

# **CHAMPLAIN VALLEY HORSE SHOWS RULEBOOK & CLASS SPECIFICATIONS**

## **DEFINITION OF DIVISIONS**

**All ages are as of January 1 of the current year.**

Beginner – 13 and under, walk and trot/jog only. All seats. May not cross enter into any other division except Open Walk/Trot. No stallions.

Novice Rider – any age exhibitor, walk, trot/jog, and optional, un-judged canter/lope. All seats. May not cross enter into any other division except Open Walk/Trot. No stallions

Green Horse/Pony – any age horse in first or second year of showing. All seats. Walk, trot/jog, and optional un-judged canter/lope. May not cross enter into any other division except Open Walk/Trot. Stallions allowed; see rule below.

Open Walk/Trot – open to any walk/trot exhibitor. Walk and trot/jog only. All seats. No stallions.

Youth Western/English – 18 and under, walk, trot/jog, canter/lope. No stallions. May be separated into 13 & under and 14-18 pending entries.

Adult Western/English – 19 and over, walk, trot/jog, canter/lope. Stallions allowed; see rule below.

Open – open to any Youth or Adult exhibitor. Walk, trot/jog, canter/lope. All seats. Stallions allowed; see rule below.

VSE – any equine 44" and under, registration papers not required. Stallions allowed; see rule below.

Pee Wee – 12 and under, walk and trot/jog. All seats. Attendants are allowed in the ring but may not "lead" or be attached to exhibitors. Excessive help will be penalized. No stallions.

Leadline – 10 and under, walk and limited trot/jog. All seats. No stallions.

Breed Classes – registration papers required. Stallions allowed in In Hand/Halter and W/T/C classes only; see rule below.

## **STALLION RULE**

Stallions may only show in Green Horse/Pony, Open, and certain Breed classes (exception – classes shown in hand and when individual goes are allowed such as showmanship, trail, and pattern classes). Any unruly stallion will be asked to leave the ring. Only adult exhibitors 19 and over as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year may show a stallion. An asterisk (\*) next to the class name in the class list indicates a stallion may enter. Youth & Adult combined championship classes will be split if there is an Adult showing a stallion.

## **PROPER SHOW RING ATTIRE & EQUIPMENT**

**In-Hand Appointments** – Exhibitors shall wear neat, clean, professional, and appropriate attire for the show ring, per the seat they are presenting. **No tank tops, shorts, sneakers, baseball hats, etc. No attire with farm/stable logos on them.**

**In-Hand Tack** – Western entries shall be shown in a suitable leather or nylon halter in good condition and fit to the horse with a suitable lead. English/saddle type entries shall be shown in a traditional English style bridle or halter. Whips/bats allowed for english entries only.

**Western Seat Appointments** – Western style pants (slacks, trousers, jeans, etc) in good, clean condition; long sleeved shirt with a collar (pins, bolos, necklaces optional), western hat, and western style boots with a 1" heel. Gloves and chaps are optional. Hair must be neat and contained and not obstruct the judge's view of your number. Entrant shall not be penalized by wearing ASTM-SEI approved headgear in any class.

**Western Seat Tack** – In all western classes, a traditional western saddle made of leather or suitable synthetic fabric allowed. Stirrups shall not be tied to one another or to the saddle. Bridle may be of standard plain or silver headstall, split ear, browband, shaped ear, etc. Nosebands, martingales, and tie-downs prohibited. Western style curb or leveraged bits (broken or solid) with a port no higher than 3 1/2" and a curb strap at least 1/2" wide of leather, nylon, or flat chain are required in all classes. Riders to use only one hand when using a leveraged bit. Only junior horses 5 years and under may use a traditional O-ring, D-ring, or eggbutt snaffle with a ring between 2" and 4", bosal, or hackamore and may use two hands. Slip and gag bits and snaffles with fixed rein attachments providing leverage are prohibited. **EXCEPTION: Green Horse/Pony entries may use a snaffle bit with two hands on any age horse in the Green and Open Walk/Trot classes ONLY.**

