

## DIVISIONS / CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Below are general class descriptions – rules and more detailed explanations for classes can be found in the 4-H Horse & Pony Rule Book (ed. 4-H 266). Classes marked with an dot (●) are not covered in the 4-H Horse & Pony Rule Book. Therefore, you need to read carefully the class descriptions as well as checking the “Class Rules” section and the “Additional Show Rules” section.

### **SHOWMANSHIP - ●WALK/ YOUTH / JUNIOR / OPEN / ●NOVICE DIVISIONS -** **(Classes open to both English and Western exhibitors)**

Judged on the ability of the exhibitor to properly show their horse or pony in-hand according to breed or type with emphasis on alertness, condition and grooming. Conformation of animal does not apply. Explanation of scoring procedures and ring procedures may be found in the 4-H Horse & Pony Rule Book. Grooming will not be done in the ring. All horses or ponies must be shown in halter or bridles appropriate for their breed and may be shown with the lead shank under the chin or over the nose. The show committee will determine patterns. We do not use the standard showmanship pattern in the 4-H Rule Book, all patterns will be posted. Novice pattern will differ from Youth, Junior and Senior patterns.

### **●LEAD LINE (ENGLISH & WESTERN) DIVISIONS -** **(LL A open to riders ages 5 & Under; LL B open to riders ages 6 – 8; Unattached LL open to riders age 10 & under. All entries show under either English or Western tack)**

**Lead Line** – Shown both ways of the ring at a walk with lead line connected to the bit on the bridle or connected to a halter under the bridle. An older, experienced handler should be leading. \*The handler should not attempt to control lead line mount. Judged on promise of rider with emphasis on correct rider position, rider control over mount, appropriate rider appointments to particular style of riding and suitability of rider to mount. Upon request entries will be lined-up for individual inspection by the judge. Entries may be asked simple questions or asked to demonstrate a simple command.

**Unattached Lead Line** – Shown both ways of the ring at a walk with NO Lead Line attached between handler and mount. See the judging criteria under “Lead Line” beginning at the asterisk (\*).

**Unattached Lead Line Trail** – No rail work is required. Entries will enter the ring together and form line. One at a time each entry will work 2 trail obstacles. Mandatory obstacle for every trail class will be to demonstrate how to back your horse/pony. Pattern will be posted and copies will be also be available at the entry booth. The second obstacle will be a reasonable type obstacle for this age group. Once the first exhibitor has started their trail pattern we ask that no discussion of the trail pattern between the handler and the exhibitor take place. Shown with NO Lead Line attached. The handler may walk to the obstacle with the exhibitor but from that point the exhibitor must guide his or her mount over the obstacles by themselves. See judging criteria under LL beginning at the asterisk\*



**●WALK (ENGLISH & WESTERN) DIVISIONS -**  
**(Open to riders 10 & under)**



**Equitation/Horsemanship Division** – shown both ways of ring at a walk judged on hands, seat, control and promise of rider. \*May be asked to execute simple short riding test. See 4-H Rule Book regarding Hunt Seat Equitation and Western Horsemanship along with Western Stock Seat for guidelines.

**Programmed Ride Division** – Shown both ways of the ring at a walk following commands given by the judge/announcer; judged on promptness in performing judge's commands correctly. Will be asked individually to perform a short pattern after entries have completed all rail work. Pattern will be posted.

**●ENGLISH YOUTH WALK/TROT DIVISIONS -**  
**(Open to riders age 12 & under)**

**Equitation/Horsemanship Division**– Shown both ways of the ring at walk and trot or jog; judged on hands, seat, control and promise of rider. Check at asterisk (\*) under Walk division regarding Equitation judging criteria.

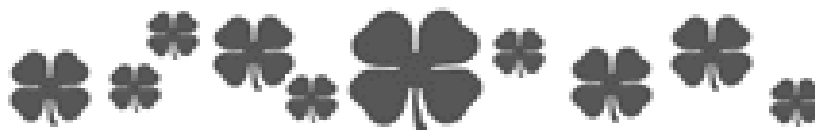
**Pleasure Division** – Shown both ways of the ring at walk and trot/jog; judged on performance, manners and way of going. May be asked to back. See 4-H Rule Book section on English Pleasure for other judging criteria.

