

# **HEART OF TEXAS MORGAN HORSE CLUB RULES FOR MORGAN TROTTING RACES SADDLE AND HARNESS**

1. Helmets are required for drivers and passengers in harness races, as well as riders under saddle. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

2. Riders and drivers must be 16 years or older. Any passenger in the harness race must be 16 years or older. Be prepared to show ID. Passengers are not required.

3. Horse must be an AMHA registered Morgan. Horses must be at least 4 years of age to race in harness or saddle. At the discretion of the Race Steward, AMHA registration papers may be required.

4. Entrant and rider must be members of the Heart of Texas Morgan Horse Club due to insurance reasons. One day membership for races only is \$5.00.

5. The same horse may **NOT** enter both races. The same competitor **MAY** enter both races.

6. Protective gear such as bell boots and shin guards are permitted. For the saddle races **NO** bareback pads are allowed. Any type of saddle may be worn.

7. Horses are not allowed to be on the track before the races.

8. For safety reasons, any competitor who is going to pass during the race must call out to the one in front letting them know you are passing.

9. Hogging the middle of the track so that competitors are not allowed to pass will result in elimination. Interference with other competitors on the track will result in elimination. Any horse that breaks a trot for four (4) strides will be eliminated. There will be spotters.

10. Riders and drivers must attend one safety meeting and sign an acknowledgement of receipt of race rules before the race. If you do not attend one safety meeting and sign an acknowledgement of receipt of race rules, you may not enter the race. To accommodate all competitors there will be two safety meetings: one Friday evening after completion of all classes and one Saturday morning at 8:00 AM. There will be a Safety

**Check before the race starts. The Race Steward has the right to reject any entry for safety reasons.**

**11. The two horses with the fastest time in each division will compete in their respective Championship Race. Purse money will go to the winner of each division Championship Race.**

**I acknowledge that I have received and understand the above Morgan Trotting Race rules.**

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**Signature**

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**Date**