## **WESTERN PROHIBITED EQUIPMENT**

1. Protective boots, leg wraps and bandages are prohibited in western pleasure, trail, halter, western riding and showmanship.
2. Wire curb straps, regardless of how padded or covered, or curb strap with tacks/rivets.
3. Any curb strap narrower than one-half inch
4. Chain, wire, or metal tie-down or bonnets are prohibited, regardless of how padded or wrapped.
5. Saw tooth bits; hock hobbles; tack collars; tack curb straps or tack hackamores; whips used for showmanship; war bridles or like devices; riding in a curb bit without a curb strap; wire or solid metal curb straps no matter how padded; wire cavesson; wire or cable tie-downs; bumper bits; metal bosals (no matter how padded); chambons; headstalls made of metal (no matter how wrapped or padded), twisted rawhide, or rope may not be used on a horse's head (3/8 inch rope may be used with a slip/gag bit or a bonnet); running martingales used with curb bits used without rein stops; **draw reins attached between or around the front legs.**
6. Tie-downs may not have a built in cavesson or noseband.
7. Fenders may not be connected by string or any other material

**Hunter Seat Appointments** – Traditional hunt coat of dark or conservative color, light colored (white, khaki, gray, beige) breeches, traditional hunt shirt with stock collar (pin optional), and high English boots or jodhpur boots, and helmet/hunt cap. Gloves and spurs optional. Hair must be neat and contained and not obstruct the judge's view of your number. **Exhibitors 18 and under showing in hunt seat attire are required to wear an**

**ASTM-SEI approved helmet in all under saddle classes.** Hunt caps are acceptable for exhibitors 19 and over. See rule on Hard Hat Requirements below.

**Hunter Seat Tack** – In all English/hunter classes, a traditional English style forward seat, close contact, or dressage saddle is acceptable. Flat saddle seat type saddles are prohibited. Bridles must have a bit – no hunter hackamores, etc. allowed. A traditional snaffle bridle with an O-ring, D-ring, kimberwicke, or eggbutt bit is acceptable. Pelham or full bridles are allowed. Martingales and tie-downs are prohibited. Flash or drop nosebands, **Micklem-style bridles**, standing and running martingales are prohibited in flat classes but are permissible in jumping classes. Bits of unconventional type are to be penalized at the judge's discretion.

#### **ENGLISH PROHIBITED EQUIPMENT**

1. Bits of any style (pelham, snaffle, kimberwicke) featuring mouthpieces with cathedrals, donuts, prongs, edges or rough, sharp material shall be cause for elimination. Square stock, metal wrapped or polo bits shall be cause for elimination. If a curb bit is used, the curb chain must be at least 1/2" (15mm) in width and lie flat against the jaw of the horse.
2. Draw reins
3. Rowelled spurs
4. Standing or running martingales except in working hunter, jumping and equitation over fences
5. **Figure 8 or flash nosebands or Micklem style bridles, except in jumping.**
6. Protective boots, leg wraps and bandages are prohibited in pleasure driving, hunter under saddle and boots of any description (except outdoors during inclement weather) in hunter hack, green working hunter and working hunter. The use of slip on (easy care) horse boots or related footwear are not considered as protective boots and are permissible to be worn in all classes.
7. Rubber reins (except jumping).
8. Slip on spurs

**Saddle Seat Appointments** – A traditional 3-piece saddle suit, derby style/homberg hat, jodhpur boots, and tie required. Spurs, gloves, and crops optional. Hair must be neat and contained and not obstruct the judge's view of your number. Entrant shall not be penalized by wearing ASTM-SEI approved headgear in any class.

**Saddle Seat Tack** – A traditional flat cutback saddle seat/Lane Fox type saddle is required. Entries shall be shown in a full bridle with shank bit and bradoon, or a pelham bit.

### **HELMET REQUIREMENTS**

To be in accordance with current AQHA and USEF rulebooks, all exhibitors 18 years and under showing Hunter style **must wear properly fitting headgear with a chin strap while riding anywhere on the grounds.** Harness must be secure and properly fitted. Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place. The show management strongly encourages all riders to wear protective headgear passing or surpassing current application ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards and harness secured while riding anywhere on the competition grounds. Adults are encouraged to comply with this rule. Exhibitors may wear ASTM/SEI protective headgear in any classes *without* penalty from the judge.

### **CLASS SPECIFICATIONS**

#### **ALL DIVISION SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES**

To be judged on showmanship with equine shown in hand, standing and at a walk and trot on the line; also on fitting, evidenced by grooming, condition, neatness and sportsmanship. Pattern required. Judged 60% on exhibitor's showmanship (leading, posing, poise, alertness, attitude, and appearance) and 40% on horse (condition, grooming, and tack). Conformation not to count.

#### **ALL IN HAND CLASSES**

Entries will enter the ring at a trot or jog and line up head to tail along the rail for individual inspection by the judge. The judge shall inspect each entry from both sides, front and rear. Additional inspection at the judge's discretion. To be judged on conformation, quality, substance, soundness and manners. Rating conformation depends upon objective evaluation of balance, structural correctness, breed and sex characteristics.

