



2010 MFTHBA REGIONAL AND NATIONAL VERSATILITY CIRCUIT CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

Mission statement

The MFTHBA Circuit Championship competition is intended to develop awareness and encourage participation in the Versatility Program, both at the Regional and National level. This is done by discovering and recognizing the hard work and talent of exhibitors at the Regional levels and offering them the opportunity for National recognition and eligibility in the National Circuit Competition at the annual MFTHBA Show and Celebration. All affiliates are encouraged to step up and join the fun!

FORMAT

- 1) The 2010 Versatility Circuit eligibility season will commence on October 1, 2009 and will end September 1, 2010. The 2010 Versatility Circuit Season will end with the National Versatility Circuit Championship competition during the 2010 MFTHBA Annual Show & Celebration.
- 2) Each circuit must be comprised of a minimum of three shows or a maximum of five. All circuits mentioned are REGIONAL circuits unless specifically addressed as the NATIONAL Circuit. There will be no cost to the affiliates for inclusion in this program. Regional Circuit awards must be procured by and will be at the discretion of the Regional Circuit management.
- 3) Application for Regional Circuit Show status must be made through an Affiliate chapter. Affiliates must apply to the MFTHBA Ava office to 1) qualify as a Circuit show and 2) be approved as a National Approved Point Show. The name of the show and Circuit Scorekeeper must be included in the application. Regional Circuit Show applications will be approved and coordinated through the MFTHBA office and the Versatility Committee. We encourage inter-affiliate cooperation in forming a Circuit. If an affiliate is not able to create a Circuit on their own, the Versatility Committee will place them with a Circuit, if it is geographically feasible.
- 4) It is encouraged that each circuit show offer a full slate of official Versatility classes, i.e. as delineated in the official rule book in all three Divisions (Open, Amateur and Youth). Show management may combine division classes when necessary and select fewer classes with the restriction that they must have a minimum of five of the nine Versatility classes on the Approved Point Show list.
- 5) All Versatility Circuit shows must be governed by the Versatility rules in the current MFTHBA rule book. These rules pertain to all Circuit situations and must be strictly enforced.
- 6) Each Regional Circuit must appoint a Regional Circuit point keeper to keep a record of the points for all the Versatility Circuit participants for each Regional Circuit show. Points shall be tabulated according to Section 1F of the Versatility section of the MFTHBA Rule book. Points will be awarded to a maximum of ten places.
- 7) The Regional Circuit score keepers or show management, must send the Versatility Circuit class reporting sheets from each show to the MFTHBA office along with the Approved Point Show reporting sheets, within two weeks after the show. Versatility Circuit class results must be reported on a separate reporting sheet. Any show held during the month of August must send in their points prior to September 1, 2010. Results may be published on the website for competitors to check on their circuit status and will be published in the MFTHBA Journal.

8) Points earned at the Circuit Shows will be tabulated prior to the MFTHBA Annual Show and Celebration and will be added to the Points earned at the Celebration to determine the High Point winner for each of the nine Circuit Versatility classes listed on the Approved Point Show Versatility list. Overall awards will be based on points tabulated from each of the nine classes in each division (Open/Amateur/Youth).

ELIGIBILITY

- 1) All riders and horse owners must be MFTHBA members in good standing. Membership in the National organization must be effective before the date of the horse and rider's first Circuit competition.
- 2) Competitors must ride a registered MFTHBA horse, 3 years of age or older. Points accrue to the horse only. Only one rider per horse will be considered for Circuit awards. A horse may compete for points in only one Division. The Division may not be changed after an application has been submitted. If it is necessary for a competitor to change horses, a new application must be completed and any points accrued will not be carried over to the new horse.
- 3) Each competitor may compete in only one Division (Open, Amateur or Youth). Amateur competitors must have an Amateur card. Professional competitors must purchase a Professional card to show at the Celebration.
- 4) Competitors must make application prior to the first Versatility class of the first Regional Circuit show they attend. Competitor records and points will be maintained by the Regional Circuit scorekeepers who shall be appointed by the show management of the Circuit shows. Application forms will be available through the MFTHBA website, may be obtained from the MFTHBA office or from your Regional Circuit show management.
- 5) Competitors who desire to compete at the MFTHBA Annual Show and Celebration for the National Versatility Circuit class awards and the Overall Versatility Circuit Championship awards must make application to the MFTHBA office by September 1, 2010. Applications are available on the MFTHBA website. There will be a \$10.00 charge for each Versatility class that the exhibitor wants to be considered for a year-end Circuit award. Only the nine Versatility classes listed on the Approved Point Show list will be eligible for the year end Versatility Circuit awards. In order to be eligible for a National Overall Versatility Circuit Championship award the exhibitor must turn in their application with a minimum of six of the nine Circuit Versatility classes entered.

AWARDS

- 1) Regional Circuit awards must be procured by and will be at the discretion of the Regional Circuit Management. They may request that Regional Circuit Champions be acknowledged at the MFTHBA annual Show and Celebration with the presentation of awards procured by the Regional Circuit management. Requests for recognition must be received by the MFTHBA office prior to September 1, 2010. Regional Circuit awards may also be presented at the last regional Circuit competition.
- 2) National Versatility Circuit class awards will be given to five places and the Overall Versatility Circuit awards will be presented to the top five Overall entries for each division at the 2010 MFTHBA Show and Celebration.