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(WNHA)



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WNHA RULEBOOK

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WNHA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES

Single Membership, \$60.00
Family Membership, \$70.00
Youth Membership, \$40.00 (Age 13-17)
4-H Membership, \$100.00

ENTRY FEES, MEMBERS

Show and Gymkhana Classes; \$10.00 for (R) Regular Class;
Show and Gymkhana \$10.00 for (Y) Year End Class;
Jackpot Classes, Show and Gymkhana; \$10.00 for (J) Jackpot class
Schooling; \$10.00 each class;

ENTRY FEES, NON-MEMBERS

Show and Gymkhana Classes; \$15.00 for (R) Regular Class;
Show and Gymkhana \$15.00 for (Y) Year End Class;
Jackpot Classes; \$15.00 for (J) Jackpot class
Schooling; \$15.00 each class;

ENTRY FEES FOR EVERYONE

Time Only Runs, Gymkhana; \$10.00 per run and the time allotted per run is not more than one minute; there will be additional charge of \$10.00 for each occurrence.

******FEES ARE DOUBLED FOR ANY AND ALL GATE ENTRIES. NO EXCEPTIONS. Please go to Registration Booth to enter any class or classes, at least 3 classes prior******

GENERAL RULES

IT IS THE PARTICIPANT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO READ THE RULES OF WNHA & ABIDE BY THEM.

WNHA Rules and By-Laws will be enforced by ALL PARTICIPANTS eventing with WNHA.

The Western Nevada Horsemen's Association is a unique club, running English, Western, Reining and Gymkhana disciplines. Therefore, the Western Nevada Horsemen's Association's By-Laws and Rules will run as a whole, however, there may be situations where it will run as a separate entity; English Show Rules, Western Show Rules, Reining Rules and Gymkhana Rules, etc. and as described herein. It may also run as a separate entity for year end awards. The Western Nevada Horsemen's Association will from now on be known as WNHA. Participant, when used is defined as Exhibitor, Rider, and/or Competitor. All events, meetings and activities of the WNHA shall be governed as stated in this rulebook or found in the By-Laws.

- 1. MEMBERSHIP and/or PARTICIPANT:** For membership, a new membership application must be submitted and approved for each year of membership. Each member must provide a mandatory amount of individual or family volunteer time at the WNHA Events or be subject to a volunteer payment fee prior to receiving year end awards. Each member must attend **5 of the 6 WNHA Events**, and meet all requirements of Membership and Awards Policies/Qualifications in order to qualify for Year End Awards. Please see the WNHA Awards Policy for more clarification. As a Participant of the WNHA, when applicable, safety, etiquette, behavior, and/or other requirements as deemed necessary are subject to abide by the WNHA Rules.
- 2. ENTRY FEE DISTRIBUTION:** 60% Jackpot Payout &/or Year End Awards; 40% WNHA overhead costs.
- 3. VOLUNTEERING:** For the current event year that each member wishing to receive a year-end award, each member must complete 4 hours for individual membership, 4 hours for 4-H member, 4 hours for youth membership or 8 hours for family membership of volunteer work at a WNHA Event. If unable or choose not to participate in volunteer time, you will be subject to pay a \$200.00 fee to WNHA if you wish to receive Year End Awards (meeting all other requirements). A participant may also elect to bring in a \$200.00 Sponsorship Fee in lieu or exchange of their volunteer time. Volunteers must sign in with the Secretary or Designated Person at the event to obtain volunteer credit. The Secretary shall assign tasks appropriate to the individual. **Please Note:** Considering the change in event structure, volunteer time may be easier for scheduling. For example, WNHA needs help in these areas: 1) set up and tear down of trail course; 2) set up and tear down for the courses in Gymkhana, i.e. Single Stake, Poles or Barrels, etc. As well as replace said items if knocked down, etc. There will also be times when it is required to set up cones for various classes in Western and English; 3) Gate, (experience is required); 4) Runners; Show participants may help during a gymkhana event; Gymkhana participants may help during a show event; 5) Poop patrol (WNHA events at a private facility and to keep fees down, we ask that members help in this area).
- 4. INTEGRITY:** WNHA rules are provided to protect the integrity of WNHA and to provide for the safety of the members, non-members, families, guests, spectators and horses. ALL Rules shall be abided by as written and full accountability is expected.
- 5. SUBSTANTIAL OR SERIOUS RISK:** Members, Non-Members, Participants (competitors/exhibitors/riders) including their family members, guests, and/or spectators, acknowledge that Western, English, Gymkhana & other related equestrian events are dangerous activities & that participation in said events as a competitor, exhibitor, rider or volunteer exposes them to a substantial & serious risk of property damage, personal injury, or death. Members, Non-Members, Participants, etc., acknowledge that participation in events of the WNHA will involve such a hazard. Being fully aware that participation in WNHA events will expose them to substantial & serious risk of property damage &/or personal injury or death, said person(s) hereby release the WNHA, Washoe Valley Ranches, Rockin LJ, sponsors, related or subsidiary companies, & the officers, directors, producers, employees, & agents of the WNHA from liability for any & all property damage, personal injuries or other claims arising from participation in WNHA events, including claims that are known & unknown, foreseen & unforeseen, future or contingent. Participants, Members and Non-Members, family, guests, spectators, etc., shall not now or at any time in the future, directly or indirectly, commence or prosecute any action, suit, or other proceeding against the aforementioned arising out of or related to the actions, causes of action, claims & demands hereby waived, released or discharged by a Member. This provision shall be binding upon each Participant, Non-Members, Member, member's spouse, legal representatives, heirs, successors, & assigns. The Person(s) does hereby waive all claims, action, demands for damage, loss &/or injury to person(s), livestock &/or property of themselves &/or minor child(ren). The waiver will relieve Western Nevada Horsemen's Association, it's officers, directors, members agents, Washoe Valley Ranches, Rockin LJ Arena, the Washoe County Parks Department/Reno City Parks & Recreation Department from any or all liability prior

