

**JEFFERSON COUNTY TRAIL RIDERS**  
**SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS**  
**BIG RIVER SADDLE PARK, GRUBVILLE, MO**  
**2026**

**Point System:** Points to be given in all classes (except classes not eligible). Rider must show at least half of the shows for eligibility, points are accumulated throughout the season towards an end of the year award.

<b>1<sup>st</sup> place</b>	<b>5 points</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> place</b>	<b>4 points</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> place</b>	<b>3 points</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> place</b>	<b>2 points</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> place</b>	<b>1 point</b>

**THE JEFFERSON COUNTY TRAIL RIDERS CLUB OR MEMBERS WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOST OR STOLEN PROPERTY OR ANY ACCIDENTS TO ANIMALS OR PEOPLE.**

- **No cross entries in halter, (except weanling and yearling halter).**
- **All equines age January 1 of current year.**
- Rider and mount must be ready and at the gate when the judge calls for the class to enter the ring. When the class is closed, you may not enter the ring.
- Horse must be registered for class two classes prior. No class changes or entries after 1:00 p.m.
- Loss of mount is an automatic disqualification.
- Hitting the horse in front of the saddle is an automatic disqualification.
- In the event that there is only one entry for a class, the participant will be allowed to exhibit their horse. The participant will receive 1 point toward year end totals.
- No stallion by youth exhibitors on grounds during the show.
- No entering the ring at a run for any class. (shooting the gate is an automatic disqualification).
- Exhibitor must request a tack change at least one class prior to class. Tack changes must be registered on the registration sign up sheet). Three minutes allowed on requested tack changes.
- Abusive behavior in or out of the show ring will not be tolerated and may result in expulsion from the show and/or show grounds.
- Proper attire required in all classes (**no shorts or sneakers/tennis shoes**). Long sleeve shirts required for all judged classes, unless the judge calls a no dress code day.
- Judge's decisions are final.
- Negative Coggins required for all equines on the grounds during any JCTR event.
- No alcoholic beverages allowed on the grounds during a show.
- The breaking of these rules could result in a disqualification from the class or ejection from the show grounds.
- Competitor must use JCTR provided numbers only.  
For speed events, if mechanical timer fails, two stopwatch timers will be used to calculate time.
- Jr. Horse proof of age may be required.
- **Age of rider is as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year.**
- **JCTR reserves the right to hire a qualified DQP, farrier, veterinarian or representative of the club to check for unsoundness or animal cruelty. If a violation is found, the violator will be asked to leave the grounds and not be allowed to show in any other JCTR sponsored shows for the entirety of the show year. Violators names, horse names and violation information will be forwarded to the department of agriculture and/or humane society.**
- **Severely lame/impaired horses will be excused from the ring/show.**
- JCTR encourages the use of riding helmets for safety but are not required.
- **Disruptive Behavior by horse, rider, or spectator, inside or outside of the arena may result in expulsion from the class, show and/or show grounds.**
- **These rules supersede any other publications, including the printed show bills.**
- **Horses can only be show once in each class. Multiple riders not allowed to ride the same horse in any class.**

**JCTR FOLLOWS ALL BREEDS NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

**WEANLING AND YEARLING HALTER:** Open to all breeds weanling or yearling, papers or proof of age in hand. Can cross enter in only one other halter class. Follow Judge and Ring Masters Instructions.

**OPEN MODEL HALTER:** Open to all non-stock type horses, Gaited, Arabian, Saddle Type, color breeds, Thoroughbred, Mule, etc. Follow Judge and Ring Masters Instructions.

**WESTERN MARE HALTER:** Open to any mare horse of western type breeds. (Examples: Quarter Horse, Paint, Appaloosa, Mustang, etc.) Follow Judge and Ring Masters Instructions.

**WESTERN STALLION/GELDING HALTER:** Open to any Stallion or Gelding horse of western type breeds. (Examples: Quarter Horse, Paint, Appaloosa, Mustang, etc.) Follow Judge and Ring Masters Instructions.

**PONY HALTER:** Open to all ponies 56" and under, a spotter is allowed in the arena with an exhibitor under age 12, for safety. Follow Judge and Ring Masters Instructions. Ponies will be measured and recorded by name and measurements before their first show.

**PEE WEE/YOUTH SHOWMANSHIP:** (Exhibitor 18 & under), **ADULT SHOWMANSHIP:** (Exhibitor 19 and over): These classes will have a pattern posted throughout the season. The exhibitor is to be judged; the horse is a prop to show the ability of the exhibitor. Points are on the appearance of the horse and exhibitor and showing in the arena. May be asked to lead at a walk, trot, execute a 360-, 270, 180-, or 90-degree turn, back and pose your horse. Points on rider.

**YOUTH GAITED PLEASURE:** (Riders 18 and under), Open to any gaited horse, mule, or pony, **Stock type horses excluded**, light or heavy shod acceptable, bands allowed, no pads (including wedge pads), maximum of 8" shank on bridle, shown naturally, no special apparatuses. Shown at a walk and favorite gait, may be asked to back. Judged on the way of going suitability as a trail mount. Western or English tack/attire required.

