



Horse Show Rulebook

Class fees are \$9 per class & \$12 per championship class!
Free Day End Points will be awarded in 11 Divisions.

Definition of Divisions:

Adult Open In Hand: Open to all seats. Open to handlers 18 years of age and older, any age or breed horse, pony or mini. There is NO RIDING required.

Youth Open In Hand: Open to all seats. Open to handlers 17 years of age and under, any age or breed horse, pony or mini. There is NO RIDING required

Green Horse/Pony: Open to all seats. Open to “green” horses and ponies in their first or second year of showing AND that have not cantered/loped at any horse related event that was judged or timed. To be shown at the walk and trot/jog. Horse cannot be cross entered into any classes or divisions requiring the canter/lope. Horses showing in the Green Horse division may not canter/lope anywhere on the show grounds. Rider level/status does not count. WMRC does not deem a blue-ribbon limit in this division. Please use caution when having a youth rider on a green horse or pony. We do allow cross entering from green to youth/ adult WT.

Adult Walk/Trot: Open to all seats. Open to riders 18 years and older who have never cantered/loped OR have not cantered/loped in the past three years on any horse at any horse related event that was judged or timed. *Rider cannot be cross entered into any classes or divisions requiring the canter/lope yet the horse may cross into a WTC class with a different rider!* Riders showing in the Adult WT division may not canter/lope anywhere on the show grounds. Must be shown in tack and attire according to seat.

Youth Walk/Trot: Open to all seats. Open to riders 17 years old and under who have never shown at the canter/lope OR have not cantered/loped on any horse at any horse related event that was judged or timed. Riders showing in the Youth WT division may not canter/lope anywhere on the show grounds. Rider cannot be cross entered into any classes or divisions requiring the canter/lope. Age is deemed by January 1st of the current year. Pattern not required in Equitation, may be required to back. Must be shown in tack and attire according to seat. A Header may quietly enter the ring (by the small gate near the Announcer’s booth) during line up with no fault made to the exhibitor. Header must be appropriately dressed to enter the show ring and over 18 years old.

Youth WTC: Open to all seats. Open to riders 17 years of age and under. WTC division. Rider cannot be cross entered into any class or divisions which limit the rider’s abilities and status to WT. Age is deemed by January 1st of the current year. Pattern not required in Equitation, may be required to back. Must be shown in tack and attire according to seat.

Saddle Seat: Open to all riders of any age. WTC division. Horse or Rider cannot be cross entered into any class or divisions which limit the rider’s abilities and status to WT. Pattern not required in Equitation, may be required to back. Saddle seat tack and full attire. Helmet is required if 18 or under. Full Bridle or Pelham bit with 2 reins is allowed.

Hunt Seat: Open to riders of any age. WTC division. Horse or Rider cannot be cross entered into any class or divisions which limit the rider’s abilities and status to WT. Pattern not required in Equitation, may be required

to back. Hunt tack and full attire, braiding not required. No boots, leg wraps, drop nosebands or martingales allowed.

Stock Seat. Open to riders of any age. Walk Jog Lope division. Horse or Rider cannot be cross entered into any class or divisions which limit the rider's abilities and status to WT. Pattern at not required in Equitation, may be required to back. Will be required to be shown in western tack and full attire, Chaps not required. If shown in curb/ shank bit, must be ridden with 1 hand. Bosal is acceptable. Training snaffles can be ridden 2 handed on 4 and under horses only.

Lead line: Open to all riders who cannot show unassisted (off of the lead line). There are no age limitations in this division. Supervising handler must have a "lead" attached to the equine at all times while the lead line rider is practicing or showing the horse while mounted. Handler must be at least 18 years old. Spotters are allowed.

No chains over or under the horse's nose! SPECIAL NEEDS RIDERS ARE WELCOME! Lead line riders may not cross enter into any other divisions. *Riders do not have to show in full show attire, just neatly dressed for the riding style and must wear an approved Helmet. Handlers need to be in appropriate clothing to compliment the rider. No tank tops, sandals or shorts*

Pony/Mini: Open to miniature horses 38 inches and under and any Pony under 14.2 HH. Open to Adult and Youth Handlers. Pony/Mini may cross enter into other classes or divisions. Driving and trail in hand will qualify for points in this division.

