

General Rules

These rules will apply to all departments of the LSU AgCenter Show, and exhibitors and concessionaires are required to familiarize themselves with all rules.

RULE 1: DATES AND LOCATION

The LSU AgCenter 4-H and FFA State Horse Show will be held at the Beauregard Parish Arena in DeRidder, LA, July 8-11, 2025, unless postponed or extended by the management.

RULE 2: INTERPRETATIONS, AMENDMENTS AND VIOLATIONS

- A. The LSU AgCenter Horse Show reserves to the Horse Show Management Council the final and absolute rights to interpret, amend or add to the rules and regulations.
- B. In the event of conflict of general rules and special rules, the latter will govern.
- C. The judge and/or horse show manager have final authority and responsibility for interpretation and enforcement of rules during judging of the show; they can stop or disqualify any exhibitor who is compromising the safety of the exhibitor or others.
- D. Any person who violates any of the following General or Special Rules will forfeit all privileges, premiums, entry fees and will be subject to any other penalties that the Horse Show Management Council may order.

RULE 3: JUDGING SYSTEM, PREMIUMS AND AWARDS

- A. The judges will award premiums only in classes listed in the schedule of premiums. **The decision of the judges is final and irrevocable. No appeal will be considered.**
- B. Judging will begin at the time specified in the schedule of events.
- C. The judges will be appointed by the horse show management.
- D. In paying premiums, no evidence of award will be recognized except from the official judging sheets signed by the judges and superintendents. Only the judges' actual score sheets are official. All flashed or announced scores are tentative and unofficial. Judge has the discretion to use a scoring system of their choice.
- E. Judges shall place all classes according to the schedule of premiums in the catalog. If any animal is disqualified, the animal(s) awarded the next lower prize(s) shall be moved to the next higher position if, in the opinion of the judge, the animals are worthy of such prize(s), and if the manager of the show so rules.

RULE 4: LIABILITY OF EXHIBITORS

- A. All animals, equipment and property entered for competition, display or other purposes or being anywhere on the exhibit grounds shall be subject to the control of the manager of the LSU AgCenter State Horse Show and the Beauregard Parish Arena.
- B. In no case shall the LSU AgCenter State Horse Show, or manager or any other official or employee, be held responsible for any loss, damage or death, by disease or otherwise, to any person, property or exhibit while in route to, from or on exhibit grounds. *WARNING: Under Louisiana Law, a farm animal activity sponsor or farm animal professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in farm animal activities resulting from the inherent risk of farm animal activities. Pursuant to R.S. 9:2795-1.*
- C. If the owners, or others interested in the animals, equipment or property, desire protection against loss, damage or injury from fire or any other cause, they must make their own arrangements for carrying insurance and paying premiums for that purpose.
- D. Beauregard Parish Arena holds all rights to the sale of shavings. All shavings must be purchased from Beauregard Parish Arena for \$11.00/bag. No hay or straw may be used for bedding. Hours of operation will be posted on the barn office door. Exhibitors may bring their own feed.

NO OUTSIDE VENDORS WILL BE PERMITTED TO MAKE DELIVERIES ON THE GROUNDS.

RULE 5: EXHIBITORS' PRIVILEGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Beauregard Parish Arena reserves the right to all concessions. No outside food or drinks may be brought into the arenas, lobby or stands.
- B. The horse show management reserves the right to reassign any space, stall or pen not occupied by exhibitor on or before the deadline for animals to be on the show grounds, and no exhibitor will be allowed to sublet or sell any space. **Upon payment of stalls and entry fees, the Stall Office will assign stalls. If an exhibitor wishes a personal tack stall, then he or she will be assigned one after paying stall fee. Nothing shall be sold or given away or otherwise disposed of by exhibitor which will in anyway conflict with any privilege granted or sold by Beauregard Parish Arena.**
- C. Parking will be allowed in designated areas only. Any vehicle parked in an unauthorized area will be towed at the owner's expense. **All trailers will be parked in the designated area only.**
- D. No bikes, scooters, golf carts or other motorized vehicles are permitted in the arenas, lobbies or barn areas. Any motorized vehicle must be operated by a licensed driver.

