

PAHRUMP OPEN SCHOOLING SHOWS

2026 GENERAL RULES AND SHOW INFORMATION

Show is open to all breeds of horses, mule, donkey, pony or zebra.

Any abuse or inhumane treatment of any animal will not be tolerated. You may be asked to leave grounds and forfeit your entry fees.

Any horse or exhibitor who is deemed out of control or a danger to another exhibitor, while being exhibited in a class, in the warm up arena or holding area, will be excused or asked to leave the area.

Two hands are to be used on snaffle bit or bosal if used on Junior horses ages five and under, with the exception of Ranch classes. Any age horse can be ridden two handed. One hand on a shank/curb bit except where allowed per breed rules. Split Reins to be used on snaffle bits. Split Reins or Romel Reins to be used on curb bits

Junior horse is defined as any horse under the age of five years old as of January of the current year. Junior horses may be ridden in a snaffle, bosal or curb bit. Junior horses being shown in a curb bit must be shown in one hand using either splint reins or romel reins.

Senior horse is defined as any horse Six years or older as of January of the current year. Senior horses must be shown in a shank/curb bit in one hand using either split reins or romel reins.

USEF Guidelines will be used for western and english bits, followed by breed guidelines. Prohibited bits regardless of either guidelines are, Chain bits (of any form), Gag bits(of any form), Fish back or Triangle bits. Chin straps must be made of flat leather or chain, must measure $\frac{1}{2}$ in width.

Halter Horses - Horses may be shown in a Flat Leather halter (with or without silver), with appropriate lead shank, with or without a safety chain or cord. If showing a saddle type horse(i.e. arabian, half arabian, saddlebred) horses may show in Saddlebred or Arabian type halter with or without a captive chain, a throat latch of either cord or chain is mandatory.

Ranch Horse Conformation - May be shown in a Flat Leather halter(no silver), Rope(no noseband knots) or Nylon halter of conservative color, with appropriate lead.

Miniature Horses, Donkey, Mule or Zebra are defined as horses 38 inches and under. If a Miniature's Height is in question. It must be brought to the attention of the Show Manager, then the Show Manager and One other person either Show Committee or Board of Director must be present along with the exhibitor. The Miniature in question is to be measured on a flat surface, standing square. If the miniature in question is measured and is deemed too tall, then exhibitors' class placings from all classes entered with the miniature in question, will be forfeited and remaining placings in the class or classes will be moved up.

Solid Color Classes are open to horses that do not have a visible coat pattern. i.e. Palomino, Bay, Sorrel/Chestnut, Black, Buckskin.

Multi Color Classes are open to horses that have a visible coat pattern. i.e leopard appaloosa, tobiano, overo, tovero, blanketed appaloosa

Horses being shown in Western Type Classes, must be shown in a Western type saddle and bridle or breed specific western type saddle if showing a gaited type horse.

Horses being shown in English Type Classes, must be shown in an English type saddle and bridle or breed specific English type saddle if showing a gaited type horse.

Novice Open Classes are open to any Exhibitor or Horse that has not won three 1st place ribbons at any show. One horse classes will not count toward the 3, 1st place ribbon rule. Regardless of the number of 1st placings won throughout the current show season you will still be considered a novice for 2023.

All riders/handlers under 18 years of age must have adult supervision.

Stallions may not be shown by a junior exhibitor 18 years and under, except where breed rules allow and only in the open division classes (ie Gypsy Cob stallions may be handled by exhibitors 16 years and up in OPEN classes ONLY, not in designated age classes).

Boots (Western or English) are mandatory in all classes except for Miniature Hunter in Hand. Proper English/Western Attire is Required ie boots, western hat, long sleeved western shirts,western jackets, hunt coat, breeches, tall boots. Etc.

Western Chaps/Chinks are optional for Western and Ranch Horse Classes

Western Hats and Hunt Coats may be waived, if deemed necessary because of extreme weather.

English Riding classes, a ASTM/SEI helmet will be required for all ages. ALL 17 & under exhibitors are required to have a safety chin strap.

There will be NO CROSS ENTERING between W/J-W/T and W/J/L-W/T/C classes in the same show. Exception Ranch Horse Classes.