Class Specifications:

IN HAND:

Showmanship: To be judged on showmanship of the posted pattern. To be shown with the equine in hand, standing, turning, backing, also at a walk and trot. Handler should show the horse to the best of their ability, failure to misread and not execute the pattern or course correctly will result in being marked as a fault by the judge. Patterns will be posted online and at the announcer's booth. Lead liners are not permitted in Showmanship.

\$\$ Open Showmanship Championship \$\$: Must have shown in a showmanship class to enter. The pattern will be posted online and at the announcer's booth. Ribbons awarded through 6th place. 50% of entry fees will be awarded between 1st and 2nd place.

Model: To be shown in hand and judged standing only. Judged on type, conformation, finish, and suitability as a mount to the seat shown. (Some judges prefer your horse to stand like a "Breyer Model" during this class being judged based on the perfect model of your horse's breed/discipline, perky eyes and ears, feet squared, etc.). All entries will walk in and line up head to tail. Exhibitors must have attire appropriate for the seat specified. Example: Stock type exhibitor should be dressed in stock attire. Hunt type exhibitor should be dressed in hunt attire.

3 & Under Halter: Open to horses and ponies three years of age and under as of January 1 of the current year. To be shown at a walk and trot on the line. To be judged on conformation, quality substance, and soundness. May not have more than two handlers.

\$\$ Open Model Championship \$\$: Must have shown in a model class to enter. Ribbons awarded through 6th place. 50% of entry fees will be awarded between 1st and 2nd place. Judged standing only.

EQUITATION:

Equitation Classes: To be judged on rider's seat and hands; performance of the horse due to riders' equitation. Additional testing at Judge's discretion, however, exhibitors will not be asked to perform individual patterns.

PLEASURE:

Pleasure Classes: To be judged on manners, performance (to give a pleasurable ride), and suitability of equine for rider and quality. May be asked to back. Additional testing at judge's discretion.

Pattern Classes: Judged on both the rider's abilities and the performance of the horse to be a team while executing a pattern. To be divided between WTC and WT Patterns will be posted before the show on online as well as at the announcer's booth.

McKenna Caulder Memorial Class: Held only during the September show during the Lancaster Fair. There will be special ribbons awarded through 6th place. Presented by McKenna's family. This class will be divided into WT and WTC. All seats are welcome. **Come accented in Pink if you wish!**

Academy Rider Classes: These will be added if we have riders who wish to attend. These riders must be showing under a trainer and qualify to show at Rated shows. All rules will follow the NEHC rules.

ALL WALK TROT DIVISIONS:

****Walk trot horse/rider combinations are not permitted to canter anywhere on the show grounds.***

****Walk trot horse/rider combinations may not have competed or shown, at any Show, Gymkhana, or horse related events that requires a canter/lope or faster gait that has been judged or timed.***

****Any horse/rider combinations that are noncompliant with Walk Trot rules will be moved up to a higher division and will result in loss of all points.***

LEADLINE:

Lead line: Supervising handler must have a "lead" attached to the equine at all times while the lead line entry is practicing or showing the horse while mounted. Handler must be 18 years old. SPECIAL NEEDS RIDERS WELCOME!! **No chains are permitted over or under the horse's nose.**

Lead line Halter: Lead line entry must be accompanied by a supervising handler. The handler is not required to have a "lead" on the horse IN THIS CLASS ONLY, however if the supervising handler does have a "lead" on the horse the exhibitor will not be penalized/marked down. Lead liners are not permitted into Showmanship or Model classes.

COLOR BREED:

Color Breed Model: Open to such as Palominos, Buckskins, Appaloosas, Paints and Pintos, etc. Judged on conformation and characteristics of its color breed, judged as a Model class. 80% color, 20% conformation.

Color Breed Pleasure: Open to such as Palominos, Buckskins, Appaloosas, Paints and Pintos, etc. May be shown under English or Western tack. To be judged on performance and best color example of that breed. To be shown at a walk, trot/jog or alternative gait, and canter or lope.

Driving:

Open Pleasure Driving: Open to horses, drafts/ half drafts 14.2 HH and over. To be shown in appropriate harness, and two or 4 wheeled vehicle at a walk, pleasure trot and extended trot. To be judged on manners, performance, and suitability. Must stand quietly and may be asked to back. One attendant without a whip will be permitted for each entry.