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- E. Exhibitors are required to keep their animals and exhibit area clean at all times. Manure and shavings are to be placed in trash barrels marked for such material. Other refuse must be disposed of in containers marked for trash.
- F. Bedding must be purchased from Beauregard Parish Arena. No hay or straw will be used for bedding. Exhibitors are required to furnish feed for their animals during the show.
- G. No one will be allowed in the judging arena other than the judge, contestants and assistants except in an emergency.
- H. Gambling, profanity, and the possession of alcoholic beverages, including beer, on the horse show premises are prohibited. Disrespect, disruptive or abusive behavior toward show officials, exhibitors or spectators is prohibited.
- I. If it be ascertained that any exhibitor, parent, guardian and/or trainer has in any public manner taken exception to the judgment of the judge, superintendent or any other official of the LSU AgCenter Horse Show, the horse show management may expel the exhibitor from competition for premiums or exhibiting at the LSU AgCenter Horse Show until he has apologized and has been reinstated as an exhibitor.
- J. If it is ascertained that an exhibitor has knowingly caused to be made or made any false statements in regard to any animal or if any exhibitor attempts to interfere with the judges in the performance of their duties, the exhibitor shall be excluded from competition.
- K. The management shall exclude animals from competition if there is any unnecessary delay on the part of the exhibitor in bringing the animals into the show ring. It is the responsibility of the contestants to know when they are required to be in the paddock or arena. Not hearing or understanding gate calls, etc. is not an excuse for missing one's order of work, heat or class.
- L. The management reserves the right to remove from the grounds any animal, exhibit or concession that may be falsely entered or may be deemed unsuitable or objectionable.
- M. No tables and chairs shall be removed from any part of the grounds. Leave Beauregard Parish Arena property where it is located. Anyone removing property may be prosecuted.
- N. **NO DOGS WILL BE ALLOWED IN ARENAS, LOBBY OR STANDS EXCEPT FOR GUIDE DOGS FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED.**
- O. No person shall show a horse that appears sullen, dull, lethargic, emaciated, drawn, or overly tired. No person on the show grounds may treat a horse in an inhumane manner, which includes, but is not limited to, the following:
 - 1. Placing an object in a horse's mouth so as to cause undue discomfort or distress.
 - 2. Tying a horse in a manner to cause undue discomfort or distress in a stall, trailer, or when lunging.
 - 3. Letting blood from a horse.
 - 4. Using inhumane training techniques or methods.
 - 5. Using inhumane equipment, including but not limited to, saw tooth bits, hock hobbles, tack collars.
 - 6. Using any item or appliance that restricts movement or circulation of the tail.
 - 7. Displaying intentional inhumane treatment that results in bleeding.
 - 8. Show management has the right to disqualify participants violating standards of generally accepted equine training and exhibition. Cruel, abusive and inhumane conduct will not be tolerated.
- P. Exhibitors must show their own animals. If not able to show an animal because of sickness, temporary physical handicap, injury or death in the family or by reason of exhibiting more than one animal in a championship class, then the exhibitor must have a bona fide 4-H or FFA member to show in his place. Exhibitor must show his own animal in all championship classes in which he is eligible to show, except when ill or physically handicapped. **These exceptions are allowed in halter classes only.**
- Q. **Due to safety concerns, absolutely no one is allowed to ride double on a horse, ride bareback, or ride without appropriate tack and gear while at Beauregard Parish Arena.**

RULE 6: EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY

- A. Open to all 4-H club and FFA members and clubs, regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or national origin, whose animals meet the minimum standards of quality established for the class and other rules of entry.
- B. All general eligibility rules that apply to 4-H and FFA project participants shall apply to the State Horse Show. Eligibility is specified in the current Handbook of La. 4-H Awards and State FFA Constitution.
- C. 4-H Eligibility Rules (Handbook of La. 4-H Awards)
 - 1. To be a bona fide 4-H member, a boy or girl must be at least 9 years of age before January 1 of the current club year (Sept. 1, 2024 - Aug.31, 2025) and must not have passed his/her 20th birthday on January 1, 2025. This means that an eligible club member must be between 9 and 19 years of age on December 31 of the current club year. A club member who "drops out" of high school would be eligible even if he/she enrolls in a "special" training school. In no case will a boy or girl be eligible to enroll in 4-H after graduating from high school.
 - 2. Any boy or girl graduating from high school after he/ she enrolled in 4H at the beginning of the club year will be eligible to compete in all contests through the remainder of that club year (ending Aug. 31). (Livestock, poultry, dairy, NJHA Judging contests are exceptions.)
 - 3. Potential 4-H club members must be enrolled by December 1 of the current school year to be eligible to compete in the shows.
- D. All FFA members must be regularly enrolled in vocational agriculture and must not have reached their 21st birthday prior to the close of the date on which they must have assumed possession of the animal(s).
- E. Animals shown by exhibitors **MUST BE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE EXHIBITOR OR THE NAME OF AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER.** A horse registered in the name of an immediate family member must be identified as a

