

Pahrump Open Schooling Show

Class Descriptions

2026

HALTER OPEN CLASSES: Open to all Horses, Mules, Donkey, and Ponies. Must be serviceably sound and shown in hand at the walk and trot. Judging of each horse will be based on conformation, movement, type, quality, substance, presence and manners. Type of halter used must be suitable to the Breed shown. No Rope Halters, Halters need to be of Flat Leather(with or without silver) with a lead shank. Stock type breeds may be stood squarely on all four feet when shown. Saddle Type Breeds may be shown to their breed standard. It is permissible to hand set the horse.

SOLID AND MULTI COLOR CLASSES: In color classes horses are to be judged 80% on the natural color of the horse, coat condition and 20% conformation. In color classes, horses are to be circled both ways of the ring in order to judge the color. Horses must be lined up, head to tail in the center of the arena for the judge to inspect for confirmation.

GRAND AND RESERVE HALTER CLASSES: Horses that have placed 1st or 2nd in a qualifying halter class are eligible to enter this class. To be judged the same as a regular halter class. Horses are to be lined up in two rows, first place horses in first row, second place horses in second row. Placings to Grand and Reserve only.

SHOWMANSHIP: Must be serviceably sound and shown in hand at the walk and trot. Showmanship at Halter class is designed to evaluate the exhibitor's ability to execute, in concert with their horse, a set of maneuvers and smoothness while exhibiting poise and confidence and maintaining a balanced, functional and fundamentally correct body position. Exhibitors may only show one horse in this class.

TRAIL HORSE: (english or western) Horses are required to work over and through obstacles. Riders are permitted to walk the course on foot prior to the start of the class. A minimum of six obstacles is required. Horses will be asked to move forward after three attempts at an obstacle. Horses start with a base score of 70 and + or - score per obstacle may be issued. Exhibitors may show multiple horses in the same class.

ENGLISH PLEASURE OPEN WALK/TROT: Horses to be shown at the walk, trot, or gaits appropriate to the breed being shown both ways of the ring. The judge may request that horses be shown at an extended gait. Exhibitors are to maintain light contact on the mouth so the horse is under control at all times. Horses will stand quietly and back readily when asked. To be judged on performance, conformation, manners and appointments.

ENGLISH PLEASURE OPEN: Horses to be shown at the walk, trot, canter or gaits appropriate to the breed being shown both ways of the ring. The judge may request that horses be shown at an extended trot and hand gallop. Exhibitors are to maintain light contact on the mouth so the horse is under control at all times. Horses will stand quietly and back readily when asked. To be judged on performance, conformation, manners and appointments.

ENGLISH EQUITATION OPEN WALK/TROT: This class is judged on the ability of a rider to perform various maneuvers in harmony with his/her horse. Equitation is judged on the rider and his/her effect on the horse. A pattern is mandatory. Exhibitors will be worked individually for the pattern section of the class. The entire class must work the rail at the walk and trot, one or both directions of the arena and may be asked to extend at the walk or trot.

ENGLISH EQUITATION OPEN: This class is judged on the same basis as the walk/trot; however, the canter is mandatory. A pattern is mandatory, Exhibitors will be worked individually. The entire class must work the rail at all three gaits, at least one or both directions of the arena and may be asked to extend at the walk, trot, or canter.

LEADLINE 8 & UNDER WALK ONLY: The rider may be dressed in Western or English attire. The riders must be at least 2 years old and 8 years or under as of January 1 of the current show year. Equipment on the horse must correspond with the exhibitor's attire, including a saddle adjusted so that the exhibitor's feet are placed properly in stirrups, properly fitting buddy stirrups are allowed. The exhibitors will enter the ring at the walk. The horse must be led by an adult 18 years of age or older. Exhibitors should be able to have knowledge of equitation and may be asked simple questions. The class will be judged at a walk only in both directions. The exhibitor may be asked to back-up in the line-up without assistance of the handler.

WESTERN PLEASURE WALK/JOG OPEN: Horses to be shown both directions of the arena at the Walk, Jog or gaits appropriate to the breed being shown. All horses must be able to stand quietly and may be asked to back. To be judged on performance, conformation, manners and appointments.

