

SHOW OFF EQUINE EVENTS RULES

AQHA, ARHA and USEF Rules will be used as a guideline. The decisions of the judges/management will be final.

Health and Safety

- **Current, Negative Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA/Coggins) Test; and a rabies vaccine within the last 12 months are required for all horses.**
- Out-of-state horses must have a coggins within 12 months and a valid health certificate. For horses residing in NYS, Coggins are valid for 2 calendar years (a test any date in 2025 is valid until Dec 31 2026)
- All riders under 18 years of age must wear an approved helmet while mounted at all times per NYS Law.
- Exhibitors will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to or occasioned by, or arising from any horse or article owned or exhibited by him/her and shall indemnify the Show Off Equine Events and/or any agent thereof, against all legal or other proceedings, claims or demands of any kind or nature in regard thereto, or that may arise from the negligence of the person in charge of any such horse or article.
- **Safety is our priority!** If a horse/rider requires the use of certain tack items in order to be safe, please see the management prior to the start of the show. Management reserves the right to allow the use of any items they deem fit for the circumstances. However, if an exhibitor does not get permission from the management prior to entering the arena, the decisions are then at the discretion of the judge.

Show Ground Rules

- Lunging and schooling must be kept to designated areas only.
- The Show Management has the authority to split and/or combine classes as necessary.
- Complaints, grievances, or discrepancies regarding another exhibitor's eligibility, sportsmanship, equipment, etc must be made at the show office.
- All questions and discrepancies in points and placings must be brought to the management within 10 days of the event.
- W/T/J = Walk/Trot/Jog. All seats are permitted in these classes.
- **Saddleseat and Gaited horses** are welcome in any of our classes. Please note on your entry form or mention at the office if you have a saddlehorse or gaited horse so that we may notify the judge.
- **All dogs** must be kept on a leash, and are not permitted in the barns/arenas. Proof of current rabies vaccinations are required. You **MUST** clean up after your dog. Owners not cleaning up after their dogs or keeping them properly leashed will be asked to remove the dog from the premises.
- **Scratches** will NOT be refunded without a vet note or approval from the management due to extenuating circumstances. If you are unsure that you want to enter a class, we would prefer you add as you go so that we are not holding the gate for people who have decided to scratch.
- **Exhibitors must be ready at the gate** and enter the arena promptly, and are responsible for getting to their class. You must notify the gate keeper if a tack change is needed at least 3 classes prior to your class. The gate will be closed two minutes after the first call for a missing exhibitor (unless otherwise notified). Exhibitors will not be allowed to enter after the gate is closed. It is the exhibitors responsibility to know what class we are on, and get to the arena on time. The gate keeper will call back numbers for each class, but it is NOT the gate keepers' responsibility to make sure you get to your class. If an exhibitor misses

their class, they will NOT be refunded. Additionally, if you have added a class, please notify the gate keeper as well.

- **Unsportsmanlike conduct** by any exhibitor, trainer or rider will not be tolerated. Inhumane treatment, cruelty, or abuse of a horse anywhere on the show grounds by any person is forbidden. Violators will be excused from the arena and/or the horse show.

Parking

No trucks and trailers are to park in the grass directly in front of the indoor arena as we reserve that space for staff and cars only. Please space yourselves out accordingly. We ask that if you are going to use pop up tents for shade, PLEASE park in the second row and make sure they are staked down. Trucks/Trailers parked too closely to others may be asked to move. Any trailer parked at a camping spot will be charged a camper fee.

Campers/Camping

- Full hookups are available and include power, water, and sewer. Camping spaces are available on a first come first serve basis, with the exception of some spaces reserved/marked for staff. Campers are permitted on the grounds after 1pm on Friday. Any camper or trailer coming in prior to that will be subject to an additional fee, and **MUST** obtain prior permission from show management. Campers **MUST** display a camping permit. Tags will be given out and must be displayed on the front of the vehicle where they can easily be seen - the hitch of a gooseneck trailer, rearview mirror of a truck, etc. All campers or trailers plugging in or parking at a camper hookup spot **MUST** stop at the office prior to parking to obtain your permit. Permits will be checked daily. **Campers hooked up without a permit will be charged full permit fee plus a \$25 office fee.**
- Rigs parking along the bank and plugging in to electric are still required to have/pay for a camper permit. Trailers are NOT permitted to plug in to power in any of the barns. Any trailer found to be doing so will be

asked to move immediately, and will **also be subject to the full camper fee plus the \$25 office fee.**

Quiet Hours

Out of respect for our fellow exhibitors, the hours between 10pm and 5am are “quiet hours”. Please refrain from loud behavior during this time, to include music, yelling, dogs barking, and rowdy behavior.