Pony/Mini Driving: Open to miniature horses and ponies 2 years of age and older and must be under 14.2hh. To be shown in an appropriate two or 4 wheeled cart and equipment. To be shown at a walk, trot, road trot, and/or extended trot both ways of the ring. May be asked to back.

Trail Class: *NOT HELD DURING THE FAIR SHOW!*

Trail Horse WT & WTC: Will be judged as 2 separate classes on the horse and handlers team ability to negotiate trail obstacles. **You can cross enter into the in hand trail class if you wish.** Trail course will be posted online and at the Announcer's booth. Trail class will be held outside the ring from approximately 11 AM to 1 PM depending on entries. Will be judged by a 2nd judge.

Pony/Mini Trail: Open to miniature horses and ponies under 14.2hh. **This is an IN HAND class.** Will be judged on the horse and handlers team ability to negotiate trail obstacles. Trail course will be posted at the Announcer's booth. Trail will be held outside of the main ring from approximately 11 AM to 1 PM depending on entries. Will be judged by a 2nd judge.

In Hand Trail Horse: Open to horses over 14.2hh. Will be judged on the horse and handlers team ability to negotiate trail obstacles. **You can cross enter into the mounted trail class if you wish.** Trail course will be posted at the Announcer's booth. Trail will be held outside of the main ring from approximately 11 AM to 1 PM depending on entries. Will be judged by a 2nd judge.

Cash Classes:

WT Open Cash Class: Will be judged as a performance or pleasure class at the judge's discretion. 50% of the total entry fees for this class will be divided between the 1st and 2nd placings. Will be asked to back. Ribbons will be awarded through sixth place.

WTC Open Cash Class: Will be judged as a performance or pleasure class at the judge's discretion. 50% of the total entry fees for this class will be divided between the 1st and 2nd placings. Will be asked to back. Ribbons will be awarded through sixth place.

Barrel Game Classes:

Key Hole Barrels, Big M Barrels, & Double Safety Pin: The Patterns are posted on the website and at the show booth. If needed, we will do WT & WTC. Appropriate tack for the seat being ridden.

- Optional body protection vest and horse protection equipment may be used.
- Scoring is based on time.
- Penalties: obstacle knockdown is a - 5 second penalty
- Gate will remain closed until the horse is at a halt inside the ring to exit.
- 2 hands are permitted on the reins as is holding onto the saddle.

GENERAL RULES:

1. Health Requirements:

- All horses must have a Copy of Vet Certified Rabies Certificate – *Dated within 12 months of the show date.*
- Copy of Negative Coggins Test-Dated within 12 months of the show date, FOR OUT OF STATE HORSES.
- DOGS: Must have a current Vet Certified Rabies Certificate with the dog while it is on the fairgrounds. This may be asked for. Tags do not count.

2. Waivers / Safety:

- **All exhibitors, guardians, and trainers shall be responsible for a thorough knowledge of and compliance with the rules contained in this book. Situations not specifically covered by these rules shall be handled by the show officials in a manner that most closely follows the spirit of these rules. By signing the entry form you are acknowledging that you and anyone with you on show day will comply with the WMRC rulebook.**
- All exhibitors under 18 years of age are required to wear an ASTM approved helmet at all times while mounted or driving. Any exhibitor breaking this rule will be excused from the ring and will result in loss of ribbon and points earned in that class or a possibility of loss of year end points.
- **NO HORSE SHOULD BE ON THE SHOW GROUNDS IF THEY ARE NOT BEING SHOWN!!!** Every horse must be entered, shown, and judged in at least 1 class. Every horse on the show grounds must have a signed entry form/release form upon entering the grounds.
- **Required on our Horse Show Entry form is the owner of the horses signature. By the horse owner signing the Horse Show entry form, it states that the said owner acknowledges the WMRC insurance/release statement while the horse is at a WMRC Horse Show.**
- Anyone that has not signed an entry form/release form as an Exhibitor is not allowed to be riding anywhere on the fairgrounds.
- Riding/practicing is not allowed in the draft horse ring or the pulling ring.
- WMRC does not plan to but reserves the right to split or combine classes.
- ALL equines being shown under saddle must be at least 3 years old as of Jan. 1 of the current year.
- Riders age and Equine age is considered as of January 1 of the current year.

