

# Georgia Mountain Rules and Regulations & BY-LAWS

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## **Article 1**

### **Club Naming**

Section 1: The organization shall be known as the GEORGIA MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION OF SADDLE CLUBS. (GMASC)

## **Article 2**

### **Motto**

Section 1: "WORK TOGETHER, RIDE TOGETHER"

## **Article 3**

### **Colors**

Section 1: The association colors shall be RED and WHITE.

## **Article 4**

### **Purpose and Objective**

Section 1: To inoculate and stimulate the love of horses and the outdoors; to bring our clubs into harmony, we unite to form GMASC.

Section 2: Headquarters shall be in the state of Georgia.

Section 3: Membership shall be open to clubs within the approximately 75-mile radius of Gainesville, Georgia. Subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

- Membership in GMASC may be terminated for deliberate defiance of GMASC rules and for conduct unbecoming of club rules by two-thirds vote of Directors.

Section 4: The Association shall be a non-profit organization, operated exclusively for the promotion of the interest of its member clubs.

Section 5: To hold association shows during the show season and enforce a uniform set of rules to be used in all contests conducted and/or sponsored by GMASC.

Section 6: To establish a calendar of dates for all sanctioned GMASC events to be held during the year.

Section 7: GMASC is a member of the Georgia Federation of Saddle clubs and is governed by their rules during the State Show event. Top 6 of each class qualifies to represent and participate on GMASC STATE TEAM.

Section 8: In the event of dissolution of the association and after discharge of all liabilities, the remaining assets will be equally divided among member clubs in good standing at the time of dissolution.

Section 9: GMASC membership dues for each year shall be an equal division of the Georgia Federation of Saddle Clubs dues by the number of member clubs in GMASC of the given year. Fees will be paid at the June meeting for the upcoming State Show.

## **Article 5**

### **Handling of Association Funds**

Section 1: Banking for GMASC will be done each year at the bank of the Treasurer's choice. Bank may be changed from year to year if desired by the Treasurer.

Section 2: Checks drawn on GMASC funds need to bear the signature of Treasurer ONLY.

Section 3: GMASC books will be kept open for audit by a member club at any time. It should be completely audited at the end of each year at the discretion of the Directors.

Section 4: Any expense incurred by the Directors and/or Officers in promoting GMASC will NOT be reimbursed without approval of delegates.

Section 5: The Fiscal year runs July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Section 6: The President at his/her discretion can spend up to \$100.00 for any services, item(s) needed for show and/or promotion of show up to \$100.00 w/o prior approval for reimbursement.

## **Article 6**

### **Officers and Board of Directors**

Section 1: The Board of Directors shall be composed of 2 delegates from each club in GMASC. They may be the same delegate each year as directed by the individual club. Delegate list will be used for Officer nominations and he/she shall serve for one-year term, from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. Current officers will continue duties till after STATE SHOW.

Section 2: Officers of GMASC shall include a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplin, Sgt. Of Arms, Pleasure Points Keeper, and Running Points Keeper.

- President shall perform duties customary to the office, such as presiding over all meetings for GMASC. He/she shall appoint all committees. The President may call meetings for the association at his/her discretions, or upon request of majority of members of the Board of Directors. He/she shall give 10 days' notice in writing to each board member at last known address and/or email. He/she has immediate but limited authority to discipline violators of either GMASC and/or Federation rules at local/state shows. He/she should have a witness, preferably the Sgt. Of Arms and/or one of delegates to anything he/she says to offender. He/she will also travel to Perry for the Fall, Spring and August for Federation Meeting @ GNFG. GMASC will reimburse up to \$100.00 for any costs incurred attending the three meetings.

- Vice-President, in the absence of President, shall perform all said duties. He/she is responsible for obtaining the Jamboree Judge but is NOT responsible for advertising the Jamboree Show.
- Secretary shall keep minutes of all proceedings, record the same, and shall mail/email copy of each set of minutes to each member club's delegates. He/she shall perform other duties common to the office. He/she shall maintain records, reports, and correspondence for GMASC. He/she shall notify each member of all regular and called meetings. He/she shall update website as needed in a timely manner. He/she will accompany President to Federation Fall, Spring and August meetings in Perry at GNFG. GMASC will reimburse up to \$100.00 for any costs incurred attending the three meetings.
- The Treasurer shall receive all funds, deposit all receipts, maintain current record of receipts, purchases, and expenditures. He/she shall furnish report of financial conditions at each meeting.
- Chaplin shall discharge devotion at all GMASC meetings, as well as other places where GMASC is officially gathered.
- Sgt. Of Arms shall maintain order at GMASC meetings, as well as other places where GMASC is officially gathered.
- Pleasure/Running Points Keeper shall keep an accurate and current set of points to be used to award YEAR END AWARDS and for participation at the Federation State Show. Each club's secretary shall provide to Points Keepers a list of members before the 1<sup>st</sup> scheduled show. ONLY participants on lists will be eligible for points. Points are accrued on 1<sup>st</sup> horse only in said class.
- No husband and wife shall serve as President and Treasurer during the same fiscal year.