Stabling

- Horses are permitted on the grounds after 1pm on Friday. If you need to arrive earlier, permission and arrangements must be made thru the office and will be subject to additional fees.
- Due to contract changes, stalls are available for weekend rates only. Stalls will be labeled, in addition to a map being posted.
- Stalls must either be cleaned prior to leaving (free of manure/wet/hay, clean bedding may be left), or the cleaning fee of \$25 must be paid.
 - Stalls that are not cleaned or paid for cleaning will be subject to an additional \$25 office fee.
- Stall assignments may not be changed without permission.
- Season stalls will be available for purchase, a Season Stall ensures that you will have a stall in the same location for every show.
- Stall reservations will also be taken prior to each show. Reservations and season stalls must be accompanied by payment in order to be valid.
- Please be advised that we may sell out of stalls.
- Bedding is also available through the show office. Requests for shavings must be made and paid for one week prior to the show.
- Limited quantities of shavings may be available at the show, but we do not guarantee that there will be extras.
 - Any available shavings not pre-ordered must be picked up from the show office - they will not be delivered.

Patterns and Courses

All patterns and courses will be available online and by request one week prior to the show. Additionally they will be posted at the in-gate and at the show office.

Lameness and Movement

The evaluation of lameness is a major factor in judging. Competing in conformation and performance events and is subsequently stressed. Lameness and movement are further emphasized in the judging of classes. The condition and conformation of the horse also is considered. At the discretion of the judge, a horse may be penalized or eliminated from a class “if the horse appears sullen, dull, lethargic, emaciated, drawn or overly tired.”

The judge shall examine and check for lameness of all horses brought into any class. The judge has the authority to excuse any horse from the class, due to lameness, at any time while being judged. This is essential regardless of whether or not the competition indicates it is necessary.

Obvious lameness shall be cause for disqualification.

- Obvious lameness is: Consistently observable at a trot under all circumstances; Lameness is obvious at a walk; Minimal weight-bearing in motion and/or at rest and inability to move.

English Divisions

Show Off Equine follows guidance set forth by USEF and the AQHA. Please review the current rulebooks.

Hunt Seat Attire

- It is mandatory for riders in all hunter, jumper and equitation over fence classes, including hunter hack, where jumping is required and when jumping anywhere on the competition ground to wear properly fastened protective headgear that meets ASTM/SEI standards or equivalent international standards for equestrian use. The helmet must also be properly fitted with harness secured.
- It is mandatory that all youth wear an ASTM/SEI approved hard hat with harness during all English classes including flat and over fence classes. It is recommended that amateurs wear an ASTM/SEI approved hard hat with harness in all English classes.
- In all English classes, riders should wear hunt coats of traditional colors such as navy, dark green, grey, black or brown. Jackets are required unless excused by the judge due to heat. Maroon and red are improper.
- Breeches (or jodhpurs), are to be of traditional shades of buff, khaki, canary, light grey or rust with high English boots or paddock (jodhpur) boots of black or brown.
- Black, navy blue or brown hard hat (with harness for youth in any over fence classes) is mandatory.
- A tie or choker is required.
- Gloves, spurs of the unrowelled type that are blunt, round or that include a smooth rolling ball and no longer than one inch and crops and bats are optional.
- Hair must be neat and contained (as in net or braid).
- Back numbers must either be worn on the exhibitor's back, or on both sides of the saddle.
- Saddleseat and academy attire are permitted in all huntseat classes.
- **Judges must eliminate contestants who do not conform.**

- The judge will have the authority to disqualify the exhibitor for any piece of equipment, accoutrement, or attire which in his or her opinion would tend to give a rider an unfair advantage.