**Programmed Ride Division** – Will be asked individually to perform a short pattern. Pattern will be posted. Pattern will include walk and trot/jog gaits. Judged on correct and prompt performance of pattern by both horse and rider. Horse and rider suitability and overall performance as a team will be a major judging criteria. No rail work required but may be asked to do so at the judge's discretion.

**●WESTERN YOUTH WALK/JOG DIVISIONS -**  
**(Open to riders age 12 & under)**

**Horsemanship Division**– Shown both ways of the ring at walk and trot or jog; judged on hands, seat, control and promise of rider. Check at asterisk (\*) under Walk division regarding Horsemanship judging criteria.

**Pleasure Division** – Shown both ways of the ring at walk and trot/jog; judged on performance, manners and way of going. May be asked to back. See 4-H Rule Book section on Western Pleasure for other judging criteria.



**●ENGLISH JUNIOR RIDER WALK/TROT EQUITATION DIVISION -**  
**(Open to riders ages 13 to 18)**

**Equitation Division** – Shown both ways of the ring at a walk and trot; judged on hands, seat, control and promise of rider. Check at asterisk (\*) under Walk division regarding Equitation for judging criteria.

**●ENGLISH JUNIOR RIDER WALK/TROT PERFORMANCE DIVISION -**  
**(Open to riders ages 13 to 18)**

**Pleasure** – Shown both ways of the ring at walk and trot; judged on performance, manners and way of going. May be asked to back. See 4-H Rule Book section on English Pleasure for judging criteria.

**Hunter Under Saddle** – To be shown at the walk and trot both ways of the ring. Collected trot and extended trot required in one direction. Optional in other direction, judge's discretion. Judged on performance, manners and way of going suitable to a hunter type. Horse should back easily and stand quietly.

**●ENGLISH NOVICE RIDER WALK/TROT DIVISION –**  
**(See “Class Rules” for eligibility)**

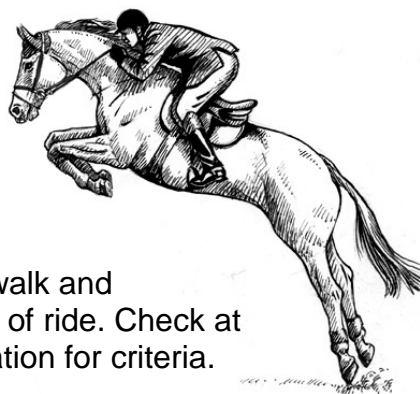
**Equitation** – Shown both ways of the ring at a walk and trot-jog. The rider not the horse is judged. The rider will be judged on hands, seat, balance and general performance at both gaits. Check at asterisk (\*) under Walk division regarding Equitation for judging criteria.

**Pleasure** – Shown both ways of the ring at a walk and trot- jog, the horse is judged on performance, manners and way of going. May be asked to back.

**●ENGLISH SENIOR WALK/TROT DIVISION –**  
**(Open to all riders ages 19 or older)**

**Equitation** – Shown both ways of the ring at a walk and trot; judged on hands, seat, control and promise of ride. Check at asterisk (\*) under Walk division regarding Equitation for criteria.

**Pleasure** – Shown both ways of the ring at walk and trot; judged on performance, manners and way of going. May be asked to back. See 4-H Rule Book section on English Pleasure for other judging criteria.



**●ENGLISH NOVICE HORSE WALK/TROT DIVISION -**  
(see “Class Rules” for eligibility)

**Pleasure** – Shown both ways of the ring at walk and trot/jog; judged on performance, manners, and way of going. May be asked to back. See 4-H Rule Book section on Western or English Pleasure for other judging criteria.

**Disciplined Rail** – To be shown at the walk and jog/trot both ways of the ring. May be asked to extend the jog/trot, halt, back, sidepass, jog/trot from halt, etc. This is **not** a fault and out class like command **nor** is this strictly a pleasure class type. All work will be performed by the entire class while on the rail. \*Judged on the best overall performance at executing the judge’s instructions in a timely fashion, doing the correct performance and manners in which the performance is given. Emphasis placed on smooth, fluid gait transitions.

**●WESTERN NOVICE WALK/JOG DIVISIONS -**  
(see “Class Rules” for eligibility)

**Pleasure Division** – Shown both ways of the ring at walk and trot/jog; judged on performance, manners, and way of going. May be asked to back. See 4-H Rule Book section on Western Pleasure for other judging criteria.

