



Youth Saddle Academy Class

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Is It For Me...?? YES!

YSAC classes are great for you if:

- You own or know someone who owns a Registered maiden Arabian/Half-Arabian horse that would like to get into the show ring
- You have a youth rider who would love to show an Arabian/Half-Arabian horse
- You want a casual and fun way to be introduced to Class-A showing
- You want to do it all for as little as possible.

YSAC classes provide a fun and easy way to get your maiden horse Class-A show ring experience. They allow youth riders to gain show ring experience, as well as work toward great year-end awards such as belt buckles or brand new saddles. Best of all you can do it for just \$10 a class!

YSAC includes 3 shows per year, 5 classes per show in 3 age divisions.

Age divisions:

10 & under

11-13
14-17

Classes are open to any youth rider on a registered maiden Arabian or half-Arabian horse. The rider doesn't even have to own the horse!

In order to earn credit towards year end awards the rider must show in each of the following 3 Shows

- Utah Valley Arabian
- Amateur
- Autumn Class

And yes, you can use a different maiden horse at each show. If you are looking for an easy, fun and affordable way to show with the UAHC⁴, this is it. Don't miss this opportunity.

Utah Arabian Youth Organization YSAC Rules

Rider Attire:

- Must wear white, long sleeved Button-down collared shirt.
- Pants must be black. If black breeches are worn, tall (Hunter-Style) boots May not be worn with them.
- Must wear black paddock, western, or short boots with at least a 1" heel.
- Must wear a black tie of some sort. (Bolo, Rosette, Western Tie)
- Gloves are optional, but if worn, must be black.
- An ASTM/SEI or USEF² approved helmet must be worn in under saddle Classes. In showmanship, hat/helmet are optional, but if worn, should correspond with the style the horse & rider is showing in (Hunter style or Western Style)

Tack Specifications

- Tack must be conservatively colored (brown or black) and in good repair.
- Conservatively colored nylon or synthetic tack may be used.
- Show tack is not required
- Training aids, such as martingales or tie-downs may not be used.
- Whips may be carried in Showmanship and Hunter disciplines, but must be of legal length according to USEF² rules
- Whips may not be carried in Western classes.

Class Specifications

- Classes will be judged on suitability, quality of gait, soundness, and Conformation.
- Horses of any age may be shown in a bosal (western) or snaffle bit without penalty. Two handed riding (in western classes) permitted only with horses in a bosal or snaffle bit.

- One time out per exhibitor allowed per class. If more than one time out is requested, horse may be excused from the ring or disqualified. Entrant will not receive points, but will still receive "credit" for participating in the class (so as not to disqualify entrant from earning a buckle)
- In equitation, riders who are unseated may be disqualified at the discretion of the judge, but will still receive "credit" towards his/her buckle.
- The hand gallop is not to be asked for in any class.

Note on Showmanship:

If horse is shown in a hunter-style bridle, horse must be braided in the hunter style. However, braiding is not required. If horse is shown in a plain halter (nylon or leather), show halter or Arabian show halter, braiding is not allowed.

Program Specifications

At each YSAC show, 5 YSAC classes will be held:

- Hunter/English Pleasure
- Hunter/English Equitation
- Western Pleasure
- Western Equitation
- Showmanship at Halter.

A rider must compete in at least one (1) Hunter/English class, one (1) Western class, and one (1) Showmanship class per show to receive year-end awards and/or be eligible to win the saddle.

A rider may use more than one horse throughout the duration of the program (i.e. a rider may use a different horse at each show), but must use the same horse in all disciplines at any one show (i.e. must use same horse for English, Western, and Showmanship at one show)

Horse must be a registered Arabian or Half-Arabian. Registration papers must accompany entry form.

Horse must be maiden (as defined by USEF²). Horse has not won one (1) Class-A first place or blue ribbon in a class containing more than one (1) horse.

Horse must be maiden at the beginning of the show season (as of December 31), but is still eligible to compete in the program for the year if horse loses its maiden status during the show year.

All horses subject to verification of maiden status through AHA³. Horses that are proven to be non-maiden will be disqualified from the program and have all points earned removed. If any costs are incurred during this process, they will be responsibility of the entrant.

Awards will be given at the annual UAHC⁴ awards banquet. The high-point winners in each division will receive a new or lightly used saddle in good condition. All other entrants completing the requirements of the program will receive a belt buckle.

Other Specifications

If a horse becomes injured during the show to the point of not being able to perform, horse may enter ring and stand in center ring to complete the show and receive "credit" towards a buckle, however, no points will be awarded. Only valid for one show per horse.

If a horse is injured, and is able to perform only with the aid of medication(s) or bandage(s), this will be allowed if the medications and bandages are approved by a vet and the Judge and/or USEF² steward

Abbreviations

- ¹ UAYO: Utah Arabian Youth Organization. The YSAC classes are a UAYO program.
- ² USEF: United States Equestrian Federation, formerly known as USAE or USA Equestrian.
- ³ AHA: Arabian Horse Association
- ⁴ UAHC: Utah Arabian Horse Club, the parent organization of the