to, during, or following any events held by, sponsored by, or supervised by the above mentioned association, officers, directors, members or agents.

6. **MEMBERSHIP:** A Member in Good Standing is defined as, any member who has paid their current years dues by the first event of the current calendar year and has no outstanding debts. See WNHA By-Laws.
7. **BREEDS:** All breeds of horses, ponies and mules (herein referred to as horses), registered or grade, will be allowed to participate in all WNHA events.
8. **RESPONSIBILITY:** WNHA will not be responsible for any loss or damage or injury to horses, exhibitors, guests, spectators, or for any article of any kind or nature that may be left, lost, destroyed, or in any way injured or damaged or stolen. Each Exhibitor/Competitor or spectator/guest of Exhibitor/Competitor will be responsible for any injury that may be occasioned to each person, whom so ever, by any horse owned or exhibited by them or arise from negligence of the person in charge of any horse. All horses exhibited will be entirely at the owner's/participant's risk. ALL participants, spectators, etc., understand that there are no medical or veterinary personnel or assistants at any WNHA Event.
9. **CHECKS RETURNED FOR NON-PAYMENT:** If any person(s) has a check returned for any reason, points accumulated to date (members only) are suspended until charges are paid in full prior to the next WNHA event. Charges to be collected by WNHA include verified funds for the amount of the check, plus returned item charges, and including an additional \$25.00. Upon payment of charges in full, points will be reinstated.
10. **HEALTH AND WELFARE OF HORSE AND EXHIBITOR/COMPETITOR:** 1) Every horse shall, at all times, be treated humanely and with dignity, respect and compassion. It is at discretion of the Board at each event, to make a determination of the safety and soundness of each horse and Exhibitor/Competitor, if a horse and Exhibitor/Competitor are in visible stress, the Board shall make a determination with the majority vote. (Inhumane by vote of majority of the Board on scene). 2) No form of intentional whipping, spurring, or striking a horse in front of the cinch will be allowed. Violators will be asked to leave and will be disqualified from the days event without refund of entry fees. English Exhibitors are allowed to use a crop in front of their saddles as an aid as long as it is not considered to be abusive by the Judge or brought to the attention of a Board member by an event participant.
11. **LAMENESS:** Unsoundness shall not penalize any entry, unless the Judge and/or the Show Management deem that it is sufficiently severe to be considered an act of cruelty to continue to perform. In that event, the entry fees will be refunded. The horse must be "serviceably sound".
12. **DRUGGING:** Horse drugging to disguise lameness or to tranquilize is a violation of the horse drugging law and is prohibited. Entry fees will not be refunded to those found using any prohibited drugs.
13. **NO RUNNING OF HORSES (GAIT HIGHER THAN A TROT/JOG) IS PERMITTED OUTSIDE OF ARENAS:** Except in designated areas is loping/cantering allowed. Designated areas if available are: warm up arena, a round pen and when the main arena is open due to break, etc. Violators will receive one warning from the show management. If participant continues to disobey this rule, disqualification from the event will result. Entry fees will not be refunded.
14. **STALLIONS:** Stallions must be under the control of a handler that is 18 years or older as of January 1st of the current year, inside and outside of the arena at all times. Any stallion jeopardizing the safety of others will be asked to leave the event. Entry fees will not be refunded.
15. **ARENA, DURING CLASS:** Any horse or Participant jeopardizing the safety of others will be asked to leave the arena. Any Participant loosing control of their horse (from the saddle or drop of the lead of an in-hand class) shall be considered as jeopardizing the safety of others in the arena and will be excused from the current class and not be considered by the Judge in the placing of that current class. No other class participant shall be penalized by the Judge for going "off pattern" due to the actions of another Participant or horse. If a pattern is interrupted by the unsafe actions of another Participant or horse, the pattern may be performed again from the beginning by the affected Participant or horse. Any Participant that can not visibly control their mount to the extent that their inability jeopardizes the safety of other Participants in the arena, the Judge and/or any Board member can ask the Participant to leave the arena. The Judge and/or WNHA Board members shall have the right to determine whether or not a Participant may safely participate in remaining daily event classes. Entry fees will not be refunded.
16. **SNACK BAR AREA:** Horses must be kept away from the snack bar area and restrooms. If you need something from the snack bar, please have someone obtain it for you or tie your horse up at your trailer. Repeated violations of this rule are grounds for dismissal from the arena grounds for the day's events without refund of entry fees.
17. **CHILDREN:** No child 15 years of age or under will be left, dropped off, unattended or unsupervised at any WNHA event. They are not permitted to compete without an adult present.
18. **DOGS: Due to Event Liabilities, it is recommended and advised that all dogs remain at home. At PRIVATE ARENAS and/or Rockin' LJ Arena: NO DOGS are allowed when the WNHA Events are held at**