3. Checks/Payments:

- All checks must be signed. Pre-entry blank checks must be signed when mailed in by the pre-entry date or you will be charged the post entry fee.
- **Each show must be paid for with a separate check, you may not pay for all four shows with one check.**
- Post entries: A signed blank check or cash must be left with your entry, you will not be allowed to “come up and pay later”.
- There will be a return check fee of \$35.00. Any exhibitor who does not make restitution for the returned check amount and fee will no longer be allowed to show at any WMRC show without payment in full using cash or money order only in advance.

- If you pre enter and are not able to make it to the show, your pre-entry check will be made out for \$10 for every scratched entry that was being held under your name, 3 days to submit a Dr note or Vet note for a refund of class fees only.
- Our horse shows will be run rain or shine. Announcements will be made if the show committee feels that weather conditions become unsafe.
- If you have entered classes and decide to leave before finishing out or starting the day you will still be charged for your scratched classes.
- If you scratch the class, you still must pay for the class.
- If you have written out your check ahead of time (you do not have an open check) you may write out a new check before the show office closes. If you do not come up and fill out your blank check, it will be filled out with your show total by the office secretary.

4. **Lancaster Fair Passes:**

- Subject to change at any time due to changes made by the Lancaster Fair Association.
- The Lancaster Fair Association allows the WMRC a set number of 1 day gate passes for exhibitors that are ONLY showing at our Friday show. If you are registered to show at the Class A Horse Show you will not be receiving a gate pass from the WMRC. **(subject to change)**
- At the Main gate – (2) one day gate passes for each pre-entered horse/rider combination with a limit of 6 passes.
- These passes are to get you into the fairgrounds for the WMRC horse show, they will not get you on rides. You will not get passes if your entry is not received by the pre-entry date and therefore you will have to pay to get into the fair with your horse trailer. ***Lost Tickets will not be reissued.*** Trucks with horse trailers enter at the Main Horse Show gate, those trucks drive to and park on the infield, all other cars are to be parked in the parking lot on the backside of the horse stalls.
- If your pre-entry check is not signed, you will not receive fair passes.
- If you pre enter and are not able to make it to the show, your pre-entry check will be made out for \$10 for every scratched horse/rider entry that was being held under your name.

5. **Stalls:**

- **ALL STALLS MUST BE STRIPPED BEFORE LEAVING THE FAIRGROUNDS. There will be a designated area for the manure pile.** Stalls must be purchased through the Class A Lancaster Fair Horse Show. This is completely separate from the WMRC.
- **During the summer shows, day stalls will be available for \$10 per stall.** There will be a \$20 cash deposit that will need to be left at the show office per stall and will be returned after the stall is completely stripped clean of bedding, hay and manure. This is PER STALL!

6. **Showing out of your trailer:**

- The fairgrounds has asked us to please be courteous and spread out any large piles of manure and to pick up any large amounts of sawdust and hay that may be left behind, please bring to the designated manure pile.
- Please be aware of the heat/temperature when leaving your horse on a trailer, your trailer must have adequate ventilation or a/c, and your horse must have access to water.

7. **Keeping the Fairgrounds Clean:**

- All persons entering the fairgrounds should be courteous in cleaning up their trash in or around trucks, trailers, and stalls before leaving the grounds. Please be courteous in keeping the grandstand and bleachers clean.

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Dogs:

- Show management requires that all dogs in and around the show grounds be restricted, at all times, on a leash to be held firmly in hand or firmly attached to truck or trailer. The Show Committee reserves the right to remove from the show grounds and/or prohibit from future competitions any dog deemed to be a nuisance. Dogs are not allowed on the grandstand and should be kept away from the show ring rail for safety purposes. Dogs are NOT to be left in any vehicle due to the heat/temperature. Please give your dog adequate shade and water.
- A current Vet Certified Rabies Certificate is required and may be asked for.