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- specific exhibitor's project prior to April 1st of each year. Note: Immediate family members are father, mother, step-parent, brother, sister, legal guardian, step-brother or step-sister, or grandparents.
- F. Only those horses identified as the member's horse can be shown in exhibition. The identification process must be in written form, signed by the member and his/her parents (or legal guardian), and sent to the parish 4-H agent or the chapter agricultural teacher prior to April 1st each year. The identification should indicate the horse's or horses' names, the horse's owner and relationship between owner and exhibitor. Explain any difference in last names.
 - G. Exhibitors with more than one horse may enter both horses at the district show and scratch one immediately prior to the show.
 - H. H. 4-H & FFA youth will be allowed to exhibit a leased horse. Members will be required to complete the **Leased Horse Affidavit Form** and turn it in to the County Agents office along with a copy of the horse's registration or grade horse certificate by April 1st of the current show year. If the horse does not have a Grade Horse certificate one should be completed. Exhibitors showing leased horses will be required to follow the same possession rules as all other horse exhibitors listed in the horse show catalog.

RULE 7: REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITORS

- A. **ENTRY FEE SCHEDULE FOR 2025** The following fee schedule will apply to all exhibitors at the State 4-H Horse Show. **Entry fee (per exhibitor) \$40; Stall fees (horse or tack) \$25 per day** Upon arrival, stall fees must be paid to the Beauregard Parish Arena staff at their office, and entry fees must be paid to LSU AgCenter staff at the Show Office by the Main Arena. Entry fee checks should be made out to the **LSU Livestock Show Office**.
Only checks or money orders accepted for Entry Fees; No Cash
- B. Exhibitors must have possession/ownership/lease of their horses by April 1, 2025. Grade horse certificates and identification of horse owned by immediate family member must be completed and filed in Extension Service (4-H) or FFA advisor's office by April 1, 2025. (See appendix #3) Location of the horse's domicile during the possession period must be designated and on file in the Extension office (4-H) or FFA advisor's office by April 1, of the current show season.
- C. All horses must be officially registered in the name of the exhibitor or immediate family (4-H club or FFA chapter member) on or before April 1, 2025. Ranch, corporation, or stable ownership is not allowed. Dual ownership is allowed only if all owners are in the immediate family and identification of the exhibitor has been filed with the Extension Service (4-H) or FFA advisor's office by the April 1, 2025, deadline. Horses must be under the care and supervision of the exhibitor from the date of possession. Horses may be boarded at a boarding facility as long as the exhibitor is doing the majority of the work. (This rule does not prohibit a trainer from working with the exhibitor and horse combination as long as the care of the horse remains with the exhibitor.)
- D. Youth (4-H/FFA) exhibitors are expected to care for, feed, water, exercise, ride, groom, and show their own animal(s) while on the grounds of the Beauregard Parish Arena. Youth (4-H/FFA) will be allowed to receive assistance from Extension agents or FFA advisors; family members (parents, legal guardians, brother, sisters, grandparents, aunts and uncles); other 4-H/FFA exhibitors; and family members of other 4-H/FFA exhibitors while at the show. Animal(s) being cared for, fed, exercised, ridden or groomed by anyone other than the above will be disqualified and the exhibitor will be barred from showing for one year.
- E. Youth (4-H/FFA) exhibitors will be allowed to receive assistance from horse project leaders while at the district horse shows. Horse project leaders can assist the youth (4-H/FFA) exhibitors prior to the arrival of the animal(s) on the grounds of the State Horse Show. Horse project leaders are encouraged to supervise the youth exhibitor(s) at the district and state shows, but cannot physically care for, feed, exercise, ride, or groom the project animal(s).
- F. Exhibitors, family members, and leaders are encouraged to report any violation of this rule to the show superintendent or show management. Where incidents of violation of the above rule occur, exhibitors, family members, agents, FFA advisors, and leaders may report the violation with proof of its occurrence with an official protest to the show management.
- G. Trainers will not be allowed to post advertisements during the district and state horse shows.
- H. All horses must be registered with their respective breed associations or have completed Grade Horse Certificate. All registered horses entered in the 4-H and FFA Horse Show must be listed under their registered names and numbers. Any exhibitor who knowingly enters a registered horse as a grade horse will be disqualified and barred from showing for one year.

