

CLASS RULES

The class rules below apply to those classes which are not covered in the 4-H Horse & Pony Rule Book. Please be sure to read the below guidelines as well as the general show information page, the additional show rules and regulations, and please be sure to read the Divisions/Class Descriptions for complete details about the individual types of classes.

LEAD LINE Classes – See class list for ages. Entries must be tacked in English or Western attire for a horse show. Shoes should be of a hard-sole variety if boots are unavailable. No tennis shoes. During the class handlers may be asked to step to the front and end of the Lead Line for Lead Line classes and to step to the front and away from the mount for Unattached Lead Line classes so that the judge may do an individual inspection of each rider. Judges may ask riders simple questions on the very basics of riding. Handlers should be 13 years or older. Handlers are not required to be in show attire but safe and respectable attire for a horse show. Coaching from handlers while entries are in the ring being judged is discouraged and entries will be marked accordingly. Riders in this division **may not** accumulate points in this division and any higher level division except those classes noted further down in this section. Riders can ride in the Walk classes for experience at the same show they are riding/pointing in the Lead Line class. Riders **may not** enter in any higher-level class than Walk on show day with the exception of Timed Fun, Showmanship and Conformation classes. These types of classes are allowed since the entries only work one at a time. See circuit rules #11, #14 and #15 for guidelines on points. **Points are accumulated based on the rider only.**

WALK Classes - Open to children ages 10 & under. Riders in these classes **may not** accumulate points in this division **and** a walk/trot- jog division (with the exception of any one of the Conformation divisions, Youth or Novice Showmanship divisions and the *Timed Fun* division which are trotting or jogging but only with one rider in the ring at a time). Riders may ride in any of the other Walk/Trot-Jog classes for experience at the same show they are riding/pointing in the walk classes. If pointed in Walk, riders **may not** ride in any class requiring a canter/lope under any circumstances, nor can riders enter any Lead Line classes. Riders who feel ready to move ahead and accumulate points may do so by following the guidelines addressed in the "Move Ahead Exception Rule". See circuit rules #12, #14, and #15 for guidelines on points. **Points are accumulated based on the rider only.**

YOUTH WALK/TROT – WALK/JOG Classes – Open to children ages 12 & under. Riders in these classes **may not** accumulate points in this division and a less-gaited division (walk) or a three-gaited division (walk/trot-jog and canter/lope). The exception being a youth can enter the outh Speed Division/classes. Riders may ride in any three gaited classes for experience at the same show they are riding/pointing in the walk/trot-jog classes. If pointed in walk/trot-jog riders **may not** ride in any Lead Line or Walk classes under any circumstances. Riders who feel ready to move ahead and accumulate points may do so by following the guidelines in the "Move Ahead Exception Rule". See circuit rules #13, #14, and #15 for guidelines on points. **Points are accumulated based on the rider only.**



ENGLISH NOVICE RIDER WALK/TROT – WESTERN NOVICE HORSEMANSHIP

WALK/JOG Classes – Open to riders that qualify as a beginning rider as defined below. Entries in these divisions may also ride in any three-gaited classes on the same show for experience. However, **no points will be awarded** for the three-gaited classes - with the exceptions noted in circuit rule #14. Riders who feel ready to move ahead and accumulate points in the three-gaited classes may do so by following the guidelines addressed in the “Move Ahead Exception Rule”. See circuit rule #15 for further guidelines. Circuit Rule #19 will be strictly adhered to.

Points are accumulated based on the rider only.

Novice Rider Definition: A Novice Rider is any age and is in their first three show seasons for that style of riding (i.e. Western or English). The team has not shown in 3 gaited classes of that style of riding prior to the start of this show season. The rider cannot ever have won a Year-end Championship from ANY show circuit in a Walk-Trot/Jog or Lope/Canter division of that style of riding.