Private Arenas or facilities. PUBLIC ARENAS: if dogs accompany, they must be on a leash at all times and not allowed to disrupt the WNHA Events. All dogs will be restricted to the owners' vehicle and/or trailer area. This also applies to guests, spectators, family and friends. There are no exceptions to this ruling. Violations of this rule are grounds for dismissal from the arena facilities for the day's events without refund of entry fees.

19. **HORSES AT PRIVATE OR PUBLIC ARENAS:** No horse(s) will be tied to any part of the arena fence, round pen or warm up arena and no horse(s) shall be placed in corrals or pens attached or detached found on arena grounds during events; No horse(s) shall be tied to or around the Hot Walker. Participants are to be mindful of residents and boarders at all times. Please note: **no horses will be left unattended at any time while in round pen or a warm up arena.** **AT NO TIME WILL A PARTICIPANT OF A WNHA EVENT; ASK, TELL OR DEMAND A BOARDER LEAVE THE WARM UP ARENA, ROUND PEN OR OUTSIDE ARENA.** If found doing so, they get a warning; second time will be ask to leave for the day without return of fees.
20. **PARTICIPANT & GUEST BEHAVIOR:** A simple majority of Board members present, acting as the management, without exception, has the right to disqualify or refuse entry; 1) For any actions of misconduct, profanity, harassment of the Judge, official(s) or employee(s) Board Member(s); 2) Any act committed or remarks made in connection with the competition considered offensive and/or made with intent to influence or cast aspersions on the character or integrity of the Judge or Participant(s); 3) Approaching a Judge before or after a decision without first obtaining permission from the Show Committee or steward; 4) Inspecting a Judge's score card without the Judge's permission; by any Exhibitor, Competitor, Spectator, or Guest is a violation of this rule and are grounds for dismissal from the arena grounds for the day's events without refund of entry fees, if applicable.
21. **SPORTSMANSHIP:** Poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated by any Competitor, Family Member, Friend, Spectator or Guest; see Rules #15 and #20 of the General Rules. Violations of this rule by anyone are grounds for dismissal from the arena grounds for the day's events without refund of entry fees, if applicable.
22. **WARM UP ARENA/ROUND PEN:** All participants will be respectful of manners and arena etiquette at all times at events held by the WNHA. Participants will follow the rotations of the warm up arena, call out intentions as deemed necessary to avoid any and all hazards; and to be respectful of other participants and of safety at all times. Violations of this rule are grounds for dismissal from the arena grounds for the day's events without refund of entry fees. Private Arenas and Rockin' LJ Arena: Participants are to be mindful of residents and boarders. **AT NO TIME WILL A PARTICIPANT OF A WNHA EVENT; ASK, TELL OR DEMAND A BOARDER LEAVE THE WARM UP ARENA, ROUND PEN OR OUTSIDE ARENA.** If found doing so, they get a warning; second time will be ask to leave for the day without return of fees.
23. **ARENA, PREP:** Arena will be dragged at regular intervals, to be determined by the management.
24. **ENTRY FORMS:** Any registration form for Participants under the age of 18 must be signed by a parent or legal guardian prior to the minors' entry in the day's first class or event. If you plan to bring a minor who is not your child, please have the parent or legal guardian sign their entry form and waivers. WNHA cannot allow them to participate without a parent or legal guardian signature on the registration form.
25. **RIDER/HORSE RULING: The same horse cannot be used by two or more Participants in the same class or discipline;** i.e. cannot be shown by two or more people in Reining, Riding Skills, Horsemanship, Trail, Single Stake, Poles, Barrels, or Speed Barrels. The exception to this rule is in Trail, if two participants are showing the same horse, one English Trail or one Western Trail and are in TWO DIFFERENT AGE DIVISIONS, the same horse may be used.
26. **CLASS POINT SYSTEM:** In classes where points are acquired, points are based on the number of Participants in that specific class. Danish System will be used.