## **Article 7**

### **Elections and Meetings**

Section 1: Officers shall serve for a 1-year term, from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. They shall be elected at the annual board meeting in June and take office at the first regular meeting in July.

Section 2: Officers will be nominated from the floor from the club delegates.

Section 3: Election shall be by secret ballot or open ballot as desired by directors at the time of election. Delegate must be present to cast vote.

Section 4: Each member club in good standing shall have 2 votes on any issue pertaining to GMASC affairs. One for Pleasure and one for Running. The President shall only vote in the event of a tie.

Section 5: Two-thirds of member clubs in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business.

Section 6: Officers that are elected two years before GMASC host the STATE SHOW will serve a two-year term.

Section 7: Meetings shall be held the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday night of each month unless it is a holiday. In this incidence, the meeting shall be moved to the 2nd Thursday. President may also postpone/cancel at

his/her discretion. Delegates will be notified by text and/or phone call. Such meetings will start @ 7:00 pm.

Section 8: Meetings shall be held at a location at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

## Article 8

### Rule Proposals, Revisions and Understanding

Section 1: ALL GMASC members and participants must familiarize themselves with rules governing the association.

Section 2: ALL sanctioned shows will be governed by GMASC rules, not individual club rules.

Section 3: Leadership of local clubs will defer to GMASC leadership to host any sanctioned show, including use of arena.

Section 4: GMASC shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order on all matters not covered by Rules and Regulations.

Section 5: AQHA rules lend themselves to cover shows if there is no GMASC rule. Otherwise, AQHA and RBHA rules will apply at all GMASC shows. If a question arises at a show that is NOT specifically addressed in the current copy of rules and regulations, the Officers/Delegates have authority to decide.

Section 6: Before the 1<sup>st</sup> show of each season, individual clubs are encouraged to bring forth proposals and/or revisions to the June meeting. The secretary will compile all and send to each club delegate by mail and/or email. Clubs are to take the list to their members for a vote. Those results will be brought to July meeting.

Section 7: Additions or revisions to these rules can be made through proposals and a majority vote.

## Article 9

### General Rules

Section 1: All sanctioned shows shall be conducted in accordance with GMASC Rules and Regulations. However, GMASC shall have no jurisdiction over shows that a member club chooses to hold on its own without the sanction of the association. It shall be understood that NO CLUB shall schedule/host/hold a non-sanctioned show on a date already scheduled by GMASC, **unless the show has been cancelled**. This does NOT include non-horse-related shows. **If the saddle club that is hosting the show cancels the show by Thursday, it is up to the hosting club to claim the rain date or move the show to the next closest club. If the location is moved, a phone system like One Call will be used to call every member and it will be posted on Facebook.** *GMASC reserves the right to reserve the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month along with the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday during a season composed of August, September, October, November, February, March, April, May, and June.* Each club before scheduling a show on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and/or 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday should consult the Board of Directors at one of the regularly scheduled meetings. **Pleasure classes will start at 9:00 am and there will be 3 breaks 1<sup>st</sup> break is 15 mins, 2<sup>nd</sup> break is 20 mins, and 3<sup>rd</sup> break is 15 mins.** Running classes will not start before 2:30 pm. GMASC clubs are allowed to "RENT OUT" their facility during the

Federation State Show to another group/organization with notification to the GMASC Board of Directors.

Section 2: All shows sanctioned by GMASC shall include classes and fees that may have been adopted by GMASC and in effect on the date of the show. A list of these required classes and fees shall be furnished to the clubs annually and these lists will be updated as often as changes are adopted.

Section 3: Any Club petitioning membership shall make their proposal at the June meeting. The delegates will vote on the acceptance of the new club at the July meeting. If accepted, the club will be on probationary status till July of the next fiscal year. During the probationary period, the new club is entitled to host at least one show. The club will be placed in rotation alphabetically.

Section 4: GMASC club memberships will be set at no more than 9 clubs. All clubs must be within 75 miles of Gainesville, Ga. city limits. Should a club drop out, another could be considered for membership.

Section 5: Membership dues are left up to the discretion of the member clubs. Each club's Secretary shall provide to both Pleasure/Running Points Keeper a current list of members before the 1<sup>st</sup> sanctioned show of season. It is local club's responsibility to assure the points keeper is given any new member's names upon joining and prior to leaving the show. Membership in one of clubs under GMASC, makes the member eligible for points without any further membership fees.

Section 6: GMASC shall not charge a fee of any kind for approving or scheduling a sanctioned show, nor shall GMASC be held responsible for any expenses incurred by the production of a sanctioned show. No admission to the club grounds shall be charged by any club at a GMASC sanctioned show.

Section 7: In the event the President and Vice-President of GMASC are both absent during a show and a conflict arises, the President of the host saddle club should call for a delegate meeting and notify them of the issue at hand. The delegates will discuss the issue and handle it accordingly. Delegates may not change the rules and should consult a copy of the GMASC rules. A current copy of GMASC rules will be kept at all member clubs. All problems should be resolved before the next sanctioned GMASC show.

Section 8: No individual may represent GMASC in any capacity without the expressed consent of the President and/or Board of Directors. GMASC President or his/her designee shall be present at all GMASC functions.

