

WPRD - 2026 Constitution & By Law Amendments (Posted 4/30/2026)

Article IV

Section 10: Class/Entry Procedures

F. Novice Class Eligibility

Amendment:

Addition: “F: **Novice Class Eligibility**”

Effective for the current 2026 show season, all Novice classes offered by the Western Pennsylvania Riding & Driving Club shall be limited to exhibitor participation for a maximum of two (2) show seasons, with the exception of the Open Walk-Trot Novice Horse/Pony Pleasure division.

Upon completion of two (2) seasons of competition in Novice classes at Western Pennsylvania Riding & Driving Club, exhibitors will be required to advance into the age-appropriate and/or horse-appropriate division(s) for which they are eligible.

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Section 1. Performance

A. Showmanship

Amendment:

Added class: **Novice Showmanship.**

Novice Showmanship is the ability of the novice exhibitor to present their horse/pony properly and effectively while implementing specific tasks within a pattern.

Eligibility – This class is intended for the novice rider/handler who may only show in walk/trot performance classes during the show year, including this class. It is not intended for a novice horse.

- Handlers who qualify for this novice class may show in it for two (2) years and then must move up to the regular showmanship class.
- There are no medical exceptions permitted to show in this class.
- This class follows a designated pattern selected by the show manager or judge.
- Exhibitors are judged one at a time. One animal per exhibitor, per class. Exhibitors may not show in any other showmanship class.
- The exhibitor shall show from the entry gate and will exit the ring after the pattern is completed.
- All handlers must be capable of safely controlling their animals at all times without assistance.
- All exhibitors must follow all other showmanship division guidelines, including attire appropriate for the discipline in which the handler is showing, under Western Pennsylvania Riding & Driving Club rules.

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Section 1. Performance

A. Showmanship

Amendment: Added class: **Open Mini Showmanship.**

Open Mini Showmanship follows all guidelines as Article IV, Section 1. A. with the following exceptions:

- This class is open to any exhibitor handling a miniature horse.
- Exhibitors may show in other halter and showmanship classes, with the exception of Novice Showmanship.