ENGLISH JUNIOR WALK/TROT Classes – Open to riders ages 13 to 18 of any riding ability. Entries in these divisions may also ride in any three-gaited classes on the same show day for experience. However, no points will be awarded for these classes. These riders are allowed to enter the Junior Speed Division given entries ride one at time. See other exceptions noted in circuit rule #14. **Points are accumulated based on the rider only.**

ENGLISH SENIOR WALK/TROT Classes – Open to adult riders ages 19 and over of any riding ability. Entries in these divisions may also ride in any three-gaited classes on the same show day for experience. However, no points will be awarded for these classes. These riders are allowed to enter the Senior Speed Division given entries ride one at time. See other exceptions noted in circuit rule #14. **Points are accumulated based on the rider only.**

ENGLISH NOVICE HORSE WALK/TROT – WESTERN NOVICE PLEASURE WALK/ JOG Classes-

Open to horses that qualify as a beginning horse as defined below. Entries in these divisions may also ride in any three-gaited classes on the same show day for experience. However, **no points will be awarded** for the three-gaited classes - with the exceptions noted in circuit rule #14. See circuit rule #15 for further guidelines. Circuit rule #19 will be strictly adhered to. **Western horses in this division may be ridden with a snaffle bit or bosal and riders may use 2 hands regardless of the **age** of the horse.**

Points are accumulated based on the horse only.

Novice Horse Definition: A Novice horse is any horse/pony of any age in their first three show seasons for that style of riding (i.e. English or Western). The team has not shown in 3 gaited classes of that style of riding prior to the start of this show season. The horse cannot ever have won a Year-end Championship from **ANY** show circuit in a Walk-Trot/Jog or Lope/Canter division of that style of riding.

ENGLISH OPEN WALK/TROT and WESTERN OPEN WALK/JOG Classes- Open to all riders except Lead Line riders. All riders entered here may accumulate points for year-end points – except those pointed in the Walk divisions. This includes anyone riding at the canter or lope as well.

These classes were designed for getting horses/ponies in the ring for more experience as well as offering our three-gaited exhibitors trot or jog classes for warm-up or practice prior to the canter/lope classes.

Points are accumulated based on the horse only.

WESTERN GREEN HORSE Classes – Open to horses that qualify as green to the show ring especially regarding loping. A “Green Horse” can be of any age and is in its first 3 show seasons of showing in these types of classes. Horse has not won a year-end Grand Championship in a Green Horse division at any horse show circuit.

Horses in this division may be ridden with a snaffle bit or bosal and riders may use 2 hands regardless of the age of the horse.

Points are accumulated based on the horse only.

SHOWMANSHIP NOVICE Class – Open to any age rider/horse combination that qualifies as novice as defined by our definition below.

Circuit rule #19 will be strictly adhered to.

Pointed on the rider/horse team.

Novice Rider/Horse Team Definition: A Novice entry has not placed in any recognized or breed association show in this particular division or types of classes in this division. The team has not placed first more than 10 times in classes of that particular division or type prior to riding in this division at our show circuit.

SHOWMANSHIP WALK Class – Open to exhibitors ages 10 and under. Entries may show English or Western style. Pattern will be posted and copies of the pattern will also be available at the entry desk. Exhibitors will only have to walk throughout the pattern. No jogging or trotting in hand will be performed.

Pointed on the rider only.

CONFORMATION Classes - a horse or pony may enter **ONLY ONE** conformation class for both Year-End divisions and per Horse Show with TWO exceptions: #1/ a horse or pony ages 3 & under may also enter one other conformation class based on gender – be that mare or gelding/stallion and #2/ horses can cross enter into Registered Stock Horse Performance Halter class and their gender class. Entries may NOT cross-enter between Hunter (ring 1) and Stock classes (ring 2). NOTE: in ref to Perpetual Awards, only ONE division shall be counted for points that being the one with the highest number of points. **Pointed on the horse.**



ENGLISH OPEN EQUITATION and PLEASURE Over Fences Walk-Trot –

Open to any age rider. These classes were designed for giving riders with little to no jumping experience a place to start. Also a class for experienced riders to start a horse or pony green to jumping. Classes may be split Jr/Sr and Horse/Pony if entries warrant. Entries in this class cannot ride nor point in the Over Fences Walk-Trot-Canter classes.