Section 9: Dogs on a leash will be allowed at GMASC shows per host club protocols. GMASC officers have the authority to ask the owner(s) to keep dog at trailer if deemed necessary due to aggressive behavior.

Section 10: Negative Coggins Test is required on all horses brought to GMASC sanctioned shows.

Section 11: Each member club has the right to request STATE drug testing of horses at their expense.

Section 12: If a member shows for the 1<sup>st</sup> time of the current season at either of the last 2 scheduled sanctioned shows, member will ONLY be eligible for payback if placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> in said class. Members will NOT be awarded points due to not meeting requirements to compete at the STATE SHOW.

- The Board of Directors at their discretion when a season has multiple shows cancelled due to uncontrollable circumstances, ie rain outs, members may earn points to qualify for the current State Show.

Section 13: A horse may be ridden only once in a class in any age/gender group.

Section 14: To ensure continuity at all shows, a show committee approved by current Officers/Delegates will be available to assist all host clubs with announcing and sign-up. This is voluntary for host club to decide if needed/wanted.

Section 15: Instructional packet for Judge, Steward and Announcer will be assembled so that each show will be consistent and provide continuity throughout the season. Included should be a copy of the show sheet, guidelines for Gaited and Ranch classes, GMASC rules and Judge's Contract for work.

Section 16: If at any time the sun becomes an obstacle in finding/eyeing prop(s) for the rider or horse, the delegates may stop the show and resume once said danger has passed.

Section 17: Ghost Entries will be allowed for both Pleasure and Running. Members will be instructed with directions as to how to enter/pay fees at the beginning of each season. **Members must send Entry Fee(s) and details for each class prior to the start of Pleasure or the start of Running, depending on the discipline they are entering (exceptions can only be approved by the president at the show).** This helps our members and host clubs. Ghost Entries will be included in Payback for classes entered, credit to GMASC and host club profits. Ghost Entries will receive 1 Participation Point. Jamboree Ghost Entries will receive only 1 participation point. Ghost Entries award SHOW credit towards GFSC 50% Rule to compete at the State Show and credit towards EOY Awards for GMASC.

Section 18: **Contestants are allowed to sign up for regular shows 1 week prior to the show via Venmo entry to the Treasurer. If the show gets cancelled the entry will roll over to the next scheduled show. If it is the last show then the entry will roll over to their state entry. No refunds will be given. Contestant will include details of name and class numbers with their entry information in Venmo. Contestants are allowed to sign up for the state show via Venmo prior to the last qualifying show, however no refunds will be given.**

## **Article 10**

### **Behavior and Conduct**

Section 1: NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES on the grounds of any host club grounds during a GMASC sanctioned show. It shall be the responsibility of the Delegates/Officers along with sponsoring club to enforce this rule. You will be asked to leave the premises immediately and forfeit all applicable entry fees.

Section 2: Non-sportsmanship like conduct or rowdiness of any kind will not be tolerated at any GMASC function. Riders shall restrict use of profanity while in the arena and be reminded that such language is not acceptable for all to hear.

Section 3: Any member who elects to create confusion or conflict at any time or in any manner, including Facebook or any Social Media, toward GMASC and/or its membership will subject themselves

to disciplinary action from oral, written, suspension to dismissal per severity of offense. Members and non-members may be asked to leave the premises and forfeit all applicable entry fees.

Section 4: Members attending shows that have a complaint/concern over another member shall contact GMASC President immediately.

- 1<sup>st</sup> offense: Member or non-member will be approached privately. Verbal communication from GMASC President and Sgt. Of Arms or other witness will take place discussing the complaint/concern and offer suggestions for improvement. Inform members or non-member of future possible consequences. May be asked to leave the premises for the remainder of the show. Entry fees may/may not be returned for remaining classes the member is signed up for based on outcome of communication.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> offense: Members and non-members may be asked to leave the premises and forfeit all applicable entry fees. A letter will be sent to both member and home club explaining infraction and notifying of one show suspension. The letter will also include possible future consequences of being subject to forfeiting any accumulated points pending a formal hearing before the Board of Directors.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> offense: Member or non-member will be asked to leave. All accumulated points will be forfeited. All entry fees will be forfeited. He/she will be banned for the remaining season from all GMASC sanctioned shows. If he/she returns, 911 will be called. A letter will be sent to both member and home club explaining infraction and notifying of forfeiture of eligibility to compete at current year State Show. Future membership will be pending a formal hearing before the Board of Directors.

## **Article 11 Rider's Rules**

Section 1: All riders, members, and non-members alike, shall ride and compete at sanctioned shows under the full jurisdiction of the GMASC Rules and Regulations in effect on that date. A copy of these rules and regulations will be available at the sign-up booth.

Section 2: Any decision involving rules, and not covered specifically by an adopted GMASC rule, shall be left to the judgement of the current GMASC President and club delegates.

Section 3: A rider must sign up and compete in at least 50% of scheduled **shows** and in the Top 6 to qualify and compete at the FEDERATION STATE SHOW.

Section 4: A rider may only miss **two** scheduled shows/class to be eligible for End of Year Awards.

