



**SUGASHEAUX
2012
Rules
And
Regulations**

SugaSheaux - Membership

1. The SugaSheaux is open to all breeds. Breed registration is not a requirement.
2. Each horse that is entered at a SugaSheaux will be issued a specific back # for that show day.
3. Ownership is not a requirement to participate in any event at the SugaSheaux
4. The fiscal year for the SugaSheaux is January 1 through December 31.
5. Membership dues are:
 - a. Single Membership - \$25.00
 - b. Family Membership - \$ 50.00
Family is defined as a mother/father and their children, age eighteen and under. Children age eighteen (18) or older must have their own memberships.
6. Negative Coggins Test required.

All other guidelines set forth in AQHA's Official Handbook of Rules and Regulations will be followed (NOTE: LEAD LINE DO NOT REQUIRE WESTERN ATTIRE. ALL OTHER SATURDAY CLASSES, EXCLUDING SPEED EVENTS, REQUIRE WESTERN ATTIRE. (NO TANK TOPS ALLOWED IN SPEED EVENTS; IMPROPER DRESS WILL RESULT IN AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION))

LEAD LINE CLASSES:

The exhibitor's horse must be led by a person holding a lead line that is attached to the horse being led. The horse must be led the entire time that exhibitor is in the arena.

Once any lead line exhibitor shows in a ride alone class, that exhibitor is no longer eligible to show in any lead line class. Therefore that exhibitor gives up any points earned in any lead line class that he/she has shown in.

PONY YOUTH CLASSES: AGES 10 AND UNDER

Exhibitor must be age 10 or under as of January 1st of the show year in order to be eligible.

* Pony max height is 50"

YOUTH CLASSES: AGES 13 AND UNDER

Exhibitor must be age 13 or under as of January 1st of the show year in order to be eligible.

YOUTH CLASSES: AGES 14-18

Exhibitor must be age 14, 15, 16, 17 or 18 as of January 1st of the show year in order to be eligible.

CLASSES: AGES 19 AND OVER

Exhibitor must be age 19 or over as of January 1st of the show year in order to be eligible.

OPEN CLASSES: All Ages

Exhibitor can be of any age to be eligible for entry.

Exhibitors can ride more than one horse, but must designate the horse/rider combination at time of entry.

SugaSheaux - AWARDS

IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR ANY AWARD, YOU MUST BE A SUGASHEAUX MEMBER

SHOW AWARDS:

- All classes will be jackpot classes and a 50% payback will be awarded at each show

EXAMPLE

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| • 1-4 Riders | Pays one place: | 1 st - 100% |
| • 5-8 Riders | Pays two places: | 1 st 60%, 2 nd 40% |
| • 9-12 Riders | Pays three places: | 1 st 50%, 2 nd 30%, 3 rd 20% |
| • 13-16 Riders | Pays four places: | 1 st 40%, 2 nd 30%, 3 rd 20%, 4 th 10% |
| • 17-20 Riders | Pays five places: | 1 st 30%, 2 nd 25%, 3 rd 20%, 4 th 15%, 5 th 10% |
| • 21+ Riders | Pays six places: | 1 st 28%, 2 nd 22%, 3 rd 18%, 4 th 14%, 5 th 10%, 6 th 8% |

PARTICIPATION AWARDS:

- All members who participate in 50% or more Sugasheaux events will receive a year-end participation award. Specific awards will be based on funds available. This award is based on participation, not points, and will be awarded regardless of whether exhibitor ever placed in any class. The 2011 show season has a total of 8 shows, so to be eligible for a participation award the member must exhibit in a total of 5 shows.

YEAR END AWARDS:

- In order for a class to qualify for year-end awards, the class must be sponsored. Sugasheaux class sponsorships are available for \$100 per class. For details, please see a board member or Sugarena staff.
- Year-End Awards will be presented for each of the classes offered throughout the year if criteria eligibility has been met:
- In order to qualify for Year-End Awards, Horse/Rider
 1. Must be a member of SugaSheaux
 2. Must show in more than 50% of the shows (Minimum of 5 shows)
 3. Points are kept on a one Horse/Rider combination.

ALL AROUND AND RESERVE ALL AROUND AWARDS:

- All Around and Reserve All Around Awards will be given in the three age groups. All Around Awards will be based on funds available.
- In order to qualify for All Around and Reserve All Around Awards, Horse/Rider
 1. Must be a member of SugaSheaux
 2. Must show in more than 50% of the shows (Minimum of 5 shows) in four classes and the lowest pointed class must have a minimum of 3 points.
 3. Points are kept on a one Horse/Rider combination.

SugaSheaux RANCH SORTING ONLY

- Participation awards will be given at year end to those members who participate in more than 50% of sortings.
- All other rules apply

GENERAL RULES:

1. Points will be kept on a horse/rider team basis. Each rider will be responsible for using the correct name on the entry card so that points may be accumulated properly.
2. In the case of death or permanent injury or illness of a horse; Exhibitor must present a signed veterinary report stating the death or permanent injury or illness of the horse. That horse may be substituted by one horse only (must use the same substitute horse) throughout the remainder of the year. Substitute horse must be entered using the injured or deceased horses name to finish out the year.
3. All entry forms must be filed out completely. SugaSheaux personnel will not fill out entry forms!
4. In the event of a written complaint on the age of a horse or a contestant, proof of age may be required. A contestant's age will be verified by birth certificate. If papers are not available on the horse a veterinarian will be asked to mouth the animal and give an opinion. The issue will be addressed by the Commission at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
5. Points are recorded on an 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 basis. Points in all designated SugaSheaux classes are given to the top placing eight horses, with the first place horse receiving up to 8 points. If less than eight horses are entered in a class, points will be awarded based on the number entered.
- * 6. Any person displaying un-sportsmanship like conduct to person or animal will be asked to leave the premises, and may be subject to a Commission ruling on future participation and/or attendance. There will be no exceptions to this rule. Sugasheaux Board members, present on site, will have final ruling on any necessary dismissal.
7. Any participant with outstanding dues or entry fees will not be allowed to participate at the next scheduled SugaSheaux, until debt is paid. There will be a \$25 charge on NSF checks issued to the SugaSheaux.
8. The Iberia Parish Acadiana Fairgrounds Commission will address all complaints and/or suggestions. Complaints or suggestions must be submitted to show management in writing with signature. Complaints and suggestions will be addressed at the next scheduled Commission meeting. All Commission meetings are open to the public.
9. Sugarena Volunteer Hours cannot be used for trade on entry fees, as all classes are jackpot classes. However, Volunteer Hours can be used for stalls and /or camper spaces. This item applies only to those volunteer committee members with gold badge status. If you wish to become a volunteer, please see the office or a Sugasheaux Board Member for details.

10. **Exhibitions** will be held at each show (except for Sunday shows), prior to speed events. There will be a sixty (60) second time limit. There will be a five (\$5.00) penalty for each overage of time limit. No exceptions.
11. **Sugasheaux Ride Nights** – Ride nights will be held the Wednesday or Thursday prior to the Sugasheaux date for that month. (Please see calendar for specific dates) Fees are as follows: \$5.00 per horse. Ride night times are from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and will follow the following schedule:
- 6:00 p.m.- 6:45 p.m. – Open Arena
 - 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – Barrel Practice
 - 7:45 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. – Pole Practice
 - 8:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – Open Arena