#### **ALL DIVISION EQUITATION CLASSES**

Riders will be judged on seat, hands, performance of horse, appointments, and suitability of horse to rider both ways of the ring.

**Walk/Trot Divisions** - To be shown at a walk and trot/jog. Novice Riders and Green Horses allowed an optional un-judged canter/lope one way of the ring.

**Youth, Adult, & Open Divisions** - To be shown at a walk, trot/jog, and canter/lope. Chaps optional for western riders.

#### **ALL EQUITATION PATTERN CLASSES**

Exhibitors to perform a simple pattern from the gate individually. Judged on exhibitors overall poise, confidence, appearance and position, and control of mount throughout the pattern.

### **ALL DIVISION TRAIL CLASSES**

Entries to be worked individually over and through a course of 6 to 8 obstacles. Horses shall be penalized for any unnecessary delay while approaching obstacles. Failure to follow course will result in disqualification. Failure to complete an obstacle shall not be a disqualification, but is to be severely penalized. To be judged on performance, manners, way of going, responsiveness and attitude.

### **ALL DIVISION PLEASURE CLASSES**

To be judged on manners, performance, and suitability of mount to rider both ways of the ring.

Walk/Trot Divisions – To be shown at a walk and trot/jog. Novice Riders and Green Horses allowed an optional un-judged canter/lope one way of the ring.

Youth, Adult & Open Divisions – To be shown at a walk, trot/jog, and canter/lope.

### **ALL DIVISION ROAD HACK CLASSES**

To be judged on manners, performance, and suitability. Required to halt and stand quietly both ways of the ring. May be asked to back.

Walk/Trot – To be shown at the walk, trot/jog, and extended trot/jog.

English – To be shown at a walk, trot, road-trot, canter, and hand gallop. Excessive speed at the hand gallop shall be penalized. Class may be split at judge's discretion for hand gallop.

Western - To be shown at a walk, jog, extended jog, lope, and hand gallop both ways of the ring. Class may be split a judge's discretion for hand gallop.

### **ALL DIVISION DISCIPLINED RAIL CLASSES**

This class is to show the ability of a highly trained equine. Judge shall work the entries adequately but must not overwork them. This is not a game or a fault and out class, and shall not be judged on an elimination basis. Final judging shall be on the basis of the best overall disciplined rail performance including responsiveness, manners, and quality of movements. At all times, the safety of the horses and exhibitors to be the first concern. The class routine shall be to perform work on the rail, and may include, but is not limited to:

Walk/Trot - walk, trot/jog or extended trot/jog; turn on forehand and/or turn on hind quarter; stop and stand quietly on a loose rein; reverse at the trot/jog; backing; Judge may ask for additional safe work.

English/Western - walk, trot/jog or extended trot/jog; hand gallop (no more than eight horses at a time, twice around the ring); starting into a canter/lope from a halt; starting and traveling on the incorrect lead; side pass both away from the rail (at least five steps) and then back to the rail; turn on forehand and/or turn on hind quarter (once each way); stop and stand quietly on a loose rein; reverse at the trot/jog and/or canter/lope; backing; Judge may ask for additional safe work.

### **DRIVING DIVISION**

*Open to horses and large ponies 12.2h and above. See USEF or ADS for additional specifications. Draft/Draft Cross horses must use a fine harness.*

Open Pleasure/Carriage Driving - Open to any equine 2 years and over. Miniature Horses not allowed. To be shown in appropriate harness and 2 or 4-wheeled vehicle. Anything other than a fine harness must be approved by show management. at a walk, pleasure trot, and extended trot both ways of the ring. To be judged on manners performance and suitability. Horses should stand quietly and may be asked to back. One attendant without whip will be permitted for each entry.

Pleasure/Carriage Driving Championship - To be judged on manners performance and suitability. Horses should stand quietly and may be asked to back. One attendant without whip will be permitted for each entry. Exhibitors must have competed in the Morgan Pleasure Driving or Open Pleasure Driving/Carriage Driving to qualify.

### **PEE WEE**

*12 and under in 1st or 2nd year showing, walk and trot/jog. One attendant per exhibitor allowed in ring but cannot "lead" exhibitor. Exhibitors will be penalized if they receive physical help from attendant. ASTM/SEI helmets required in all classes. Cannot enter any other classes. Exhibitors in this division may use two hands any seat.*

Pee Wee Showmanship - To be judged on showmanship with equine shown in hand, standing and at a walk and trot on the line; also on fitting, evidenced by grooming, condition, neatness and sportsmanship. Conformation not to count. ASTM/SEI helmets required.