Section 5: All contestants will be placed in age groups according to their age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current state show. *(The normal schedule shows the 1<sup>st</sup> show of the season in September most years, after State Show, with the official season per year ending at state show-ex: Shows held after state show 2020 would be 2021 season)*

Section 6: No rider/horses/ponies allowed in chute or alley while the tractor is in the ring. The penalty for doing so could be the forfeiture of points for that class.

Section 7: All riders, members, and non-members alike, must ride in boot type shoes with a heel (*NO TENNIS SHOES*), long pants, blouse, tank top or T-Shirt. No midriffs are to be showing. This may differ from the individual club's dress code. It is the rider's responsibility to know the difference, if any.

Section 8: Hats/Helmets along with apparel are required in Pleasure classes per AQHA rules. Helmets are NOT required in Running classes but are strongly encouraged.

Section 9: Members of host club, ages 18 and older shall be encouraged to work in the sign-up booth and arena/gate at some point during the show. Younger members, ages 13 and above, are encouraged to help with props after their age group is finished. GMASC will not monitor individual member's work time-only that the local club has sufficient workers to cover their assigned event. See Jamboree Show under Article 18.

## Article 12

### Arena Conditions

Section 1: It shall be the responsibility of the host club president to be sure that the arena is in the best possible condition on the day of a GMASC sanctioned show.

- The arena will be plowed a minimum of 6" for a sanctioned show.
- The arena should be free of holes or other undesirable conditions.
- There should be acceptable lighting that provides a safe riding environment.
- There should be acceptable bathrooms' facilities available on site.
- There should be a 10-foot buffer zone around the arena free from chairs. There shall be a 20-foot buffer for all other objects. Structures in place as of August 1992 are NOT required to be moved.
- Run out chute is to be closed in. **The alley must be 100 feet in length or timers can be set up the arena to meet the required length and the 100 feet will start at the timers.**
- Clubs must provide two-way walkie talkies for use in the ring.
- Each club must have a tractor and harrows (*or other suitable implements*) on the show grounds to correct any unsatisfactory arena conditions as well as, dragging during Running events.
- Clubs are encouraged to make their facility as appealing as possible. ex: grass cut, or bush hogged.
- The arena should be available for 30 minutes for warm up for Pleasure participants. With the current start time, as 9:00 am, arena should be open until 9:30 followed by a 30-minute time for tractor driver to dress the arena. Running horses should be allowed at least 30 minutes warm up after conclusion of Pleasure. With the start for Running @ 2:30, the tractor will enter after warming up and be given 30 minutes to drag.
- All riders will exit the arena to allow the tractor to work. *See Article 11, Section 6.*

Section 2: Acceptable and undesirable conditions will be defined by the GMASC President and Board of Directors.

## **Article 13**

### **Rain Dates/Reschedule**

Section 1: In the event of postponement of an GMASC sanctioned show, the makeup show will be held on the first available rain date. Rain dates are scheduled at the same time as the regular show dates are set.

- The decision to postpone the show because of adverse conditions shall be left entirely to the discretion of the host club delegates. It shall be their responsibility to notify the GMASC President no later than 6:00 am the day of the show if conditions do not allow for to be held that day. The host delegate will notify one delegate from each member club of their decision. It is the responsibility of that delegate to notify the other delegate. Members should contact their delegate(s) to find out the "Official" decision regarding the show.
- The show may be cancelled on Friday evening if the condition is obviously not satisfactory or safe for the hosting of the show the next day.
- Notice will be placed on GMASC Facebook page as soon as decision has been made.

Section 2: For any show not cancelled by the delegates of the hosting club, but upon arrival and inspection by the remaining delegates is found to have questionable arena conditions, the delegates should meet at the beginning of the show to discuss said conditions. They shall vote on allowing the show to be held or to postpone/cancel at that time.

Section 3: If a show is cancelled, points are not given to anyone who may have signed up. One must ride or participate in said classes to receive points.

Section 4: If the show should be stopped during the show due to inclement weather, there will be a 1-hour time limit before voting to continue or cancel show.

Section 5: Host club will try to the best of their ability to host assigned sanctioned show-rain or shine.

## **Article 14**

### **Pleasure Rules**

Section 1: Each host club will provide a Ring Steward for the length of Pleasure Classes. He/she will share placings with the announcer. Announcer is to do no unnecessary talking during the judged classes. Announcer is permitted to call names only after placings have been shared from Ring Steward.

Section 2: Hats/helmets and appropriate apparel are required in all classes per AQHA. Racking classes adhere to RBHA rules. Ranch classes adhere to ARHA rules. The judge has the authority to modify dress requirements.

Section 3: Announcer may call the next class into the ring when the preceding class has lined up in the center. Horses are to enter the ring at a "WALK" or as otherwise instructed by the judge. Once inside the ring, find a place on the rail as the previous class is lining up for presentation for judge. Do NOT

WORK your horse in the ring while waiting on your class to start. **EXCEPTION:** *Ponies, 1-12 riders and racking horses should enter and exit the ring without any interference from other riders. Racking horses will enter and exit with CAUTION. Racking horse winners are allowed a VICTORY LAP.*

Section 4: Ponies must be 50 inches or under at the withers to show in the pony classes. Each NEW pony must be measured before it is shown in its first GMASC sanctioned show. Riders must be 12 years and under.