Quarter Horses

The American Quarter Horse Association PO Box 200
Amarillo, TX 79168
Phone: 806.376.4811

Appaloosa Horses

The Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc. 2770 W. Pullman Rd.
Moscow, ID 83843
Phone: 208.882.5578

Paint Horses

The American Paint Horse Association PO Box 961023
Fort Worth, TX 76161-0023 Phone: 817.834.2742

Paint horses with Breeding Stock papers will be shown in the Paint Horse division.

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Arabian Horses

Arabian Horse Registry of America, Inc. PO Box 173886
Denver, CO 80217-3886
Phone: 303.450.4748

American Miniature Horse Assoc.

5601 South IH 35W
Alvarado, TX 76009
Phone: 817.783.5600

The Miniature Horse division will include horses registered in the American Miniature Horse Assoc. and any other registered or grade horse under 34" in height, measured from the last hair on the mane.

AOB and Grade Horses*

Dwayne Nunez
LSU AgCenter Livestock Show Office
188 Knapp Hall
Baton Rouge, LA 70803 Phone: 225.578.2255

- I. REGISTRATION PAPERS/GRADE/LEASE AFFIDAVIT identity certificates must be in the hands of the exhibitor at the district and state shows. The papers will be checked at the district shows.
- J. Registration papers are required on all yearling horses. Agents and agricultural instructors will make entries directly to the district show managers as required. Agents and agricultural instructors will be notified of the entry deadline for their district show.
- K. No stallions will be allowed to be used at any level of the 4-H/FFA Horse Shows.
- L. No exhibitor will be allowed to show more than one horse in each class at the district and state shows. Only one exhibitor is allowed to show any one horse.

***GRADE HORSE CERTIFICATES**

Grade horse certificates are available for horses that are not registered or registerable. Weanling and yearling horses out of registered parents are not eligible for grade certificates. Any exhibitor who knowingly enters a registered horse as a grade horse will be disqualified and barred from showing for one year. Exhibitors who cannot obtain papers on a registered or registerable horse can ask for approval to obtain a grade horse certificate by having their county Extension agent or vocational agriculture teacher request a hardship approval of grade papers from the livestock show manager and Management Council. Examples of acceptable hardships are horses sold without papers, horses past the age where they can be registered or horses that have changed hands several times and the papers have been lost. Applications for hardships must be in writing and must detail all efforts made to obtain proper registration certificates.

The grade and other breed halter classes will be composed of purebreds from breeds that do not have their own separate division as well as the horses with grade certificates.

Registration papers or grade identifying certificates must be in the hands of the exhibitor at the district and state shows. Papers will be checked at the district shows.

*Registration papers/ Lease Affidavit will be used to establish ownership and possession of registered horses in the AOB division. Owners of grade horses will be required to fill out a certificate identifying their horses. This certificate must be completed and filed with the Extension Service (4-H) or FFA advisor by April 1, of the current year to establish ownership and possession. Each certificate must be filled out in duplicate, with one copy maintained by the exhibitor, to be presented and used in entering the district horse show. Exhibitors must have their certificates available for inspection at both the district and state shows. A duplicate copy (with a picture of the horse attached) must be maintained by the 4-H club agent or Vo-Ag teacher to resolve any questions concerning ownership or possession. This certificate must be signed by the youth, their parents and the club agent or Ag teacher to be official. Grade horse certificates are available from parish Extension personnel.

RULE 8: HARDSHIP OBJECTIVE:

The objective of the youth livestock program is to develop responsibility, dedication, decision-making, leadership, trustworthiness, sportsmanship, and citizenship through the possession and personal care of a live animal project. The youth (4-H or FFA member) will have many educational opportunities and activities to learn about animal agriculture and develop life skills. We are striving for maximum contact with animal and participation in educational activities.