# In Class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th Placing
And so on...						
12	12	11	10	9	8	7
11	11	10	9	8	7	6
10	10	9	8	7	6	5
9	9	8	7	6	5	4
8	8	7	6	5	4	3
7	7	6	5	4	3	2
6	6	5	4	3	2	1
5	5	4	3	2	1	
4	4	3	2	1		
3	3	2	1			
2	2	1				
1	1					

27. **PARTICIPATION:** Membership is not required to ride with the WNHA. Classes are open to all Participants, but only members in good standing will accumulate WNHA points towards year-end awards, unless otherwise designated. Points will begin to accumulate upon payment of dues and they are not retroactive. All members are encouraged to pay annual dues by the first event of the current calendar year. All entry fees must be paid in full the day of the event.
28. **POINTS:** Member points accumulated will be posted on the WNHA website (WWW.WNHA.INFO). Any discrepancies will be submitted in the form of a letter to the Board and forwarded on to the point's keeper. There will be no exceptions.
29. **PARTICIPANTS:** Any participant turning 18 years of age on January 1st and no later than March 1st of the current year has the option to ride in the 18 & over age group. A certified copy of the participant's birth certificate must be provided.
 - a. Once entered in the 18 & Over, Participant MAY NOT enter the 11-17 class.
 - b. Points will not carry forward.
 - c. Not available for any other age group.
30. **PLAQUES:** Any participant of the WNHA has the opportunity to order WNHA Plaques to hold their plates that are awarded for those classes awarding them.
31. **HELMETS:** Helmets are NOT mandatory and are at the discretion of the Participant, Parent, or Guardian. If Participants use a helmet, they will use an ASTM/SEI helmet.
32. **GOVERNED:** The WNHA is governed by the American Quarter Horse Association when applicable or found necessary. The WNHA will also refer to the American Paint Horse Association and Appaloosa Horse Club Rulebooks, if needed.
33. **PROTEST PROCEDURE:** Protests for English, Western and Gymkhana Events must be made in writing, with a \$200.00 deposit and **you must be a WNHA member and a Member in good standing of the WNHA**. At NO time will a non-member (guest, family, friend, etc) be entertained or responded to. \$100.00 of the deposit will be refunded if upheld, minus a \$100.00 administrative fee and must be turned in to WNHA Office within 24 hours of the alleged violation with the deposit. Protest must be substantiated to WNHA Management. The decision of Management regarding the protest shall be final. The judge's decisions are final and cannot be protested; unless there was a clerical error on the judge's card or day sheet. The judges' or a veterinarian's decision regarding a placing, asking an exhibitor to leave the arena, or the soundness of a horse, or anything that would jeopardize the safety of another exhibitor or horse CANNOT be protested. The number of participants in any class MAY NOT be protested. NO EXCEPTIONS.
34. Any checks written by the WNHA to a participant, company, individual, etc is given 6 months. Any checks NOT deposited for funds received after the 6 months are considered stale dated and will NOT be reissued. NO EXCEPTIONS.