**Horsemanship Division** – Shown both ways of the ring at a walk and trot-jog. The rider not the horse is judged. The rider will be judged on hands, seat, balance and general performance at both gaits. Check at asterisk (\*) under Walk division regarding Horsemanship for judging criteria.

**●ENGLISH OPEN WALK/TROT AND WESTERN OPEN WALK/JOG DIVISIONS-**  
(Open to all riders – any age/any ability – See “Class Rules”)

**Pleasure** – Shown both ways of the ring at walk and trot/jog; judged on performance, manners, and way of going. May be asked to back. See 4-H Rule Book section on Western or English Pleasure for the other judging criteria.

**Disciplined Rail** – To be shown at the walk and jog/trot both ways of the ring. May be asked to extend gaits, halt, back, sidepass, etc. This is **not** a fault and out class like command **nor** is this strictly a pleasure class type. All work will be performed by the entire class while on the rail. See “Disciplined Rail” class under English & Western Novice Horse Division beginning at the asterisk (\*) for judging criteria.



**YOUTH / JUNIOR / SENIOR ENGLISH EQUITATION DIVISIONS –**  
**(Youth-ages 12 & under; Junior-ages 13 to 18; Senior-ages 19 and over)**

**Equitation** – Shown both ways of the ring at a walk, trot, and canter. The rider not the horse is judged. The rider will be judged on hand, seat, balance and general performance at all gaits. May be asked to back. Individual work may be asked for at the judges discretion. See our 4-H Rule Book for details on any special maneuvers that may be required.

**JUNIOR / SENIOR ENGLISH PLEASURE DIVISIONS –**  
**(Junior riders are ages 13 to 18; Senior riders are ages 19 and over)**

**Pleasure** – shown both ways of the ring at a walk, trot and canter; the horse is judged on performance, manners and way of going. May be asked to back. See 4-H Rule Book section on English Pleasure for other judging criteria.

**OPEN / JUNIOR ENGLISH HUNTER UNDER SADDLE DIVISIONS –**  
**(Open is all age riders and Junior is riders age 13 to 18)**

**Hunter Under Saddle** – To be shown at the walk, trot, canter, both ways of the ring. Collected trot, extended trot and hand gallop required in one direction. Optional in other direction. Judged on performance, manners and way of going suitable to a hunter type. Horse should back easily and stand quietly.

**●OPEN ENGLISH PLEASURE OVER FENCES WALK-TROT DIVISION -**  
**(Open to all age riders – see “class rules” for eligibility)**

**English Pleasure O/F W/T** – Horses & ponies will be judged on performance and willingness with emphasis on manners while trotting a course of 4 fences. Courses will be determined by show management and will differ at each show. Courses will consist of fences that will vary in type (cross-rails, post & vertical rails, gate, picket fence, flower boxes & rail – types of jumps will be left to the discretion of show management). Fence height will be set at 18”. Entries take course individually.

**●OPEN ENGLISH PLEASURE OVER FENCES WALK-TROT-CANTER DIVISION -**  
**(Open to all age riders– see “class rules” for eligibility)**

**English Equitation O/F WTC**– Horses & ponies will be judged on performance and willingness with emphasis on manners while cantering a course of 5 fences. Courses will be determined by show management and will differ at each show. Courses will consist of fences that will vary in type (post & vertical rails, gate, picket fence, flower boxes & rail – types of jumps will be left to the discretion of show management). Fence height will be set at 18” for ponies and 2’ for horses. Ponies are 14.2 hands & under per 4-H rules. Entries take course individually.

● **OPEN ENGLISH EQUITATION OVER FENCES WALK-TROT DIVISION -**  
(Open to all age riders – see “class rules” for eligibility)

**English Equitation O/F W/T**– The rider will be judged on hand, seat, legs, overall balance and general performance while trotting a course of 4 fences. Courses will be determined by show management and will differ at each show. Courses will consist of fences that will vary in type (cross-rails, post & vertical rails, gate, picket fence, flower boxes & rail – types of jumps will be left to the discretion of show management). Fence height will be set at 18”. Entries take course individually.

● **OPEN ENGLISH EQUITATION OVER FENCES WALK-TROT-CANTER DIVISION -**  
(Open to all age riders – see “class rules” for eligibility)

**English Equitation O/F WTC**– The rider will be judged on hand, seat, legs, overall balance and general performance while cantering a course of 5 fences. Courses will be determined by show management and will differ at each show. Courses will consist of fences that will vary in type (post & vertical rails, gate, picket fence, flower boxes & rail – types of jumps will be left to the discretion of show management). Fence height will be set at 18” for ponies and 2’ for horses. Ponies are 14.2 hands and under per 4-H rules. Entries take course individually.