HARDSHIP POLICY:

The ability of the youth to provide personal care for the animal is a major goal in the horse projects. The guiding concern in granting permission for hardship requests should be the education and development of the youth. Concern for ensuring that the animal is shown has minimal importance in granting hardships. Hardships will be considered up to two weeks prior to district shows.

RULE 9: GUIDELINES FOR GRANTING HARDSHIPS

Category I - Possession of Animals

- A. Animal should be housed within a reasonable distance to allow youth to interact with the animal project on a positive basis. Housing at public stables or training facilities is allowed. But exhibitors are required to do a majority of the work. When horses are not housed at the exhibitor's property, the agent should be notified of the location of the horse.
- B. Youth (4-H or FFA member) should do most of the work and care for the animal project.
- C. All housing requests must be made prior to possession date.
 - 1. Residential restrictions will be considered.
 - 2. Opportunities for housing will be considered.
- D. Animals housed across the parish line must be recommended by both agents and/or FFA advisors.

Category II - Registration papers or Grade Horse Certificates

- A. Registration papers, grade horse certificates, and lease affidavits must be completed and filed with the 4-H agent or FFA advisor by April 1, 2025.
- B. Registered horses that do not have papers available will be considered.
- C. Registration papers, grade certificates, and lease affidavits not completed by the possession date because of uncontrollable circumstances will be considered.

Category III - Replacement of Injured or Deceased Animals

- A. Injured animals must be checked and verified by the 4-H Agent and/ or FFA Advisor or veterinarian.
- B. The replacement animals should be of comparable quality. Replacement of animals will be considered only for those exhibitors with one animal project per species.
- C. Replacement animals must be obtained by the following dates:
 - 1. January 3 - Market Hogs; Breeding Swine
 - 2. December 15 - Beef Breeding; Market Lambs; Breeding Sheep; Dairy.
 - 3. November 1 - Market Steers
 - 4. June 1 - Horses
- D. Exhibitors may enter multiple horses at the district show and scratch those not shown at the show.

Category IV - Conflicts with Show and Extenuating Circumstances

Exhibitors must show their own animals. Exceptions will be made only in the following cases and with the proper approval. In all cases, when the exhibitor cannot show his/her own animal, the exhibitor must have a bona fide 4-H or FFA member to show in his/ her place. If the animal qualifies for the championship classes and the exhibitor is unable to show the animal, the same individual exhibiting in class must show the animal in the championship class.

- E. Exceptions at the District Show:
 - 1. Exhibitors' animals will be allowed to qualify only for the State Show (not eligible for champion at District Show - Ribbon Group Only) if the exhibitor is not present due to school conflicts (academic, athletic and other school-related activities).
 - 2. Exhibitors' animals will be allowed to show in class and in the championship drive only if the exhibitor cannot show because of illness, physical handicap, personal injury or death in the family. In the case of illness, physical handicap, personal injury or death in the family, the exhibitor or representative shall make the request to the agent/FFA advisor and District Horse Show manager. The District Horse Show manager has the authority to approve or disapprove last-minute requests.
 - 3. To obtain an exception for school conflicts and physical handicap, the exhibitor must file a Livestock Project Possession/ Hardship Form and have the proper approval prior to the District Show.

HARDSHIP PROCEDURE

Youth and/or parent must fill out hardship form and include all pertinent information. The form must be signed by the youth, parent and/or guardian, agent/FFA advisor, parish chair/ school principal and approved by the District Show manager. Hardships should be routed through the State Livestock Show manager.

DECISION MAKING RESPONSIBILITY:

- A. District Show managers shall have the responsibility and authority to process and approve all hardships within the guidelines, with the exception of Category IV.
- B. Hardships falling outside the hardship guidelines may be recommended by the District Show manager to the State Horse Show manager.

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- A. The Horse Show manager shall have the final approval for all hardships.
- B. The hardship form can be found on the Livestock Show Office Web page at www.lsuagcenter.com/livestockshow.