ENGLISH AND WESTERN SHOW RULES

1. ENGLISH:

- a. **ATTIRE:** Exhibitor must wear breeches or jodhpurs, English boots, a proper English blouse (shirt) and an English hat, helmet or derby. Jackets are optional in hot weather at the Judge's discretion. An English Helmet with chin harness is recommended. Spurs are optional.
- b. **TACK:** No martingales or tie downs may be used in conjunction with a shankless snaffle, Pelham, kimberwicke, or full (double) bridle – which is the only acceptable bits in WNHA English show classes.

2. WESTERN:

- a. **ATTIRE:** Exhibitor must wear western boots, long pants, belt (if pants have belt loops), long sleeved shirt with collar (shirt must be tucked in so belt and buckle can be seen), or long sleeved jacket with shirt and collar, a western style hat or a helmet with chin harness. Chaps and spurs are optional. Silver not to be considered by the Judge in class placing.
 - i. **If Exhibitors rides with a helmet, they will use ASTM/SEI helmet. Helmets at the discretion of the Exhibitor, Parent, or Guardian.**
- b. **TACK:** Bosal, standard western bit or snaffle, without noseband are the only acceptable bridles in western show classes. **No training devices are allowed in any class.** Recognized as training devices are all types of martingales, tie downs, and draw reins. Silver not to be considered by the Judge in class placing. Protective horse boots are permitted only in Western Horsemanship and Reining. Two handed riding is allowed with snaffle or bosal ONLY. Only the following horses may be shown in a snaffle bit or bosal: Junior horses, 5 years old or younger; however, once a junior horse is shown in a standard western bit during the show, it may not be switched back into a snaffle or bosal at that show. However, it is acceptable to go from a snaffle or bosal to a standard western bit at a show.
 - i. **TACK, 10 & UNDER EXHIBITOR:** No age limitation on horse. Two handed riding is allowed with snaffle or bosal ONLY.
- c. **STANDARD WESTERN BIT:** Overall shank length not to exceed 8 ½ ", (measuring a vertical line from the uppermost part of the headstall slots to the rein rings). The mouthpiece will consist of a metal bar 3/8" to ¾" in diameter, varying from the straight bar to a full spade. Jointed mouthpieces are permitted. Swivel ports and flat polo mouthpieces, and all types of hackamores including mechanicals are prohibited. Roping bits with both reins connected to a single ring at the center of a crossbar shall not be permitted used. Reins must be attached to each shank. Curb chain; if used must be at least ½" wide and lay flat against the jaw of the horse. Only one hand may be used on reins and hands must not be changed except to negotiate an obstacle in a trail horse class. When using romal reins, the Exhibitor's hand shall be around the reins with the wrist's kept straight and relaxed, the thumb on top and the fingers closed lightly around the reins. When end of split reins fall on side of reining hand, one finger between reins is permitted. When using romal or when ends of split reins are held in hand not used for reining, no finger between reins is allowed. Exhibitor may hold romal or split reins to keep them from swinging and to adjust the position of the reins provided it is held at least 16" from the reining hand. The romal shall not be used forward of the cinch or to signal or cue the horse in any way. Any infraction of this rule shall be penalized severely by the Judge. No whipping or spurring in front of the cinch is allowed in any class.
- d. **STANDARD SNAFFLE BIT:** A center jointed single, rounded, unwrapped smooth mouthpiece of 3/8" to ¾" in diameter metal or latex wrapped. The rings may be from 2" to 4" outside diameter of either, the loose type, eggbutt rings, dee or center mounted without cheeks. If a curb strap is used, it must be attached below the reins.
- e. **CURB OR CHIN STRAPS:** Wire chin or curb straps, regardless of how padded or covered, are prohibited.
- f. **DROP BIT RULE:** Judge may ask Participant(s) to drop bit in one (1) Western or one (1) English class of the judge's choosing.

3. **ENGLISH AND WESTERN SHOW:** WNHA Points are accumulated on the basis of a single Horse and Exhibitor/Rider combination.

4. **ENGLISH and WESTERN SHOW HARDSHIP RULE – 1 TRANSFER:** WNHA points are accumulated on the basis of a single Horse/Participant combination. Points can be transferred to one other horse in the event of the original horse's death or disability one (1) time during the current event season. The original horse must have a veterinarian certificate submitted to the Board within 2 weeks of when the disability occurred. The original horse may return for points with a veterinarian's certificate in the participant's possession by no later than the day of the next event it will participate in before the event begins. If the original horse is sold, a sales receipt must be provided and accompanying new horse. Individual cases may be presented to the Board, 2-

weeks prior to the event or class, for points to carry, and if by a simple majority vote of the Board members present decide the circumstances should allow for the rule to be waived, it shall be waived.