Hunt Seat Tack

- In all English classes, an English snaffle (no shank), kimberwick, pelham or full bridle (with two reins), all with cavesson nosebands and plain leather brow bands must be used.
- In reference to mouthpieces, nothing may protrude below the mouthpiece (bar). Solid and broken mouthpieces must be between 5/16" to 3/4" (8 mm to 20 mm) in diameter, measured 1" (25 mm) from the cheek and may have a port no higher than 1 1/2" (40 mm). They may be inlaid, synthetic wrapped, including rubber or plastic or incased, but must be smooth. Leather bits to be solid, smooth, rolled leather 5/8" to 3/4" (15mm – 20mm) measured one inch from cheek with no port. On broken mouthpieces only, connecting rings of 1 1/4" (32 mm) or less in diameter or connecting flat bar of 3/8" to 3/4" (10 mm to 20 mm) measured top to bottom with a maximum length of 2" (50 mm), which lie flat in the horse's mouth, are acceptable. Snaffle bit rings may be no larger than 4" (100 mm) in diameter. Any bit having a fixed rein requires use of a curb chain, or curb strap. Smooth round, oval or egg shaped, slow twist, corkscrew, single twisted wire, double twisted wire mouthpieces and straight bar or solid mouthpieces are allowed. In jumping only, mechanical, or jumping hackamores may be used.
- Saddles must be black and/or brown leather of traditional hunting or forward seat type, knee insert on the skirt is optional.
- Saddle pads should fit size and shape, except when necessary to accommodate numbers on both sides, for which a square pad or

suitable attachment may be used. Saddle pads and attachments shall be white or natural color with no ornamentation.

Optional Equipment

- Spurs of the unrowelled type that are blunt, round or that include a smooth rolling rubber or stainless-steel ball and no longer than one inch.
- Crops or bats.
- Gloves
- English breast plate
- Braiding of mane and/or tail in hunt style
- Standing or running martingales in working hunter, jumping and equitation over fences only.
- Protective boots, leg wraps and bandages are allowed in hunt seat equitation on the flat, hunt seat equitation over fences, and jumping

Prohibited Equipment

- Draw reins
- Roweled spurs
- Standing or running martingales are also prohibited except in working hunter, jumping and equitation over fences.

Western Divisions

Show Off Equine follows guidance set forth by the AQHA. Please review the current AQHA rulebook.

Western Attire

- Riders must wear appropriate western attire which includes pants (slacks, trousers, jeans, etc.) shirt with long sleeves and collar (band, standup, tuxedo, etc.), western hat and cowboy boots. The hat must be on the rider's head when the exhibitor enters the arena. No penalty shall be assessed for wearing a helmet instead of a hat.
- Spurs, chaps, shotgun chaps or chinks are optional.
- The judge will have the authority to disqualify the exhibitor for any piece of equipment, accoutrement, or attire which in his or her opinion would tend to give a rider an unfair advantage.

Western Tack

- When using split reins, one finger between reins is permitted. When using romel, a finger between reins is not allowed. If bridles are to be checked it is the sole responsibility of the judge to do so.
- A standard western bit is defined as having a shank with a maximum length overall of 8 1/2". The mouthpiece will consist of a metal bar 3/8" to 3/4" in diameter, varying from a straight bar to a full spade. Jointed mouthpieces are permitted.
- Reins must be attached to each shank.
- Entries shall be shown with a stock saddle, in western classes silver equipment will not count over a good working outfit. In Ranch classes, silver is not recommended, but will not result in disqualification.
- Numbers must either be worn on the exhibitor's back or on each side of the saddle.
- Protective boots and polo wraps are permitted in ranch divisions, but may not be worn in conformation or showmanship.

- In western classes, horses 5 years old and younger may be shown in a snaffle bit, hackamore, curb bit, half-breed or spade bit.
- Horses 6 years old and older may only be shown in a curb bit, half-breed or spade bit. Chin straps are required and must meet the approval of the judge, must be at least one-half inch in width, and must lie flat against the jaw of the horse.

Prohibited Equipment

- Prohibited equipment in western classes include jerklines, tie downs with bare metal in contact with the horse's head, extremely tight cavesson or noseband and tack collars.
- No mechanical hackamores will be permitted. No wire curbs, regardless of how padded or covered; no chin strap narrower than 1/2" in width; no martingale; no nose band; no tie down will be permitted.
- Lip chains, belly bands and riding in a curb bit without a curb strap, wire, curb strap with tacks/rivets or solid metal curb straps no matter how padded, wire cavessons, wire or cable tie-downs, bumper bits, metal bosals no matter how padded, metal lounging hackamore, chambons, headstalls made of metal (even if encased in a protective material), twisted rawhide, or rope (3/8 inch rope may be used with a slip (gag) or a bonnet), running martingale used with curb bits used without rein stops, side reins (direct rein from bit to cinch or surcingle), draw reins attached between or around the front legs.
- In performance halter and ranch horse conformation classes, the use of safety leads are not allowed.

