

Panorama Horse Show Circuit

RULES AND REGULATIONS



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History

The inception of the Panorama Horse Show Circuit took place in Redmond, Utah, on January 15, 1989, initiated by a committed group determined to establish an accessible horse show circuit in the Central Utah region. To the visionaries behind PHSC, we extend our heartfelt salute.

Shows

PHSC events take place in the Central Utah region, with approved counties including Sevier, Utah, Sanpete, Millard, and Juab. These shows are organized during the spring, summer, and fall seasons. Additionally, a Performance and Halter futurity is scheduled to conclude the show season.

Clinics

The board of directors will oversee and organize clinics, with any proceeds generated directed to the General Fund. These funds will be utilized to support upcoming clinics, open shows, or any other essential requirements of the club.

Membership

Membership is available to any person with a commendable character and reputation. A single vote is granted for regular memberships, while family memberships receive two votes. Immediate families, defined as individuals such as mother, father, brother, and sister residing at the same address, are eligible for family memberships. The membership fees are determined by the current year, and details can be found in the latest membership form.

Meetings

Monthly meetings are scheduled whenever feasible, and both members and non-members are encouraged to participate. The meeting dates will be communicated through the newsletter, along with the distribution of an agenda. All business matters, treasurer reports, and other relevant items will be accessible for review by the general membership.

General Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet

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Officers are

President:

- Oversees all shows and activities.
- Remains on the board of directors as a "hold-over director" after their term.

Vice President:

- Assumes the President's duties in their absence.
- Chairs the annual Stallion Auction.

Secretary:

- Keeps minutes of all meetings.
- Oversees the point system.
- Arranges for the distribution of information about circuit activities.

Treasurer:

- Keeps complete and accurate records of all finances.
- Acts as the legal custodian of all funds.

Show Secretary:

- Oversees and assists each show chairperson with their respective show classes.
- Assists with registration, membership, and other related tasks.

These roles collectively contribute to the effective management and organization of shows and activities within the circuit. The President provides overall leadership, the Vice President steps in when needed, the Secretary manages documentation and information distribution, the Treasurer oversees financial matters, and the Show Secretary supports show-specific tasks. Each role plays a crucial part in the success of the organization.

Year End Awards

To be eligible for year-end awards points, participants must participate in three out of the four open shows. Both the horse owner and the exhibitor must be active members of PHSC at the time when points are accumulated. It's important to note that all four shows will be considered for the all-around category.

All Around Horse

This award is open to exhibitors aged 18 and above (as of January 1st of current year), along with their horses. Each participant is restricted to a single horse and exhibitor pairing for comprehensive qualification. To be eligible, the horse must participate in all three categories: **Showmanship, Performance, and Speed**. Points will only be considered from classes where the horse is eligible for scoring.

Participation in the Adult Showmanship at Halter class is mandatory to be eligible for this award. To identify additional qualifying adult classes, please consult the "PHSC Classes" section heading.

All Around Teen

To be eligible, exhibitors must be 14-17 years old (age as of January 1st of current year) and participate in all three categories (**Showmanship, Performance, and Speed**). Only classes in which points are allocated to the youth will be considered. **Participation in Teen Showmanship at halter is mandatory.** In classes where youth are allowed to ride multiple horses, only the top placement or the highest points achieved will be considered. Each participant is restricted to a single horse and exhibitor pairing for comprehensive qualification. Additional qualifying classes can be found under the "PHSC Classes" section heading.

All Around Youth

To be eligible, exhibitors must be 13 years old or younger (age as of January 1st of current year) and participate in all three categories (**Showmanship, Performance, and Speed**). Only classes in which points are allocated to the youth will be considered. **Participation in Youth Showmanship at halter is mandatory.** In classes where youth are allowed to ride multiple horses, only the top placement or the highest points achieved will be considered. Each participant is restricted to a single horse and exhibitor pairing for comprehensive qualification. Additional qualifying youth classes can be found under the "PHSC Classes" section heading.