● **ENGLISH EQUITATION OVER FENCES BEGINNER WALK-TROT DIVISION -**  
(Open to all age riders – see “class rules” for eligibility)

**English Equitation Beginner O/F W/T** – Horses & ponies will be judged on performance and willingness with emphasis on manners while trotting a course of 4 fences. Courses will be determined by management and will differ at each show. Courses will consist of fences that will vary in type (cross-rails, post & vertical rails, gate, picket fence, flower boxes & rail – types of jumps will be left to the discretion of show management). Fence height will be set at 12”. Entries take course individually.



## ● HUNTER HACK DIVISIONS – Beginner Walk-Trot / Open Walk-Trot / YO / JR/SR

**GENERAL NOTES:** For each class entries will all enter the ring then one at a time entry will jump 2 fences at the designated height for each class (see below). Emphasis is placed more on gracefulness of the jumping performance. Judged on maintaining a free-moving hunter pace. Must jump over the fences smoothly and safely, not jumping too far back nor too close to the fence. Hunters should demonstrate a desire and willingness to follow the rider's instructions. Preference is also given to those entries which meet the fences squarely, jumping at the center of both fences. After jumping, entries will find a space on the rail to be shown at the designated gaits for each class (see below). The hunter hack horse moves in the same style as the hunter under saddle showing both ways of the ring with light contact. May be asked to back.

### **BEGINNER WALK-TROT - (Open to all age riders – see “class rules” for eligibility)**

The fences will be set as cross-rails and the height at the center of the fence shall be 18”. Entries will trot over the fences and rail work will consist of the walk and trot.

### **OPEN WALK-TROT - (Open to all age riders and horses and ponies)**

The fences will be set as cross-rails and the height at the center of the fence shall be 18”. Entries will trot over the fences and rail work will consist of the walk and trot.

### **YOUTH – (Youth riders are ages 12 and Under)**

The fences will set as verticals at 18”. Riders have option to jump 2'. Entries will canter the fences and rail work will consist of the walk, trot & canter.

### **JUNIOR/SENIOR – (Junior riders are ages 13to18; Senior riders are ages 19&over)**

The fences will set as verticals at 2'. Entries will canter the fences and rail work will consist of the walk, trot & canter.

## ENGLISH YOUTH WALK-TROT-CANTER (WTC) DIVISIONS – **(Open to riders ages 12 & under)**

**Pleasure Division** – shown both ways of the ring at a walk, trot and canter;

The horse is judged on performance, manners and way of going. May be asked to back. See 4-H Rule Book section on English Pleasure for other judging criteria.



**Hunter Under Saddle Division** – To be shown at the walk, trot, canter, both ways of the ring. Collected trot, extended trot and hand gallop required in one direction. Optional in other direction. Judged on performance, manners and way of going suitable to a hunter type. Horse should back easily and stand quietly.

**Disciplined Rail Division** – To be shown at the walk, trot, canter both ways of the ring. May be asked to extend gaits, halt, back, sidepass, etc. This is **not** a fault and out class like command **nor** is this strictly a pleasure class type. All work will be performed by the entire class while on the rail. See "Disciplined Rail" class under Novice Horse Division beginning at the asterisk (\*) for judging criteria.

**●ENGLISH NOVICE WALK-TROT-CANTER (WTC) DIVISION –  
(Open to rider/horse teams - See “Class Rules” for eligibility)**

**Equitation** – Shown both ways of the ring at a walk, trot, and canter. The rider, not the horse is judged. The rider will be judged on hands, seat, legs, balance and general performance at all gaits. May be asked to back. Individual work may be asked for at the judges discretion. See our 4-H Rule Book for details on any special maneuvers that may be required.

**Pleasure** – shown both ways of the ring at a walk, trot and canter; the horse is judged on performance, manners and way of going. May be asked to back. See 4-H Rule Book section on English Pleasure for other judging criteria.

**Hunter Under Saddle** – To be shown at the walk, trot, canter, both ways of the ring. Collected trot, extended trot and hand gallop required in one direction. Optional in other direction. Judged on performance, manners and way of going suitable to a hunter type. Horse should back easily and stand quietly.

