

SILVER HEELS RIDING CLUB RULES FOR RANCH HORSE DIVISION

DIVISION INCLUDES: RANCH HORSE IN HAND, RANCH HORSE TRAIL, RANCH HORSE RIDING, RANCH HORSE PLEASURE

THE FOLLOWING UNDERLINED ITEMS PERTAIN TO ALL OF THE RANCH CLASSES

- For horses three years of age and older
- No horse may cross enter any **western pleasure** and ranch horse pleasure class at the same show regardless of division
- No hoof polish.
- No braided or banded manes or tail extensions.
- Trimming inside ears is discouraged.
- Trimming bridle path is allowed, also trimming of fetlocks or excessive (long) facial hair.
- Equipment with silver should not count over a good working outfit. Silver on bridles and saddles is discouraged.
- Posting at the extended trot is acceptable.
- Touching or holding the saddle horn is acceptable.

RANCH HORSE IN HAND

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To be shown in a halter

To be judged on confirmation, quality, action and substance as a Ranch Horse

RANCH HORSE TRAIL

The class will be judged on the performance of the horse over obstacles with the emphasis on manners, response to the rider and quality of movement as a Ranch Horse.

RANCH HORSE RIDING

The purpose of Ranch Horse Riding should reflect the versatility, attitude, and movement of a working horse. The horse's performance should simulate a horse riding outside the confines of an arena and that of a working ranch horse. This class should show the horse's ability to work at a forward, working speed while under control by the rider.

Light contact should be rewarded and horse shall not be shown on a full drape of reins. The overall manners and responsiveness of the horse while performing the maneuver requirements and the horse's quality of movement are the primary considerations. Each horse will work individually, performing both required and optional maneuvers, and scored on the basis of 0 to 100, with 70 denoting an average performance.

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The required maneuvers will include the walk, trot, and lope both directions: and the extended trot and extended lope at least one direction; as well as stops, and back.

Three optional maneuvers may include a side pass, turns of 360 degrees or more, change of lead (simple or flying), walk, trot, or lope over a pole(s); or some reasonable combination of maneuvers that would be reasonable for a ranch horse to perform..

The overall cadence and performance of the gaits should be as those described in GAITS, with an emphasis on forward movement, free-flowing, and ground covering for all gaits.

Transitions should be performed where designated, with smoothness and responsiveness.

No time limit.

RANCH HORSE PLEASURE

The purpose of Ranch Horse Pleasure should reflect the versatility, attitude, and movement of a working horse. The horse's performance should simulate a horse riding outside the confines of an arena and that of a working ranch horse. This class should show the horse's ability to work at a forward, working speed while under control by the rider. Light contact should be rewarded and

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Transitions should be performed where designated, with smoothness and responsiveness.