Pee Wee Equitation - To be shown at a walk and trot/jog both ways of the ring. Riders will be judged on seat, hands, performance of horse, appointments, and suitability of horse to rider. ASTM/SEI helmets required.

Pee Wee Equitation Pattern - Exhibitors to perform a simple pattern from the gate individually. Judged on exhibitors overall poise, confidence, appearance and position, and control of mount throughout the pattern. ASTM/SEI helmets required.

Pee Wee Trail - To be shown over a course of 4-6 simple obstacles, such as serpentine through cones, walk over poles, back horse, halt, jog 50 feet, etc. To be judged on rider's ability to control and instruct mount through obstacles. Entries are to be penalized if handler excessively helps exhibitor or does the obstacle for them. ASTM/SEI helmets required.

Pee Wee Pleasure - To be shown at a walk and trot/jog both ways of the ring. Judged on equine's ability to provide a safe and pleasurable ride for a Pee Wee exhibitor. ASTM/SEI helmets required.

### **LEADLINE**

10 and under, walk and limited trot/jog (suggested distance is 50'). ASTM/SEI helmets required in all classes. Attendant must be 16 or older. Side walkers are allowed.

Leadline Equitation - To be led by an adult on foot. To be shown at a walk and trot/jog a short distance. Judged on rider's ability to control mount.

Leadline Pleasure - To be led by an adult on foot. To be shown at a walk and trot/jog a short distance. Judged on equine's ability to provide a safe and pleasurable ride for a Leadline exhibitor.

Leadline Trail - To be shown over a course of 4-6 simple obstacles, such as serpentine through cones, walk over poles, back horse, halt, jog 50 feet, etc. To be judged on rider's ability to control and instruct mount through obstacles. Entries are penalized if handler excessively helps exhibitor or does the obstacle for them.

### **CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES**

Showmanship Championship (Walk/Trot ~ Open) - Exhibitors must have qualified by entering their division showmanship class. To be judged the same as division showmanship class.

In Hand Championship - (English ~ Western) - Exhibitors must have qualified by entering a division or breed In Hand class. To be judged on conformation, quality, substance, soundness, and manners. May be split into english and western pending entries.

Youth & Adult English Pleasure Championship - Exhibitors must have competed in the Youth English Pleasure classes to qualify. To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. To be judged on manners, performance, and suitability of mount to rider. Class will be split into Youth and Adult if there are stallions showing.

Youth & Adult Western Pleasure Championship - Exhibitors must have competed in the Youth Western Pleasure class to qualify. To be shown at a walk, jog, and lope both ways of the ring. To be judged on manners, performance, and suitability of mount to rider. Class will be split into Youth and Adult if there are stallions showing.

Open Pleasure Championship - Exhibitors must have competed in the Open Pleasure class to qualify. To be shown at a walk, trot/jog, and canter/lope both ways of the ring. To be judged on manners, performance, and suitability of mount to rider.

Beginner & Novice Rider Pleasure Championship - Exhibitors must have competed in Beginner Pleasure or Novice Rider Pleasure class to qualify. To be shown at a walk and trot/jog only both ways of the ring. To be judged on manners, performance, and suitability of mount to rider.

Green Horse/Pony Pleasure Championship - Exhibitors must have competed in the Green Horse/Pony Pleasure class to qualify. To be shown at a walk and trot/jog only both ways of the ring. To be judged on manners, performance, and suitability of mount to rider.

Open Walk/Trot Pleasure Championship - Exhibitors must have competed in the Open Walk/Trot Pleasure class to qualify. To be shown at a walk and trot/jog only both ways of the ring. To be judged on manners, performance, and suitability of mount to rider.

### **MISCELLANEOUS CLASSES**

Open In Hand Trail - Open to any age horse or pony. Entrant to be judged on their performance over a course of 6-8 obstacles with emphasis on manners, response to the handler and attitude. Suggested obstacles include passing through a gate, a small jump, backing through cones, walk over bridge, trot over poles, mailbox, sidepass over or through poles, etc.

Bareback Equitation - Open to youth and adult exhibitors only. To be shown at the walk, trot/jog, and canter/lope both ways of the ring without a saddle. Judged on rider's hands, seat, and proper equitation.

