

TSU Stock Horse Team Membership Form

The Tarleton State University Stock Horse Team is comprised of students dedicated to showing their horses in the collegiate divisions with the Stock Horse of Texas Association and the American Stock Horse Association. Shows consist of Pleasure, Trail, Reining, and Cow Work classes in the Novice, Intermediate, Limited Non-Pro, and Non-Pro divisions. All team members are welcome to attend each show and clinic the team participates in.

Members of the team receive tremendous opportunities to improve their horsemanship skills, meet influential people in the equine industry, and learn more about fundamental stock horse techniques along with skills that will ultimately prepare them for their future careers. The team does not require that members have a horse in order to join the team. However, all members are welcome to bring their horses to practices. We encourage ALL members to attend practices and learn whether you have a horse or not.

Offered to Team Members

- Practices 2 days a week
- 2-3 work days per semester
- Team meetings at least once a month
- 1 National Ranch and Stock Horse Alliance show
- 3-4 Stock Horse of Texas shows per semester spread all across Texas
- Co-host Stock Horse of Texas show in Hamilton, Texas
- 1 Stock Horse of Texas World Championship Show

Rider Eligibility

- Undergraduate students must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 hours of classes and;
- Graduate students in a minimum of 9 hours.
- Students must be in good academic standing with the university with at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA.

Discrimination and Harassment

Tarleton in accordance with applicable federal and state law, prohibits discrimination, including harassment, on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, sex, disability, age, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

Hazing

Any act that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student, or that destroys or removes a public or private property; and/or assisting, directing, or in any way causing others to participate in degrading behavior and/or engaging in conduct which tends to bring the reputation of the organization, group, or University into disrepute for the purpose of initiation, admission into, affiliation with, or as a condition for the continued membership in a group or organization; or as part of any activity of a recognized student organization, student group, and university program.

Team Memberships

Non– Competitive Members	Competitive Members
Option for members that do or do not have a horse to ride	Option for members that do have horses to ride & want the option of being a point-rider
\$50 membership fee for one semester	\$135 membership fee for the first semester, every additional semester will be a \$70 fee unless otherwise
\$100 membership fee for one year	** if returning members currently own a show shirt the membership fee is \$70
Team polo is not included in membership fees	1 Team polo and 1 show shirt is included in membership fees in the amount of \$135
Optional \$650 of sponsorships (per semester) to cover membership expenses	\$650 of sponsorships (per semester) to cover member expenses
The team will cover hotel, stall, shavings & clinic expenses at each show the team attends if appropriate	The team will cover hotel, stall, shaving and show expenses at each show the team attends if appropriate
	The team will cover clinic fees if an additional \$675 per semester is received
	Team apparel (show team jackets) are included in the sponsorships obtained by the member
Must attend as many practices and meetings as possible throughout the semester/year	Must attend as many practices and meetings as possible throughout the semester/year
Member is welcome to attend practices even if they do not have a horse to ride	Member is given the opportunity to be chosen to ride as a point-rider at shows the team attends
Member is given the opportunity to participate in scheduled cattle practices if they have a horse to ride	Member is given the opportunity to participate in scheduled cattle practices

Violations

- Any team member may be denied privileges of the team or any non-member may be denied the privilege of the team for a financial violation of failing to pay memberships dues.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct by team members will not be permitted. Each team member shall be responsible for showing sportsmanlike conduct and humane treatment of horses. Any of these violations will be subject to the disciplinary actions listed below.
- Any other inappropriate behavior that negatively effects the team will result in disciplinary actions.
- All team members are expected to uphold all commitments made to the team. If the member does not uphold **any or all** commitments made, they will be subject to the disciplinary actions listed below.

