

Gateway Saddle Club Show Rules

1. All rules that are in the Gateway Saddle Club by-laws will be enforced to ensure fairness to all.
2. All entries will close one class prior.
3. All Judges Decisions are final.
4. Birth certificates may be required to prove eligibility in classes.
5. All entry forms must be signed by entrant, and all minors (under 18) must have a parent/guardian sign the entry form and must be present on the show grounds during the entire show.
6. Ponies/Horses considered to be out of control by the Judge/Board will be pulled from the class.
7. **No Stallions** allowed at GSC shows. Weanling colts may be shown in the gelding halter class only.
8. Poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated. GSC has the right to disqualify any exhibitor for inappropriate behavior, which includes remarks made to the judge, loud cursing, or **abuse** to any pony/horse in the arena or on the show grounds.
9. The pony height allowed in a pony class is under 54". All ponies must be measured at the first show entered in before being shown. The measuring of ponies will take place at each show right before pony halter at the arena entrance. Adult riders who wish to ride a pony over 54" & over, must be in open Jr. or adult class. Pony Class, riders must be 13 years old and under.
10. Western attire is required in all classes except speed, versatility, and lead line. However, English attire will be allowed in halter, walk-trot, or versatility classes. Western attire is defined as western boots, western shirt/top and cowboy hat or protective helmet. No tank tops, shorts, or tennis shoes are allowed in any class.
11. No pony/horse may be ridden by two or more exhibitors in the same class.
12. Exhibitors are allowed one attempt to start in a timed event.
13. In the event the timer fails, a re-run will be given at the end of that class. Only penalties resulting in the re-run will be enforced.
14. In the pole bending, a five second penalty will be given for knocking over a pole. In barrel racing a five second penalty will be given for knocking over a barrel, except for the open 3-D Barrel and the Jackpot Barrel classes a knocked down barrel will result in a no time. A no time will be given in any speed class for a broken pattern.
15. To be eligible for year-end awards, the exhibitor must be a GSC member, have paid the minimum \$25.00 sponsorship fee and show a minimum of 50 % of the shows per class. In the Open 3-D Barrel and 2-D Poles class, exhibitors are eligible to receive as many awards as ponies/horses they have competed on in 50 % of the shows.
16. Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times.
17. No training devices in western pleasure classes; split reins must be used in western pleasure classes, a bosal/snaffle may be used on ponies/horses 5 yrs and under only, no draw reins, martingales or tie downs allowed.
18. If you participate in Leadline (not a point class) for end of year awards. You can only receive points in non-riding classes such as Halter or Dummy Roping. If you choose to enter a riding class points will not be counted towards end of year awards, you will only receive ribbons for that day.
19. Ranch Classes This class shows the horse's ability to move at a working speed with a rider. Horses will be shown at three gaits - walk, trot and lope - in each direction of the arena. Horses also will be asked to change directions while on the rail, stop and back. A horse will be given credit for traveling with his head held in a normal position, ears alert and moving at a natural speed for the gait requested. Credit also will be given for making a smooth transition between the gaits, for keeping the correct lead and for maintaining the gait until the judge asks for a change. A rider must show his horse with only one hand on the reins, unless the horse is 5 years old or younger and is being shown in a snaffle bit. Fancy tack and fancy outfits not required for this class.

Directions to the Hawk Point Arena: www.hawkpointarena.com

From Troy: North on 40/61 to Hwy 47 make left. Continue west 8.4 miles and turn Right on Farm Drive. Stay to the right on the gravel road until you see arena. (Next to Backroads Pizza)

From Hwy 70 west: exit Warrenton (hwy 47) go north about 15miles, at 4 way turn right to Hwy 47 follow to left on Farm Drive. (right after you see Backroads Pizza) stay to right on the gravel road until you see arena.