

## WESTERN GAMES DIVISION - STANDING RULES - 2009

**1. MEMBERSHIP:** Any member in good standing in the NEZ of Washington State Horsemen, Incorporated may become a member of the NEZ Western Games Division by signing the roll at a Division meeting.

### **2. MEETINGS:**

**2.1** The Games Division will meet monthly in January, February, March, June, September, and October at a time and place designated by the Division Chair.

**2.2** Special meetings may be called by the Chair from time to time as necessary or by the request of any three members.

### **3. OFFICERS:**

**3.1** At the October meeting, the members of the Western Games Division shall elect a Division Chair, a Secretary, and a Times Keeper. The newly elected chair shall appoint an assistant chair.

**3.2** The Chair shall perform the duties specified in the Standing Rules of the Northeast Zone.

**3.3** The officers shall take office immediately. The Times Keeper shall begin record keeping for the new year immediately. The retiring Times Keeper shall complete the record keeping and audit of the current years events through the Year End Awards Banquet.

**4. SHOW SEASON:** Section removed in 2008 as covered in the WSHGD Rulebook.

**5. RIDERS AGE:** Section removed in 2008 as covered in the WSHGD Rulebook.

**6. APPROVED GAMES SHOWS:** To hold a NEZ approved show, a club or individual must comply with the following (Revised 02/24/05):

**6.1** The club or individual shall submit a separate form and \$5.00 fee for each show date requested to the Northeast Zone Games Division Chair (Revised 02/24/05).

**6.2** The NEZ Games Division Chair shall review dates, sign and return the approval sheets to the club or individual (Revised 02/24/05).

**6.3** Clubs or individuals wishing to have State approval must submit requests with Zone approval ten (10) days prior to the show date with the \$10.00 fee to the WSH Games Division Director. The Zone Games Division Chair will provide a show packet to the sponsoring club or individual (Revised 02/24/05).

**6.4** Sponsoring club or individual is responsible for providing release forms for riders (Revised 02/24/05).

**6.5** Arena sheets are to be duplicated. The original copy must be sent to the WSH Games Times Recorder. The carbon copy / duplicated copy must be sent to the NEZ Times Keeper.

**6.6** Events must be run in accordance with Washington State Horsemen, Incorporated Games Division Rule Book which is current for that year.

**6.7** NEZ ride fees are \$ .40 per ride in each event.

**6.8** Show secretaries are to submit a record of the amount sent to the Northeast Zone Treasurer for rides to the Zone's Games Times Keeper along with their arena sheets (Added 02/17/04).

**6.9** Shows held within 150 miles of Northeast Zone borders may apply for NEZ approval and times run at said shows will count for NEZ high score awards (added 02/17/08).

### **7. RIDER QUALIFICATION:**

**7.1** Non members may ride at shows by obtaining an X number.

**7.2** Permanent numbers shall be issued to WSH riders by the Zone Times Keeper. A rider automatically retains his/her previous number unless that number has remained inactive for one entire season. Inactive numbers shall be re-issued unless the rider registers with the Times Keeper.

**7.3** Riders are responsible for supplying their own numbers which must be displayed while riding.

**7.4** Permanent numbers may be retired, requiring no further administration fees, if the horse has achieved a 7-A status and has participated for five years or more.

### **8. NEZ APPROVED EVENTS:**

#### **8.1 Individual Events**

Barrels	Flags	Keyhole
Key Race	Poles	Figure 8
California Stake		

**8.2** Two-Man Events include Cowhide, Rescue Race, Two Man Stake Race, and To Man Three Barrel.

**8.3** Four-Man Events include Bareback Relay, Team Baton, Team Flags, and Team Poles.

## **9. HIGH SCORE AWARDS:**

**9.1** A rider must be a WSH member to be eligible to compete for NEZ high score awards.

**9.2** In Order to be eligible for any Northeast Zone awards or any Division awards, a \$7.00 fee must be paid. This fee is due in by March 31<sup>st</sup> if you're a renewing member or by the 1<sup>st</sup> show if you're a new member. The \$7.00 fee is for each family or individual membership and should be paid directly to the current Northeast Zone Games Division Times Keeper who shall duly note receipt of payment and then forward payment to the current Northeast Zone Treasurer (Revised 02/17/04).

**9.3** A rider must register with the NEZ Games Division Times Keeper and pay an administration fee of \$1.00 to participate in the Western Games Division High Score Awards program. Registration must be done in writing. Riders permanent number is recorded on the NEZ games roster. The \$1.00 administration fee is deposited with the Times Keeper petty cash to cover operating expenses. A copy as to where funds were spent will be posted where all riders can observe (Revised 02/16/06).