WESTERN PLEASURE OPEN: Horses to be shown at the walk, jog, lope or gaits appropriate to the breed being shown both ways of the ring on a reasonably loose rein without undue restraint. Judge may ask for extended gaits. Horses may be asked to back up either on the rail or in the line up. To be judged on performance, conformation, manners and appointments.

WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP OPEN WALK/JOG: This class is judged on the ability of a rider to perform various maneuvers in harmony with his/her horse. Horsemanship is judged on the rider and his/her effect on the horse. A pattern is mandatory. Exhibitors will be worked individually for the Pattern section of the class. The entire class must work the rail at the walk and Jog, one or both directions of the arena.

WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP OPEN: This class is judged on the same basis as the walk/trot horsemanship however, the lope is mandatory. A pattern is mandatory. The entire class must work the rail at all three gaits, at least one or both directions.

RANCH HORSE CONFORMATION: The purpose of ranch conformation is to select well-mannered individuals that are the most positive combination of balance, structural correctness, and movement appropriate for various activities of a working ranch horse. Horses are to be shown in a good working halter: plain leather, rope halter without added noseband knots or nylon halter of conservative color. No silver allowed on halter or lead.

RANCH TRAIL: This class will be judged on the performance of the horse over the obstacles, with emphasis on manners, response to the exhibitor, and on how the partnership of the horse /rider works together while working obstacles, exhibitors will work a minimum of 6 obstacles.

RANCH PLEASURE: Open to horses three years of age and older. This class is intended as a rail class but individuals working off the rail will not be penalized. Ranch pleasure class measures the ability of the horse to be a pleasure to ride while being used as a means of going from one task to another and should reflect the venality, attitude, and movement of a working ranch horse. The following are required gates: walk, extended walk, trot, extended trot, lope, extended lope, stop, reverse, back and is judged on the smoothness of transitions, manners and way of going. Any age horse can be ridden two handed. Horses to be shown both directions of the ring.

RANCH RIDING: Open to horses three years of age and older The horse should reflect the versatility, attitude, and movement of a working horse. The ranch horse should not be shown with a draped rein. Silver show tack and Bling shirts are discouraged but will not be penalized over working ranch equipment and attire. Any age horse can be ridden two handed. Each horse shall work individually, performing a pattern with required movements.

NOVICE CLASSES Novice Horse and Rider: These classes are open to rider and horse combinations that have not won three (3) first place ribbons in any show in a particular discipline. If there is only one rider in the class, that first place ribbon will not count toward the yearly total. You may continue for the year in novice even after your three 1st place ribbons but may not show novice the following year.

TRAIL IN HAND: Horses are required to work over and through obstacles while being led in hand. Handlers are permitted to walk the course on foot prior to the start of the class. A minimum of six obstacles required. Horses will be asked to move forward after three attempts at an obstacle. Horses start with a base score of 70 and + or - score per obstacle may be issued. Exhibitors may show multiple horses in the same class.

MINIATURE HUNTER IN HAND: Open to horses 2 years old and older. Hunters are to be judged on style, manners and way of going with preference given to those horses who cover the course at an even pace, with free flowing strides, as in a brisk trot or canter, but must maintain the same gait throughout the course. Hunters must demonstrate at least one, but no more than four changes of direction. Upon completion of the entire class over jumps, finalists will be trotted past the judge for a soundness check. Jumps must be a minimum of 18 inches and maximum of 24 inches. There will be a minimum of 6 jumps and maximum of 8 jumps, Major faults are knockdowns, touches, refusals, bucking or kicking, spooking or shying and wringing tail. Leg protection and bell boots are allowed for this event. Hats are optional for this event.

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MINIATURE HALTER: Open to Miniature horses, donkey or mules 38 inches and under. Must be serviceably sound and shown in hand at the walk and trot. Judging of each horse will be based on conformation, movement, type, quality, substance, presence and manners. Type of halter used must be suitable to the Breed shown. No Rope Halters, Halters need to be of Flat Leather with a lead shank. Stock type breeds may be stood squarely on all four feet when shown. Saddle Type Breeds may be shown to their breed standard. It is permissible to hand set the horse.

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