Ranch Horse Divisions

Show Off Equine follows guidance set forth by the American Ranch Horse Association. Please review the current ARHA rule book.

Ranch Horse Attire

Show Off Equine follows all rules set forth in the American Ranch Horse Association rule book. Please review the current ARHA rulebook.

- This is not a timed event, and excessive speed will be penalized.
- In all ranch classes, it is required that exhibitors wear traditional western attire that reflects the true ranch lifestyle. Appropriate western attire includes a long sleeve shirt with collar and cuff that has buttons, snaps or zipper that must be fastened at the wrist, a western hat and boots with heels. Exhibitors are encouraged to wear well fitting jeans, and crisp well shaped hat or helmet. Adding chinks, wild rags or western scarves really promote a true ranch horse look. Ranch classes are focused on the performance and ability of the horse and rider. Shirts may have minimal crystals, glitter and/or sequins on yokes, collar, and cuffs may be worn. Crystals, sequins, retro embroidery and pearl snaps are allowed on belts, jeans and western hats.
- The addition of any protective outerwear such as jackets or vests are acceptable as dictated by weather conditions. See management with questions.

Ranch Horse Tack

- We follow ranch tack guidelines - however the following will not result in a disqualification, it will just be judged accordingly: no silver is to be on saddles beyond conchos, two (2) inch in width corner plates and/or cantle name plates, horn caps, and silver lacing. Saddles with excessive silver have the option to use duct tape or something similar to cover any excessive silver and will not be penalized.. Bridles may be leather, rawhide or a combination thereof, and may have buckles with silver, nickel, copper or brass buckles, silver "dots" or any type of leather inlaid in cheeks of the bridle but no silver cheek pieces are allowed. Halters may have silver buckles but silver on cheek and/or across nose band are not permitted. All bits and spurs are excluded

from any silver requirements. Let's keep our tack with the ranch horse tradition in mind.

- Hair dyes or fresh hoof black, hoof polish and/or oil is not recommended.
- Clipping ears, bridle path, roached manes, muzzle, and legs is left to the discretion of the exhibitor and has no bearing on the horse's conformation and/or performance. The horse should be clean and brushed. It is recommended that a horse should be shown as naturally as possible. Banded or braided manes or forelocks, braided tails, tie-in tails and/or extensions are not recommended.
- In conformation classes, horses may be shown in good working halter; such as rope, braided, nylon or plain leather. Halters may have silver buckles but no silver is permitted on cheeks and/or across nose band. Brass name plates and embroidered halters will be allowed. Lip chains, splint boots, leg wraps or bandages are prohibited in any conformation and showmanship classes.
- The use of shin and/ or Bell Boots on the front legs and standard sliding rundown boots on rear fetlocks is optional in individual working classes unless other wise noted. In the event of injury the judge may permit a protective bandage.
- References to hackamore means the use of flexible, braided rawhide, leather or rope bosal, and have a non-metal flexible core. A hackamore must use complete mecate rein, which must include a tie- rein.
- Absolutely no rigid material will be permitted under the jaws, regardless of how padded or covered. Horse hair bosals are prohibited. This rule does not refer to so called mechanical hackamores.
- Reference to snaffle bits in performance classes mean the conventional O-ring or D-ring with a ring no larger than 4 inch. The inside circumference of the ring must be free of rein, curb, or headstall attachments which would provide leverage. The mouthpiece should be round (no twisted wire), oval or egg-shaped smooth and unwrapped metal (factory rubber covered mouth pieces are acceptable). It may be inlaid, but must be smooth. The bars must be a minimum of 5/16 inch in diameter, measured one inch in from the cheek with a gradual decrease to center of the snaffle. The mouthpiece may be two or three pieces. A

three-piece, connecting ring of 1 1/4 inch or less in diameter, or a connecting flat bar of 3/8 to 3/4 inch measured top to bottom, with a maximum length of 2 inches, which lies flat in the horse's mouth is acceptable. Optional curb strap attached below the reins in a snaffle bit is acceptable. Mecate reins may be used with a snaffle bit when ridden with two hands on a junior horse.