RULE 10: DISTRICT QUALIFYING PROCEDURES

- A. Exhibitors are allowed to enter all horses owned and then scratch horses not to be shown at the district show. More than one horse can be entered in a class, but the exhibitor must declare which horse will be shown at the time of check in at the District show. Decisions made after initial check in will be at the discretion of the District show manager.
- B. All horses at the district and state shows must be properly groomed. The show judge may disqualify any horse in any class for improper grooming. Proper care and grooming are defined as: a) at or near their normal weight; b) properly groomed, with mane and tail free of tangles; c) hooves properly trimmed or shod; d) excess hair clipped from the ears, muzzle, bridle path and legs; e) have a clean, properly fitting halter and lead rope; f) must be able to be quietly and easily controlled by the exhibitor at a walk and trot; g) must stand quietly for inspection. Proper horse care, grooming and safety are priorities in the 4-H horse program.
- C. Horses are **not** required to qualify in roping at the district shows.
- D. **If an exhibitor qualifies a horse for State in any one event at the district level; that horse will also be qualified to compete in any class at the State Horse Show that it competed in at the district level.**
- E. Horses receiving a zero score (Disqualified) in Reining or Western Riding at the district show are ineligible to qualify for the State Show unless they qualify in another class entered at the district show.
- F. Horses that go off pattern at the district show are disqualified and are not eligible to qualify for the state show unless they qualify in another class entered at the district show.
- G. If rule D does not apply. A horse will qualify for Performance at the state show by placing in the top (75%) of his particular Performance Class at the district show. If the class does not break at 75%, then any fractional part of the total will be used. In classes with fewer than five exhibitors, the judge has the discretion of taking more or less than 75%.
- H. A horse qualifying with a purple or blue ribbon in Halter at the district show is eligible to show in Halter at the state show.

COMPUTATION OF RIBBON GROUPS IN PERFORMANCE

(75% - Eligible for State Show Performance Classes)

Number of Horses	Purple	Blue	Red	White
1	1	-	-	-
2	1	1	-	-
3	1	1	1	-
4	1	1	1	1
5	2	1	1	1
6	2	2	1	1
7	2	2	2	1
8	2	2	2	2
9	3	2	2	2
10	3	3	2	2
11	3	3	3	2
12	3	3	3	3
13	4	3	3	3
14	4	4	3	3
15	4	4	4	3
16	4	4	4	4
17	5	4	4	4
18	5	5	4	4
19	5	5	5	4
20	5	5	5	5
21	6	5	5	5
22	6	6	5	5
23	6	6	6	5
24	6	6	6	6
25	7	6	6	6
26	7	7	6	6
27	7	7	7	6

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28	7	7	7	7
29	8	7	7	7
30	8	8	7	7
31	8	8	8	7
32	8	8	8	8
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34	9	9	8	8
35	9	9	9	8
36	9	9	9	9
37	10	9	9	9
38	10	10	9	9
39	10	10	10	9
40	10	10	10	10
41	11	10	10	10
42	11	11	10	10
43	11	11	11	10
44	11	11	11	11
45	12	11	11	11
46	12	12	11	11
47	12	12	12	11
48	12	12	12	12
49	13	12	12	12
50	13	13	12	12
51	13	13	13	12
52	13	13	13	13

Show percentages in each class will be calculated on the numbers shown, not the number entered.

RULE 11: SPECIAL AWARDS

A. HIGH POINT AWARDS

- One Junior and one Senior high point individual (champion) award will be selected in each of the Western, Hunter, Ranch, and Timed Divisions.

Points in each of these categories will be accumulated on a one-horse, one-rider basis.

- Breakdown of classes for high point awards will be as follows: Western- Showmanship (western attire), Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Western Riding, Open Trail, and Reining
- Ranch- Working Cow Horse, Ranch Roping, Groundwork, Stock Horse Pleasure, Ranch Trail and Ranch Sorting.
- Hunter- Showmanship (English attire), Working Hunter, Equitation over Fences, Hunter Under Saddle, Open Trail, Hunt Seat Equitation, and Dressage.
- Timed- Pole Bending, Barrel Racing, Stake Race, Breakaway Roping, Tie-Down Roping and Goat Tying
- *Individuals competing in both Western and English Divisions can compete in either tack & attire (Western or English) for open trail. The points acquired on that single run will be tabulated in both divisional high point calculations. Unless exhibitor has more than one horse entered in the class for division points.

Halter classes will not count towards high point awards.

