

# Rules and Regulations of the North American Police Equestrian Council, Inc.

## (NAPEC)

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For the purpose of this document, the hosting agency or organization will be referred to as the “Host”. The North American Police Equestrian Council, Inc. will be referred to as “NAPEC”. The Board of Directors will be referred to as the “Board”.

### Qualifications of Participants

#### ***Section One:***

Participating Mounted Units must be an established unit within a Law Enforcement Agency (Federal/State/Local Government). There must be at least one (1) active member representing the Mounted Unit. Non-Law Enforcement agencies (i.e. Officially Designated Military Mounted Units, etc.) will be considered on a case by case basis by the Board.

#### ***Section Two:***

A participant must be an “*Active Duty/Auxiliary/Volunteer Mounted Law Enforcement Officer, Officially Designated Military Mounted Personnel*”, recognized and authorized by the Chief of Police, the Sheriff, or other bona-fide law enforcement/Military personnel as determined and approved by the Board. Participants must use their assigned/primary departmental horse and tack in the Equitation Class and Obstacle Course.

#### ***Section Three:***

Any participant found to mis-represent themselves or their unit based on the eligibility criteria will be subject to forfeiture of any and all awards, and immediate suspension from current evaluation.

A participant/Unit shall not be suspended or expelled except for good cause. Any complaint made against a participant/Unit for inappropriate or unprofessional behavior can be made to any Board member. The Board member shall bring it to the attention of the Board, who will then address the issue and make a determination based on the facts submitted.

Any disciplinary action by the Board against any Participant/Unit will be done on a case-by-case basis. The Participant/Unit in question must approach the Board for consideration and approval before being permitted to participate in future NAPEC events.

The Board reserves the right to make appropriate notifications, up to and including the Participant/Unit’s Head of Agency and/or local law enforcement.

**\*\* NOTE\*\*** All paid participants/trainees/riders are considered members of NAPEC for 12 calendar months from date of entrance fee remittance.

## Rules for Participants

### Section One:

A “Formal” opening ceremony is required at the conference at which time the National Anthems and National Colors of the participating Agencies will be presented. It is requested that all participants attend this ceremony, if able, and render appropriate honors.

The judged evaluations shall consist of Uniform Inspection, Equitation Class and Obstacle Course.

The Uniform Inspection shall consist of (1) entry per department. The participant shall use their primary assigned horse and duty tack.

The Equitation Class may be an “*Individual Ride*” with a minimum ring size of thirty (30) meters wide and sixty (60) meters long or a “*Hack Class*” that may be divided between heavy and light horses by size and not by breed.

The Obstacle Course will be designed by the Host agency or organization and will be reviewed for safety and scoring purposes by the Judges and a NAPEC representative prior to the evaluation.

All Participants must enter both the Equitation and Obstacle course evaluations to be eligible for awards. The rider must enter the arena and attempt both classes.

There will be a three (3) minute gate call. If a rider misses their gate call, they forfeit their spot.

In the event of a “Tie” score in the Obstacle Course, a predetermined method for resolution will be placed in the participant’s package.

In the event of a “Tie” score for the *Brigadier Award*, the Obstacle Course score shall be used for resolution.

Participants shall use their department assigned primary horse and duty tack in the Inspection Class, Equitation Class and Obstacle Course. The same horse/rider/tack combination shall be used in all evaluations.

In order to maintain a professional image within the Law Enforcement community, all participants shall wear their current authorized departmental dress uniform while participating in the Uniform Inspection. A Department authorized long sleeve uniform shall be required for the Equitation Class.

Class “A” uniform is defined as the current authorized departmental dress uniform of the respective Agency.

Class “B” uniform is generally accepted daily street/duty uniform of the respective Agency.

A Class “C” uniform may be worn in the Obstacle Course (No “T” shirts). Helmets and riding boots are MANDATORY in this class. NO WEAPONS SHALL BE CARRIED IN THE OBSTACLE COURSE.

## **Section Two:**

All horses are subject to drug testing.

No horse will be allowed to participate with any device intended to restrict vision, muffle sound, or be under the influence of any drug which would improve performance or allow them to gain an unfair advantage over the other participants.

Department issued patrol saddles and bridles are required at all riding events.

Whips/Crops are prohibited to be used/carried in any Class.

Horses shall not be whipped/punished by the rider or others, with any object, including the reins.

**NO RIDER WILL BE PERMITTED TO RIDE, TRAIN or BE EVALUATED WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL or DRUGS.**

## **Section Three:**

### **Ring Stewards**

The "Ring Steward" may be a member of the Board or a person approved by the Board to enforce the Rules and Regulations of NAPEC, Inc. during any ride, evaluation or training event.

The "Ring Steward" has the right to excuse any horse that is deemed to be unsound or unsafe to any other horse or rider during any ride, evaluation or training event.

The "Ring Steward" has the right to excuse any rider that is not in proper uniform or is deemed to be physically unable to ride.

## **Section Four:**

### **Judges**

The Board reserves the right to review all Judges, other than the Judges from the list provided by NAPEC Inc.

The Board will be furnished for review, the list of Judges for all classes (Uniform/Equitation/Obstacle).

The required classes will be Uniform Class, Equitation Class, and Obstacle Class. Additional classes may be added.

**Section Five:**

**Trophies and Awards**

With the exception of NAPEC perpetual trophies and awards, all trophies, awards and ribbons shall be provided by the Host.

The Host shall provide equal trophies, awards and ribbons for full time/auxiliary/Military Unit members.