5. **NOVICE SHOW:** Novice Showmanship, Novice English Equitation, Novice English Pleasure, Novice Western Equitation, Novice Western Pleasure, and Novice Trail; Horse and Participant combination, not to have won more than three (3) first placing(s) prior to January 1st of the current year in any similar classes and in any show(s) or event(s) anywhere.
6. In a class where the Rider has an option to ride Trail Western or Trail English; or exhibit in Showmanship English or Western, IT must be declared on the show entry form at the time of registration. Please put E or W in the designated column on the show entry form, especially if the Participant rides or exhibits both English and Western on one horse. **If, Rider or Exhibitor fails to notify show management, management will apply to Western in dual discipline. Rider may not ride one horse in both English and Western Trail, rider must choose.**
7. **TRAIL PATTERNS:** Trail patterns are available at the registration desk when you sign up. The course, once it has been set up, may be walked through on foot without a horse before the trail class begins and you may ask the Judge questions if the Judge is available. NO horses will be allowed on the course before their time to compete. Do not walk or ride your horse through the trail course if someone is competing. NO ONE may alter the course other than the Judge. Failure to comply or found to be changing course will result in disqualification. Failure to perform the trail event or check-in with the judge during the posted hours forfeits the opportunity to compete and no refunds of fees paid will be issued.
8. In the event the Judge fails to appear, WNHA show officials reserve the right to obtain a substitute Judge. The WNHA Board reserves the right to reschedule or cancel an event.
9. **THE GATE/CLASS: ALL PARTICIPANTS.** Once the class has commenced, GATE CLOSED, no other Exhibitors/Riders will be allowed to enter the class. It is up to the Participant to be aware & responsible of the announcing system; the class schedule, the start time and the 3 minute gate call. **THERE WILL BE NO REFUND OF FEES FOR A MISSED CLASS.** Also, a class may not be added if a class is missed; if you wish to add a class for a missed class all fees will be applied. NO EXCEPTIONS. A class may be added at the gate, however, that class fee WILL BE DOUBLED. NO EXCEPTIONS. If participant wishes to enter a class, they or their representative must go to the registration booth 3 classes prior to the start of the class for normal fees to apply. It is your responsibility to be at that gate for your class. Once the class has commenced or started, the number of the class shall be used for points (membership).
10. **ARENA ENTRY:** Exhibitors are given ample time to get ready for their scheduled class; it WILL be up to the Exhibitor/Rider to be ready at the gate for entry for their class. No refunds will be given for a missed class or will they be applied to another class. NO EXCEPTIONS.
11. **ENTRY FORMS:** Exhibitors are responsible for errors on entry forms. Make sure you enter the correct class at the time of registration. In classes allowing English or Western attire, a designation must be clearly made on the show entry form at the time of registration.
 - a. If more than one horse is used, a separate entry form is to be used for each horse;
 - b. 1 horse for dual disciplines may be used on the same entry form;
12. Dual disciplines, for tack and dress change, please inform the show management in a timely manner so that we may allot for time needed.
13. **ADD/DELETE OF CLASSES:** Any Exhibitor/Rider may add or delete a class or classes and use the "add or delete" forms found in the office. It is requested that the Exhibitor/Rider or a representative do so THREE (3) classes before the class is to be added or deleted. **If a class is added at the gate at any time, that class will be doubled in its fee. No exceptions.** Dropped classes are requested 3 classes prior to class commencement in order for refund to apply and must do so upstairs. Gate drops are accepted, however, **no refunds issued for "gate dropped" classes or classes less than 3 classes.** No exceptions. There will be no future credits applied for gate dropped, or dropped classes less than 3 classes prior to the class commencing, or the missing your class. NO EXCEPTIONS. There will be no future credits applied for gate dropped, or dropped classes less than 3 classes prior to the class commencing, or the missing your class. NO EXCEPTIONS.
14. **SHOW ENTRY NUMBERS:** An entry number will be used to represent one horse/participant combination. **Numbers are to be worn on BOTH sides of the saddle pad.** Each Participant will be provided a set of numbers. The WNHA is providing laminated numbers with a PAID Family, Youth or Individual Membership(s); Numbers are used for representing the members' number throughout the season. If you wish to purchase a set of laminated numbers, the cost is \$7.00 per year &/or per set.
15. The Judge shall have the authority to place participant in whatever position in a class (s)he feels they belong. Once a class has been judged, it shall not be re-judged, and once the judge has marked her/his Judge's card/record and places the class, there shall be no changing of the Judge's placing.