The team officers and advisor(s) have the authority to determine what qualifies as a financial violation, unsportsmanlike conduct, inhumane treatment of horses, and inappropriate behavior. Disciplinary actions will be distributed in the following order:

1st– verbal warning from an officer or the advisor

2nd– suspension from all team activities for the remainder of the semester

3rd– official removal from the team with the requirement of returning all team apparel

Division Eligibility and Restrictions

Novice Division Eligibility and Restrictions: The Novice Division is reserved for individuals with limited riding and showing experience who wish to learn more about showing in SHTX at a beginner's pace. New members in SHTX do not necessarily need to ride in the Novice division. Advanced skills may be better suited for one of the other divisions. There will be no jackpot in this division. Eligibility for the Novice division is as follows: a) The rider must meet all Non Pro eligibility requirements listed above. b) The rider has not won any champion titles or reserve champion titles at any show or cumulative year-end award in SHTX, ASHA, or Texas State 4-H finals; more than 5 points in any breed association (AQHA, APHA, AQHA VRH All Around, etc.); or \$250 in a national organization (NCHA, NRCHA, NRHA, RHAA, etc.) in any western performance discipline (western pleasure, working cow horse, reining, cutting, trail, etc.) c) If a member loses novice eligibility through competition, he or she may finish that year as a novice rider. Thereafter, the member is eligible only for Junior Horse, Youth, Limited Non Pro, Intermediate, Non Pro or Open Divisions. d) Riders in this division will work a Novice and Novice Youth Working Cow Horse Pattern (boxing only). The cow horse pattern is a shortened version of cow work that will not involve turns down the fence, circling or roping. (See Novice/Novice Youth Working Cow Horse class rules for specifics on rules for this division.) e) Stallions are prohibited in this division.

Intermediate Division Eligibility and Restrictions: The Intermediate Division is reserved for individuals with moderate riding and showing experience who wish to learn more about showing in SHTX at a more advanced pace. There will be no jackpot in this division. Eligibility for the Intermediate division is as follows: a) The rider must meet all Non Pro eligibility requirements listed above. b) The rider has not won any combination of 2 champion or reserve champion titles in Intermediate, Limited Non Pro, Non Pro, Open, Youth, Junior Horse at any show or 2 cumulative year-end awards in SHTX, ASHA, or Texas State 4-H finals; more than 10 points in any breed association (AQHA, APHA, AQHA VRH All Around, etc.); or \$500 in a national organization (NCHA, NRCHA, NRHA, RHAA, etc.) in any western performance discipline (western pleasure, working cow horse, reining, cutting, trail, etc.) c) If a member loses Intermediate eligibility through competition, he or she may finish that year as an Intermediate rider. Thereafter, the member is eligible only for Junior Horse, Youth, Limited Non Pro, Non Pro or Open Divisions. d) Riders in this division will work Limited Non Pro reining patterns and cow horse patterns. (See Limited Non Pro Reining and Working Cow Horse class rules for specifics on rules for this division.) e) Stallions are prohibited in this division.

Limited Non Pro Division Eligibility: Exhibitors who qualify as Non Pro riders may choose to show in this division because of class routine or other personal choice. Exhibitors may also show in the Open or Non Pro divisions without losing their eligibility in the Limited Non Pro division. There will be no jackpot in this division. Riders in this division will work a modified version of the working cow horse class that will not involve turns down the fence, or circling or roping. (See LTD Non Pro and Junior Horse Working Cow Horse class rules for specifics on rules for this division.)

Non Pro Division Eligibility: The description of Non Pro Eligibility is as follows: a) The rider has not received payment directly or indirectly for riding, training, assisting in training, or showing horse(s) at any time during the past five years. b) The rider has not received payment directly or indirectly for instructing another person or conducting a seminar in riding, training, driving or showing a horse any time during the past five years. c) The rider has not had any expenses (including lodging, transportation, mileage, etc.) paid by someone other than family members. d) EXCEPTIONS for "b" and "c" above: i) A Non Pro who otherwise qualifies under these rules may conduct clinics provided the only remuneration they receive is for reasonable expenses. If questions are raised about Non Pro eligibility, the contestant must be able to document any remuneration. ii) Collegiate members who are enrolled in an equine program or as part of an educational curriculum are exempt from items b and c above.