Section 5: Once a class has started there will be NO more entries in that class.

Section 6: Announcers are not to call the riders names when they are working singly or when there is a conflict with the correct number of entries for a class. Any discrepancies should be handled through the Ring Steward and by riders/handlers back number only. Calling out names possibly could alter placings.

Section 7: Host clubs may request that a team of GMASC members/delegates/officers to judge classes. Judging team will show no favoritism toward members or non-members. *(Adapted for 2017 season b/c of low participation)* Placings are by the majority rule. EXCEPTION: Jamboree Show (see Section 12)

Section 8: Jim Rieder may NOT judge any GMASC sanctioned shows if the host club chooses to hire judge for their assigned show date.

- A judge may only be hired once per season.

Section 9: Judge(s) will place 10 participants in each class if able. Judge(s) cannot change placings once they have been announced. Judge(s) should check placings carefully prior to giving to Ring Steward. Announcer will call 6 places in each class by back number and exhibitor's name.

Section 10: Should a conflict arise; the delegates shall meet and address. If it is the decision of the delegates to dismiss the team of judges for the remainder of the show, GMASC President will solely appoint 3 Team Members to finish the judging of show.

Section 11: It is the responsibility of each saddle club to maintain order concerning the judging of the show.

Section 12: GMASC Vice-President will hire a judge for the Jamboree show for no more than \$200.

Section 13: No rider or exhibitor under the age of 20 will be allowed to ride or show a Stallion at any GMASC sanctioned shows. GMASC will adhere to the age the GFSC sets for the State Show.

Section 14: Each club will receive an instructional packet with info pertaining to Judge, Steward, and Announcer. The packet will include a current show sheet, GFSC Judging Rules for Gaited and Ranch classes, and GMASC Rules.

Section 15: Georgia Mountain will assist the hosting club by paying 50% of the fee charged for the Judge's services, if there are less than 100 entries for the Pleasure classes the day of show.

Section 16. Each participant will pay a \$5.00 Show Fee at each show. Half will go to GMASC and the remaining half will go to the host club to use at their discretion.

## Article 15

### Pleasure Classes

Section 1: GMASC as a member of the Georgia Federation of Saddle Clubs, all qualifying classes offered at current State Shows will be offered at GMASC sanctioned shows. Additional classes may be included at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Qualifying and non-qualifying classes will be available along with entry fees on the show bill. Qualifying classes are decided by Board of Directors of all 10 Associations in the Georgia Federation of Saddle Clubs. Classes may be changed, eliminated and/or added based on GFSC rules.

Section 2: Ponies must be 50 inches or under at the withers to show in the pony classes. Each NEW pony must be measured before it is shown in its first GMASC sanctioned show. Riders must be 12 years and under. If the pony is eligible for Federation Pony Card, it will be made by the host association at the state show. See GFSC website for pony rules.

Section 3. All contestants will be placed in age groups per their age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current show year. *(The normal schedule shows the 1<sup>st</sup> show of the season in September most years, after State Show, with the official season per year ending at state show-ex: Shows held after state show 2022 would be 2023 season)*

Section 4: **Patterns will be released on Monday by noon the week of the show.** It is the responsibility of the host club to ensure that the judge sends patterns to [gamtsc2025@gmail.com](mailto:gamtsc2025@gmail.com) by Saturday a week prior to the scheduled show. Members and non-members can find released patterns on the GMASC Facebook page. Patterns are to be posted 1 hour before said class begins on site at host club day of scheduled show. Patterns cannot be changed once the class starts. Patterns are chosen by Judge or Judge Team.

Section 5: Members 12 & under, whether riding horses or ponies, will be required to ride the posted pattern for Horsemanship or Equitation.

Section 6: Western Horsemanship 12 & under will be class to determine GMASC Princess for Federation State Show. Western Horsemanship 13-19 class will determine GMASC Queen for Federation State Show. Participants, whether crowned or not may sign up for the regular Horsemanship class at State.

- All shows count for points
- The girls with the most points at end of season will represent GMASC at the STATE SHOW.
- Any male riders competing in either age group will receive points for their placings toward End of Year Awards; however, the girls will be moved up in points for the sole purpose of crowning Princess and Queen.
- Both Princess and Queen will receive a Tiara and Sash to celebrate their accomplishments. Both are theirs to keep. Winners are to wear both while competing in the Princess/Queen class at the STATE SHOW.
- Male riders are given the opportunity to enter in appropriate age group in Horsemanship class at the State Show.
- Half and half tickets will be sold at each GMASC sanctioned show to pay for both the tiara and sash. Raffles can also be used. Any excess monies received from ticket sales will go to GMASC to be used at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

## Article 16 Timed Event Rules

Section 1: The order of events at all GMASC shows will be as follows:

- Cones, Poles, Texas, Arena & Cloverleaf
  - Cones: At all GMASC shows, the cone weave events shall be run with plastic traffic cones, painted white and cut to the following requirements.
    1. Height: 21" measured inside the center to top
    2. Base: 15" without weights
  - Poles: White 1 ½ inch PVC pipe, 6 feet in height with cap on top. Martha Josey pole bases are to be used at all GMASC shows.
  - Barrels: All Barrel race events shall be run with 55-gallon pasteboard barrels with metal rims cut off.