High Point Award

This accolade is bestowed upon the top achiever in each class. To be eligible for this honor, exhibitors must meet the qualification criteria of participating in a minimum of three shows, and there must be a **minimum of three exhibitors per class to qualify for the year-end award.**

Stallion Auction

PHSC organizes a stallion auction to support the weanling halter futurity and performance futurity at the conclusion of the show season. This auction is scheduled to take place after the beginning of the new year but before the commencement of the show season.

- The highest bidders at the stallion auction will receive the breed fee, starting with a minimum bid of half the stallion breed fee.
- Mare owners must pay a minimum of fifty percent of the purchase price at the auction, with the remaining balance due by May 1st.
- Mare owners are responsible for all mare care and veterinarian fees.
- Adherence to the stallion owner's criteria regarding the mare's health, hauling, and pregnancy verification is mandatory for mare owners.
- Courteous communication and proper arrangements with the stallion owner are essential before delivering the mare.
- Stallion owners will be informed of the sale of stallion services and the purchaser's identity.
- Notification to stallion owners will occur when a breeding is fully paid, allowing the release of a breeding certificate to the mare owner.
- It is the responsibility of the stallion owner to submit the appropriate stallion report.
- If a stallion dies or is sold out of state before a mare is in foal, and all fees are paid to PHSC, the mare owner may choose between acquiring services from an unsold stallion or deferring service to the following year and applying payment to another stallion.
- In the event of a mare not settling, the mare owner is entitled to one return privilege the following year for the same mare, or, in the case of the mare's death or certified unsoundness by a veterinarian, a substitute mare.
- Failure to pay bills by the end of the calendar year may result in indefinite suspension from PHSC for both members and non-members. Reinstatement is possible upon full payment of bills.
- Stallion owners can bypass the auction process and still qualify their stallion for the Futurity by nominating their stallion and donating half the cost of their stallion's advertised fee or a minimum of \$250, whichever is greater.
- Proceeds from the stallion auction are allocated as follows: one third to the following year's Halter Futurity, one third to the current year's Performance Futurity, and one third to the PHSC General Show Fund for operating expenses.

Futurity Classes - Pre-Registration Required

Senior Weanling Colts and Senior Weanling Fillies, where "Senior" refers to those foaled before April 1 of the current year, Junior Weanling Colts, and Junior Weanling Fillies, defined as foaled after March 31 of the current year. Additionally, there are Novice Weanling Colts, Novice Weanling Fillies, Yearling Colts, Geldings, Yearling Fillies, and Yearling Longe line.

There are specific categories such as Junior Western Pleasure for horses aged 2 and 3 years, and Senior Western Pleasure for horses aged 4 and 5 years. Note that in the western pleasure classes, participants will execute the individual rail work pattern in addition to the regular class.

Other classes include Reining for horses aged 3 to 6 years, Barrels for horses aged 4 to 8 years, Tie Down Roping, Team Roping-Heading, and Team Roping-Heeling. Roping classes are open to horses of all ages, and for further rules and guidelines, please refer to the section titled "Roping Futurity Class."

General Futurity Rules

An entry form will be available to members intending to participate in the futurity classes. The exhibitor will only be permitted to show upon completion of the following mandatory information:

A. Parentage Verification: Submission of either a breeder's certificate or a copy of the entry's registration.

B. Declaration: A statement confirming that the horses have not been administered growth-enhancing or pain-relieving drugs, with an additional note in the disclosure statement on the futurity entry form. Violation of this contract will result in disqualification from future PHSC futurities.

C. Payment: Inclusion of a check or money order for entry fees, to be paid on or before the advertised deadline.

D. Late Fee: A late fee will be applied for incomplete packets upon receipt.

E. Random Drug Tests: PHSC reserves the right to engage a qualified veterinarian for random drug tests.

F. Open Yearling Halter Fees: \$50.00. These classes are "self-contained," meaning they do not include added money from the stallion auction. Payouts are 100% from entry fees, and a buckle is awarded to the winner if there are at least three entries or if there is a buckle sponsor.

