

# 2025 Ranch Horse Show Rules

Specific rules and details for each Division are listed below by Division. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to read and understand the rules. We welcome your questions!

## Ranch Horse Show:

### **Show Champion and Reserve Champion at each show in the following Divisions:**

1. In-Hand Trail – Three Divisions  
18 & U, 19 & O (Amateur), Open (Jr./Sr. Horses)
2. Walk / Trot ONLY 18 & Under
3. Walk/ Trot ONLY 19 & Over (Amateur)
4. 18 & Under
5. 19 & Over (Amateur)
6. Junior Horse (Open to exhibitors of all ages including professionals.)
7. Senior Horse (Open to exhibitors of all ages including professionals.)

### **Show Series Champion and Reserve Champion Awards at the conclusion of the 2025 Show Season in the following Divisions:**

1. In-Hand Trail – Three Divisions
  - a. 18 & U, 19 & O (Amateur), Open (Jr./Sr. Horses)
2. Walk / Trot ONLY 18 & Under
3. Walk/ Trot ONLY 19 & Over (Amateur)
4. 18 & Under
5. 19 & Over (Amateur)
6. Junior Horse (Open to exhibitors of all ages including professionals.)
7. Senior Horse (Open to exhibitors of all ages including professionals.)

- All Divisions are 'one exhibitor / one horse' divisions.
- Exhibitor must show in two out of the three shows to be eligible for Show Series Awards.
- Points earned at all three shows will count toward Series Awards.
- Specific requirements for Show and Series Awards are listed below in each division.

## **Ranch Show DIVISIONS**

### **In-Hand Trail – 18 & Under, 19 & Over (Amateur), Open (Jr. & Sr. Horses)**

Open to handlers & horses of all ages. In-Hand Trail Classes - Three Divisions: 18 & Under, 19 & Over (Amateur), Open (for Junior and Senior horses). Exhibitors and/or horse may also compete in riding classes.

This class is judged on the performance of the horse over and through obstacles with emphasis on manners, response to the handler and attitude. The course will consist of any obstacles which could be expected to be encountered on a trail. Credit will be given to horses negotiating the obstacles with style, expression and a degree of speed (efficiency), providing carefulness is not sacrificed. Horses will be penalized for any unnecessary delay while approaching or negotiating the obstacles or for blatant disobedience. They will also be penalized for failure to demonstrate correct gait (if designated), failure to complete obstacles, failure to follow correct line of travel, performing obstacles incorrectly, or no attempt to perform an obstacle. Obstacles may include: gate, bridge, carry object, serpentine obstacles, walk & trot over logs, backing, mailbox, walk & trot throughs, side pass, and turning in a box.

**Show Champion Awards:** Show Champion and Reserve Champion Awards will be given for the highest number of points earned in In-Hand Trail Classes in three divisions: 18 & Under, 19 & Over (Amateur), Open (for Junior and Senior horses).

**Series Champion Awards:** One Series Champion Award will be given for the exhibitor/horse with the highest number of points earned in In-Hand Trail Classes in each Division listed above. Rules for Reserve High Point are the same, with the second highest overall number of points. Must show in the In-Hand Trail classes in the specific division in all three shows to be eligible for Series Awards.

### **Walk/Trot 18 and Under:**

Age of exhibitor is as of January 1, 2025. Exhibitor/horse combination may NOT compete in any class that has a canter or lope.

**18 & Under Walk/Trot ONLY Show Champion Awards:** Show Champion and Reserve Champion Awards will be given for the highest number of points earned in all 18 & Under Walk/Trot ONLY classes at each show. Exhibitors must show in at least 3 ranch classes to be eligible for the Show Champion Awards. 18 & Under Walk/Trot ONLY ranch classes include Ranch Rail Pleasure, Ranch Riding, Stock Horse Trail, Stock Horse Pleasure, and Stock Horse Horsemanship.

**Series Champion Awards:** One Series Champion Award will be given for the exhibitor/horse with the highest number of points earned in all Walk/Trot ONLY 18 & Under classes over the three-show series. Rules for Reserve High Point are the same, with the second highest overall number of points. Must show in two of the three shows and the required number of classes in each show to be eligible for Series Awards. Points earned at all three shows will count toward Series Awards.

### **Walk/Trot 19 and Over (Amateur):**

Age of exhibitor is as of January 1, 2025. Exhibitor/horse combination may NOT compete in any class that has a canter or lope.

**19 & Over Walk/Trot (Amateur) Show Champion Awards:** Show Champion and Reserve Champion Awards will be given for the highest number of points earned in all 19 & Over (Amateur) Walk/Trot classes at the show. Exhibitors must show in at least 3 ranch classes to be eligible for the Show Champion Awards. 19 & Over (Amateur) Walk/Trot ranch classes include Ranch Rail Pleasure, Ranch Riding, Stock Horse Trail, Stock Horse Pleasure, and Stock Horse Horsemanship.

**Series Champion Awards:** One Series Champion Award will be given for the exhibitor/horse with the highest number of points earned in all Walk/Trot ONLY 19 & Over classes over the three-show series. Rules for Reserve High Point are the same, with the second highest overall number of points. Must show in two of the three shows and the required number of classes in each show to be eligible for Series Awards. Points earned at all three shows will count toward Series Awards.

### **18 and Under:**

Age of exhibitor is as of January 1, 2025. 18 and Under classes contain lope and canter gaits.

**Youth 18 & Under Show Champion Awards:** Show Champion and Reserve Champion Awards will be given for the highest number of points earned in all 18 & Under classes at each show. Exhibitors must show in at least 3 ranch classes to be eligible for the Show Champion Awards. 18 & Under ranch classes include Ranch Rail Pleasure, Ranch Riding, Stock Horse Trail, Stock Horse Pleasure, and Stock Horse Horsemanship.