iii) Certification as an instructor in equitherapy by Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH) or similar organizations recognized by national equine associations are exempt from b and c above, provided the instructor ONLY teaches students enrolled with the recognized organization or rehabilitation prescribed by a medical doctor. e) Premium money won is not considered remuneration. f) A Non Pro rider may show in the Open Division without losing Non Pro eligibility as long as requirements for a Non Pro are still met. g) The Non Pro Division is open to any nonprofessional member in good standing with any horse regardless of past winnings. In addition to the normal entry fee, this division may collect and offer jackpot fees, which will be paid back to winners according to the payout schedule below. These jackpot fees may range from a minimum of \$10 to a maximum of \$20 per class except for special events or championships. h) Class paybacks: Half of the jackpot will be for the class entered. Non Pro class entries are competing for class points, plus a payback (½ of the jackpot monies collected for that class) according to GR225.1c. i) All-Around paybacks: Exhibitors in all four classes # of Horses 1-3 4-6 7-10 11-14 15-19 20-24 25-29 30+ # of Places 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 1 100% 60% 50% 40% 30% 30% 28% 25% 2 40% 30% 30% 25% 24% 23% 20% 3 20% 20% 20% 18% 16% 15% 4 10% 15% 12% 12% 12% 5 10% 9% 9% 10% 6 7% 7% 8% 7 5% 6% 8 4% 100% 100% 100% 100% 100% 100% 100% 100% 30 31 will be eligible for the All-around paybacks – (½ of all Non Pro entries go to jackpot money). The All-Around paybacks will be figured on the total number of All Around entries and will be paid according to GR225.1c

Division eligibility and restrictions are in accordance with the Stock Horse of Texas Handbook. For a complete set of rules please see *stockhorseoftexas.org*.

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Rider Information

Name: _____ DOB: _____ Age: _____ Classification: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____ Circle: Male/ Female
 Emergency Contact : _____ Phone: _____
 Relationship: _____

Horse Information

Horse #1 Name: _____ Barn Name: _____ Sex: G or M
 Owner Name: _____ Relationship to Member: _____
 Coggins Date: _____ Accession #: _____ Lab: _____
Horse #2 Name: _____ Barn Name: _____ Sex: G or M
 Owner Name: _____ Relationship to Member: _____
 Coggins Date: _____ Accession #: _____ Lab: _____

**** Please attach a current copy of each of the above horse's coggins with this document upon submission to the team.****

Member Selection

<u>Non- Competitive</u>	<u>Competitive</u>
One semester: _____	One semester: _____
One year: _____	One year: _____
Amount paid: \$ _____ cash/check.	
Amount still owed: \$ _____	
\$\$\$ Accepted by: _____	
on _____	

Rider Evaluation

1) Have you competed in any equine competition/ show at any time? Yes/ No. **Please circle all that apply:** 4-H, AQHA, AQHA VRH ALL AROUND, APHA, SHTX, ASHA, NRCHA, NRHA, NCHA, RHAA, Other: _____

2) Have you won a World/ Reserve World tittle with any association? Yes/ No.
Explain: _____

I certify I am eligible for the division I am entered, per the association's current rule book. I understand if I am not eligible, I forfeit all entry fees and awards.

Exhibitor's Signature: _____
 Parent Signature if minor: _____

For Non Pro, Limited Non Pro, Intermediate and Novice riders: I certify I have not received money or compensation for riding, training or showing horses or training riders and that I meet all other requirements for my respective division.

Exhibitor's signature: _____

By my signature below, I hereby acknowledge that I understand the requirements specified above for Tarleton State University Stock Horse Team and agree to these requirements set for each member of the Tarleton State University Stock Horse Team. The Tarleton State University Stock Horse Team is not responsible for any accidents at team sanctioned events.

Signature: _____ Date: _____