Points for Eng Equitation O/F are accumulated based on the rider.

Points for Eng Pleasure O/F are accumulated based on the horse/pony.

ENGLISH OPEN EQUITATION and PLEASURE Over Fences Walk-Trot-Canter-

Open to any age rider. These classes were designed for riders & horses or ponies with some jumping experience. Classes may be split Jr/Sr and Horse/Pony if entries warrant. Entries in this class cannot ride nor point in the Over Fences Walk-Trot classes.

Points for Eng Equitation O/F are accumulated based on the rider.

Points for Eng Pleasure O/F are accumulated based on the horse/pony.

ENGLISH EQUITATION Over Fences BEGINNER Walk-Trot –

Open to any age rider. This class is designed for riders with NO jumping experience a place to start. Fences are vertical set at 12" height. Classes may be split YO/JR/SR for Year End if entries warrant. Entries in this class cannot ride in the Over Fences Walk-Trot classes at 18" EXCEPT Hunter Hack OPEN Walk-Trot with cross-rails set at 18". Entries in this class cannot ride in any Walk-Trot-Canter over fences classes.

Points for Eng Equitation O/F Beginner are accumulated based on the rider.

ENGLISH HUNTER HACK Over Fences BEGINNER Walk-Trot –

Open to any age rider. This class is designed for riders with NO jumping experience a place to start. 2 cross-rails set at 12" height. Classes may be split YO/JR/SR for Year End if entries warrant. Entries in this class cannot ride in the Over Fences Walk-Trot classes at 18" EXCEPT Hunter Hack OPEN Walk-Trot with cross-rails set at 18". Entries in this class cannot ride in any Walk-Trot-Canter over fences classes.

Points for Eng Equitation O/F Beginner are accumulated based on the rider.

WESTERN Pleasure Registered ARABIAN/MORGAN – Open to all age Arabians, Part Arabians and Morgans with breed registration papers. Registration Papers must be presented. This division has 2 classes, one Walk-Jog and the other Walk-Jog-Lope. Horses can compete in this division regardless of whether they are pointed at the walk-jog level or WJL level. **Pointed on the horse only.**

HUNTER Pleasure Registered ARABIAN/MORGAN – Open to all age Arabians, Part Arabians and Morgans with breed registration papers. Registration Papers must be presented. This division has 2 classes, one Walk-Jog and the other Walk-Jog-Lope. Horses can compete in this division regardless of whether they are pointed at the walk-jog level or WJL level. **Pointed on the horse only.**

TRAIL Classes – A horse/rider team is allowed to ride in **both** a trail class based on age (Youth/Junior/Senior) and an OPEN Trail class for Year-End divisions and per Horse Show. In addition, if the horse/rider team qualifies, they may also enter in Novice Trail. If the horse qualifies they may also enter Green Horse Trail. See definitions in this section. Exceptions: Lead Line and Walk entries are NOT permitted to ride nor point in OPEN Trail Class/Division. In addition, horse/rider teams **may** compete in both English and Western classes provided tack and attire is changed as well. Also, a single rider can enter multiple mounts in one trail division. There will be NO loping or cantering in any of the trail patterns. You must be registered for trail class 1 hour prior to that ring closing. (by 2:00 pm!!)

Junior English, Junior Western, Senior English, Senior Western, Open (Eng & Wes combined), Green Horse trail classes are pointed on the HORSE.

English Unattached Lead Line, Western Unattached Lead Line, English Walk, Western Walk, English Youth, Western Youth trail classes are pointed on the RIDER.

Novice Trail is open to both English & Western riders.

Pointed on horse/rider Team. See circuit rule #19.