- When showing in a snaffle bit in any class, the exhibitor has the option of bridging the rein(s) two different ways. The reins may either bridge reins traditionally with the tail on each side of the neck; or the reins may be bridged with one rein and have the tail of the reins on one side of the horses neck.
- Reference to a bit in performance classes means the use of a curb bit that has a solid or broken mouthpiece, has shanks and acts with leverage. All curb bits must be free of mechanical device and should be considered a standard western bit. A description of a legal, standard western bit includes: 1) 8½ inch maximum length shank to be measured as indicated in Section AB-1 Diagrams. Shanks may be fixed or loose.
- Concerning mouthpieces, bars must be round, oval or egg shaped, smooth and unwrapped metal of 5/16 to 3/4 inch in diameter, measured 1 inch from the cheek. However, wire in the sway bars (above the bars and attaching to the spade of a traditional spade bit is acceptable. They may be inlaid, but must be smooth. Nothing may protrude below the mouthpiece (bar), such as extensions or prongs including upward prongs on solid mouth pieces. The mouthpiece may be two or three pieced. A three-piece, connecting ring of 1¼ inches or less in diameter or a connecting flat bar of 3/8 to 3/4 inch which lies flat in the horse's mouth is acceptable. The port must be no higher than 3 1/2 inches maximum, with rollers and covers acceptable. Broken mouthpieces, half-breeds and spades are standard.
- Only one hand may be used on the reins and the hand must not be changed, except when using a Snaffle Bit or unless it is specified in an individual class that two hands on the rein is a penalty. If showing in a shank bit with split reins one hand must be around the reins; with only one finger between reins. If tail of reins become tangled they may be

fixed at anytime during a run. Exhibitor must go behind the rein hand to fix reins.

- When a curb bit is used, a curb strap or curb chain is required, which must be at least ½ inch in width, lie flat against the jaw, and be free of barbs, wire, and/or twists.
- Whenever this rule book refers to romal, it means an extension of braided or round material attached to closed reins. This extension shall be carried in the free hand with a 16 inch spacing between the reining hand and the free hand holding the romal. When using the romal reins, the rider's hand shall be around the reins with the wrist kept straight and relaxed, the thumb on top and fingers closed lightly around the reins. When using a romal, no fingers between the reins are allowed. The free hand may not be used to adjust the rider's length of reins in any reining class. During reining, the use of the free hand while holding the romal to alter the tension or length of the reins from the bridle to the reining hand is considered to be the use of two hands and a score of 0 will be applied, with the exception of any place a horse is allowed to be completely stopped during a pattern. In all other classes, including the reined portion of working cow horse, the free hand may be used to adjust the rider's length of rein.
- In regular Cutting, NO BOSALS, HACKAMORES OR ROMAL REINS are permitted. Only one hand can be used in regular cutting regardless of the age of the horse or type of bit used. The use of a curb strap with a snaffle bit is optional, but if used, reins are to be attached above the curb strap. The curb strap must be leather (no chain).
- A braided rawhide or leather bosal may be used in lieu of a snaffle bit, no larger than 3/4 inch diameter at the cheek; must be a minimum of a one-finger space, approximately 3/4 inch, between the bosal and the nose; absolutely no metal under the jaw or in the nose band in connection with the bosal. The bosal should be properly fitted relative to size and conformation of the horse. A complete mecate rein, which includes a tie-rein, is mandatory with a bosal.
- In all classes, the exhibitor may let go of the reins with one hand to grab the saddle horn.

- Reruns will not be allowed in the instances of equipment failure. When exhibitor equipment failure causes a delay or a run to be discontinued, the judge will disqualify the entry.

Optional Equipment

- Rope or riata; If used, the rope or riata must be coiled and attached to the saddle.
- Hobbles attached to saddle
- Tapaderos, except in Working Cow Horse where they are not allowed.
- Protective boots, leg wraps and bandages are allowed in all classes except conformation and showmanship.
- Tie-downs for Cow Catching.
- Spurs; not to be used forward of the cinch.
- Get-down/neck rope with romels

Prohibited Equipment

- Protective boots, leg wraps, and bandages are prohibited in conformation and showmanship.
- Wire chin straps, regardless of how padded or covered.
- Slip or gag bits, donuts and flat polo mouthpieces are not allowed.
- Any chin strap narrower than one-half inch,
- No tie downs except for Cow Catching. However, these cannot have any bare metal in contact with the horse's head. Chain, wire, metal tie-down or bonnets are prohibited, even if they are covered.
- No mechanical hackamores, nosebands (cavessons).
- Jerk lines, tack collars and whips or bats.
- Draw reins or any type of training device is not allowed in any event.