G. Yearling Colts/Geldings and Yearling Fillies Fees: These classes are also "self-contained."

H. Novice Colts and Novice Fillies:

- * - Exhibitors and owners must have never shown at halter in any nationally recognized organization (e.g., AQHA, APHA, POA) and have not received income for training.

- * - The exhibitor must be either the owner or a member of the owner's family.

- * - This class is "self-contained" like the Futurity Yearling Halter Classes.

Novice exhibitors may enter the original weanling halter classes if desired.

I. Performance Futurity Classes Fees: \$60.00 (longe line, Jr. and Senior Western Pleasure, reining, and barrels).

J. High Point Stallion Award: Qualification requires a stallion to have "get" in both a futurity halter class and a performance class. The buckle is awarded to the stallion with the most total points earned by its offspring in all futurity classes that year.

K. High Point Halter Stallion Award.

L. Barrel Futurity eligible age 4 to 8 years old.

M. Reining Futurity eligible age changed to 3 to 6 years old.

N. Payouts from Futurity funds exclusively derive from Futurity funds and are not sourced from open horse show funds.

Weanling Halter Futurity

Foals sired by stallions whose services were purchased the preceding year's auction are eligible for participation in this futurity. Fees for the Weanling Halter Futurity classes are outlined as follows: Stallion owners receive one free nomination, with any additional entry incurring a fee of \$90.00. Mare owners, defined as the member acquiring the breed from the PHSC stallion service auction and subsequently producing the foal, are subject to a \$45.00 fee. All other entrants are required to pay \$90.00.

- Both the owner and exhibitor must hold PHSC membership.

- Show management retains the authority to make decisions deemed necessary for the futurity in case of disputes. These decisions will be made with due counsel and consideration within the available board members at the time. The rulings will be considered binding and final, with no further recourse.

- All prize money will be disbursed to the owner within thirty days. If the funds are directed to someone other than the recorded owner, a notarized release must be submitted to show management within one week of the futurity. Winners must furnish valid social security numbers for the recipients of prize money, as no awards will be granted without this information.

Performance Futurity

Eligibility is extended to any stallion and its offspring that have participated in the PHSC stallion auction within the past six years from the current year. The entrant must be five years old or younger. Both the owner and exhibitor are required to be members of PHSC. The show management retains the authority to make necessary decisions in case of disputes related to the futurity, with careful consideration and consultation within the available board members. The decisions made are binding and final, with no avenue for recourse.

All prize money will be disbursed to the owner within thirty days. If the funds are to be paid to a different party, a notarized release from the registered owner must be submitted to the show management within one week of the futurity. Winners are obligated to provide the show management with a valid social security number for the recipient of the prize money, as awards will not be granted without this information.

Futurity classes are selected during the year-end awards banquet.

Roping Futurity Classes

The scheduling of these classes is at the discretion of the PHSC board and may or may not occur annually.

* Descendants of any age from a stallion nominated through the Panorama Stallion Auction (nominated defined as selling a breeding fee) within the last 5 years (2019-2023) are eligible to participate in roping events.

*Roping events available for entry include Team Roping - Heading, Team Roping - Heeling, and Tie Down Roping.

*Each run will undergo both judging and timing.

*Judging will adhere to the rules of the American Quarter Horse Association. Any deviations from these rules will be subject to board voting and will be documented in the futurity section of the Panorama Horse Show Rule Book. A video demonstrating how to judge roping events can be provided to the board or general membership upon request.

*Timing will follow standard roping rules, requiring both partners to complete a legal catch, horses to face each other for a time measurement, and imposing penalties of 10 seconds for a barrier and 5 seconds for a one hind foot catch. It is not necessary for both horses to be eligible for the futurity; only the horse being judged.

*The entry fee for each event is \$60 plus any mandatory association fees. The entry fee will be divided and distributed in the following categories: Stock Charge \$20, Judged Portion \$20, Timed Portion \$20. The Judged portion will be paid out based on the number of entries to the highest scoring horse(s), while the Timed Portion will be paid out according to the number of entries to the fastest timed run(s).