**●OPEN THERAPEUTIC RIDING DIVISION**

**(Open to all ages of riders & horses and both English and Western entries - See “Class Rules” for more info and eligibility requirements)**

**Walk** – To be shown both ways of the ring at the walk. Class judged on hands, seat, promise of rider for style of riding (Eng or Wes).

**Walk Trail** – To be shown over a course of 3 trail obstacles similar to those found on the trail. Pattern will be posted and will require basic maneuvers such as walking over ground poles, around cones and backing.

**Walk-Trot/Jog** – To be shown both ways of the ring at the walk and trot/jog both ways of the ring. Judged on hands, seat, promise of rider for style of riding (Eng or Wes). Points are not accumulated for Year End awards for this class so no points will be added from this class for the Therapeutic Riding Division. This class is offered as a fun, for the experience type class.





## **CONFORMATION DIVISIONS -**

**(Classes open to both English and Western entries)**

**3 Year Olds and Under** – Open to horses/ponies of any sex ages 3 and under. Both Stock types and Hunter types combined.

**STOCK TYPE CLASSES:** judged by the Western Ring judge – stronger emphasis on the animal relating to Western performance ability.

**Ponies** – Open to all age ponies 14.2 hands or under

**Mares** – Open to all age mares

**Geldings/Stallions** – Open to all age geldings or stallions

**HUNTER TYPE CLASSES:** judged by the English Ring judge – stronger emphasis on the animal relating to English performance ability.

**Ponies** – Open to all age ponies 14.2 hands or under

**Mares** – Open to all age mares

**Geldings/Stallions** – Open to all age geldings or stallions



**Registered AQHA/ApHC/APHA Performance CLASSES:** judged by the Western Ring judge – stronger emphasis on the animal relating to form to function. This class is divided by gender and is part of a Division where entry must also compete in a riding class. Riding classes offered are listed under Division Name later in this program.

**Mares** – Open to all age mares

**Geldings/Stallions** – Open to all age geldings or stallions

**NOTE:** No one under age 19 may show a stallion.

**AGE:** For horse show purposes the age of a horse/pony is computed by the calendar year starting with the first day of January following the actual date of foaling. Ex – a horse foaled in April 2015 is considered 1 year old on Jan 1, 2016.

**GENERAL:** All of the above classes are shown in hand. Judges attempt to relate form to function. Factors considered in judging include: general appearance, balance and style, skeletal structure, amount of muscling, soundness, trueness to breed or type of characteristics, stride, and way of going, indications of disposition and blemishes. All horses and ponies must be shown in halters or bridles appropriate to their breed. (See rule #3 in Additional Show Rules regarding attire.)

## **●OPEN WESTERN PLEASURE Registered ARABIAN/MORGAN DIVISION –** **(Open to all age riders – see “Class Rules” for eligibility)**

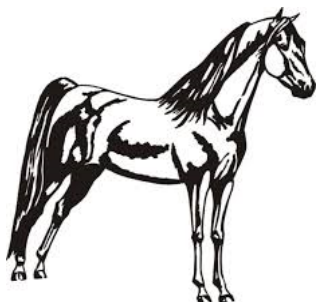
**Pleasure WJ** – Shown both ways of the ring at walk and jog; judged on performance, manners and way of going. May be asked to back. See 4-H Rule Book section on Western Pleasure for other judging criteria.

**Pleasure WJL**– Shown both ways of the ring at a walk, jog and lope; judged on performance, manners and way of going. May be asked to back. See 4-H Rule Book section on Western Pleasure for other judging criteria.

**●OPEN HUNTER PLEASURE Registered ARABIAN/MORGAN DIVISION –**  
**(Open to all age riders – see “Class Rules” for eligibility)**

**Hunter Pleasure WT** – Shown both ways of the ring at walk and trot; \*\*judged on performance, manners and way of going. May be asked to back. The horse’s actions will be more ground-covering, with longer-strides and lower action. The hunter pleasure horse should be in a longer, more rectangular frame with the neck carried lower and in a more relaxed manner.

**Hunter Pleasure WTC**– Shown both ways of the ring at a walk, trot and canter; See judging criteria beginning at the asterisks (\*\*) in the above Hunter Pleasure Walk-Trot class description.



**●OPEN WESTERN PLEASURE\*\*\* DIVISION -**  
**(Open to all age riders)**

**\*\*\*may be split into separate age (Jr and Sr) groups if number of entries warrants)**

**Pleasure** – Shown both ways of the ring at a walk, jog and lope; judged on performance, manners and way of going. May be asked to back. See 4-H Rule Book section on Western Pleasure for other judging criteria.