**Series Champion Awards:** One Series Champion Award will be given for the exhibitor/horse with the highest number of points earned in all 18 & Under classes over the three-show series. Rules for Reserve High Point are the same, with the second highest overall number of points. Must show in two of the three shows and the required number of classes in each show to be eligible for Series Awards. Points earned at all three shows will count toward Series Awards.

### **19 and Over (Amateur):**

Age of exhibitor is as of January 1, 2025. 19 & Over classes contain lope and canter gaits.

**19 & Over (Amateur) Show Champion Awards:** Show Champion and Reserve Champion Awards will be given for the highest number of points earned in all 19 & Over (Amateur) classes at each show. Exhibitors must show in at least 3 ranch classes to be eligible for the Show Champion Awards. 19 & Over (Amateur) ranch classes include Ranch Rail Pleasure, Ranch Riding, Stock Horse Trail, Stock Horse Pleasure, and Stock Horse Horsemanship.

**Series Champion Awards:** One Series Champion Award will be given for the exhibitor/horse with the highest number of points earned in all 19 & Over (Amateur) classes over the three-show series. Rules for Reserve High Point are the same, with the second highest overall number of points. Must show in two of the three shows and the required number of classes in each show to be eligible for Series Awards. Points earned at all three shows will count toward Series Awards.

## **Junior Horse – (Open to exhibitors of all ages including professionals.):**

Any horse 5 years of age or younger as of January 1, 2025. (Note: All horses become one year older on January 1st of each year, regardless of their actual foaling date. If you have any questions about this age rule, please ask us.)

**Junior Horse Show Champion Awards:** Show Champion and Reserve Champion Awards will be given for the highest number of points earned in all Junior Horse classes at each show. Exhibitors must show in at least 3 ranch classes to be eligible for the Show Champion Awards. Junior Horse ranch classes include Ranch Rail Pleasure, Ranch Riding, Stock Horse Trail, Stock Horse Pleasure, and Stock Horse Horsemanship.

**Series Champion Awards:** One Series Champion Award will be given for the exhibitor/horse with the highest number of points earned in all Junior Horse classes over the three-show series. Rules for Reserve High Point are the same, with the second highest overall number of points. Must show in two of the three shows and the required number of classes in each show to be eligible for Series Awards. Points earned at all three shows will count toward Series Awards.

## **Senior Horse – (Open to exhibitors of all ages including professionals.):**

Any horse 6 years of age or older as of January 1, 2025. (Note: All horses become one year older on January 1st of each year, regardless of their actual foaling date. If you have any questions about this age rule, please ask us.)

**Senior Horse Show Champion Awards:** Show Champion and Reserve Champion Awards will be given for the highest number of points earned in all Senior Horse classes at each show. Exhibitors must show in at least 3 ranch classes to be eligible for the Show Champion Awards. Senior Horse ranch classes include Ranch Rail Pleasure, Ranch Riding, Stock Horse Trail, Stock Horse Pleasure, and Stock Horse Horsemanship.

**Series Champion Awards:** One Series Champion Award will be given for the exhibitor/horse with the highest number of points earned in all Senior Horse classes over the three-show series. Rules for Reserve High Point are the same, with the second highest overall number of points. Must show in two of the three shows and the required number of classes in each show to be eligible for Series Awards. Points earned at all three shows will count toward Series Awards.

## **Additional Ranch Show Rules:**

1. Horses of all breeds (including unregistered horses) are eligible for DSRP shows.
2. All horses must show proof of current negative Coggins (current being within 12 months or less, from date of show).
3. Exhibitors may show multiple horses in one division however the maximum any exhibitor can win is one Show Champion and one Show Reserve Champion Award per division.
4. Stallions may **NOT** be shown/exhibited by a youth in any classes. Stallions may **NOT** be shown in any of the youth classes. Anyone with a stallion who displays disruptive or potentially

disruptive/unsafe behavior will be immediately excused from the show arena/premises by show management. Refund of unused entry fees is at the discretion of show management.

5. Upon the judge's discretion, management reserves the right to combine or cancel classes.

6. Management reserves the right upon the judge's discretion to excuse a horse from competition if it is deemed lame or in poor health.

7. Champion and Reserve Champion Show Awards in each Division are 'one exhibitor / one horse'. Show Series Champion and Reserve Champion Awards in each Division are 'one exhibitor / one horse'.

8. Exhibitors may ride two-handed in a snaffle, bosal, hackamore or bitless bridle on horses of any age in all classes. (Please, no mechanical hackamores, no tie-downs, no side-reins.)

9. Horses/riders may show in western or English tack / attire.

Western: Cowboy hats or helmets, long or short sleeve shirt with collar, jeans, boots.

English: English attire suitable for working on a ranch including breeches, boots, long or short sleeve shirt with collar, helmet.

10. No refunds for scratches unless made IN OFFICE prior to the start of class.

11. The 9 point system below is used to calculate Show Awards.

# of horses in the class	Placings								
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>
9 or more	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
8	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
7	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
6	6	5	4	3	2	1			
5	5	4	3	2	1				
4	4	3	2	1					
3	3	2	1						
2	2	1							
1	1								

**Ties:** Division Show Champion ties broken by (a) greatest number of classes entered, (b) most first places, or we will have Co-Champions or Co-Reserve Champions!

Series Show Champion / Reserve Champion ties broken by (a) greatest number of classes entered, (b) most first places, (c) most second places, or (d) most third places.