General Show Circuit Rules

1. This event welcomes participants from all breeds as it operates on an open horse show circuit.
2. The judging for each open show will be provided by the Presidency.
3. **PHSC will adhere to AQHA rules as a guiding framework, emphasizing that the judge's decision is final.**
4. A commitment to good sportsmanship is expected at all times. Exhibitors may face disqualification for physical or verbal abuse directed towards horses, judges, or fellow contestants. Complaints and unsportsmanlike conduct will be addressed through a review process requiring a \$50.00 deposit. Grievances must be substantiated with videos or photos, and the deposit will be refunded if the complaint is valid. Excessive negative outbursts will not be tolerated, resulting in a \$25.00 fine and potential exclusion from the show.
5. The show committee retains the right to cancel or combine classes and refuse entries. Filing a grievance costs \$50.00, with resolution handled by the president and present officers. If the decision favors the grievance filer, the money will be returned.
6. In the event of inclement weather, there is a one-hour waiting period before a decision is made. Leaving before this period forfeits entry fees and re-rides.
7. If a show is canceled due to weather, classes will be rescheduled for the next show, incorporating a re-ride format with two rides and two judges.
8. Western boots, hats/helmets, belts, and long sleeve shirts are mandatory in judged classes. Chaps are optional, with the presidency having the discretion to waive the long sleeve shirt rule based on weather conditions.
***Please refer to the "Speed Events" section for the dress code in speed events.**
9. Inform the gate personnel of any required tack changes. Reasonable time allowances will be granted upon request, but changes should generally be made at the gate.
10. Youth participants (aged 18 and under) are prohibited from exhibiting stallions.
11. Show fees are \$10.00 per class or \$50.00 for 6 classes, exclusive to members with no refund policy. Grounds fees are \$20.00 per horse.

PHSC Point System

Number of exhibitors																				Points earned
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
2		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
3			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
4				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
5					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
6						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
7							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
8								1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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10										.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	
11											.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	
12												.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	
13													.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	
14														.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	
15															.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	

PHSC Classes

General Halter Rules:

The horses will approach the judge individually, walking to the judge one by one. As the horse approaches, the judge will step to the right (left of the horse) to allow the horse to trot straight towards a cone positioned fifty feet away. Upon reaching or nearing the cone, the horse will continue trotting, executing a left turn and trotting towards the arena wall or fence. Following the trot, the horses will be lined up, head to tail, for individual scrutiny by the judge. The judge will inspect each horse from both sides, front, and rear.

Horses displaying the following traits will be assigned to the last positions:

- * - Loss of control by the handler, including the loss of the horse.
- * - Poor mannerisms, such as rearing, backing into others, etc.
- * - Falling off the horse.
- * - Obvious lameness.
- * - Mares or stallions with a parrot mouth (lack of occlusal contact between the upper and lower central incisors).
- * - Mature stallions lacking two visible testicles.

Upon completion of the inspection, the judge will arrange the horses in a head-to-tail order based on their preference for placement, ranging from first through eighth place. Point will be accrued for each placement, with points awarded to horses in all halter classes except the Youth Showmanship at Halter class.

Halter Classes

There are four distinct categories in this competition: Yearling, 2 to 3-year-old, aged (age 4 and up), and Grand and Reserve Champion. These classifications apply to each gender: stallion, mare, and gelding. Points are allocated based on the horse's performance. The competition includes Youth Halter Aged Mares, Youth Halter Aged Geldings, Youth Halter Grand Champion, and Reserve Grand Champion (combining mares and geldings). Points are awarded to the horse in these categories.

Performance Classes

Halter Showmanship

The exhibition's pattern or patterns must be disclosed prior to the event. This class centers on evaluating the exhibitor's skill in presenting and handling a horse at halter. There are two categories:

1. **Adult Showmanship:** Participants aged 18 and above. Points are allocated to the horse.
2. **Teen Showmanship:** Participants age 14-17 as of January 1st of the current year. Points are allocated to the horse.
3. **Youth Showmanship:** Participants aged 13 and younger as of January 1st of current year. Points are allocated to the horse.

