

## Terms

"ACOSA" will be used to refer to the American Council of Spotted Asses.

"Animal" may be used to refer to mules and donkeys when reference is to both. "Mule" includes hinnies.

### I. General Rules

#### 1.1 Eligibility

- A. ACOSA shows or classes are open to donkeys and mules registered with the American Council of Spotted Asses only.
- B. Applications for registration can be obtained by contacting ACOSA at 1511 CR 3317 Omaha, Tx 75571
- C. For animals whose registration applications are pending at ACOSA, ACOSA may, at their discretion, give verbal confirmation of eligibility to a **show management official**. A registration number will be assigned to the animal at that time. ACOSA **MUST BE IN RECEIPT OF A COMPLETED APPLICATION WITH THE REQUIRED PHOTOS TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- D. Any animal competing in ACOSA classes that are determined to be ineligible for entry through an inquiry by show management or ACOSA official will forfeit any prizes awarded and be subject to disqualification from the show.

#### 1.2 Entries

- A. Entry forms must be completely filled out and signed by the exhibitor/owner.
- B. The name of the animal on the entry form must be written exactly as it appears on the ACOSA registration certificate.
- C. ACOSA registrations numbers must be included on the entry form and a copy of the registration certificate submitted with the entry form.
- D. Owners are responsible for correctly measuring their animals to insure appropriate classes are entered. Show management may measure animals at their discretion. No consideration is given for shod or unshod animals with regard to height measurement.

#### 1.3 Show Approval

- A. Any show may include ACOSA classes with the approval of ACOSA. Approval must be granted by ACOSA prior to entries being accepted.
- B. A list of the classes to be offered will be submitted to ACOSA at the time approval is sought.

- D. Anyone who exhibits disrespectful behavior toward the judge in the ring, including, but not limited to protesting placings, will forfeit any premiums received and not be permitted to participate in any additional classes at the show. Entry fees will be forfeited.
- E. Failure to pay entry fees, stall rent, camping fees, etc. will result in the offender not being allowed to participate at any ACOSA show or class or use the services of ACOSA until the fees are paid.
- F. Protests of rules violations or show management must be submitted in writing to an ACOSA official and show management within 48 hours of completion of the show. A fee of \$25.00 must accompany the written protest. If the protest is sustained the fee will be returned the protestor.

## II. Attire

### 2.1 General

- A. All handlers, including grooms, must be suitably attired for the class entered. Exhibitors entering the ring attired inappropriately will incur a penalty by the judge.
- B. All junior exhibitors entering riding and driving classes should wear safety headgear.
- C. No shorts, sandals/open-toed shoes, t-shirts/tank tops, or ball caps are allowed except in a Costume Class.
- D. Clothing with logos or any form of advertising of farm, ranch, or any other business is not permitted except in a class designated as "commercial".

### 2.2 Halter Class Attire

- A. Any Western or English attire that is appropriate for the respective riding classes.

OR

- B. Conservative dress according to the style of the present day.
  - 1. Men should wear a coat or jacket unless excused from doing so by the judge.
  - 2. Ladies should wear a conservative dress, tailored suit, or slacks. Floppy hats are discouraged.
  - 3. Unless otherwise specified, hats and gloves are required.
- C. Footwear should be sturdy and provide good footing.

**4.2. Class Descriptions**

- A. ACOSA Champion Jennet (all ages & sizes)
- B. ACOSA Champion Gelding Donkey (all ages & sizes)
- C. ACOSA Champion Jack (all ages & sizes)
- D. ACOSA Champion Mule (all sizes & ages)