9. **Exhibitor Conduct:**

- Exhibitors should conduct themselves in sportsmanlike manner. Foul language is discouraged and is in fact poor sportsmanship, multiple complaints will result in dismissal from the show grounds.
- All protests or complaints must be brought to the Secretaries booth and will be dealt with accordingly by respective horse show committee members.
- If an exhibitor or a representative wish to speak with the Judge, they must do so with permission and in the presence of the Show Secretary. Exhibitors may not speak with the Judge pertaining to their performances until the show has completed and pinned the last class of the day.
- The “Judge’s” decision is final. The “Judge’s” that the WMRC hires are all professional, carded Judge’s.
- Cruelty to or the abuse of an equine by any person at a White Mountain Riding Club show is forbidden. The Judge and/or show management has the authority to dismiss from the class or show grounds any exhibitor for cruelty to or abuse of an equine. This also includes any warming up or training anywhere on the show grounds. You will forfeit any and all class fees.
- Exhibitors may cross enter divisions unless specified in Definition of Divisions, however if your horse shows any signs of exhaustion, lameness, or its health is being compromised you will be excused by the Judge’s discretion from the remainder of the show.
- Any questions regarding specific tack that is permissible in the show ring should be dealt with prior to the show starting or the session before your class. Don’t run up the class before and ask!
- WMRC currently does not have any written rules regarding training equipment while warming up. However, our rules regarding cruelty apply to training or warming up on the show grounds.
- Children must be respectful of the horses while on bikes. You need to be in charge of your children at all times. They must stay in the horse show/ upper area of the fairgrounds.

10. **Holds, Adds, Scratches:**

- Forms must be filled out and at the announcer’s booth 2 classes before the class that you either need a hold on, need to add or scratch. A form must be filled out and handed to the secretary, no more just going up to the booth and verbally saying “I need a hold” or “I want to scratch this class”. **FILL OUT THE PROPER PAPER!!**
- Post entries are charged a one time per horse \$15 fee.

11. **Bandit fee:** Exhibitors who enter the ring into the incorrect class will be charged a \$5 Bandit fee for each offense. Exhibitors that enter the ring with the incorrect show number on will be charged a \$5 Bandit fee for each offense.
12. **Lost Number Fee:** We ask that you keep and reuse your show number for the entire season. If during the season you lose your number, you will be charged a \$2.00 fee for a new number.
13. **Patterns:**
- All patterns will be posted online as well as the morning of the show at the Announcer’s booth.

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Pointing:

- Pointing can be confusing so please don’t hesitate to ask!!
- *Points will be awarded as follows:* 7 points for first, 6 points for second, 5 points for third, 4 points for fourth, 3 points for fifth, 2 points for sixth, 1 point for participation. Number of entries per class does not matter.
- The more qualifying classes you enter the more points you earn.
- Any horse/rider combinations that are noncompliant with Walk Trot rules will be moved up to a higher division and will result in loss of points.
- WMRC reserves the right to alter any class or division. Any class or division may be split or combined. All changes will be announced and posted.
- Exhibitors may cross enter divisions unless specified under “Definition of divisions”.
- Day End ties will be broken based on the entry that earned the higher number of points in that division’s Showmanship class.
- Qualifying class numbers will be listed on each shows class list.
- Day End Point Ribbons will be issued as soon as points for that division are tallied after the last division class. (No Fee)

Division Point Qualifying Classes

Youth In Hand 1 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 41 42 **Adult WT** 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 16 27 32 34 37 41/42 43
Saddle Seat 1/2 3 6 7 8 9 10 13 26 29 33 36 41/42 44
Adult In Hand 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 41 42 **Youth WTC** 1 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 14 26 30 33 36 41/42 44
Hunt Seat 1/2 3 4 6 7 8 10 17 26 31 33 36 41/42 44
Pony/ Mini 1/2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 22B 41 **Youth WT** 1 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 12 23 32 34 37 41/42 43
Lead Line: 11 19 20 21 41/42 **Green Horse:** 1/2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 15 25 32 34 37 41/42 43
Stock Seat 1/2 3 5 6 7 8 10 18 24 26 35 36 41/42 44

Keep in mind you may not be able to show in every class listed in your division due to riding type.