16. The Judge may refuse entry into the arena or remove an entry from a class for improper attire and/or equipment, including lack of numbers, misconduct or any of the violations listed the WNHA By-Laws, Section VIX and General Rules #15, #20 and #21.
17. No one will be permitted to disturb the Judge while a class is being judged.
18. **SPORTSMANSHIP:** Poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated by any Participant, Family Member, Friend, Spectator or Guest; see Rule #15 and #20 of the General Rules. Violations of this rule by ANYONE are grounds for dismissal from the arena grounds for the day's events without refund of entry fees.
19. **SCHOOLING:** Schooling is permitted in any class at any WNHA event. No points or awards. Participants will wear numbers upside down. Judge will not place Participants in class; however, will tell the Participant where he/she would have placed if they ask the Judge at the end of such class.
20. The same horse cannot be shown or ridden by two or more Participants in the same class; i.e. cannot be shown by two or more people in Reining, Horsemanship, English Riding Skills or Trail. *Showing in Trail must be designated English or Western and cannot be shown both for year end awards by the same rider.* See Rule #25 of the General Rules.
21. **AGE DIVISION:** 10 & Under, 11-17 and 18 & Over.
22. **ENGLISH AND WESTERN JACKPOT CLASSES:** Membership NOT required. No Point/Awards. Determined by the number of the riders. 60% payout. Paid within 2-weeks of event.

SHOW CLASS DESCRIPTION

For more specific clarification of a specific class discipline, **PLEASE REFER TO THE AMERICAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION RULE BOOK** for class requirements, procedures, overall appearance of horse and rider, faults, disqualifications, and scoring. The WNHA will also refer to the American Paint Horse Association and Appaloosa Horse Club.

1. **HALTER CLASSES:** Open to all breeds of horses, ponies, or mules, registered or grade. Horses are encouraged to be shown in a manner and halter appropriate to their breed or type. Exhibitor to dress in a manner appropriate to breed and type. Horses are to be judged on type, conformation, substance and quality.
2. **SHOWMANSHIP:** Pattern Class. May be shown either Western or English. Horses to be shown in halter or bridle appropriate to breed or type with appropriate attire to be worn by Exhibitor. To be judged on the Exhibitor's ability to show the horse to its' best advantage 50%; appearance of the horse 40%; appearance of Exhibitor 10%. Showmanship patterns are available at the registration desk on the show day.
3. **REINING OPEN:** Three-Gaited Pattern Class. **All Reining classes of the WNHA ARE governed by the Official Handbook of the National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) and are to perform one of their patterns as posted.** Patterns are available at the registration desk on the day of the scheduled Event. Each Rider will perform the required pattern, one at time. *To rein is not only to guide the horse, but also to control their every movement. The best reined horse should be willfully guided or controlled with little or no apparent resistance and dictated to completely. Any movement on his own must be considered a lack of control. All deviations from the exact written pattern must be considered a lack of or temporary loss of control and therefore faulted according to the severity of deviation. Credit will be given for smoothness, finesse, attitude, quickness, and authority in performing the various maneuvers while using controlled speed.*
4. **ENGLISH PLEASURE WALK-TROT WARM-UP:** Rail Class. Same specifications as No. 7 except horse to be shown at a walk and trot only.
5. **ENGLISH EQUITATION:** Three-Gaited Rail Class. Horses to enter the arena on the left track at a trot, and be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the arena. To be judged on seat, hands, performance of horse and suitability of horse to Exhibitor. The Judge may ask for additional work and extended gaits. Exhibitors will be penalized for incorrect diagonals and leads. Judge can ask for horses to be backed at their discretion.
6. **ENGLISH RIDING SKILLS:** Pattern Class. To be judged 30% on the Exhibitor (refer to English Equitation #5), 70% on the horse (refer to English Pleasure #7). Patterns are available at the registration desk on the show day.
 - a. **Tests from which the Judge may choose:**
 1. Performance on the rail.
 2. Halt (4 to 6 seconds) and/or back.
 3. Figure 8 at trot, change diagonal.
 4. Pull up and halt.
 5. Ride without stirrups.
 6. Figure 8 at canter, simple lead change.
 7. Change of diagonals - on a straight line.
 8. Serpentine at trot.
 9. Change of lead on a line demonstrating a simple or flying change of lead.
 10. Serpentine at canter.
 11. Turn on forehand.
 12. Turn on haunches.
 13. Counter canter.
7. **ENGLISH PLEASURE:** Three-Gaited Rail Class. Horses to be shown in a flat walk, trot and canter both ways of the arena and must back. May be asked for extension or collection. May be shown saddle seat or hunt seat. To be judged 60% on manners and performance; 30% on type, conformation, quality and substance; and 10% on appointment. Horses must stand quietly and back readily. Judge can ask for horses to be backed at their discretion.
8. **WESTERN PLEASURE WALK-JOG WARM-UP:** Rail Class. Same specifications as #11 except horse to be shown at a walk and jog only.
9. **WESTERN EQUITATION:** Three-Gaited Rail Class. To be shown at a walk, jog and lope both ways of the arena. To be judged on seat, hands, performance of horse to Exhibitor. Individual skills appropriate to age group may be requested by the Judge. Judge can ask for horses to be backed at their discretion.
10. **WESTERN HORSMANSHIP:** Three-Gaited Pattern. Exhibitors in western horsemanship class are required to perform a pre-set pattern individually. Class will be judged on both Exhibitor's & horse's ability to perform with precision & smoothness. The western horsemanship class is designed to evaluate the Exhibitor's ability to execute, in concert with their horse, a set of maneuvers prescribed by the Judge with precision & smoothness while exhibiting poise & confidence, & maintaining a balanced, functional, & fundamentally correct body position. All ties will be broken at the Judge's discretion. For more specific clarification of this class, **PLEASE REFER TO**