**●WESTERN JUNIOR/SENIOR WALK/JOG DIVISIONS -**  
**(Open to JR riders ages 13 to 18 and SR riders ages 19 & over)**

**Horsemanship Division** – Shown both ways of the ring at a walk and trot; judged on hands, seat, control and promise of rider. Check at asterisk (\*) under Walk division regarding Horsemanship.

**Pleasure Division** – Shown both ways of the ring at walk and trot; judged on performance, manners and way of going. May be asked to back. See 4-H Rule Book section on Western Pleasure for judging criteria.

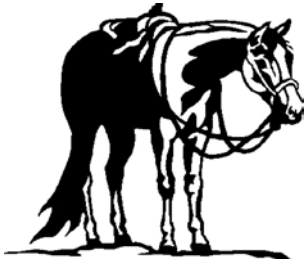


**●WESTERN GREEN HORSE DIVISION -**  
(Open to any age rider, However, horse Must Meet Qualifications as defined in the “Class Rules”)

**Pleasure Walk-Jog** – Horse to be shown both ways of the ring at the walk and jog. \*Horse should ride on a reasonable loose rein without undue restraint. Horse should be easy to handle, smooth gaited, not show undesirable mannerisms and overall demonstrate what a pleasure they are to ride. Will be asked to back.

**Disciplined Rail Walk-Jog** – To be shown at the walk and jog both ways of the ring. May be asked to extend gaits, halt, back, execute jog from halt, etc. This is **not** a fault and out class like command **nor** is this strictly a pleasure type class. All work will be performed by the entire class while on the rail. See “Disciplined Rail” class under Novice Horse division beginning at the asterisk (\*) for judging criteria.

**Pleasure Walk-Jog-Lope (WJL)** – Horses are to be shown both ways of the ring at the walk, jog and lope. See judging criteria beginning at the asterisk (\*) in the above Pleasure walk-jog class.



**●OPEN WESTERN WORKING HORSE PATTERN DIVISION -**  
(Open riders are all ages; See 4-H Rule Book for more guidelines)

**Working Horse Pattern Open Walk-Jog** – To be shown at the walk, jog and extended jog. Judged on quiet, controlled negotiation of an individual pattern. Manners and obedience to the rider will be evaluated. Pattern will be the same for every show and is found in this program. Exhibitors will execute pattern individually. Will be asked to back in the pattern.

**●OPEN WESTERN VERSATILITY DIVISION -**  
(Open riders are all ages)

**Western Versatility Open Walk-Jog** – To be shown at the walk, jog and extended jog. Judged on quiet, controlled negotiation of an individual pattern. Manners and obedience to the rider will be evaluated. Pattern will be the same for every show and will include 3 trail/ranch type obstacles. Pattern in this program. Exhibitors will execute pattern individually. Will be asked to back.

## **TRAIL DIVISIONS -**

**●In Hand / ●Walk / Youth / Junior / Senior / Open / ● Novice/ ● Green Horse**

**(Open to both English and Western entries)**

**GENERAL NOTES:** No rail work required for any of these classes. Patterns will be posted. Individual copies of patterns will also be available at the entry booth. Patterns will vary show to show. Judged over and through the required number of obstacles for that division. Judging based on performance over/through obstacles with emphasis on manners, attitude and response to rider/handler. Types of obstacles may be found in the 4-H Rule Book. Our show rules waive the mandatory obstacles rule in the 4-H rule book. Two or more refusals may or may not eliminate a contestant, this will be left to the judges discretion. Riders need to know the pattern and ride the pattern exactly as drawn. Off-pattern, however, **will not** result in elimination but can be used as a fault in scoring the horse/rider or handler team.

The weight of this type fault will be determined by the individual Trail judge.

***Please read the "Class Rules" section on Trail classes***

**IN HAND - (Open to horses/ponies ages 3 and under, not yet riding and showing under saddle, or any age Miniature Horse)**

Each contestant will have 4 obstacles to be judged on as well as negotiating the pattern correctly. Shown over obstacles while being led by the handler on the ground. Pattern will consist of performing at the walk and jog or trot between obstacles.

