

WESTERN CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Notes:

NEW – Novice Snaffle Bit/Bitless Bridle– To compete in this class a horse and rider must be new at showing, there is no age limit on the horse to be riding in this class. Novice riders will not be permitted to enter regular adult classes. Bitless bridles must be made of leather, no homemade rope halter or simple halter with reins will be permitted. If a rider is not in control of their horses while riding bitless, they will be excused. Any horse/pony and rider combination which has not been shown at any open schooling show, or other recognized breed show or have earned more than 3 first place finishes at a DHRC show in the respective class in that competition year. (if you start as a novice in the year, you will remain a novice for the completion of that year) are eligible to compete in the novice division.

*******NO HACKAMORE Will be permitted. *******



Hors Concours – No Points/No Ribbons - You may ride hors concours in any class. This class is designed for schooling or re-schooling a horse that may require more exposure in the show pen. This is a training opportunity, and you will not be judged, nor eligible for points or ribbon. Riders will ride without a number and will pay the applicable class fee.

Stake Division (Money) - No point/No ribbons

The open division will be open to any horse/pony rider combination. The prize money will be issued based on the entries received in each class. The prize money will be sent via e-transfer on completion of the show. Payout will depend on the number and entries and club entry fees. DHRC may opt to include added money if sponsorship is available.

Adult Division (Ribbons and Points only) – For experience riders

Every rider competing in an adult class must be over 18 years of age as of January 1st of the competition year.

Novice Division – These classes are designed horse/rider new to showing. Horse of any age can ride in these classes. No cross entry into regular class and stake classes. You can ride both handed with a snaffle, bitless bridle or shank bit.

Walk/Trot Division (Ribbons and Points only)

These classes are open to riders of all ages not ready to lope or for the young horse that needs the experience. Walk Trot/Jog Division - Exhibitors cannot enter other classes with a lope / canter.

Youth Division (Ribbons and Points only)

Every rider competing in a youth class must be 13 to 18 years of age or under as of January 1st of the competition year. ASTM riding helmet required.

Small Fry Division Every rider competing in the youth small fry division must be 13 years & under. For this class a pony or a small horse may be entered. ASTM riding helmet required.

Lead Line – Not eligible to ride alone in any other class, must be led by a person 16 years or older and must wear an ASTM riding helmet required.

Ranch riding (Pattern Class) – This class measures a horse's ability to be a pleasure to ride while being used as a conveyance from performing one ranch task to another. The horse and rider are asked to perform a pattern that includes changes of gait, extension of gait, crossing logs and lead changes. All maneuvers should be performed as if the horse were being used on a ranch, and the horse should demonstrate a high level of training, relaxation and quality of movement in all gaits.