RULES FOR HIGH POINT AWARDS

Horses contending for the All-Around must place in a minimum of two (2) performance classes. An exhibitor may show more than one horse, but points earned by each horse will be compiled separately. Points will be compiled on a “one horse—one youth” basis. Points to be awarded on the following basis: Contestants shall receive full points toward the All-Around Trophy on the basis of the number of horses in that class. Each of the first 10 horses in a class will be given a point for each horse placing below it. Points are calculated on a 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis through tenth place, not to exceed 10 points for first place. Horses placing below tenth place will not receive points. For example: In a class of 20 horses, the first-place contestant receives 10 points, the second place, 9 points, and so on down through tenth place. In case of a tie for placings, the points for the placings that are tied will be added together and divided by the number of horses involved in the tie. In case of a tie for the All-Around Trophy, the tie will be broken by the following methods:

- The horse placing in the most classes in the top 10 placings will prevail.
- The horse earning the most points in performance classes will prevail.
- The horse placing in the most classes in the top 10 with the highest number of combined entries in those classes will prevail.

4. The highest placing head-to-head in the following classes in this order: Showmanship, Western Riding, Western Horsemanship, and then Trail.

Special Rules

RULE 1: SHOW MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

- A. All exhibitors will enter as instructed by show officials for all classes.
- B. Exhibitors must enter the arena with their numbers visible to the judge(s) and show officials or be disqualified. Numbers from the district show should be saved and the same numbers will be issued at the state show, thus, the exhibitor will have two numbers that can be fastened to each side of the saddle blanket.
- C. All heats and working orders will be drawn at random and posted prior to the class. In classes with drawn working orders, horses will work in that order or forfeit the right to compete in that class. Hunter Under Saddle and Western Pleasure classes will not exceed 15 horses per heat.
- D. It is the responsibility of the contestants to know when they are required to be in the paddock or arena. Not hearing or understanding gate calls, etc. is not an excuse for missing one's order of work, heat or class.
- E. Changes in working order may be made at show management's discretion. Request for changes must be made prior to the class.
- F. At the discretion of management, scores or times may be announced or displayed immediately after each run in classes with individual runs. **However, those scores are unofficial, and only those scores on the judges' cards and show books are official.**
- G. Failure of timing equipment or other show equipment will result in a re-run, but failure of exhibitor equipment, etc. will not result in a re-run.
- H. No exhibitor may be tied, buckled or fastened in the saddle in any manner by any means during competition. Rubber bands to hold an exhibitor's feet in the stirrups are prohibited.
- I. **IN CLASSES REQUIRING HELMETS, THE HELMET MUST BE ASTM/ SEI APPROVED AND REMAIN SECURELY FASTENED ON THE EXHIBITOR'S HEAD THE ENTIRE TIME THE EXHIBITOR IS IN THE ARENA. IF THE HELMET FALLS OFF OR IS TAKEN OFF PRIOR TO LEAVING THE ARENA, THE EXHIBITOR WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**
- J. No stirrups may be attached in a way that restricts movement. Stirrups found tied, buckled, or fastened by any means including rubber bands during competition that restricts free movement of the stirrups is cause for disqualification.
- K. Coaching from the sidelines is not desirable. Exhibitors should be allowed to use their own judgment and display their knowledge. Show management may prohibit any coaching that is disruptive or distracting to other exhibitors.
- L. Procedures for entering and leaving the arena will be determined by the show management, based on the safety of exhibitors and spectators. District show managers will follow procedures appropriate for their arenas.
- M. For the purpose of determining the eligibility for competition, the age of a horse shall be computed by the calendar year, starting on January 1 of the year foaled, regardless of the time of year foaled. For example: A horse foaled any time during 2021 is considered a yearling on January 1, 2022.
- N. First place halter horses of each class will compete for Champion Award. Second place horses will be required to be brought into the arena. After the Champion Award is placed, the second-place horse in the class that furnished the Champion will compete with horses from the other classes for the Reserve Champion Award. To compete for Champion or Reserve Champion, a horse must have received a Purple Ribbon.
- O. Performance classes will be divided into two age groups of exhibitors: Exhibitors 13 years of age and under and exhibitors 14 years of age and over, as of January 1 of the year showing. (*Exception: classes listed as all ages*)
- P. For all classes: 1) No assistance will be allowed for exhibitors beyond the arena gate. 2) Excessive whipping, hot shots, BB guns or similar devices will not be permitted.
- Q. A horse or rider that falls will be disqualified. The horse is considered to have fallen when the shoulder and haunch on the same side touch the ground.
- R. The State Horse Show Premium List will be the sole source of rules for the district and state shows.
- S. Management Council may consider removing a class(s) from the show schedule if it has less than five exhibitors in both age divisions for two consecutive years.