT STALLIONS!**

Any entries submitted without the required papers and membership cards will be returned to sender. Late fees may apply if complete information is not sent back postmarked by September 2, 2017.

Class entries postmarked after September 2nd must include the proper late fees per class. Additional classes can be added five classes before the respective class. Trail classes may be added on Thursday.

NSBA RULES

NSBA classes will be judged by one designated judge and are approved for one set of NSBA points.

All exhibitors and owners **MUST** be current NSBA members. Copies of current membership cards must accompany entries. Memberships may be purchased at the show.

All NSBA classes will run concurrent with the corresponding class. Entry in the corresponding ABRA or All Breed class is required in order to enter the NSBA class.

NSBA Amateur Select classes will follow NSBA rules and are only open to qualified Amateur Select riders (50 & Over).

All ABRA horses are eligible to enter ABRA NSBA classes provided that the exhibitor and owner are current NSBA members.

All Breed NSBA entries must show a NSBA Certificate of Eligibility to enter a corresponding All Breed NSBA class.

A copy of NSBA Certificate of Eligibility must accompany any ALL BREED NSBA entry. If a horse does not have an NSBA Certificate of Eligibility, it can be obtained by completing the registration form at: <http://www.nsba.com/index.php/showing/certificate-of-eligibility.html>. NSBA eligibility is open to horses registered in one of the NSBA Alliance Partners: ABRA, AQHA, APHA, ApHC, IBHA, PHBA, PtHA, or POAC. Unregistered horses or horses registered with another breed association are not eligible for the NSBA portion of the class, but are eligible to show in the ALL BREED class itself.

If your horse is already enrolled in NSBA's Breeders Championship Futurity or Stallion Incentive Fund License Program, you already have a Certificate of Eligibility. Those that do not have a Certificate of Eligibility can obtain one through NSBA for \$35. Applications are available at www.nsba.com.

Prizes will be awarded for the NSBA class winner but NSBA Bronzes will not be awarded.

JUDGING PROCEDURES

All classes will be judged and placed by all four judges. The scores or placings will then be combined and averaged to

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determine the Congress Champion and top ten horses in each class. The judges' decision in the show ring are their own responsibility. Exhibitors, owners, agents, or spectators are prohibited from contacting a judge directly, in any manner, at any time prior to or during the All American Buckskin Congress. The All American Buckskin Horse Congress Committee reserves the right to substitute a judge. In case of a tie, the computer will be programmed to designate which judge is the tie breaker and no judge will be aware of such designation. Judges will be rotated to break ties.

REFUNDS

No refunds will be provided unless a valid veterinary certificate is received by the show secretary prior to the show. The Buckskin Horse Association of Michigan Board of Directors must approve all refunds and only 75% of the entry fee will be refunded. Stall fees are non-refundable.

RETURNED CHECKS

A \$35 penalty will be assessed for any returned check. The person whose name and address appears on the check will be notified by U.S. Mail and given ten (10) days to clear the account with a certified check or money order. Any returned checks submitted prior to the show and not rectified by show time will constitute cause to disallow the entry in the classes. Any pre-entry check that is returned will be charged the post entry fee in addition to the \$35 penalty fee for returned check.

GENERAL RULES:

Anyone not abiding by the camping or facility rules will be asked to leave. There is **NO SMOKING** allowed on the premises.

NO BIKES, SKATEBOARDS, SCOOTERS OR ROLLER BLADES in the pavilion at any time.

Exhibitors will not be allowed to enter the ring with any initials or advertisement on their tack or clothing that promotes their trainer or themselves. (Tack or clothing brand identification labels are exempt.)

Exhibitors will not be allowed to enter the ring with incorrect or missing exhibitor numbers. Any exhibitor without a number is disqualified.

A junior horse is a horse 5 years or younger; senior horse is a horse that is 6 years or older. Bits and other equipment will be checked at the judge's discretion for ABRA and All Breed horses. ABRA rules apply for both ABRA and All Breed Horses. When ABRA is silent then AQHA rules apply.

All dogs **MUST** be on a leash with handler at all times or confined in a stall, kennel, or your camping trailer or a fine of \$50 will be assessed to the dog's owner or handler. There will be one warning and then the dog will be confiscated and put in a kennel until the owner pays the \$50 fine. Please be courteous of your neighbors and keep them quiet and under control.

Exhibitors and owners agree to abide by all the rules and regulations of this packet by signing the entry form.

Any unsigned form will not be accepted.

TACK CHANGES

A maximum time period of three minutes after final class call will be allowed for tack changes. All tack changes are to be made in the makeup area. Once the arena gate is closed no contestant shall enter the arena. Tack changes must be pre-scheduled with the in gate staff at least three classes prior to the class in which the change is needed.

GATE RULE

A one minute rule will be enforced. Once the final call for a class has been given, the gate will be closed in one minute unless a tack change is pre-scheduled and performed in the makeup area. Orders of go may be drawn for all classes. Exhibitors missing their order of draw may be disqualified. No late participants will be accepted and no refunds will be given for missed classes. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to be on the grounds and ready to show on the day of his/her scheduled classes without public notice. No exhibitor will be allowed to enter the show arena after the gate is closed.

DRUG TESTING

Drug testing will be based on the ABRA Drug Rule Policy. The drug policy is in the show office for review.

SWEEPSTAKES CLASSES

Sweepstakes classes are the only payback classes offered at the All American Buckskin Horse Congress. 60% of total purse is paid back to the first thru four places.