**WALK - (Open to riders ages 10 & under – SPLIT into English and Western)**

Each contestant will have 3 obstacles to be judged on as well as riding the pattern correctly. Pattern will consist of performing all obstacles at the walk gait.

**YOUTH - (Open to riders ages 12 & under – SPLIT into English and Western)**

Each contestant will have 4 obstacles to be judged on as well as riding the pattern correctly. Pattern will consist of performing at the walk and the jog or trot between obstacles. No loping or cantering required.

**JUNIOR - (Open to riders ages 13 to 18 – SPLIT into English and Western)**

Each contestant will have 5 obstacles to be judged on as well as riding the pattern correctly. Pattern will consist of performing at the walk and the jog or trot between obstacles. No loping or cantering required.

**SENIOR - (Open riders ages 19 and over – SPLIT into English and Western)**

Each contestant will have 5 obstacles to be judged on as well as riding the pattern correctly. Pattern will consist of performing at the walk and the jog or trot between obstacles. No loping or cantering required.

**OPEN - (Open to Youth/Junior/Senior riders – combined English & Western)**

Each contestant will have 5 obstacles to be judged on as well as riding the pattern correctly. Pattern will consist of performing at the walk and the jog or trot between obstacles. No loping or cantering required.

**NOVICE or GREEN HORSE (Open to all ages – see Class Rules for Eligibility for each Class – both are combined English & Western)**

Each contestant will have 4 obstacles to be judged on as well as riding the pattern correctly. Pattern will consist of performing at the walk and the jog or trot between obstacles. No loping or cantering required.

## **OPEN WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP\*\*\* DIVISION –**

**(Open riders are all ages)**

**\*\*\* may be split into separate age groups (Jr & Sr) if number of entries warrants**

**Horsemanship** – Shown both ways of the ring at a walk, jog, and lope. The rider not the horse is judged. The rider will be judged on hands, seat, legs, balance, and general performance at all gaits. May be asked to back. See 4-H Rule Book for details on any special maneuvers at Judge's request.

## **●TIMED FUN JOGGING/TROTting DIVISION - (Open to all ages and to both English and Western entries)**

**NOTES:** Attire will be described in letter "c" under rule #3 of the additional show rules. Tack may be English or Western type. Two hands on the reins are permissible for western riders. Patterns may or may not be posted on show day. Copies of the patterns will be available at the Entry Booth. Patterns are shown here in this program booklet. Please review the courses. Each entry will perform pattern one at a time and will be timed. Entries are only allowed to jog/trot the pattern. Fastest time wins.

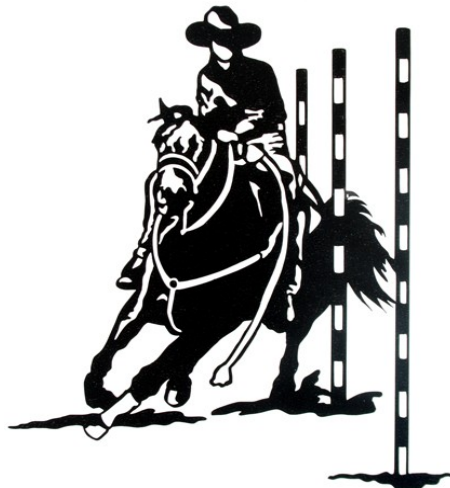
**DISQUALIFICATIONS WILL INCLUDE:** (1) being off-course in any pattern, (2) failure to cross the start/finish line, (3) running over any personnel in the ring - meaning judge, timers or ring steward, (4) fall of horse or rider in the arena and (5) 4<sup>th</sup> break of gait to a lope/canter will be an automatic "DQ". (Entries will be allowed 3 breaks of gaits totaling a 15 second time penalty).

**5 seconds PENALTY GIVEN FOR:** (1) each occurrence of knocking over a barrel or pole or cone; (2) each occurrence of breaking gait from the jog/trot to the lope/canter.

**PLUG CLASS** - run course as shown in the program around a single barrel or pole. May turn either direction. Fastest time wins.