Ranch Horse Pleasure - The ranch horse should reflect the versatility, attitude, and movement of a working horse. The horse's performance should simulate a horse riding outside the confines of an arena and that of a working ranch horse. The class should show the horse's ability to work at a forward, working speed while under control by the rider. Light contact should be rewarded and horse does not have to be shown on a full drape of reins. No hoof polish, braided or banded reins, tail extensions, and little to no silver on bridle and saddle. To be shown at a walk, jog, extended jog, lope, and extended lope both ways of the ring. To be judged on manners, responsiveness, and quality of movement are the primary considerations.

Ranch Riding - See AQHA Ranch Riding. AQHA Pattern #1 and #2 will be used.

Sit A Buck - Walk/Trot & Open - Entries in the walk/trot class may use saddles. A dollar bill provided by the exhibitor will be placed under the exhibitor's thigh and will be asked to perform and walk, trot or jog, or reverse. Whoever wins the class keeps all the dollars. Open division entries will be bareback and will be asked to perform a walk, trot or jog, canter or lope, or hand gallop.

Carrot Race – Open to any exhibitor. This is a timed class and will be held in the practice ring. Carrots provided by the show. Exhibitors will enter the ring individually with halter and lead rope with a carrot in their hand. Exhibitor must then disconnect the lead rope from the equine's halter and have equine follow them doing a simple pattern. Going off pattern will result in disqualification. Winner is the exhibitor who can get their horse through the pattern the quickest.

Versatility Pleasure Stakes – Open to any youth or adult exhibitor. Exhibitors to enter the ring in western tack and attire and perform a walk, jog, and lope first way of the ring. After lineup, exhibitors will have 5 minutes to change tack inside the ring to English. Exhibitors will then take the rail and perform a walk, trot, and canter the second way of the ring. Judged on equine's versatility to show as a western and English pleasure mount.

## **JUMPING DIVISION**

*ASTM/SEI approved helmet with a chin strap required in all jumping classes. Standing/running martingales and Micklem bridles allowed.*

Trotting Ground Poles - English or Western. Open to any exhibitor. To be shown over a course of ground poles spaced at least 3' apart for ponies and 4' for horses. Pattern may include poles in a straight line, curved, box, or other simple patterns. Judged on rider's equitation and ability to maneuver equine over poles in a straight, centered, and even-paced manner. Poles should be taken in the 2-point position. Exhibitors will be penalized for hitting the poles and/or knocking them out of place. A courtesy circle before first set of poles is allowed.

Hunter Over Crossrails - Open to any exhibitor. To be shown over at least 4 fences not to exceed 18". To be judged on performance and soundness. Course should be ridden at a controlled trot, but exhibitors will not be penalized for cantering one or two strides between fences. May cross enter into 2" classes only. *ASTM/SEI approved helmet with a chin strap required.*

Equitation Over Crossrails - Open to any exhibitor. To be shown over at least 4 fences not to exceed 18". To be judged on hands, seat, and ability to maneuver equine through course of fences. Course should be ridden at a controlled trot, but exhibitors will not be penalized for cantering one or two strides between fences. May cross enter into 2' classes only. *ASTM/SEI approved helmet with a chin strap required.*

Hunter Over Fences – 2' - Open to any youth or adult exhibitor. To be shown over at least 4 fences not to exceed 2'. To be judged on performance and soundness. *ASTM/SEI approved helmet with a chin strap required.*

Equitation Over Fences – 2' - Open to any youth or adult exhibitor. To be shown over a course of at least 4 fences not to exceed 2'. To be judged on hands, seat, and ability to maneuver equine through course of fences. *ASTM/SEI approved helmet with a chin strap required.*

Hunter Over Fences – 2'6" - Open to any youth or adult exhibitor. To be shown over at least 4 fences not to exceed 2'6". To be judged on performance and soundness. May not cross enter into crossrails class. *ASTM/SEI approved helmet with a chin strap required.*

Equitation Over Fences – 2'6" - Open to any youth or adult exhibitor. To be shown over a course of at least 4 fences not to exceed 2'6". To be judged on hands, seat, and ability to maneuver equine through course of fences. May not cross enter into crossrails class. *ASTM/SEI approved helmet with a chin strap required.*

## **VSE (Very Small Equine)**

*Any equine 11h & under (44 inches). Equines of questionable height will be measured. Registration papers not required.*

VSE Showmanship – See Division Showmanship.

VSE In Hand – See Division In Hand.

