

ALL BREED HORSE SPRING SHOW BUCKLE SERIES 2023

Show Dates: Saturdays April 15 , May 20 & June 24

Driving Only: Sundays April 16, May 21 & June 25

DEFINITIONS

Open: Class is open to any rider of any age at any level

Amateur: Class is open to riders 18 years and older

Junior: Class is open to riders 17 years and younger

Walk/Trot Novice: Classes meant for those riders who only want to compete at a walk/trot. May not cross enter in Open, Amateur or Junior classes. Riders may be any age.

EQWD: Equestrians with Disabilities

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Halter: Horses shown in a halter before the judge to evaluate lameness and quality of movement. Horses judged on balance, structural correctness, breed and sex characteristics and degree of muscling.

Showmanship: Horses shown in halter. The judge evaluates showmanship skills of the exhibitor, grooming and expertise of the exhibitor in presenting the horse. A pattern is performed with emphasis on preciseness of pattern and degree of confidence exhibited by the exhibitor.

Leadline: Children 8 & under. Helmets are required. The horse is led in the ring by an adult or older child. The handler is responsible for the actual control of the horse. Riders are judged on equitation at a walk and may be asked simple questions about their horse or horsemanship.

English Pleasure: English Pleasure horses are ridden in English attire at a walk, trot, canter, and hand gallop. English Pleasure horses are judged on manners, performance, attitude, quality, and conformation.

Hunter Hack: Requires a horse to move freely and easily while jumping small fences. Horses are shown at a walk, trot and canter along the rail in both directions, and are judged on manners and way of going on the flat and over fences.

Western Pleasure: Contestants compete on the rail and are asked to walk, jog, lope and reverse the direction of the horse. Horses are evaluated on quality of movement and calmness while traveling on a loose rein.

English or Western Equitation: Equitation classes judge the rider's skills, form, balance, and control. Contestants are asked to walk, jog, lope and reverse the direction of the horse.

Ranch Riding Rail Classes: Contestants compete simultaneously traveling the perimeter of the arena, and are asked to walk, jog, lope and reverse the direction of the horse. The horse's performance should simulate a horse riding outside the confines of an arena and that of a working ranch horse. This class should show the horse's ability to work in a forward working speed while under control by the rider. Light contact should be rewarded and the horse shall not be shown on a full drape of reins.

Ranch Riding: Horses show individually, performing a set pattern. Judges are looking for relaxed, responsive horses with soft and cadenced gaits. The horse should make timely transitions in a smooth and correct manner, and the horse should be soft in the bridle and yield to contact.

Ranch Trail: Designed to show your horse's willingness to perform several tasks that might be asked of him during the course of a normal work day on the ranch. This class consists of 7 obstacles and the three gaits of walk, trot, lope.

Arena Trail: Performance of the horse judged over obstacles with emphasis on manners and response to the rider. Mandatory obstacles: opening and passing through a gate, ride over at least 4 logs or poles, and a backing obstacle. Other possible obstacles: carry object from one place to another, ride over wooden bridge, put on and remove slicker, remove and replace objects from mailbox, and a sidepass obstacle.

Liberty: Handler will have the horse execute a basic pattern that may include walk, trot or gait, stop, back and turn without a lead or tack on the horse. Handler may use voice, body language or training stick to direct the horse.

HIGH POINT RULES

- **Amateur** and **Junior** High Point Champions and Reserve Champions will be named in each of the following Divisions with an award going to each.
 - English
 - Arena Trail
 - Western
 - Ranch Riding
- A High Point Champion and Reserve Champion will be named in the **Equestrian with Disabilities (EQWD)** Division with an award going to each.
- A High Point Champion and Reserve Champion will be named in the **Walk/Trot Novice** Division with an award going to each.
- **Small Pony/Mini** and **Large Pony/Horse** High Point Champions and Reserve Champions will be named in the **Driving Division** with an award going to each.
- Exhibitors must compete in at least 2 of the 3 shows in the series to qualify for an award.
- Points will be given to the top 6 riders in the class based upon the number of total riders in the class.
 - Example: 6 riders in class - 1st (6 pts), 2nd (5 pts) etc.
 - Example: 3 riders in class - 1st (3 pts) 2nd (2 pts) 3rd (1 pt)
 - Example: 7 riders in class – 1st (7 pts), 2nd (6 pts) 3rd (5 pts) 4th (4 pts) 5th (3 pts) 6th (2 pts.) 7th (0 pts).
- High Points are earned on horse/rider combination throughout the series.