Division Rules

In order to compete in any class in a division, you must be eligible for the entire division.

-You may not cross-enter ANY three gait classes with walk-trot only classes. If you are unsure of eligibility, please see management. Crossover from three-gait classes into Open W/T/J and Schooling W/T/J is permitted.

- Once an exhibitor competes in a three-gait class, they may not go back down to walk-trot only classes (again with the exception being the Open W/T/J and Schooling W/T/J divisions). In this case, riders will be allowed to keep year-end points in both walk-trot and three gait classes.

- Halter points are based on the horse, therefore another handler may take a horse in under a pointed exhibitor's number without penalty.

- Day-end award points are on a horse/rider combo basis only.

- Horses 5 & under may be ridden two-handed in western classes, with a snaffle bit.

- Note that any riding class not listed as “W/T/J” is a three-gate class, except leadline and Little Bits.

- All divisions listed by riders age will be determined by the riders age as of January 1st of the current show year.

- **W/T/J Horse In Hand** – this halter class is open to any horse and exhibitor combination that does not canter. Horses may cross-enter with different exhibitors, but **exhibitors in this class may not enter any three gait division classes**. It is designed to give W/T/J exhibitors a “start” in showing in halter classes. Judges' feedback will be welcomed in these classes.

- **Open Huntseat, Western, Ranch** - this three gait division is open to any horse or rider. Cross entry into other divisions is allowed. There are no restrictions on horses or riders in this division.

- **Adult** - exhibitors over the age of 18 as of January 1st of the current show year.

- **Youth** - exhibitors 18 & under as of January 1st of the current show year.

- *Due to state law, all exhibitors under 18 are required to wear a helmet until their 18th birthday, regardless of their state of residence.*

- **W/T/J 11 & under, 12-39, and Jack Benny** - divisions are open to **ANY** horse and rider combination **who do not canter**. The horse may canter in other classes with a different rider, but **riders** in these divisions may not canter in any equine shows or events. Ages are based on the riders age as of January 1.

- Jack Benny is 40+. . *Exhibitors showing in these divisions may not cross enter into any three gait division classes.*

- **Schooling Division AND Open W/T/J Division** - open to ANY horse and rider, regardless of experience, wins, etc. Horses and riders may cross enter into any other class they are eligible for, including three gait classes. Meant as a schooling class.

- SOME schooling tack will be allowed, check with management if there are questions.

- **Lead Line Division:** *Special Needs riders of ANY age are welcome in our lead line division.* Riders 8 years and under, who have never shown without a leader/handler before are eligible for this division. Exhibitors may be asked to trot if they are comfortable, however are not permitted to canter at any time.

- Management will allow an additional year in leadline IF the rider/parent/trainer submits a reason for the extension, in writing to the management prior to the first show of the year.
- This request must be approved prior to competing. There will be a leadline division offered each day, any seat is allowed in any of these classes.
- Year end points will be two divisions – Saturday and Sunday. Riders may nominate for both.

- **Green/Novice** - This combined division is for Horses in their first or second year of showing at the canter or lope OR riders who have not won a blue ribbon in an open three-gait class with more than 5 entries, at any show. Walk-Trot show years do not matter. Horses may be ridden english, saddleseat or western.

- **Beginner**– Riders in their first or second year of showing at the canter or lope. Class will be split into small groups to canter for safety as deemed necessary. Exhibitors may ride any seat.

- We will also accept riders who typically ride in “Academy Classes” and will allow those rules to be applicable here, including the dress code (black pants or jods and a white or similar plain polo shirt will be acceptable).
- If entries or situations warrant, cantering/loping individually or in smaller groups may be asked.

- **Little Bits** - Open to any equine under 14.2 hands. No restrictions on age/eligibility of rider/exhibitor.

- **Ranch Type** - The purpose of this division is to reflect the versatility, attitude, and movement of a working horse. The horse’s performance should be indicative of a working horse riding on the ranch or trail. Horses should work at a forward, working speed while remaining under control with light rein contact.

- This is not a timed event, and excessive speed will be penalized.
- **Please note that Ranch Type Trail may include additional obstacles for this division only**

- **W/J Ranch** - will follow the same guidelines as Ranch Type, but is open to horse/rider pairs who do not show (and have not shown) at the lope at any equine show or event. This is intended to be an intro level division for those looking to get started in ranch.