Paybacks will be mailed within 4 weeks after the Congress.

VERSATILITY CLASS

Versatility class consists of Hunter Under Saddle, Western Pleasure, and Barrels. One horse/one rider combination.

There is a maximum of 3 minutes allowed for tack changes inside the ring. Two helpers are allowed for tack changes. The announcer will tell the exhibitor and helper to go to their designated spot along the rail and he/she will announce when the time will start. All helpers must be out of the ring before the 3 minutes have passed.

Each class will be scored separately; winners will be determined by the highest combined point total. The tiebreaker will be the speed class.

WALK TROT CLASSES

These classes are for **Novice riders only** and not for schooling young horses. It was designed to encourage the beginner to ride and compete at BHAM events.

Walk Trot exhibitors may not show in 3 gaited riding classes.

CLASS PRIZES AND RIBBONS

One first place prize and one second place prize will be given for every class except Sweepstakes classes.

The computer will tally the points from each judge and come up with one winner for every class that will be awarded the 1st place prize and so on to 10th place.

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A tiebreaker judge is randomly selected by the computer to break any ties.

All classes will be judged by four judges, but there will be only one Champion of each class and one Reserve Champion. There will be 1st – 10th place ribbons for the overall top 10. Smaller ribbons are available to pick up in the office, once the results are entered, for an individual's placing under each judge. There will be points accumulated for each judge up to 10 places.

HIGH POINT RULES

High Point is based on 1 rider/1 horse combination, except ABRA Open Horse in which the points stay with the horse. Novice Youth, Novice Adult, All Breed 40 & Over and ABRA Amateur Select will have different high point and reserve high point prizes because fewer classes are offered in those divisions.

Exhibitors do not need to nominate for high point.

High Point contenders will accumulate points from each judge in the following designated High Point classes for their section:

ABRA Amateur – Class #'s 9, (13 or 14 OR 22 or 23 OR 32 or 33), 71, 87, 97, 113, 127

ABRA Amateur Select – Class #'s (13 or 14 OR 22 or 23 OR 32 or 33), 73, 117, 129

ABRA Youth 14-18 – Class #'s 7, (24 or 25 OR 34 or 35), 69, 85, 95, 111, 125

ABRA Youth 13 & Under – Class #'s 7, (24 or 25 OR 34 or 35), 67, 81, 93, 107, 123

ALL BREED Adult (NON-PRO) – Class #'s 10, (45 or 46), 70, 86, 96, 112, 126

ALL BREED Youth 14-18 – Class #'s 8, (45 or 46), 68, 84, 94, 110, 124

ALL BREED Youth 13 & Under – Class #'s 6, (45 or 46), 66, 80, 92, 106, 122

ALL BREED NOVICE YOUTH – Class #'s 4, 75, 101, 119

ALL BREED NOVICE ADULT – Class #'s 5, 76, 101, 120

ALL BREED PEE WEE 11 & UNDER – Class #'s (3 or 4), 74, 79, 91, 103, 121

ALL BREED 40 & OVER – Class #'s (45 OR 46), 72, 116, 128

ABRA OPEN HORSE – Class #'s 11, (15 or 16 or 17 or 18 or 19 or 20) OR (26 or 27 or 28 or 29 or 30) OR (36 or 37 or 39 or 40 or 41), 47, 53, 57, 58, (83 or 89), 100, (109 or 115)

Point Calculations for High Point

# of Horses →	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1 st	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2 nd		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
3 rd			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
4 th				1	2	3	4	5	6	7
5 th					1	2	3	4	5	6
6 th						1	2	3	4	5
7 th							1	2	3	4
8 th								1	2	3
9 th									1	2
10 th										1

PROTESTS

A protest may be made to the Congress Committee by an exhibitor, an agent, a trainer, or the parent of a Youth Exhibitor who is currently entered in the 2017 All American Buckskin Horse

Congress, for violation of these Congress Rules, and/or ABRA Rules. It must be:

- In writing
- Signed by the protestor
- Addressed to the Secretary of the Show
- Accompanied by a deposit of \$50.00
- Received by a member of the Congress committee within 48 hours of the alleged violation.

A Congress Committee receiving a protest may promptly hold a hearing of at least 3 and no more than 5 of its members and obtain from witnesses, entry blanks and other sources, all necessary information and evidence; all persons directly concerned shall be notified and given the opportunity to appear. If the protest is sustained, the deposit shall be returned to the protestor; if not sustained, the deposit shall be forfeited to the show.

In the event the Congress Committee cannot reach a decision in regard to a protest involving an ABRA Exhibitor, the protest must be referred to the American Buckskin Registry Board of Directors and accompanied by the \$50.00 protest deposit. If the Board sustains the protest, the deposit shall be returned to the protestor; if the protest is not sustained, the fee shall then accrue to the Association.

A protest may be made directly to the American Buckskin Registry Board of Directors by an official of a show or by an ABRA Board Member for violation of ABRA rules. It must be:

- In writing
- Signed by the person making the charge
- Addressed to the ABRA Board of Directors and mailed to the ABRA executive secretary within 48 hours of the alleged violation.

A protest must state the full name and address of the accused and contain a complete and definite statement of the acts which constitute the alleged violation. Precise details regarding a violation of the rules are necessary. The maker must be prepared to substantiate the protest by personal testimony or by sworn statements, witnesses or other evidence. The American Buckskin Registry Association may investigate any protest or charge; may intervene in any protest and present evidence concerning any protest or alleged violation at its discretion.