Yearling Lunge Line:

This class comprises two segments, with judging based 30% on conformation and 70% on movement.

1. **Conformation Inspection:** Before the lungeing demonstration, each entry walks to the judge for individual evaluation. The horse then trots around a cone and takes a position along the arena wall.
2. **Movement:** A 1 1/2-minute (90 seconds) lungeing demonstration, with the working order drawn before the class. Timing begins when the horse reaches the perimeter of a 25-foot radius circle, showcasing all three gaits in both directions:

- Walk: Must be of sufficient duration for the judge to evaluate and score. The change of direction or turnaround at the walk may contribute to the second walk score.
- Trot: Must cover a minimum distance of one half of the circle.
- Lope: Must complete a minimum of one full circle.

Exhibitors may initiate work in their chosen direction. After each demonstration, exhibitors return to their designated place on the wall, awaiting the results. Points are awarded to the horse.

Equipment Requirements:

- A. Halter
- B. Longe line (not exceeding 30 feet)
- C. Halter lead shank (permissible during conformation judging)
- D. Whip (optional, not mandatory)

General Performance Rules

1. Display horses with a stock saddle.
2. Utilize any standard snaffle, curb bit, or bosal without a metal core in the noseband.
3. Use only a snaffle or bosal when riding with two hands.
4. Limit the use of nosebands, cavesons, martingales, gag bits, or tie downs to the speed events.
5. Participants in Ranch Riding, Reining, Barrels, Poles, and Keyhole performance classes may ride unlimited entries.
6. AQHA Rulebook Referenced

Western Pleasure

1. Display horses at a walk, trot, and lope in both directions with a reasonably loose rein or light contact, avoiding excessive constraint.
2. When reversing, horses should move away from the rail at the walk or trot, but not at the lope.
3. Horses must easily back up and stand quietly.
4. Judges may, at their discretion, request finalists to extend the walk or trot.
5. Acknowledge and reward horses that demonstrate a flowing, balanced, and willing demeanor, presenting the impression of fitness and a pleasurable riding experience.

Green Horse Western Pleasure

Green horse western pleasure is designed for horses aged up to 5 years old. The horse is permitted to be ridden using a snaffle or bosal with a two-handed approach. Alternatively, if the rider opts for one-handed riding or uses romel reins, a shank shall be employed. Points are allocated to the horse.

***This course is not eligible for the All-Around award. There is no all-around award specifically designated for green horses.**

Novice Adult Western Pleasure

Novice Adult Western Pleasure is designated for participants aged 18 (age as of January 1st of current year) and above who have not achieved victory in any classes throughout their lifetime. Points are allocated to the horse in this category

Novice Teen & Youth Western Pleasure

Novice Teen/Youth Western Pleasure is designated for participants aged 17 (age as of January 1st of current year) and under who have not previously achieved victory in two or more western pleasure classes at any horse show in their lifetime. Points are allocated to the exhibitor in this category.

Open Horse Western Pleasure

Western Pleasure Open is designed for participants aged 18 and above (age determined as of January 1st of the current year). Points are allocated to the horse in this category.

Ellsworth Pope Western Pleasure

Western Pleasure at Ellsworth Pope is designed for participants aged fifty and above (age as of January 1st or current year). Exhibitors receive points based on their performance.

Discipline on the Rail

Participation in Adult Discipline on the Rail is open to exhibitors aged 18 and above (with age determined as of January 1st of the current year). Points are assigned based on the performance of the horse.

Teen Discipline on the Rail allows participants who are aged 14-17 years old as of January 1st of the current year to qualify for competition, and points are also granted to the horse.

Youth Discipline on the Rail allows participants who are age 13 and younger (age as of January 1st of the current year) to qualify for competition, and points are also granted to the horse.