- It is open to riders of all ages and horses of all abilities.

- For questions regarding eligibility please see management, as all decisions there are final.

- Over Fences To Ride At Will - Fences will be set in the outdoor arena.

Once set, the arena will be closed for riding/lunging. Over-fences exhibitors may warm up once the arena has been closed to others. The classes will ride at-will.

- **No schooling is allowed without a back number – this means you must check in with the office prior to schooling!**
- Crossrails will be run first, and then we will move up in height at the completion of each division.
- Riders may ride their courses back-to-back, or opt to come out in between rounds.
- Courses will consist of a max of 8 fences. Crossrails and Fences will ride the same course.
- More rules will be coming and posted separately.

Class Splits

In the event that any given class has more than 18 horses, it will be split for safety purposes. In this event, points and ribbons will be awarded in each split.

- In the event that *Ranch WJ*, *Crossrails*, and *Over-fences* meet this requirement, they will be split by age.
- Entry form and nomination form are marked as such for this reason. If the stated classes meet this rule at three or more shows, it will be split for the season AND year-end points. All other divisions will be on a case-to-case basis.
- 11 & under Walk Trot will be split if more than 12 entries.

SPECIAL EVENTS

May -

June - Ranch Horse Challenge - \$50 Entry. Classes will run concurrent with regular Open Ranch Classes. Classes to count include: Ranch Horse Halter, Ranch Horse Pleasure, Ranch Reining, and Flagwork. The horse and rider combo with the highest points among all four of these classes will win prize money and a buckle! Entry fee covers these four classes, does NOT include a placing in the Open division, those will need to be added separately if you wish to add those. \$100 added plus \$10 from each entry will be added to the pot. \$20 to the winner of each individual class, and the rest of the pot to the overall winner.

August - Hunter Classic - this will run as a crossrails division. It will run following the Beginner division. \$25 entry fee, great prizes!! Separate course will be posted.

September - Fall Futurity - \$50 entry. Classes will run concurrent on Saturday - Jr Horse Halter, Lunge line (added as requested per previous rules - will run following showmanship), and in-hand trail. Prizes for each class winner, prize money awarded to the top three horses overall. Open to yearlings and two-year olds.

October - Costume Class - \$5 Entry, Great prizes, goodie bags for all youth who enter.

Junior Horse Challenge - This will be awarded as a weekend award as well as a year end. All nominated horses five years old and under are eligible to compete. There is no added fee, just sign up at the office. Two awards will be given: in-hand and riding. Horses may only compete in one division. In-Hand

horses must compete in conformation and two performance classes, riding horses must compete in conformation and three performance classes. You do not need to pre-select your classes - we will automatically take your highest scored(points) classes. Any classes that you are eligible to compete in will count.

Liberty Class - Will be added to each show on Sunday by request if there are at least three entries. Details and rules will be available/posted at the office.

Award System

In all of our classes, exhibitors placing 1st thru 6th will be given the option of the corresponding ribbon or cup. Awards will not be given out in the arena, exhibitors may pick up their class prizes at the show office at checkout. To help keep costs down, we will also offer a photo opportunity with larger ribbons for display purposes only and invite all exhibitors to take photos with the larger ribbons instead of collecting ribbons from the prize trailer.

Day End And Year End Point Tabulations:

Points for day-end awards and year-end counts are based on the number of exhibitors in the class, and are as follows:

6+	Exhibitors: 7-5-4-3-2-1	5	Exhibitors:6-4-3-2-1
4	Exhibitors: 5-3-2-1	3	Exhibitors: 4-2-1
2	Exhibitors: 3-1	1	Exhibitor: 2

In the case of a tie for day end awards, the award will go to the exhibitor with the higher equitation class placing. However, if the management deems fit, a tie may be awarded at their discretion.

Year End Points

Points will be posted on the website within two weeks of each show. Final year end points discrepancies must be submitted by November 1. All points will be considered final as of November 15 and no changes will be made beyond that point.

For year end awards, in the case of a tie, the award will be given to the exhibitor having earned the most points at one show. **There is no minimum show requirement for riders to earn year end awards**

Year End Banquet

Information will be posted to the website and Facebook. Invitations will be sent via the email address on your nomination form. No paper invites will be sent. RSVP's must be accompanied by payment. Awards not picked up at the banquet must be picked up within two weeks, or will be available at the first show.