

Rules and Definitions

AQHA Rules apply to all classes with the following exceptions:

- **Helmets that meet or exceed ASTM (F1163-88)/ SEI certified safety are required on all riders under 18 years AND all over fences classes. Highlander Ranch encourages the use of safety helmets in all equine events. Protective headgear may be used in all classes and shall not be discriminated against.**
- No stallions may be shown at this show.
- Age of contestant is as of 1/1/22; age of horse is as of 1/1/22.
- Halter classes may be shown in proper English or Western attire.
- Hunter Hack will consist of two jumps not to exceed 18" cross rails in height.
- All riders must sign Liability Release.
- **No dogs allowed.**
- No refunds (unless show is cancelled)
- **Trail** classes will be held outside (weather permitting) and will run concurrent with other classes and through lunch. ***Courses and separate judge will be available from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm.*** You may complete your trail course in any division, at any time during that three-hour period.
- **Ranch Riding (Ranch Rail Pleasure)** classes will follow American Ranch Horse Association rules as found at the website: <https://americanranchhorse.net/>)
- Indoor arena will be used as the warm-up arena. Main arena (Pavilion) will be open before first class.

** = Does not count towards HIGH POINT
(PLEASE READ HIGH POINT RULES PRIOR TO SIGNING UP FOR CLASSES)
HIGH POINT awards will be figured after block of classes:
e.g., Walk/Whoa High Point after completion of all walk/whoa classes, Western High Point after completion of all Western classes. Age Divisions, Walk/Trot(13 & Under), Pony High Point awards will be announced at conclusion of show

High Point Rules:

One horse, one rider rule applies. Riders may enter **classes** as eligible, but may earn only one high point award at each show. Riders may enroll in any & all eligible **divisions**. Tie breaker: Most first places. Greatest number of points in division will determine which high point award.

- **AGE DIVISION High Points:** 13 & Under, 14 to 18 y/o, 19 & Over; must enter a minimum of one (1) showmanship class and two (2) age division classes to be eligible.
- **Walk/Trot (13 & Under):** Must enter a minimum of one (1) showmanship class and two (2) Walk/Trot classes in their division to be eligible.
- **Walk/Trot (all ages):** Must enter a minimum of one(1) showmanship class and two (2) Walk/Trot classes in their division to be eligible.
- **English High Point:** Must enter a minimum of one (1) Hunter Showmanship class and two (2) English classes in their division to be eligible.
- **Western High Point:** Must enter a minimum of one (1) Showmanship at Halter class and two (2) Western classes in their division to be eligible.
- **Pony High Point:** Must enter a minimum of one (1) showmanship class and two (2) Pony classes in their division to be eligible.

- **Walk/Whoa:** Must enter a minimum of one (1) showmanship class and two (2) Walk/Whoa classes in their division to be eligible.

Class Definitions:

- ** — **Does not count towards any high point award.**
- **WALK-WHOA :** These classes are for riders who do not need to be in the leadline class but are not quite ready for the Walk/Trot classes. The instructor may be in the arena with the exhibitor but may not lead the horse.
- **Walk/Trot (13 & Under):** These classes are for “pre-novice type” riders with minimal showing experience. These riders may **NOT** enter other classes where loping/cantering is expected.
- **Walk/Trot (all ages):** These classes are for “pre-novice type” riders or horses with minimum showing experience. The horse/rider pair may **NOT** enter other classes where loping/cantering is expected.
- **Cross Rail Hunter** is a whole course (8 jumps) with rails set at 18” crossrails. This course may be trotted or cantered.
- **Green Hunter 2’** is a whole course (8 jumps) with rails set at 2’ verticals. Canterng is expected.
- **Green Hunter 2’3”** is a whole course (8 jumps) with rails set at 2’3” verticals;
- verticals may include oxers
- **Pet Horse/Pony Obstacle** is open to all horses and ponies. Entrants will lead their horses over and through a prescribed obstacle course. Handler to be appropriately attired, including helmet. Judged 100% on performance.

***Management reserves the right to combine classes of three or less. In order to expedite the show, the Show Management reserves the right to limit the number of entries allowed in classes.
All judges’ decisions are final.***

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

**Must show proof of current, negative Coggins—
WILL BE CHECKED WHEN YOU
COMPLETE SHOW CHECK-IN**