Novice Rider/Horse Team Definition: A Novice entry has not placed in any recognized or breed association show in this particular division or types of classes in this division. The team has not placed first more than 10 times in classes of that particular division or type prior to riding in this division at our show circuit.

NOTE: All Trail classes have been moved out of the main show rings and now run in an area designated as “Ring 3”. (The exceptions being English and Western Unattached Lead Line Trail Classes and English and Western Walk Trail Classes will be run in their respective rings.) Ring 3/Trail only classes will be open from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. The classes will not run in any specified order. Exhibitors in Trail classes should sign up as early as possible. We encourage all entries to take their respective Trail class as soon as they can in their schedule. We will announce “Trail Ring will be closing in 30 minutes” and this will be the final call for entries to make their way to the Trail Ring. It is our intention to shut this ring down exactly at 3:00 pm. Please plan your trail class around your show schedule accordingly. We want entries to complete their trail class as soon as they can so our Trail Ring Judge can tally the scores and place the classes.

Trail Class Placings: Our club makes no guarantees that the Trail Class results will be ready for announcing any earlier than 3:30 pm, exhibitor participation determines when the results are ready. Results will be posted to the 4-H website: www.mw4hclub.com and will also be posted at the Entry Booth the following show. Trail Results are posted on the web site as a courtesy to exhibitors who have left the show grounds prior to the announcing of the placings on show day. Our club will post results PRIOR TO the next show. Those with an urgent need to know the Trail Class results, should plan to stay and hear the results first-hand on show day.

Trail Ring Weather Policy: If bad weather is forecasted for the afternoon, we **STRONGLY** suggest you take your trail class ASAP that day. We will make announcements about the weather if that is the case. Due to the type of the class trail is as well as the need for a third judge, trail classes will NOT be made up nor double judged. You must get your trail class in or forfeit your trail class points for that day. Refunds will be given due to rain.

TRAIL IN HAND Class -- Open to all horses/ponies ages 3 & under not yet riding or showing under saddle and any age miniature horse. Animals may be shown in halter or bridle appropriate to their breed type. Handlers may be of any age. The handler is not allowed to touch the horse/pony in any way other than by leading. (i.e. handler should not pick up the horse's foot and set on the bridge). Entries will not be disqualified for touching but it will be used as a major fault in scoring. See 4-H Rule Book under "Trail" for additional guidelines. If an entry is shown here they are not allowed in any other trail class. **Pointed on the horse.**
Please also read the "Note" and weather policy under Trail classes.

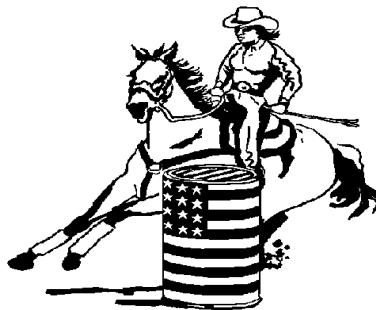
WESTERN JUNIOR/SENIOR WALK/JOG Classes – Open to both junior riders ages 13-19 and adult riders ages 19 and over of any riding ability. Entries in these divisions may also ride in any three-gaited classes on the same show day for experience. However, no points will be awarded for these classes. These riders are allowed to enter the Junior or Senior Speed Divisions given entries ride one at time. See other exceptions noted in circuit rule #14.
Points are accumulated based on the rider only.

WESTERN WORKING HORSE PATTERN and WESTERN VERSATILITY OPEN WALK/JOG Classes – Open to all riders, except Lead Line riders. All riders entered here may accumulate points for year-end points except those in Walk Divisions. This includes anyone riding at the lope as well. This class is offered with the thought of encouraging new entries to try Western Performance & Western Ranch type classes by jogging/trotting the patterns versus having to lope/hand gallop the pattern. **Pointed on the horse.**

TIMED FUN JOGGING/TROTting Classes – Open to all riders, both Western and English. These are timed events, but entries are only allowed to jog or trot the patterns. Time penalties will apply every instance horse/pony breaks to a canter or lope. These classes were designed to introduce more folks to the fun of speed events as well as offering the regular speed event riders more classes to ride in - just at a different gait! **Pointed on the rider.**

Open SPEED Classes – Open to all age riders.
OPEN Speed classes are pointed on the HORSE.