VSE Pleasure Driving - Open to any equine 2 years and over. To be shown in appropriate harness and 2 or 4-wheeled vehicle at a walk, pleasure trot, and extended trot both ways of the ring. To be judged on manners performance and suitability. Horses should stand quietly and may be asked to back.

VSE Pleasure Driving Championship - Exhibitors must have qualified by entering VSE Pleasure Driving. To be judged the same as VSE Pleasure Driving.

VSE Obstacle Driving - To be driven over a prescribed course of 6-8 obstacles. Classes will be judged 100% on the manner of horse's performance. Suggested obstacles are below:

a. flat bridge; b. back into a stall, touch bar, drive out; or back between cones and touch a third; c. walk with wheels between triple rails - right two rails 16" apart; d. drive through an L; e. U-turn with center cone; f. serpentine between cones to complete figure 8 - cones minimum 30' apart; g. twist between 3 to 5 cones minimum 25' apart; h. drive beside a distracting but reasonable trail type object; i. trot between 2 pairs of cones making a 10' square; j. lead in and mount the cart; or dismount and lead out; There is a 60 second time limit to complete each obstacle. Refusals of 3 obstacles or going off course shall be cause for disqualification. Cantering on course is to be penalized. Held on trail course.

## **MORGAN/ARABIAN/SADDLEBRED**

*Registration papers required with entry.*

Morgan/Arabian/Saddlebred In Hand – Equines to enter the ring at a trot and line up head to tail. Entries are to be judged individually standing and then at a walk and trot on the line and must be serviceably sound. Horses should stand with front legs perpendicular to the ground. Rear legs may be placed slightly back. The horse is also judged at some time during the class not stretched. Equines should be shown with traditional tack relative to the section represented. Emphasis is placed on type and conformation, with consideration given to the horse's ability move correctly on the lead. Unnatural tail carriage should be penalized. Not more than two handlers shall be allowed in the ring to show each horse. No items may be used inside or outside the ring while showing the horse except one whip per handler.

Morgan/Arabian/Saddlebred Equitation Open - Riders will be judged on seat, hands, performance of horse, appointments, and suitability of horse to rider both ways of the ring. To be shown at a walk, trot/jog, and canter/lope. Chaps optional for western riders.

Morgan/Arabian/Saddlebred Pleasure/Carriage Driving - To be shown at a walk, pleasure trot and road trot both ways of the ring. May be asked to back. To be judged on manners, performance with proper cadence and balance, quality, presence and ability to give a good pleasure drive 60%; type and conformation 40%. One attendant without whip must head each horse when lined up. Headers must be a minimum of sixteen years of age.

Morgan/Arabian/Saddlebred Equitation Walk/Trot - Riders will be judged on seat, hands, performance of horse, appointments, and suitability of horse to rider both ways of the ring. To be shown at a walk and trot/jog.

Morgan/Arabian/Saddlebred Walk/Trot Pleasure – Open to any age walk/trot exhibitor. To be shown at a walk and trot or jog both ways of the ring for manners, quality, presence, and ability to give a good pleasure ride. Riders may not enter any class that requires a canter/lope. Not asked to back.

Morgan/Arabian/Saddlebred Western Pleasure - To be shown at a walk, jog-trot, and lope both ways of the ring with light rein but still maintaining contact with horse's mouth. May be asked to back at judge's discretion. The Judge may ask for an extension of any gait. Horses should stand with all four legs perpendicular to the ground in the lineup. To be judged on manners, performance, quality, presence and apparent ability to give a good pleasure ride, with emphasis on manners and gait 60%; type and conformation 40%.

Morgan/Arabian/Saddlebred English Pleasure – To be shown at a walk, pleasure trot, road trot and canter both ways of the ring with light rein but still maintaining contact with horse's mouth. May be asked to back. To be judged on manners, performance with proper cadence and balance, quality, presence and apparent ability to give a good pleasure ride 60%; type and conformation 40%. Length of toe shall not exceed 5" including pad and shoe.

Morgan/Arabian/Saddlebred Pleasure Championship - Open to any equine that showed in the Morgan/Arabian/Saddlebred Western Pleasure or Morgan/Arabian/Saddlebred English Pleasure class at that show. Judged 60% on manners, performance with proper cadence and balance, quality, presence and apparent ability to give a good pleasure ride, and 40% on type and conformation. To be shown at a walk, trot/jog, and canter/lope both ways of the ring.