**FIGURE– 8 STAKE CLASS** – run course as shown in the program; also see class description under Speed Divisions

**BARREL CLASS** – run course as show in the program; also see class description under Speed Division



**OPEN SPEED DIVISION** – Open to All Age Riders.

**YOUTH SPEED DIVISION** – Open to ONLY Riders Ages 12 & Under

**(Note: All entries in these divisions MUST be in a Western saddle and per 4-H rules CANNOT be attached/tied to the saddle in ANY fashion)**

**OPEN to all age riders**

**GENERAL NOTES...** For complete details, please read the 4-H Rule book regarding Western Timed/Speed classes. Attire will be as described in letter "c" under rule #3 of the additional show rules. Tack & equipment will be as permitted according to the 4-H Rule Book. Please take time to read. EXCEPTION to 4-H Rule Book – English bridles, complete w/ cavesson will be permitted. Hackamores and tie-downs are permitted. Spurs, bats, crops and strings are optional. However, none may be applied in front of the cinch to any horse. Riders age 18 & under must wear approved hard hat with harness strap under the chin secured. **No exceptions!!!** Two hands on the reins are permissible along with riding in a single roping type rein. Western hats with ties so that they remain on or attached are encouraged but not required. Patterns may or may not be posted. Copies of the patterns will be available at the Entry Booth. Patterns can be found in this program.

**DISQUALIFICATIONS INCLUDE:** (1) being off-course in any pattern, (2) failure to cross start/finish line, (3) running over any personnel in the ring - includes judge, timers, and ringmaster or (4) fall of horse or rider or both.

**5 SECONDS PENALTY GIVEN FOR:** (1) knocking over a barrel or pole or start /finish cones.

**EQUIPMENT FAILURE RULE:** In cases of broken equipment or loss of shoe, competitor must continue or be eliminated.

**PLUG RACE** - run course as shown in the program around a single barrel or pole. May turn either direction. Fastest time wins.

**FIGURE - 8 STAKE RACE** - run course as shown here in program around 2 poles. The start shall be in the center of the 2 stakes. May turn either direction first as long as a complete figure-8 has been made when finished. Fastest time wins. See general notes.

**BARREL RACE** - run course as shown here in our program around the 3 barrels. The pattern may be run to the left first or to the right first. However, when finished you must have completed the cloverleaf pattern as shown. (PLEASE NOTE – pattern shown here is from AQHA rule book, we may need to adjust the distance equally to fit the ring at Oak Ridge Park). Fastest time wins. See general notes.



**●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.**

Open to all age riders.

**Conformation Performance Mares or  
Conformation Performance Geldings/Stallions**

**Western Pleasure Walk-Jog** - Shown both ways of the ring at walk and jog; judged on performance, manners and way of going. May be asked to back. See 4-H Rule Book section on Western Pleasure for judging criteria.

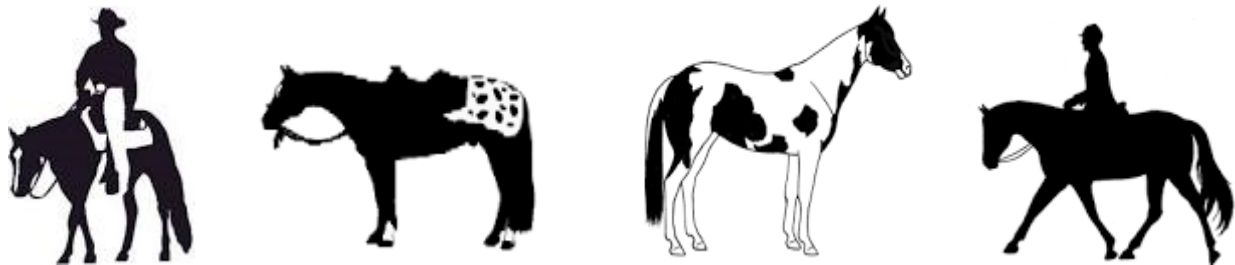
**●WESTERN Pleasure Registered Stock Horse Performance WJL –**

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**Western Pleasure WJL** - Shown both ways of the ring at walk, jog and lope; judged on performance, manners and way of going. May be asked to back. See 4-H Rule Book section on Western Pleasure for judging criteria.



**●Hunter Under Saddle Registered Stock Horse Performance Walk/Trot –**

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Open to all age riders.

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**Hunter Under Saddle Walk-Trot** – To be shown at the walk and trot both ways of the ring. Judged on performance, manners and way of going suitable to a hunter type. Horse should back easily and stand quietly.

**●Hunter Under Saddle Registered Stock Horse Performance WTC –** Open to all

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.**

Open to all age riders.

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**Hunter Under Saddle WTC** – To be shown at the walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Judged on performance, manners and way of going suitable to a hunter type. Horse should back easily and stand quietly.