Leadline 10 and Under, is a walk only class and exhibitors may not cross into any other class of the show. Riders feet must be able to reach the stirrups or irons of the saddle. Buddy stirrups are allowed if properly fitted to the rider, A Stock or Arab Type Halter of Leather or Nylon must be under the bridle with Lead attached to the Halter, Handler or Leader must be 18 years or older.

Exhibitors may cross enter into any performance class for schooling. Your number must be blank side out. You will not be judged. You will however, have to pay all fees associated with the show.

Exhibitors showing in OPEN Showmanship must declare what high point they want their Showmanship points to count towards when nominating for year end award on nominating form.

NO training aids are allowed.

Protective leg gear may only be used in Miniature Hunter In Hand class (i.e. splint boots, polo wraps, bell boots). Protective leg gear may not be used in any other classes of the show.

Miniature horses must be 2 yrs old or older to show in the Miniature in Hunter in hand class

Ranch Riding and Ranch Pleasure horse must be 3 yrs old or older to show in those classes

Exhibitors in Patterns Classes that go off pattern will be automatically disqualified.

An exhibitor may show multiple horses in Mini Hunter in Hand, Mini Trail in hand, In hand Trail, Trail, Ranch Riding and Ranch Trail only.

Horses must be serviceable sound when showing in any and all classes, any horse deemed unsound will be excused from the class.

Horses and exhibitors must be nominated to be eligible for POSS year-end awards and must meet all qualifications for year-end awards, Buckle Show Excluded, in order to win a year-end award.

Daily Show High Point award will be awarded to the Horse/Rider combination with the most points. If exhibitors tie for a particular high point by points, the exhibitor with the most 1st place placings wins the award. If exhibitors are still tied then the exhibitor that has the highest placing in showmanship breaks the tie. If exhibitors are still tied then a coin toss by the judge witnessed by both exhibitors will break the tie. If the exhibitor is a minor, the minor must have an adult present during the coin toss.

Daily Show High Points - points awarded as follows: 1st-5pts, 2nd-4pts, 3rd-3pts, 4th-2pts, 5th-1pt.

Class placings - ribbons awarded to 1st - 5th

Grand and Reserve Halter Champion Classes - Horses or Miniatures must place 1st or 2nd in a Halter Class to be eligible to show in those classes. Placings given to Grand and Reserve Halter only.

No refunds or credits on scratched classes or nomination fees that have been paid without a veterinary excuse.

No adding or scratching of classes at the in gate. When adding or scratching a class, it must be done in the show office at least 3 classes before.

A two minute gate limit, Timing to start when the first horse enters through the in-gate.

Tack changes must be requested and approved, 3 classes before the actual class it is needed for. Gate will be held for 3 minutes and then opened and the start of the 2 minute gate will start from the time the first horse enters the ring.

Show Management reserves the right to combine or cancel classes when deemed needed.

Class Patterns will be available 1 hr before the start of the show, the day of the show.

JUDGES PLACING DECISION IS FINAL.

USEF and AMHR are to be used as guidelines to govern the show. Show Management also reserves the right to refer to breed specific rule books for rules that are not covered by the P.O.S.S. Show Rules, USEF or AMHR.

NO DOGS ALLOWED (exception **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)** Service Animals Only).

NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED

For descriptions of classes please see CLASS DESCRIPTION PAGE, which can be found on our website SHOWPOSS.VPWEB.COM

ALL PRE-ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY 8PM THE WEDNESDAY PRIOR TO THE SHOW, ANY ENTRIES RECEIVED AFTER THE 8PM DEADLINE, ONLINE OR DAY OF THE SHOW, WILL BE CONSIDERED A POST ENTRY AND A POST ENTRY FEE WILL BE ADDED TO YOUR SHOW BILL.

ONLINE ENTRY is offered and FREE at SHOWPOSS.VPWEBS.COM

Exhibitors that have purchased a permanent number prior to 2022, must present the permanent laminated number in the show office at check in. If you do not have your permanent number, a temporary number will be issued to you for the day of the show only.

When Checking in on the day of the show, Entries must be paid in full or an Open Check left with your entry, before a number will be issued to you. Make checks payable to: P.O.S.S.

One entry form is required for each horse/rider combination. If two exhibitors show the same horse two different entries must be made and all applicable fees applied to entry.

Online Entries close the Wednesday before the start of the show.