Barrels must contain a pole base when set up in patterns. Bases will be attached by bolt and nut in the center of barrel to stabilize. Barrels shall be topped with fabric/plastic like covers.

Section 2: Each event shall be run the following age group order: Ponies (50 inches or under) rider must be 12 & Under

- Pony
- Age 1-12
- Age 13-19
- Ladies 20-42
- Men 20-42
- Ladies 43 & Over
- Men 43 & Over

Section 3: A rider can ride in both Pony and 1-12 classes in the same event @ Georgia Mountain shows.

- However, at the Federation State Show, a rider can NOT ride in both classes. He/she can switch back and forth between classes in different events. *(GFSC rule effective 2010)*

Section 4: Announcer will call ALL riders in each class before the class begins. Announcer will call out two drags ahead once the class has started. It is the responsibility of the rider to listen for the assigned draw for their run.

Section 5: Riders should assemble at the run out as the class before them is finishing. Riders should be ready to enter promptly once his/her name is called. If a rider is having problems with his/her horse but is obviously trying to get into the ring-he/she will be allowed to run when he/she gets there. Riders who do not make it to the ring by end of the allotted 3-minute time limit will NOT be allowed to ride. Riders are called from top to bottom of the signup sheet that is sent from the show secretary. There is no "run me at the end of the class." All riders will ride once before anyone rides his/her 2<sup>nd</sup> horse.

Section 6: Once an age group of timed events has started there will be no additional entries taken in that class. If rider scratches from class; he/she is entitled to a refund if decision is communicated before his/her age group begins.

Section 7: Riders are given points based on placings of 1<sup>st</sup> horse ran. Payback is available on all runs.

Section 8: All timed events at GMASC sanctioned shows shall be timed by an electronic time clock in good working order and reading to the hundredth of a second. A standby clock meeting this requirement shall be provided by the host club. GMASC provides timers for all sanctioned shows.

Section 9: Each club will be allowed to have one person to watch times if it so wishes.

Section 10: Each club should have one representative in the arena to watch for DQ's. If rider does NOT have representative from his/her club inside the arena during his/her run, rider cannot protest call inside the arena.

Section 11: The ring crew has the **ONLY** authority to call qualified vs non-qualified runs/patterns. The announcer and those on the outside may not make the call. Ring crew members must therefore pay attention while in the ring and know correct patterns. If the ring crew is not able to make the call, the ride shall stand. Ring crew has the **ONLY** authority to stop the next rider to fix a prop.

**Section 12:** If rider has a protest on call made in the arena, rider will confirm representation in arena from home club. Once confirmed, the rider shall explain concern to the ring crew. Rider may leave the chute if the gate keeper is informed that rider has a concern/protest. Gate keeper shall be prohibited from allowing another rider to enter the chute. Rider must remind Gate Keeper of such. The concern is to be addressed immediately. If the rider leaves the chute, does not inform gate keeper and show continues, rider will not be allowed to return later to protest. The call made in the arena will stand. In the effect of protest, representatives in the arena will meet with delegates immediately. Discussion and confirmation of rule violations will take place and decision will be rendered. If the issue cannot be resolved in a timely manner, it will be taken back for further discussion at the next scheduled GMASC meeting and show will continue. No points or payback shall be awarded till the final decision of said class. Both points and payback will be announced at the next scheduled show.

Section 13: There are NO exhibitions rides or time only rides at any GMASC sanctioned shows.

Section 14: There should be no schooling of any horse by anyone other than its original rider. This includes but not limited to unsatisfactory patterns during point run. Should warnings not be observed, penalties will be considered for the offender(s).

Section 15: Arena will be dragged every 7 riders at each sanctioned show. Ring crew has the authority to call for a drag before the 7 rides if needed.

Section 16: Contestant may start either to the right or the left and must run the pattern accordingly.

Section 17: Disqualifications (DQ) will be for the following:

- Failure to follow set course/pattern. If prop is knocked down and the contestant does not follow the pattern around the original base position of fallen prop, it is considered a broken pattern. NOTE: Federation State Show Rule allows a qualified time for a weave corrected before the next prop. Go to [www.georgiafsc.com](http://www.georgiafsc.com) and search Running Rules on State Show Tab.

- Completely encircling a prop.
- Prematurely breaking the timer before the pattern is complete.
- Infraction of Dress Code.
- Premature dismount before completion of pattern.
- Riding in arena and/or sitting on horse in chute while tractor is in the arena.
- Missing the class and/or over the allotted time to get to the ring.
- If one foot jumps a cone or another prop. (*Barrels have been jumped*) All feet must go around the cone/prop to receive a time.
- Other matters covered by AQHA in addition to GMASC rules.
- It is NOT a disqualification to touch or hold pole, barrel, or cone in the timed events.