**9.4** Permanent numbers must be registered with the Times Keeper by March 31 for the current show season and a \$1.00 NEZ Games Division administration fee will be assessed at that time if the rider would like to be eligible for year end Zone awards. Riders failing to re-register before March 31 will be assessed a \$2.00 administration fee for year end Zone awards. New members, horse/rider combinations have the option of paying the \$1.00 administration fee upon registration.

**9.5** Riders may obtain a copy of the Basic Operating Rules of the Northeast Zone and the Standing Rules of the Western Games Division upon request. WSH rulebooks may be purchased from the WSH Games Division at cost.

**9.6** Each High Point Award will be the equivalent of 4% of the total awards budget (Added 02/23/00).

## **10. EVENT AWARDS:**

**10.1** Individual event awards will be given in ABCD, Buckaroo and Leadline classifications by using the five fastest time average of a horse and rider combination from two different NEZ arenas during the same show season. Awards are based on the five fastest times run in current classification. A rider may use a combination of any five fast times to receive their year end awards as long as they are run above class and not out of class. Rider will be required to participate in at least five shows (Revised 02/16/06).

**10.2** A rider may receive awards on more than one horse even if both horses end the year in the same classification with the exception of Buckaroo and Leadline riders receiving participation placings 6<sup>th</sup> and below (Revised 02/24/05).

**10.3** A horse ridden by different participants may receive more than one award in the year end classification.

**10.4** In four man events, awards will be given to the team name and captain by using the three fastest time average from two different NEZ arenas during the current show season. A rider or horse may only receive awards for one team (Revised 02/09).

**10.5** In two man events, awards will be given to the team by using the three fastest time average of horse/rider combinations from two different NEZ arenas during the current show season. A rider or horse may only receive awards for one team (Revised 02/09).

**10.6** Should a club or individual not offer an event at any of their shows, thus limiting the number of different arenas available to one arena for the five time average, riders will be able to use the five fastest times from one available arena to determine their Zone average (Revised 02/24/05).

**10.7** Awards will be presented to five places in all individual events and to three places in team events. Ties to 1/1000th of a second will be honored. Event placing awards will be given to all Leadline and Buckaroo riders that have a five-time qualifying average, giving to as many places necessary. Placings beyond 5<sup>th</sup> will not be figured into the per point value, however (Revised 02/17/04).

**10.8** Only NEZ approved shows shall count for NEZ High Score Awards (Revised 02/24/05).

**10.9** All riders eligible for year end awards will be given the choice of equipment, trophy, or a cash equivalent (Revised 02/16/06).

**10.10** All year end awards that are not picked within a month following the annual banquet will be donated back to the NEZGD (Added 02/17/04).

## **11. SPECIAL AWARDS:**

**11.1** The following special awards will be presented at the end of the show season at the NEZ awards banquet:

TOP GAMES HORSE AND LEADLINE RIDER  
TOP GAMES HORSE AND BUCKAROO RIDER  
TOP GAMES HORSE AND JUNIOR RIDER  
TOP GAMES HORSE AND INTERMEDIATE RIDER  
TOP GAMES HORSE AND SENIOR A RIDER  
TOP GAMES HORSE AND SENIOR B RIDER  
TOP GAMES HORSE AND SUPER SENIOR A RIDER  
TOP GAMES HORSE AND SUPER SENIOR B RIDER  
MOST IMPROVED RIDER  
OUTSTANDING GAMES HORSE  
MOST VERSATILE GAMES HORSE  
DONNY KENWORTHY MEMORIAL TROPHY  
JOAN DEARDORFF MEMORIAL TROPHY

The first seven special awards are based on points that horse and rider accumulate from placing his/her five fastest time average from two different NEZ arenas in each Zone approved individual event in his/her age division.

For age division high point awards, ties will be broken by giving the award to the person with the most first places in their age division. If they are still tied, then the person with the most 2<sup>nd</sup> places, then on to most 3rds, then most 4ths, and then most 5ths if necessary until the tie is broken (Revised 02/17/08).

Awards Committee shall choose gifts for all special awards (Revised 02/28/01). The other awards are awarded on the criteria listed below.

**11.2 Most Improved Rider:** The Most Improved rider based on overall improvement of rider will be voted upon by the current riders and workers (Revised 02/09).

**11.3 Outstanding Games Horse:** This award is sponsored by John Grimes in remembrance of BLUE.

**Eligibility:** Must be a NEZ member. Average times will be based on three fastest times run during one year period from two different arenas, one of which must be a NEZ arena. Show must be state approved. To win the award more than once, the horse must requalify on a higher criteria level or produce a record run in an individual event (Revised 02/28/01). Games Time Keeper will determine eligibility and award the trophy. In the event of a tie, the horse with the best average in barrels will be determined the winner (Revised 02/09).

**Criteria:** A horse may win this award by accomplishing any one or more of the listed criteria. The Criteria is listed in order of priority for determining recipient of the award.