The objective of these categories is to demonstrate the prowess of extensively trained Western horses. All horses are required to enter the arena and perform collectively. The judge may decide whether individual demonstrations are necessary. Evaluation of the class can either follow a "fault and out" approach or assess the overall performance of each horse. The routine is conducted "on the rail," encompassing various maneuvers such as:

- Walking, trotting, and loping in both directions
- Executing a simple lead change
- Performing a counter lead
- Coming to a complete stop
- Backing up
- Side passing to or from the rail
- Executing a turn on the forehand or hindquarter
- Displaying a hand gallop (with no more than eight horses at a time)
- Other skills as deemed appropriate by the judge (a list of 15 to 20 maneuvers may be provided to the judge by the board members).

Ranch Riding Rules and Patterns (Referencing AQHA rulebook)

GAITS: In every gait, the motion of the ranch riding horse should emulate that of a horse covering extensive distances, moving gently and quietly, akin to a working ranch horse. The following terminology is applicable:

Walk: A natural, flat-footed, four-beat gait that is rhythmic and ground-covering. The horse should maintain a level or slightly above level topline with a bright, attentive expression.

Trot: A natural two-beat gait with more forward motion than the western jog.

Extended Trot: An evident lengthening of stride accompanied by a noticeable increase in pace. The horse should move as if covering a large ranch area, maintaining an above-level topline.

Lope: A relaxed and smooth three-beat gait with a natural, forward-moving stride.

Extended Lope: Not a run or race, but a clear lengthening of stride at a forward, working speed. The horse should exhibit an above-level topline with a bright, attentive expression.

RANCH RIDING: The ranch riding class aims to evaluate the horse's ability to provide a pleasurable riding experience while serving as a means of conveyance between various ranch tasks. The ideal ranch horse should embody the versatility, attitude, and movement of a working ranch horse outside the arena. The horse should be well-trained, relaxed, quiet, soft, and cadenced in all gaits. While riding with light contact or on a relatively loose rein, it should not require excessive restraint but should not be shown on a full drape of reins. The horse's overall manners and responsiveness in making timely and smooth transitions, along with the quality of movement, are of primary consideration. An ideal ranch riding horse should naturally carry its head at the right height for each gait.

Class Requirements

Each horse will perform individually, executing the required gait maneuvers along with a minimum of three optional maneuvers. The scoring scale ranges from 0 to 100, with 70 indicating an average performance. For each maneuver, a score will be assigned, which is added or subtracted from 70. Additionally, penalties will be subtracted from the total score. Maneuver scoring is based on a scale from plus 1 1/2 to minus 1 1/2, with descriptors such as -1 1/2 (extremely poor), -1 (very poor), -1/2 (poor), 0 (correct), +1/2 (good), +1 (very good), and +1 1/2 (excellent).

Acceptable Actions:

- Posting at the extended trot is permitted.
- Touching or holding the saddle horn is allowed.

Ranch Riding Penalties:

Contestants will incur penalties for the following occurrences:

One (1) Point Penalties:

- Too slow per gait
- Over-bridled
- Out of frame
- Break of gait at walk or trot for 2 strides or less

Three (3) Point Penalties:

- Break of gait at walk or trot for more than 2 strides
- Break of gait at lope
- Wrong lead or out of lead
- Draped reins (per maneuver)
- Out of lead or cross cantering more than two strides when changing leads
- Trotting more than three strides when making a simple lead change
- Severe disturbance of any obstacle

Five (5) Point Penalties:

- Blatant disobedience (kick, bite, buck, rear, etc.) for each refusal
- Placed below horses performing all maneuvers.
- Eliminates maneuver.
- Incomplete maneuver

Zero (0) Score:

- Illegal equipment
- Willful abuse
- Major disobedience or schooling

Additional Notes:

- No specific penalties for nicks/hits on logs, but deductions may be applied to maneuver scores.
- No specific penalties for over/under spins, but deductions may be applied to maneuver scores.

