

Youth Saddle Academy Class FAQ & Rules



YSAC? Is It For Me...?? Answer: YES

(Rule Changes are highlighted in **Yellow**.)

YSAC classes are great for you if:

- You own or know someone who owns a Registered **LIMIT** (5 or less blue ribbons in a class 'A' rated Arabian show) Arabian/Half-Arabian horse that would like to get into the show ring.
- You have a **NOVICE** (2 or less blue ribbons in a class 'A' rated Arabian show) 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. (Entry fee average is about \$150 per show. Not including hauling, trainer fees, etc.)

YSAC classes provide a fun and easy way to get your **Limit** horse Class-A show ring experience, allows **Novice** youth riders to gain show ring experience, as well as work toward great year-end awards, such as belt buckles and 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 yrs & under

**11-13 yrs

**14-17 yrs

Classes are open to any **Novice** youth rider on a registered **Limit** 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:
 - **Mid-April - UAHC - Spring Show @ Legacy Center – Class A show**
Thurs., April 8th - Sat., April 10th (YSAC classes usually held Fri. pm and Sat. am & pm)
 - **Late-June - UAHC - Amateur Show @ Legacy Center – Davis County Fairgrounds**
Sat., June 26th (? TBA) Non-rated show
 - **Mid-Sept - UAHC – Fall Show @ South Jordan Equestrian Center – Class A show**
Thurs., Sept 23 – Sat. 25 (YSAC classes usually held Fri. pm and Sat. am & pm Awards Ceremony at 5pm-ish dinner break)
- In each of the following 5 classes:
 - Showmanship
 - English Pleasure (Hunt/Saddleseat)
 - English Equitation
 - Western Pleasure
 - Western Seat Equitation

And yes, you can use a different Limit horse at each show. If you are looking for an easy, fun and affordable way to show with the UAHC.

THIS IS IT!!!! Don't miss It!!

Official Utah Arabian Youth Organization YSAC Rules

Rider Attire:

1. Must wear white, long sleeved Button-down collared shirt.
2. Pants must be black. If black breeches are worn, tall (Hunter-Style) boots may not be worn.
3. Must wear black paddock, western, or short boots with at least a 1" heel.
4. Must wear a black tie of some sort. (Bolo, Rosette, Western Tie)
5. Gloves are optional, but if worn, must be black.
6. An ASTM/SEI or USEF** 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 & handler are showing in. (Hunter style or Western Style)

Tack Specifications

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

Class Specifications

1. Classes will be judged on suitability, quality of gait, soundness, and conformation.
2. 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.
3. 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)
4. In equitation, riders who are unseated may be disqualified at the discretion of the judge, but will still receive "credit" towards his/her buckle.
5. The hand gallop is not to be asked for in any class.
6. If a child needs to walk the class for safety reasons, that is acceptable.
7. All competitors will be placed.
 - a. Points awarded by example: 6 horses in class:
1st place = 6 points. 2nd place = 5 points, etc.
 - b. Placing to be announced from last to first place.
8. Showmanship: If horse is shown in a hunter-style bridle, horse must be braided in the hunter style. However, braiding is not allowed if horse is shown in a plain halter (nylon or leather), show halter or Arabian show halter.

Program Specifications

1. At each YSAC show, 5 YSAC classes will be held: Hunter/English Pleasure, Hunter/English Equitation, Western Pleasure, Western Equitation, and Showmanship at Halter.
2. 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.
3. A rider may use more than one horse throughout the duration of the program (ex: a rider may use a different horse at each show), but must use the same horse in all disciplines at any one show (ex: must use same horse for English, Western, and Showmanship at one show)
4. Horse must be a registered Arabian or Half-Arabian. Registration papers must accompany entry form.
5. Riders must be members of the UAHC – Utah Arabian Horse Club (\$25).
 - a. If you are **ONLY** going to show Youth Saddle:
 - i. UAHC youth membership (\$25) Register at:
<http://www.utaharabians.com/Library/2010UAHCOfficialMembershipForm.pdf>
 - ii. Mail this in or send this in with your entry forms before the 1st Spring show.
 - b. If you want to show **any other "regular" or additional classes** at an ARABIAN Class 'A' show (Spring Utah Valley or Autumn Classic shows) then you will also need the following memberships:
http://www.arabianhorses.org/membership/membership_benefits.asp

- i. Register for 1 yr Youth Membership of AHA (Arabian Horse Assoc.) which is \$20
 - ii. Make sure you sign up for the Youth Competition/Insurance Card which is \$25.
 - iii. Check the Club Affiliate box. Make sure you choose club #7014 Utah AHC! \$25
 - iv. You must also sign up for the USEF. (\$55 - ask your trainer!)
 1. <http://www.usef.org/IFrames/memberServices/membership/joinRenew.aspx>
6. Horse must be Limit (as defined by USEF**) Horse has not won more than five (5) Class-A first place or blue-ribbon in a class containing more than one (1) horse. Halter, In-Hand and Walk/Trot classes do not count against Limit status for the purpose of this program. Horse must be Limit 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 Limit status during the show year.
 7. While the horse must be Limit, we would discourage an inexperienced rider from using a green or very inexperienced horse. Horses that put their rider or put other horses and riders in danger may be asked to leave the ring at the discretion of the judge.
 8. If requested, all horses must verify Limit status through AHA***. Copies of horse competition record must accompany entry form. Horses that are proven to be non-Limit 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.
 9. Rider must be Novice (as defined by USEF**) Rider has not won more than two (2) Class-A first place or blue-ribbon in a class containing more than one horse. Halter, In-Hand and Walk/Trot classes do not count against rider's Novice status for the purpose of this program. Rider must be Novice at the beginning of the show season (as of December 31), but is still eligible to compete in the program for the year if rider loses their Novice status during the show year.
 10. If requested, all riders must verify Novice status through AHA***. Copies of rider competition record must accompany entry form. Riders that are proven to be non-Novice 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.
 11. Awards will be given at the Autumn show after the last Youth Saddle class (at the dinner break). 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.
 12. Any child that wins the saddle for their age division cannot show back the next year unless they have moved up into the next age division. They may, however, skip a year and show back in the same age division.

Other Specifications

1. If a horse is injured or becomes ill at any particular show, child will be given credit for attendance (eligible for buckle), but no points. If horse is able to be brought into the arena in hand, he will be given 1 point for last place. (**note of interest: this happened to a horse April '09. The horse and child surged ahead the rest of the season, and won the saddle at year end.*)
2. 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 USEF** steward or needs to walk the class.
3. Classes will be judged per AHA Class "A" regulations.

❖ Abbreviations

*UAYO: Utah Arabian Youth Organization. The YSAC classes are a UAYO program.

**USEF: United States Equestrian Federation, formerly known as USAE or USA Equestrian.

***AHA: Arabian Horse Association

****UAHC: Utah Arabian Horse Club, the parent organization of the UAYO

Forms/Copies Needed for Entry:

- Copy of horse's Official Arabian Registration Papers
- Copy of horse's AHA Competition Record (ask your trainer)
- Copy of rider's AHA Competition Record (ask your trainer)
- Copy of rider's UAHC Youth Membership card
- Filled out entry form for show (ask your trainer)
- Copy of your Trainer's AHA Membership Cards (ask your trainer)