Youth SPEED Classes – Limited to Riders ages 12 & under.
Youth Speed classes are pointed on the RIDER.



WESTERN Pleasure Registered Stock Horse Performance Walk/Jog – Open to all age horses from any of these registered breeds: American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA), Appaloosa Horse Club (ApHC) or American Paint Horse Association (APHA). Registration Papers must be presented. Riders may be of any age. WJL level horse & riders are not allowed in this division. This division has 2 classes that count for points: Conformation Performance Mares or Geldings/Stallions (enter whichever gender your horse is) and Western Pleasure Walk-Jog. This division is designed for the horse & rider competing at the walk-jog level. Conformation class and Western Pleasure W/J class points added together. **Pointed on the horse only.**

WESTERN Pleasure Registered Stock Horse Performance WJL – Open to all age horses from any of these registered breeds: American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA), Appaloosa Horse Club (ApHC) or American Paint Horse Association (APHA). Registration Papers must be presented. Riders may be of any age. WJ level horse & riders are not allowed in this division. This division has 2 classes that count for points: Conformation Performance Mares or Geldings/Stallions (enter whichever gender your horse is) and Western Pleasure WJL. This division is designed for the horse & rider competing at the lope level. Conformation class and Western Pleasure WJL class points added together. **Pointed on the horse only.**

Hunter Under Saddle Registered Stock Horse Performance Walk/Trot – Open to all age horses from any of these registered breeds: American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA), Appaloosa Horse Club (ApHC) or American Paint Horse Association (APHA). Registration Papers must be presented. Riders may be of any age. WTC level horse & riders are not allowed in this division. This division has 2 classes that count for points: Conformation Performance Mares or Geldings/Stallions (enter whichever gender your horse is) and Hunter Under Saddle Walk-Trot. This division is designed for the horse & rider competing at the walk-trot level. Conformation class and Hunter Under Saddle W/T class points added together. **Pointed on the horse only.**

Hunter Under Saddle Registered Stock Horse Performance WTC – Open to all age horses from any of these registered breeds: American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA), Appaloosa Horse Club (ApHC) or American Paint Horse Association (APHA). Registration Papers must be presented. Riders may be of any age. WT level horse & riders are not allowed in this division. This division has 2 classes that count for points: Conformation Performance Mares or Geldings/Stallions (enter whichever gender your horse is) and Hunter Under Saddle WTC. This division is designed for the horse & rider competing at the canter level. Conformation class and Hunter Under Saddle WTC class points added together. **Pointed on the horse only.**

ENGLISH NOVICE WTC classes – Open to any age rider/horse combination that qualifies as “novice” as defined by our definition below.

Circuit rule #19 will be strictly adhered to.

Pointed on the rider/horse team. That SAME TEAM must compete in all classes. Please take note: You may not combine points from any two horses but you may transfer your division fee paid to another “team”. Note by doing so you understand that you are forfeiting your points earned to date and starting over with points.

Novice Rider/Horse Team Definition: A Novice entry has not placed in any recognized or breed association show in this particular division or types of classes in this division. The team has not placed first more than 10 times in classes of that particular division or type prior to riding in this division at our show circuit.



Therapeutic Riding classes – Open to any age rider who is in a therapeutic riding program or who has any form of a disability which would prevent them from competing in other riding classes on their own ability. Entries may use Western or English tack. Horse leaders and side-walkers are permitted for riders based on rider need. Devices such as lead lines, therapeutic surcingles, hooded stirrups, etc – basically whatever is required for safety purposes will be allowed. Such assistance will not factor in when being judged. Three classes are being held with the two walk classes accumulating points for a Year-End Division. The walk-trot/jog class is not pointed for Year End and is just for FUN!