We will adhere to the existing dress code and tack requirements established for PHSC. No sanctions will be imposed for the use of hoof black, tail extensions, excessive silver, equine boots, etc. There are no entry restrictions at this juncture. The show patterns and additional information will be made available through postings at the event and a newsletter.

Adult Ranch Riding is open to individuals aged 18 and older (age as of January 1st of the current year), with points assigned to the horse.

Teen Ranch Riding is accessible to exhibitors age 14-17 (age as of January 1st of the current year), with points given to the horse.

Youth Ranch Riding is accessible to exhibitors aged 13 and below (age as of January 1st of the current year), with points given to the horse.

Reining

Open Reining is accessible to all horses and riders. Board members will choose four patterns, which will be rotated throughout the season. Points will be awarded to the horse.

Novice Reining is designed for individuals who haven't previously achieved victories in two or more classes at any horse show or secured an all-around high point win in their lifetime. Points are allocated to the horse. The prescribed patterns for Novice Reining include NRHA Pattern #14 Short Stirrup and AQHA Modified Pattern #2. For additional details regarding the equipment and scoring criteria for reining classes, please consult the Official Handbook of Rules and Regulations of the American Quarter Horse Association.

Rules for Speed Events

- Speed events do not mandate the use of hats.
- Shirts worn during the events must be equipped with sleeves.
- Participants are not permitted to wear shorts or cut-offs.
- Each horse is restricted from being ridden more than once in the same class.
- Standard speed events include barrels, poles, and keyhole.
- Forward motion to be always maintained.
- Upon the rider's entry into the arena, gates will be closed and will remain so until the rider has completed their run.

Barrel Racing

The Barrel Racing course will feature three barrels. The distance from barrel one to barrel two is set at thirty yards, while the stretch from barrels one and two to barrel three measures thirty-five yards. Adjustments can be made as needed to suit the arena size. Participants have the option to run either a left or right barrel pattern. Knocking over a barrel incurs a five-second penalty per obstacle. Contestants are allowed to touch the barrel with their hand, but a broken pattern results in a "no time."

In the Adult Barrels category, open to exhibitors aged 18 and older (age as of January 1st of current year), points are awarded to the horse.

The Teen/Youth Barrels category, designed for exhibitors aged 14-17 (age as of January 1st of current year), awards points to the exhibitor.

The Youth Barrels category, designed for exhibitors aged 13 and younger (age as of January 1st of current year), awards points to the exhibitor.

Pole Bending

Pole Bending involves navigating a pattern around six poles spaced 21 feet apart. The first pole is positioned 21 feet from the starting line, and the poles are placed on the ground, standing at a height of six feet with a base diameter of approximately 14 inches.

Participants in Pole Bending can choose to run either a left or right pole pattern. Knocking over a pole incurs a five-second penalty per obstacle. Contestants are allowed to touch the poles with their hands, but a broken pattern results in a "no time."

The Adult Poles category is designated for exhibitors aged 18 and older (age as of January 1st of current year) with points awarded to the horse.

For Teen Poles, participants aged 14-17 (age as of January 1st of current year) points are awarded to the exhibitor.

For Youth Poles, participants aged 13 and younger (age as of January 1st of current year) points are awarded to the exhibitor.

Key Hole Poles

The keyhole poles specifications are as follows.

Four poles are set up six feet apart across the arena and twelve feet apart the length of the arena. The distance from the start and finish line to the first two poles is forty feet. The rider takes the horse through the six-foot lane with all parts of the horse clearing the back pair of poles. The rider then turns around, goes back through the lane and across the finish line. Turning before you clear back poles, going outside of either or both poles will result in disqualification. Knocking over a pole incurs a five-second penalty per obstacle.

The Adult category is designed for participants aged eighteen and older (age as of January 1st of current year), with points awarded to the horse.

In the Teen category, open to exhibitors aged 14-17 (age as of January 1st of current year) points are awarded to the exhibitor.

In the Youth category, open to exhibitors aged 13 and younger (age as of January 1st of current year) points are awarded to the exhibitor.