

# DEFINITIONS, HIGH POINT RULES, SHOW RULES 2024 Open Schooling Show Buckle Series REVISED 03/28/2024

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## Definitions:

- 17 & Under: Contestant is 17 or under on or before 1/1/2024. **All riders 17 & under must wear an approved riding helmet.**
- Amateur: Contestant is 18 or older on or before 1/1/2024. Any skill level except “professional”.
- Professional: Contestant is a professional if after their 18th birthday they do any of the following: Accept remuneration AND rides, exercises, drives, shows, trains, assists in training, schools, or conducts clinics or seminars.
- **Walk/Trot Division:** Open to any age, meant for those riders that don't lope their horses. To compete for high point, riders must choose between 2 sets of classes: Western Pleasure & Trail classes (#30, 40 & 70) **OR** Ranch Riding classes (#41, 49 & 62). Riders may enter other walk/trot classes in other Divisions, however, points earned in those classes will not be applied to the Walk/Trot Division. Riders may not compete in any walk/trot/lope or walk/jog/lope classes. They may enter those classes as a schooling entry only (reverse back number) and will not be judged.
- EQWD: Equestrians with Disabilities

## High Points and Buckles:

- A High Point Champion and Reserve Champion will be named in the following Divisions as long as there are at least two qualifying competitors in the Division:  
ENGLISH – 17 & Under, ENGLISH - Amateur; HALTER/SHOWMANSHIP – 17 & Under, HALTER/SHOWMANSHIP - Amateur; WESTERN PLEASURE – 17 & Under, WESTERN PLEASURE - Amateur; RANCH RIDING – 17 & Under, RANCH RIDING - Amateur; TRAIL – 17 & Under, TRAIL - Amateur; WALK/TROT DIVISION; EQWD; DRIVING – Small Pony or Mini; DRIVING – Large Pony or Horse
- Points earned in OPEN classes will be applied to corresponding Division for that contestant. Example: Contestant #1 is a 15 year old who enters all classes in the English Division for 17 and under. She also enters every Open class in the English Division. The points she earns in Open classes is applied to her overall points in the English 17 and Under Division.
- **Contestants competing for the High Point award in Western Pleasure must take at least one Western Horsemanship class – class #37, 38 or 39.**
- Exhibitors must compete in at least 2 of the 3 shows in the series to qualify for the High Point award of a buckle or the Reserve Champion award.
- Points are earned on same horse/rider or driver/horse(s) combination throughout the series.
- Class points to be awarded according to the number of participants in the class.
  - Example: 7 riders in class - 1st (7 pts), 2nd (6 pts) etc.
  - Example: 3 riders in class - 1st (3 pts) 2nd (2 pts) 3rd (1 pt) etc.

**Registration and Show Rules:**

- Pre-registration online at <https://www.cvequestrianpark.org/all-breed-open-schooling-show-buckle> is strongly encouraged. Contestants may register and pay online for classes or register for classes without submitting payment. Payment for classes and fees may be made at the Show.
- An additional fee of \$20 will be charged for any online registration after 5 pm the day prior to the show or for any registration the day of the Show.
- Contestants must register at least one hour prior to a class.
- **Scratches:** For those payments by cash or check, there will be no charge for scratching a class, **providing the scratch is done at least two classes prior to the class being scratched and the scratch is done at the Show Office.**
- **Adds:** Classes may be added **for classes at least three classes prior to the class being entered. Adds must be done at the Show Office with payment (except for open check).**
- Payment of Fees at Show Check-in:
  - a. Cash – Total for all registered classes & fees, refunds for “Scratched Class” **may** be issued if contestant scratches class in accordance with “Scratches” rule listed above.
  - b. Check – Total for all registered classes & fees. Replacement check **may** be accepted if contestant scratches class in accordance with “Scratches” rule listed above.
  - c. **\*\*Open Check – Preferred** – Signed check made payable to CVEA left on file with CVEA staff. Check out with Show Office before leaving show to fill in the total amount. “Scratches” rule applies in calculating total due. If contestant forgets to check out, the CVEA Show Secretary will fill in the total amount. (Class fees, arena fee, day of registration if applicable, stall or overnight fees if applicable)
  - d. Credit Cards – Most credit cards accepted, no refunds for scratched classes.
- Contestants must be at the gate when class is called. Class will not be delayed for late entries.
- Contestants with wrong back number or missing back number will not be judged. Contestants entering classes for “schooling purposes” will turn their back numbers over indicating they are not to be judged.
- Trail and Ranch Trail classes #62-76 will be held in the open area south of Arena #2 (Warm up arena). Contestants in those classes should choose a convenient time between 11 and 3 pm to report to the judge at the Trail class location. Contestants should know what class number and name they have signed up for. No adds will be done at the “gate”, adds must be done at the Show Office.