**JUNIOR HORSE WALK TROT:** Open to all breeds of horses, mules, ponies that are 5 years of age or under with any age exhibitor. **Gaited Horses excluded.** The horse may be shown with a bit, snaffle bit or bosal. Horse shown at walk and trot and asked to back. **The Horse/ Rider Combination CANNOT show in any Judged Western Pleasure, Ranch Rail Pleasure, Non Stock or English class that requires a canter.** Horse/rider combination CAN be shown in other Walk Trot Classes. Western or English tack/attire required. NO whips allowed. Proof of age required. Points on Horse/Rider Combination

**LEADLINE:** (Open to any youth 6 and under.) Open to all breeds of horses, mules and ponies Judged on rider's ability. Leader to provide safety only, lead line to be loose. Show at a walk both ways of ring and may be asked to back. Rider not eligible for any other Riding class except Pee Wee Walk and speed classes. Halter and Showmanship Classes allowed also. Western or English tack/attire required. Points on Rider.

**PEE WEE WALK CLASS:** (Open to Riders 12 and under) Open to any breed of horse, mule or pony, Rider asked to Walk, Reverse and may be asked to back. This class is designed for children who are trying to graduate from lead line and just starting their show career. Rider may ride any type equine. No Handler allowed. Parent's/Guardians may enter the ring, but they must not touch or interfere with rider or judges line of site, except for safety matters. **Rider is not eligible for any other riding class, except lead-line and pee wee speed classes.**

**Participation in Halter and Showmanship classes are allowed.** English or Western Tack and attire are required. Points on rider.

**FLAG RACE:** SENIOR (ages 19 and over), YOUTH (ages 13 through 18), PEE WEE (ages 12 and under). Two 5-gallon buckets filled (within 3 inches from the top), with sand resting on the top of two barrels (barrels are to be placed next to the arena fence, one barrel or pole to mark the course. Barrels with sand buckets are set along the fence 30' from the starting line. Rider may run the pattern in either direction but must pick up the flag and deposit the flag from one bucket to the other. Pointed end of flag must be deposited completely into the bucket.

Disqualification: Dropping the flag during the race, striking the horse with the flag, knocking over a barrel(s), knocking the bucket(s) off the barrel, flag tip not in the bucket. In the event of a timer malfunction a re-ride will be given; the rider must again successfully deposit the flag in the bucket. **A Handler cannot hold or lead the horse to assist the rider while approaching the bucket to pick it up or stick it. If a handler assists the horse or rider then the rider will not receive a time and will be ineligible for a ribbon.**

**PEE WEE WALK TROT:** (Rider 12 and under). Open to any breed of Horse, mule or pony, (**gaited horses excluded**) shown at a walk and trot, may be asked to back, will be judged on rider's ability. Horse/Rider Combination not eligible to show in any other judged ranch, pleasure, non-stock or English class that requires a canter. English or western tack/attire is required. Points on Horse/Rider Combination

**OPEN ENGLISH PLEASURE:** Open to any horse, mule or pony, any age rider, shown at a walk, trot and canter. May be asked to back. Hunt seat or saddle seat attire and tack required. Horse/Rider Combination cannot show in any walk trot class. Points on Horse/Rider Combination

**PLANTATION CLASS:** **Open to Walking Horses Only**, any age rider, light or heavy shod acceptable, bands allowed, no pads (including wedges), and maximum of 8' shank on bridle. Shown naturally, no special apparatuses. Must be able to show at a walk and running walk and may be asked to back. Western or English tack /attire required.

**OPEN ENGLISH EQUITATION:** Open to any horse, mule or pony, any age rider, shown at a walk, trot and canter. May be asked to extend trot, post with no stirrups, hand gallop, and back. A pattern will be posted throughout the season. Rail work is at the discretion of the judge. Hunt seat or saddle seat attire and tack required. Horse/Rider Combination cannot show in any walk trot class. Points on Horse/Rider combination.

**OPEN FOX TROT:** **Open to Fox Trotters Only**, any age rider. Must be able to show at a walk and a Fox Trot, may be asked to back. No special apparatuses. Western or English tack/attire required.

**ADULT WALK TROT:** (Rider 19 and over), Open to any breed of Horse, Mule, Pony, (**gaited horses excluded**) shown at a walk and trot, may be asked to back, will be judged on rider's ability. Horse/Rider not eligible to show in any other judged Ranch, Western, Non-Stock, Pleasure or English class that requires a canter. Western or English tack/attire required. Points on Horse/Rider Combination

**BARRELS:** SENIOR (ages 19 and over), YOUTH (ages 13 through 18), PEE WEE (ages 12 and under), Three barrels to be placed in a triangle with the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> barrels opposite from each other and 20' from the fence, 30' from the starting line and the 3<sup>rd</sup> barrel should be 30' from the end of the fence. Pattern ran in left or right direction.

A 2 second penalty for each barrel knocked down. Disqualification: Breaking the pattern or hitting the horse in front of the saddle. Rider may palm the barrel.