Section 18: There will be a 5 second penalty for each prop knocked over. Props which touch the ground and stand back up are considered “knocked down”. Rider must compete the correct pattern of the original base position of prop. **NOTE:** *At the STATE SHOW, a knocked down prop is considered a NO TIME.*

Section 19: The announcer shall not tell a rider if the clock fails unless they have completed a qualified run. The rider has the choice to run immediately or at the end of the class. If during the 2<sup>nd</sup> run, the rider knocks/jumps over a prop, rider is entitled to a FINAL re-ride. In the case of a knocked down prop on a 2<sup>nd</sup> re-run, the final run can be done at the end of the next age group.

Section 20: Any contestant who breaks a piece of gear while in the arena during a timed event shall not be entitled to a re-ride.

Section 21: Individual clubs will decide where timers will be placed. GMASC arenas vary in size and width and each club will know their arena best. Timers may be moved after the show has begun, as long as the entire event is run consistently. i.e...timers may be moved from the end of chute to out in the arena for Cloverleaf. Props must fall within the proper measurements from prop to fence. *See Article 21*

Section 22: Running will start @ 2:30 pm with a 30-minute warm up for participants in the arena. Tractor driver will be given 30 minutes to prep arena and set up of Cone Pattern.

## **Article 17**

### **Points**

Section 1: All shows count for points.

Section 2: Any individual in debt to GMASC will NOT participate/compete until such debt is paid.

Section 3: Points will be awarded as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place 7 Points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place 6 Points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place 5 Points
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place 4 Points

- 5<sup>th</sup> Place 3 Points
- 6<sup>th</sup> Place 2 Points
- All others receive 1 participation point.

Section 4: Points are accumulated on the rider/handler. This includes Halter classes. The 1<sup>st</sup> horse ridden into the arena is the point horse.

Section 5: Secretaries from member clubs are responsible for giving updated and maintaining membership lists to both Points Keepers. If a rider is Not listed, he/she may not be awarded points. Names can be added as new rider/handlers join member clubs.

Section 6: Club members should circle the club they are riding for on the entry forms to help Show Secretaries list club on announcer's sheets. These sheets will be given to point keepers and will assist in confirming membership and award points correctly.

Section 7: if a non-member or 2<sup>nd</sup> horse places, the points keep will disregard this entry when awarding points and move members up accordingly.

Section 8: When placing for the TOP 6, in case of a tie, points keeper will first look at the number of shows each participated in. The person with the higher number of shows participated in will be placed higher. If a tie remains, the member with the most 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nds</sup>, 3<sup>rds</sup> and so on will be placed higher. If tie remains, placing at the first show of current season will be deciding factor.

Section 9: Ghost Entries will receive 1 Participation Point for ALL show classes entered.

## **Article 18**

### **Jamboree Show**

Section 1: Jamboree will be the last scheduled show of the current year, excluding rain dates. If no rain date is needed, Jamboree Show will also serve as STATE SIGN UP.

Section 2: Jamboree is a joint effort by ALL GMASC member clubs. Delegates from member clubs shall be present for the entire show. Members from member clubs will help in all areas needed for a successful show. Examples include but not limited to: Sign-up booth, announcing, arena gates, prop set up and reset during classes.

Section 3: Each year the delegates will determine whether GMASC receives ALL the proceeds or set \$ amount per entries. If it is determined that ALL proceeds go to GMASC, the HOST club will receive the proceeds from their concessions only.

Section 4: The HOST club may be asked to provide the startup money for the sign-up booth in the amount of \$500.00. GMASC will reimburse the HOST for same amount at the end of the show.

Section 5: Jamboree will be a PAYBACK show if GMASC has a set amount of minimum funds in its bank account. The minimum amount will be set by current delegates each year. *For the correct year the dollar amount has been set at \$3000.*

Section 6: Each entry that completes participation in class will receive 3 extra participation points. Ghost Entries will receive 1 extra point.

Section 7: The GMASC Vice-President will acquire the judge for the Jamboree Show with a payment of no more than \$200.00. This is the only show that Georgia Mountain pays for the judge 100%.

Section 8: Each club will be responsible for advertising all GMASC shows they host.

Section 9: The first club that is not able to host their scheduled show during the season and rain date is not an option, the Jamboree Host has the option to offer the date as a regular show. Extra participation points will be given, and payback will be offered. GMASC will be given \$2 per entry along with half of the Show Fee \$5. *Added in 2024*

## Article 19

### Federation State Show

Section 1: Members that show 50% of scheduled shows and are in the TOP 6 of said class will qualify to compete at STATE SHOW for GMASC. When there is an odd number of shows, the number to qualify will be rounded up. For example, if there are 5 shows then members have to enter 3 shows to qualify.

Section 2: State Show exhibitors will have an opportunity to sign up for classes, stalls or grounds fee, and all other fees set by GFSC at the last scheduled show, Jamboree, or on assigned Rain Date. The HOST club will provide a spot for GMASC Secretary to set up for STATE SHOW signup.

Section 3: If GFSC has no specific rule, it will lend itself to OHSA, AQHA, ARHA and RHBA.

Section 4: ALL members participating at STATE SHOW will be required to work a **minimum** of 1-hour & **maximum** of 2-hour shift to cover all stations assigned by HOST FEDERATION. Exhibitors 16 years and under must be covered by adults 17 years or older. Exhibitors 17 years and older must see that their shift is covered either by self or another 17 years and older. The shifts may be split if the entire time is covered. Shifts will be assigned by the current Secretary and shared with club delegates.