15. **Attire and Tack:**

- **Hunt Seat:** Must be shown in proper Hunt or Dressage attire and tack; Shirt, hunt coat, breeches, and tall boots or paddock boots, black or brown half chaps are accepted, ASTM approved helmet or Hunt cap (must be 18 or older to wear a hunt cap), Bridle with a proper fitting English bit, All-purpose/English/Hunt/ Dressage Saddle, breastplate if desired. Gloves if desired. Whip or spurs if needed. NO training equipment of any kind will not be permitted in the show ring. Drop nosebands will be at judge’s discretion.

- **Stock Seat:** Must be shown in proper Western attire and tack; Show ring suitable long-sleeved shirt and pants/or nice-looking jeans, chaps are not required, boots with a heel, cowboy hat or ASTM approved helmet (Under 18 is required to wear a helmet when mounted), Bridle or properly fitting hackamore, Western saddle, breastplate if desired. Gloves if desired. Spurs if needed. Snaffle bits, Bosal or Hackamore are acceptable and may be ridden with two hands on horses under 5 years old. Any exhibitor riding or steering in a shank bit must only use ONE hand. NO training equipment of any kind will not be permitted in the show ring.
- **Saddle Seat:** Must be shown in proper Saddle seat attire and tack; Suits/or Day Coats, jodhpurs, Derby or ASTM approved riding helmet (under 18 must wear a helmet when mounted, Full/Double Bridle (Curb and Bradoon or a Saddle seat Pelham is acceptable), proper English/Cutback saddle. Gloves if desired. Whip and/or spurs if needed. NO training equipment of any kind will not be permitted in the show ring. Tails up and boots/ wraps will be at judges discretion if muddy.
- **Adult Open, Youth Open, Green Horse, Youth WT:** All are expected to be in the above attire for their respective suitability/seat.
- **Youth & Adult WT:** All are expected to be in the above attire for their respective suitability/seat. An ASTM approved helmet and boots with a heel are required for youth. (WT riders taking lessons with a Trainer sometimes show at rated shows in a class called “Academy”, wearing a full suit with a jacket or coat could hinder their “Academy” status at a rated show). If you are not an “Academy” rider at a rated show, we would prefer to see you in your full suit.
- **Lead line:** Riders are not required to wear a complete show outfit but should be in suitable clothing for the show ring, also required to wear boots with a heel and an ASTM approved Helmet. It is preferred that the handler is to be in neat/clean show ring appropriate clothing and must have closed toed shoes on. NO tank tops or shorts!
- **Pony/Mini:** The handler should be dressed in a neat, show ring or workmanlike attire, clean manner with suitable footwear. Equestrian or dress hats are acceptable.
- **Model:** The handler should be dressed in their respective seat attire; Handlers should exhibit a clean manner with suitable footwear. Equestrian or dress hats are acceptable.
- If you have a question about a piece of tack that you use and are unsure if it acceptable, please email us.

16. **Contesting:** The books for each show are closed 2 weeks after each show date. Only an exhibitor or the exhibitor’s parent/guardian may contest point standings, placings, or fees. A written letter stating your dispute must be mailed or emailed to WMRC with in the allotted time frame.

17. **Other:**

- Any equine that tends to kick should be wearing a red ribbon in their tail.
- **Stallions:** Handler must be 18 years of age to handle and/or enter a stallion at a WMRC Horse Show. They must be kept in a stall or inside the trailer when not being shown.
- It is the exhibitors, parents/guardians, and trainers’ responsibility to thoroughly read the WMRC rulebook and understand the rules, classes, and divisions into which they are entering.
- The show committee or the Judge may refer to other rule books for more clarification such as 4-H, NEHC, and/or breeds if needed.

18. **Disabilities:**

- Documented disabilities will not be penalized for reasonable accommodations requested to perform in a class and may receive modified testing if needed. **NOTE: Show Management must be notified prior to the start of the show!**

19. **Gaming:**

- Appropriate tack for the seat being ridden.
- Optional body protection vest and horse protection equipment may be used.
- Scoring is based on time.
- Penalties: obstacle knockdown is a - 5 second penalty
- Gate will remain closed until the horse is at a halt inside the ring to exit.
- 2 hands are permitted on the reins as is holding onto the saddle.

WMRC has the right to fall back on the rules of NEHC, 4-H and any other major association for clarification on rules and discrepancies. The Judge will have the final say on an issue.

Any questions can be emailed to WMRChorseshow@gmail.com

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