**GAITED BARRELS:** (Open to all Gaited Equines/All Age Groups), Horse **must** walk **and/or** favorite Gait (Running Walk, Fox Trot, Pace, Rack, etc.) thru entire pattern. **Disqualification:** Breaking into a canter more than two **consecutive** strides any time during the pattern. All rules, disqualifications and pattern specifications stated above apply. Judge's decision on stride breaks are final. Horse/rider combination not eligible to enter any other barrel class.

**LIGHT SHOD COUNTRY PLEASURE:** (Open to any gaited horse, pony, mule, any age rider): **Stock Horses Excluded** Maximum 3/8" x 3/4" shoe size. No pads (including wedge pads), maximum of 8" shank on bridle, shown naturally, no special apparatuses. Shown at a walk and favorite gait, may be asked to back. Judged on the way of going suitability as a trail mount. Western or English tack/attire required.

**YOUTH WALK TROT:** (Rider 13 through 18): Open to any breed of horse, mule or pony, (**gaited horses excluded**), shown at a walk and trot, may be asked to back, will be judged on rider's ability. Horse/ Rider combination not eligible to show in any other pleasure or English class that requires a lope/canter. Western or English tack/attire required. Points on Horse/ Rider combination

**SENIOR WESTERN PLEASURE:** (ages 19 and over). Open to any breed of horse, mule, or pony (**gaited horses excluded**). Shown at a walk, trot, canter, and asked to back. Western attire and tack required. No whips allowed. Horse/Rider Combination may not show in any walk trot class. Points on Horse/Rider Combination

**PEE WEE/YOUTH WESTERN PLEASURE:** (ages 18 and under) Open to any breed of horse, mule, pony (**gaited horses excluded**). Shown at a walk, trot, canter, and asked to back. Western attire and tack required. No whips allowed. Horse/Rider Combination may not show in any walk trot classes. Points on Horse/Rider Combination

**OPEN WESTERN PLEASURE:** (open to all age riders). Open to any breed of horse, mule, pony (**gaited horses excluded**). Shown at a walk, trot, canter, and asked to back. Western attire and tack required. No whips allowed. Horse/Rider Combination may not show in any walk trot classes. Points on Horse/Rider Combination

**POLE BENDING:** SENIOR (ages 19 and over), YOUTH (ages 13 through 18), PEE WEE (ages 12 and under): to run pattern around 6 poles, each pole 21' apart and the first pole 21' from

the starting line. This is a timed event and the horse may use the right or left pattern. There is a 2 second penalty for knocking down the pole. Touching the pole is allowed.  
Disqualification: Not following the pattern or hitting the horse in front of the saddle.

**OPEN GAITED PLEASURE:** (Open to any age rider), Open to any gaited horse, pony, mule, **Stock type horses excluded**, light or heavy shod acceptable, bands allowed, no pads (including wedge pads), maximum of 8'' shank on bridle, shown naturally, no special apparatuses. Shown at a walk and favorite gait, may be asked to back. Western or English tack/attire required.

**RANCH RIDING RAIL WALK TROT & RANCH RIDING RAIL PLEASURE:** Open to all equine that can perform the required gaits (walk, trot and canter, when required). These classes show the horse's ability to move at a working speed with a rider. Horses will be shown at two gaits, walk and trot in the **Ranch Rail Walk Trot Rail class** and three gaits, walk, trot and canter in the **Ranch Riding Rail Pleasure Rail class**. Horses will be asked to go in each direction of the arena and will also be asked to reverse away from the rail, to stop and back. The judge may ask for an extended trot and/ or extended canter at least one direction of the ring (when required). 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 will be given for making a smooth transition between the gaits, for keeping the correct lead (when a canter is required), and for maintaining the gait requested until the judge requests a change. A rider must show his/her horse with only one hand on the reins, unless the horse is 5 years or younger and is being shown in a snaffle bit or bosal. Bits should follow breed standards. Western attire and tack required. Fancy tack, banded manes, tail extensions and fancy dress are discouraged but the use of these items will not be penalized. The judge should not place horses with excessive slow gaits, low head -sets, and any horse not performing the proper gait called. The Horse/Rider combination cannot cross enter in both Ranch riding Rail Walk Trot & Ranch Riding Rail Pleasure. The rider may cross enter but not with the same horse. Points on Horse/Rider Combination

**Gait descriptions for all type horses in this class:**

**Walk** – a natural, rhythmic, forward moving four- beat gait

**Trot** – a natural two-beat collected diagonal gait which is more forward moving than a jog trot.

**Extended Trot** –a two-beat diagonal gait with an obvious lengthening of the stride and a definite increase in pace

**Canter** – a three-beat relaxed and smooth gait with a natural, forward moving stride.

**Extended Canter** – The extended canter is not a run or a race but an obvious lengthening of the three-beat gait. It should demonstrate a forward, working speed.

**Contestants may not enter the ring at a run for any of the classes. All horses will be assigned a number by the club. Riders will not crowd their horses around the gates or the announcer's booth. Riders must be ready to enter the ring when their class is announced (unless a 3-minute tack change is needed, tack changes must be registered on sign up sheet prior to class). In all speed events the exhibitor will give his/her assigned number to the gate official before entering the ring. The judge or club officer will view the timer during timed events and call out the time.**