Morgan/Arabian/Saddlebred Walk/Trot Pleasure Championship - Exhibitors must have competed in the Morgan/Arabian/Saddlebred Walk/Trot Pleasure class to qualify. To be judged at a walk and trot/jog only both ways of the ring on manners, performance, and suitability.

## **QUARTER HORSE & COLOR BREED**

*Open to any registered Quarter Horse or any horse/pony that is registered with a color association – Appaloosa, Paint Horse, Pinto, Buckskin, Palomino, etc. Registration papers required with entry.*

Quarter Horse & Color Breed Halter - Horses are to enter the ring at a trot or jog and line up head to tail for individual inspection by the judge. The judge shall inspect each horse from both sides, front and rear. Rating conformation depends upon objective evaluation of the following four traits: balance, structural correctness, breed and sex characteristics, and degree of muscling. English or Western.

Quarter Horse & Color Breed Equitation Open - Riders will be judged on seat, hands, performance of horse, appointments, and suitability of horse to rider both ways of the ring. To be shown at a walk, trot/jog, and canter/lope. Chaps optional for western riders.

Quarter Horse & Color Breed Equitation Walk/Trot - Riders will be judged on seat, hands, performance of horse, appointments, and suitability of horse to rider both ways of the ring. To be shown at a walk and trot/jog.

Quarter Horse & Color Breed Western Pleasure – To be shown at the walk, jog, and lope both ways of the ring. Judged on the performance, condition and conformation of the horse at the discretion of the judge. At the option of the judge, horses may be asked to extend the jog or lope both ways of the ring. They may be required to reverse at the walk or jog at the discretion of the judge, but shall not be asked to reverse at the lope.

Quarter Horse & Color Breed English Pleasure – To be shown at the walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Horses should back easily and stand quietly. Judges should emphasize free movement and manners. Judged on performance, condition, and conformation.

Quarter Horse & Color Breed Walk/Trot Pleasure - To be shown at the walk and trot or jog both ways of the ring. Judged on the performance, condition and conformation of the horse at the discretion of the judge. All seats.

Quarter Horse & Color Breed Pleasure Championship - Exhibitors must have qualified by entering Quarter Horse & Color Breed Western Pleasure or Quarter Horse & Color Breed English Pleasure. To be shown at a walk, trot or jog, and canter or lope on a reasonably loose rein both ways of the ring. To be judged on performance, manners, and suitability to purpose.

Quarter Horse & Color Breed Walk/Trot Pleasure Championship - Exhibitors must have competed in the Quarter Horse & Color Breed Walk/Trot Pleasure class to qualify. To be judged at a walk and trot/jog only both ways of the ring on manners, performance, and suitability.

## **AQHA**

*Open to any registered Quarter Horse. Registration papers required with entry. Classes will run in accordance with AQHA rules. Held at June show only. **PLEASE REFER TO THE AQHA HANDBOOK FOR FURTHER CLASS SPECIFICATIONS AND DEFINITIONS OF DIVISIONS.***

AQHA Showmanship - Western attire only. Open to any age exhibitor. No whips or bridles. Exhibitors will be worked individually from the gate with an order of go. Exhibitors are scored from 0-100 with 70 denoting an average performance. Judged on exhibitor's poise, confidence, appearance and position throughout the class, as well as the horse's overall body condition, fitness, and cleanliness.

AQHA Halter – Western attire only. Horses will walk to the judge one at a time. As the horse approaches, the judge will step to the right (left of the horse) to enable the horse to trot straight to a cone placed 50 feet (15 meters) away. At the cone, the horse will continue trotting, turn to the left and trot toward the left wall or fence of the arena. After trotting, horses will be lined up head to tail for individual inspection by the judge. The judge shall inspect each horse from both sides, front and rear. Rating conformation depends upon objective evaluation of the following four traits: balance, structural correctness, breed and sex characteristics, and degree of muscling.

AQHA Western Horsemanship – This is a patterned class. Exhibitors will be worked from the gate individually with an order of go. The whole class, or just the finalists, must work all three gaits at least one direction on the rail. Exhibitors are scored from 0-100 with 70 denoting an average performance. Judged on exhibitors overall poise, confidence, appearance and position throughout the class, as well as the physical appearance of the horse. Walk/Trot classes will be judged the same except no loping in pattern or rail work.

AQHA Hunter Seat Equitation - This is a patterned class. Exhibitors will be worked from the gate individually with an order of go. The whole class, or just the finalists, must work all three gaits at least one direction on the rail. Exhibitors are scored from 0-100 with 70 denoting an average performance. Judged on exhibitors overall poise, confidence, appearance and position throughout the class, as well as the physical appearance of the horse. Walk/Trot classes will be judged the same except no cantering in pattern or rail work.