1. Record run in any individual event.
2. Supreme horse times average in at least two events during the year.
3. A 14.50 or lower average in barrels on the 1987 WSH standard course.
4. "A" time average in seven individual events during the year.
5. "A" time average in six individual events during the year.
6. "A" time average in five individual events during the year.

If the trophy is not awarded for lack of a qualified horse, the previous recipient will retain the trophy until it is awarded. Recipient is responsible for repairing or replacing the trophy should it be damaged or destroyed. The Games Division Rule Book will be used as the reference for times, etc. If the gaming is discontinued in the NEZ, the trophy will be returned to the Grimes family.

**11.4 Most Versatile Games Horse:** In memory of Jet Bar Joker, Cowgirl Up would like to present a perpetual trophy to the Most Versatile NEZ Games Division Horse based upon the following criteria:

1. The horse / rider combination with the most overall year-end points. A portion of the points must come from an award on a 4-man team (excluding Bareback Relay) as well as a 2-man team (excluding 2-Man Stake).
2. If a tie in points occurs, the following tie breakers will be used in their respective order—
  - a. Best Cowhide Race average from a combination of two NEZ arenas as Joker finished his career as the 2005 WSHGD Reserve Cowhide Champion.
  - b. Best Keyrace three-time average from a combination of two NEZ arenas as this was the first event Joker went "A" in.
  - c. Best Flag three-time average from a combination of two NEZ arenas as this event was Joker's true passion.
3. If a horse does not qualify for the award during a given year, the award will be held by a member of the Kelsey Family until the year a horse does qualify.
4. The perpetual trophy may NOT be retired, even after a recipient has won the award three times.
5. Annual engraving to be the responsibility of the NEZ Games Division.
6. Repairs to be the responsibility of the recipient who damaged the trophy.
7. The trophy must be returned to the NEZ Games Division Chair at the October Games Division meeting annually.
8. A wooden replica plaque measuring 5" wide and 7" high with a green metal face will be awarded to the past winner upon the trophy changing hands. The replica plaque will read "The Jet Bar Joker Memorial – Awarded to the NEZ Games Division's Most Versatile Horse" then the recipient's name and year(s) the award was won. Only when the trophy changes hands will a replica plaque be given thus the replica could have several years listed on it.

**11.5 Donny Kenworthy Award:** This award is presented to the high point Junior or Intermediate Rider. All Junior and Intermediate averages will be placed together and points awarded in each individual event, first through fifth. Rider with the highest point total will be awarded the trophy. Ties will be broken by giving the award to the person with the most first places. If a tie still remains, then the person with the most 2<sup>nd</sup> places then onto 3rds, if necessary, until the tie is broken (Revised 02/28/02).

**11.6 "A" Plates:** a 3/4" by 2" plate engraved with year and event will be awarded to any horse classified "A" during the current show season. Horse and rider combination may receive this award only once. A list of previous recipients will be kept by the times keepers on an updated list of "A" plates. A plaque will be given out with the first "A" plate awarded.

**11.7 Seven "A" Blanket:** A horse will receive the 7 "A" Blanket when he/she achieves an "A" classification in all individual events. A horse may achieve this award only once.

**11.8 Joan Deardorff Memorial Trophy:** This award is in remembrance of Joan Deardorff. A written vote will be taken in August by all NEZ Games Riders to determine the person who assisted the NEZ Games Division the most during the season (Revised 02/09). This award is a perpetual trophy. The cost of the yearly engraving of the perpetual trophy, as well as the replica plaque are the responsibility of the NEZGD (Added 02/17/04 / Revised 02/16/06).

## **12. POINTS:**

**12.1** When used, points will be counted seven (7) for first place, five (5) for second place, three (3) for third place, two (2) for fourth place, and one (1) for fifth place.

**12.2** An audit committee consisting of the Times Keeper and any three people from the current year's riders or workers will audit the current season's show sheets and serve as the Awards Committee (Revised 02/09).

Notification by phone or email of the audit will go out to any active NEZ rider / worker, a minimum of two days prior to the audit stating time and place (Revised 02/09).

**12.3** A mid-season audit will be conducted in March or April to minimize the amount of material to be audited at the end of the season.

## **13. AMENDMENTS OR REVISIONS TO THE STANDING RULES:**

**13.1** These standing rules may be amended by two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided the amendment was read at the previous regular meeting, (given previous notice) printed in the Hoofbeats and voted on at the February meeting. All changes are to be made between 1 October and 15 March. Approved changes are effective immediately (Revised 02/16/06).

**13.2** Standing Rules must be reviewed pursuant to update and/or revision at least every two (2) years. The secretary will keep a Memo of Record of all Standing Rule Changes, by date for future reference.

**13.3** Proposed NEZ standing rule changes are to be voted upon at the February meeting (Revised 02/16/06).

**13.4** One rule change per club may be proposed at the February meeting.