Section 5: For those not covering their work shift-Should GMASC incur a fine by the Georgia Federation due to a members' failure to work an assigned slot or GMASC must fill the work slot, a \$100 fine per hour will be passed on to the member who failed to work. Said member will be considered in debt to GMASC and will NOT be allowed to participate the following year until fine is paid to GMASC.

Section 6: GMASC Secretary will complete state package that include work assignments, class participation, stall assignments and any association advertisements. Confirmations will be sent to the host association as well as, delegates of GMASC member clubs. Secretary will list all needed member information at each barn at State Show. Once package is sent, there shall be no refunds for any fees unless approved by the current President.

Section 7: By signing up for the STATE SHOW, members agree to adhere to ALL rules of both Georgia National Fairgrounds and Georgia Federation of Saddle Clubs. Members will comply with these rules or face sanctions imposed by the Federation Board of Directors. Additional sanctions may be imposed by GMASC Board of Directors and must be paid before member is eligible for future sanctioned shows.

Section 8: In cases of a tie, points keeper will first look at the number of shows each participated in. The person with the higher number of shows participated in will be placed higher. If a tie remains, the member with the most 1<sup>st</sup>, 2nds, 3rds and so on will be placed higher. If tie remains, placing at the first show of current season will be deciding factor.

Section 9: Members are encouraged to engage in fellowship and encourage/support the entire GMASC STATE SHOW TEAM. Most importantly, have FUN and make a couple of memories!!!!

## **Article 20**

### **End of Year Awards Banquet**

Section 1: GMASC officers and delegates will decide on a yearly basis date, location, time, and awards on a yearly basis. The banquet should be held after the STATE SHOW to honor those that earned their spot on GMASC TEAM.

Section 2: GMASC President may appoint a committee to handle details of banquet.

Section 3: GMASC will award 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in each class that has qualified winners. See Section 5 below. Awards will be determined each year by the current delegates. Anyone interested in being a Sponsor for an award should speak to a delegate/officer.

Section 4: There will be no duplicate awards. In cases of a tie, the person with the most 1<sup>st</sup>, 2nds, 3rds and so on will be placed higher. If tie remains, placing at the first show of current season will be deciding factor.

Section 5: When there is a minimum of 4 clubs within GMAC, members must show 3 of 5 shows AND 3 of 5 said class to qualify for End of Year Awards for that class. Members know that by missing more than two shows, they forfeit award.

Section 5: ALL members are encouraged to attend banquet. Wonderful opportunity for fellowship with fellow members as we celebrate successful year.

Section 6: GMASC President may hold an association meeting at banquet.

## **Article 21**

### **Timed Event Patterns**

Section 1: Cones-Weave pattern of 5 white traffic cones that measure 21 inches high and have a square base of 15 inches. The 1<sup>st</sup> cone is placed 21 feet from the break of timer. The remaining 4 cones are measured 21 feet inside to inside. Gate keeper/ring crew will assist with lining up cones in a straight line with the center of chute.

ection 2: Poles-Straight run in with weave pattern and finished with straight run out. There will be 6 - poles, 6 feet high of 1 ½ diameter white pvc pipe with cap. Poles shall be placed in Martha Josey bases. 1<sup>st</sup> poles will be set up at 21 feet from break of timer. The remaining poles will be spaced 21 feet apart from center of pvc pipe to center of pvc pipe. Gate keeper/ring crew will assist with lining up poles in a straight line, top and bottom of pole, in a straight line with the center of chute.

Section 3: Texas Barrels-Weave pattern of 3 55-gallon pasteboard barrels with pole base inside with a cover on top. 1<sup>st</sup> barrel is 60 feet from the break of timer to back of the barrel. The remaining two barrels are 60 feet apart measured from back of each barrel. There will be a minimum of 15 feet from the fence of arena to the back of last barrel for safety. For smaller arenas, pull the pattern in at 5-foot intervals till 15 feet of safety space is met.

Section 4: Arena Barrel-Straight down, around, and straight-out pattern. There will be 1 55-gallon pasteboard barrel with pole base inside with a cover on top placed 165 feet from break of timer to back of barrel. Barrel shall be in the center of chute. There should be a minimum of 15 feet from the fence of arena to the back of barrel for safety. For smaller arenas, pull pattern in by 5-foot intervals till 15 feet of safety space is met.

Section 5: Cloverleaf- Cloverleaf pattern with riders able to start to the right or left. There will be 3 55-gallon pasteboard barrels with pole base inside with cover on top placed in following measurements. From the break of timer, string will come out 40 feet to the middle of chute and arena. Barrels 1 & 2 are 35 feet from this point to their backs. Total space between barrel 1 & 2 is 70 feet back-to-back. Barrel 3 is 90 feet from the back of barrels 1 & 2. To help set barrel 3, make a "X" at 90 feet. Where the lines cross should be the correct placement of back of 3<sup>rd</sup> barrel. Remeasure for accuracy if needed. For smaller arenas, pull the pattern in by intervals of 5 feet till 15 feet of safety space is met.

