

THE MISSION OF THE ROCKING HORN RANCH (RHR) SCHOOLING SHOW SERIES IS TO PROVIDE A SAFE, FUN, LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL LEVELS OF RIDERS TO GAIN EXPERIENCE IN A HORSE SHOW ATMOSPHERE.

1. By Entering all contestants agree to abide by and follow all rules. RHR Event Manager reserves the right to refuse entry to any horse or individual.
2. We will be following a modified format of the [AQHA Rulebook](#) with the following exceptions:
 - a. Horses of any age may be shown in a snaffle, hackamore, or legal bit (see [AQHA Rulebook](#)). All headgear must be used in the appropriate manor (single or two handed).
 - b. For the Youth Divisions, in conjunction with the AQHA Rulebook, we followed guidance from the [Wyoming 4-H Equine Competition Guidelines](#) provided by the [University of Wyoming Extension](#).
3. In schooling competitions, the judge will not encourage any maneuver or action contrary to established rules, or which would not be deemed safe for any participant within the same division.
4. If you have any questions, please ask the show judge or RHR show manager.

Classes

RHR will be offering seven classes for the Spring Schooling Show Series.

1. Showmanship (halter pattern, appropriate English or Western attire is acceptable).
2. Hunter Under Saddle (rail).
3. Hunter Hack (pattern, 2 jumps not to exceed 2' in height).
4. Western Pleasure (rail).
5. Ranch Riding (pattern).
6. Ranch Trail (pattern).

Division Eligibility

Divisions may be combined (judged separately) at a show, at the direction of the judge and show management, if there are 2 or less entries in one or both of the divisions to be combined.

Open Division

In the Open Division, any horse can be ridden by any rider. There are no ownership requirements. Note: high point awards will be given only to a one horse/rider combo.

Novice Division

A novice rider must not have shown, judged, trained or assisted in training, or instructed another person for remuneration. In addition, the rider must not have won any money, champion or reserve champion awards or cumulative year end awards at any horse or stock horse show. Novice riders must exhibit a horse in their ownership/lease or in the ownership/lease of someone directly related to them. Note: high point awards will be given only to a one horse/rider combo.

Youth Divisions

Youth is 18 years old or younger on January 1. There are two youth division, defined as:

1. Junior Youth: 13 & Under
2. Senior Youth: 14-18

Entry Fees & Awards

Entry Fees

1. Class entry fee is \$15 per class entered, or \$75 for the day, when entering all six classes in a single division. **A savings of \$15 😊**
2. Office fee of \$5 will be collected, per show, is to help support the cost of supplies and show secretary.
3. Pre-entry required by the Monday prior to the show. After that a \$10 late entry fee will be charged.

Awards

1. **Daily awards:** each class will be awarded ribbons first through sixth place. Daily High-point awards for each division will be awarded, must be one horse/rider combo.
2. **Series awards:** Series awards will be awarded to the Champion and Reserve Champion for each division, must be one horse/rider combo for the entire series, and must enter 2 shows to be considered for the series high point awards.

Points System

We will be using a six-point scoring system.

You get a point for each horse you beat, up-to 6 points.

For example, if there are 10 horses in a class, first place gets 6 points, second gets 5, third get, 4 and so on. If there are three horses in a class first gets 3 points, second gets 2, and 3rd place gets 1 point. If there is just 1 rider in the class that rider gets one point, unless they are disqualified.

# of Entries	1	2	3	4	5	6
1st Place	1	2	3	4	5	6
2nd Place		1	2	3	4	5
3rd Place			1	2	3	4
4th Place				1	2	3
5th Place					1	2
6th Place						1

Equipment & Attire

Please refer to the AQHA Rulebook for a complete description of equipment and attire. **If you have any questions, please ask the show judge or RHR show manager.**

Western Equipment

1. In all Western and Ranch Horse Classes, horses will be shown in a western saddle and appropriate bridle, snaffle bit or hackamore for the duration of the class. A western saddle is a common type of saddle distinguished by a large noticeable fork on which there is some form of horn, a high cantle, and large skirts. Silver equipment will not count over a good working outfit. Horses of any age may be shown in a snaffle bit, hackamore, curb bit, half-breed or spade bit. When a curb is used a curb strap or curb chain is required, but must meet the approval of the judge, be at least one-half inch in width and lie flat against the jaw of the horse. Curb chains cannot be tied to the bit with string or cord. A broken strap or chain does not necessarily result in a major penalty. If you are in question, approach the Judge/Clinician prior to event to review tack.
2. Optional Equipment: 1) Rope or riata; if used, the rope or riata must be coiled and attached to the saddle. 2) Hobbles attached to saddle 3) Protective boots, leg wraps, and bandages are allowed, except in halter classes 4) Spurs: not to be used forward of the cinch 5) A chain may be used in halters classes.
3. Prohibited Equipment: 1) Protective boots in halter classes 2) Wire chin straps, regardless of how padded or covered 3) Any chin strap or chain narrower than one-half inch 4) Nosebands, tie downs and roping reins.

Western Attire

1. Required dress: all western riders will be required to wear a western hat or safety helmet, long sleeved western style shirt with collar, jeans, belt, and cowboy boots.
2. Optional dress: you may wear, chinks, chaps or shotguns, scarves/wild rags, and vests. It will not count against you if you do not wear these items.

English Equipment

1. In all English classes, horses will be shown in an English saddle and appropriate bridle, snaffle (no shank), kimberwick, pelham and/or full bridle (with two reins), all with cavesson nosebands and brow bands must be used. Saddles must be of traditional hunting or forward seat type; knee insert on the skirt is optional. Saddle pads may be the size and shape of the saddle or to accommodate numbers on either side, a square pad or suitable attachment may be used.
2. Optional equipment: 1) Spurs of the unrowelled type that are blunt, round or that include a smooth rolling rubber ball and no longer than one inch, 2) English breast plate.
3. Prohibited Equipment: 1) Bits of any style 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, 2) Draw reins, 3) Rowelled spurs, 4) Standing or running martingales, 5) Crops or bats.

English Attire

1. Required dress: all English riders should wear long sleeve collared shirt, breeches (or jeans are ok), with high English boots or paddock style boots and half chaps. Helmet with harness for all riders (youth and adult) is mandatory.
2. Optional dress: hunt coats, gloves, tie or choker.

Lameness

1. The judge shall examine and check for lameness of all horses exhibited. The judge has the authority to excuse any horse from the class, due to lameness, at any time while being judged.
2. Obvious lameness may be cause for dismissal. Obvious lameness is: a) Consistently observed at a trot under all circumstances b) Marked nodding, hitching or shortened stride c) Minimal weight-bearing in motion and/or at rest and inability to move.
3. A judge may permit a horse with minor lameness to continue to exhibit without penalty if, in the judge's opinion, there is no risk of injury to either the horse or the rider by continuing to exhibit.

Horse and Rider Behavior

1. Disruptive or Unsafe horses: Any disruptive horse/rider team that poses a threat to the safety of others or to the safety of the rider, in the judgment of the Clinician, Judge, or RHR Event Manager, must be removed.
2. Zero tolerance policy: In show arena, in practice pen or on show grounds. Abuse includes but not limited to excessive jerking, spurring, whipping, slapping abuse with any devise or equipment intended to cause trauma or injury to horse. Any accusations of abuse will be reviewed by RHR Event Manager. Abusers maybe asked to leave show grounds forfeiting all fees and winnings.