AQHA Western Pleasure – Open to all ages. Horses 6 years old and older must be shown in bit. Horses 5 years old and under may be shown in either a bit, hackamore or snaffle bit. This class will be judged on the performance, condition and conformation of the horse at the discretion of the judge. Horses to be shown at a walk, jog, and lope both ways of the ring on a reasonably loose rein without undue restraint. A moderate extension of the jog is required in at least one direction except for L1 exhibitors. At the option of the judge, horses may be asked to extend the jog or lope both ways of the ring. Must back easily and stand quietly. Horses are to be reversed to the inside. They may be required to reverse at the walk or jog at the discretion of the judge, but shall not be asked to reverse at the lope. Walk/Trot classes will be judged the same except no loping.

AQHA Hunter Under Saddle – Horses to be shown under saddle but not to jump. To be shown at the walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Horses should back easily and stand quietly. Judges should emphasize free movement and manners. Judged on performance, condition, and conformation. At the option of the judge, all or just the top 12 horses may be asked to hand gallop at one time. No more than 12 horses to hand gallop at one time. At the hand gallop, the judge may ask the group to halt and stand quietly on a free rein. Walk/Trot classes will be judged the same except no cantering.

AQHA Ranch Riding – All classes shall perform Ranch Riding Pattern #1 & Pattern #2 in the AQHA rulebook. The purpose of the ranch riding class is to measure the ability of the horse to be a pleasure to ride while being used as a means of conveyance from performing one ranch task to another. The horse should reflect the versatility, attitude and movement of a working ranch horse riding outside the confines of an arena. The horse should be well-trained, relaxed, quiet, soft and cadenced at all gaits. The ideal ranch horse will travel with forward movement and demonstrate an obvious lengthening of stride at extended gaits. The ideal ranch riding horse should have a natural head carriage at each gait. For horses three years of age and older. **No horse may cross enter, a western pleasure or walk/ trot western pleasure and ranch riding class at the same show regardless of division (youth, amateur, select or open).**

Class requirements: Each horse will work individually, performing the required gait maneuvers and minimum of three optional maneuvers. Horses will be scored on the basis of 0 to 100, with 70 denoting an average performance. Maneuver scores are to be determined and assessed independently of penalty points. The required gait maneuvers will include the walk, trot, and lope both directions: and the extended trot and extended lope at least one direction; as well as stops, and back. The optional maneuvers may include a side pass, turns of 360 degrees or more, change of lead (simple or flying), walk, trot, or lope over a log(s); or some reasonable combination of maneuvers that would be reasonable for a horse to perform or encounter during ranch work.

**Required Apparel and Equipment** - No hoof polish. No braided or banded manes or tail extensions. Trimming inside ears is discouraged. Trimming bridle path is allowed, also trimming of fetlocks or excessive (long) facial hair. Equipment with silver should not count over a good working outfit. Silver on bridles and saddles is discouraged. It is suggested competitors use a breast collar and a rear cinch.

**AQHA Trail - Western attire only.** Course to include a minimum of 6 obstacles, 3 of which are mandatory. Horses shall be penalized for any unnecessary delay while approaching or negotiating the obstacles. Horses must not be required to work on the rail: however, course to be designed for horses to show the three gaits between obstacles. To be judged on performance of the horse over obstacles, with emphasis on manners, response to the rider and quality of movement. Walk/Trot classes will be judged the same except no loping in pattern. See page of 155 of the AQHA rulebook for further details.

Mandatory obstacles include: (1) Opening, passing through and closing gate, Losing control of gate is to be penalized. (2) Ride over at least four logs or poles. These can be in a straight line, curved, zigzag or raised (See AQHA rulebook for spacing); and (3) backing through obstacle - backing through and around three markers, or grounds poles in the shape of a L, V, U, etc.

Optional obstacles include a water hazard with no slick bottom; serpentine obstacles at walk or jog, to carry an object from one part of arena to another (only objects which might reasonably be carried on a trail ride); crossing wooden bridge 3' x 6'; to put on and remove slicker; remove and replace material from mail box; sidepass around or through obstacle; 360 turn in square; or any other safe and negotiable obstacle that could reasonably be expected to encounter on a trail ride. Unacceptable objects such as tires, animals, hides, PVC pipe, dismounting, jumps, flames, dry ice, fire extinguisher, etc.