THE AMERICAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION RULE BOOK for class requirements, procedures, overall appearance of horse and rider, faults, disqualifications, and scoring.

11. **WESTERN PLEASURE:** Three-Gaited Rail Class. Horses to be judged on 60% on performance & manners; 30% on conformation; 10% on appointments. Horses are to be shown at a flat footed four-beat walk, free moving easy riding two-beat jog, & three-beat lope both ways of the arena on a reasonably loose or light contact rein without undue restraint. The Judge may call for extended gaits. Entries shall be penalized for being on the wrong lead. Horses may be asked to back at Judge's discretion. All horses chosen for a workout must be worked both ways of the arena at any gait requested by the Judge. Judge can ask for horses to be backed at their discretion.
12. **TRAIL:** Pattern Class, At least 6 obstacles are mandatory. **The Judge is to walk the course and has the right and duty to alter the course in any manner; only the Judge may alter, remove or change any obstacle he/she deems unsafe or non-negotiable. If at any time an obstacle is deemed to be unsafe by the Judge, it shall be repaired or removed from the course. If it cannot be repaired and horse(s) have already completed the course, the score for that obstacle shall be deducted from all previous works for that class**** All trail classes will be judged on the performance of the horse over the obstacles, with emphasis on manners, response to the Exhibitor, & attitude. Horses shall be penalized for any unnecessary delay while approaching the obstacles. Credit will be given to those horses negotiating the obstacles with style & some degree of speed, providing carefulness is not sacrificed. Credit will be given to horses showing capability of picking their way through course when obstacles warranted, & willingly responding to Exhibitor cues on more difficult obstacles. Horses with artificial appearances over obstacles should be penalized as should exaggerated standing in stirrups & leaning forward over the horse's neck by the Exhibitor. When riding with one hand in a standard western bit, you may change hands to negotiate an obstacle, & then you must return to the original hand. When riding with two hands in a snaffle or bosal, you may change to one handed to negotiate an obstacle then return to original two handed position. Horses will not be required to work on the rail. May be shown either Western or English. All attempts at obstacles are encouraged, however, only 3 attempts shall be granted, & you will be asked to move on.
13. **IN-HAND TRAIL (Horse 2-Years Old & Younger):** To be shown in a halter with appropriate lead. Halters with bits are permissible. Chain on the lead is permitted over the nose, or under chin of animal. Handler must maneuver the horse using the lead shank of halter only. The exhibitor may not touch horses unless otherwise instructed by judge. Whips or crops are prohibited. Horses shown in this class may NOT be shown under saddle.
NO EXCEPTIONS

- a. **Judging Guidelines.** Judges should consider the overall appearance of the horse, conditioning and grooming, and the equipment (dirty, ill-fitting or ragged equipment) in their overall scores. Also to be considered is the correctness of the horse while being led. Drifting to the side, leading or stopping crooked, failure to maintain a pivot foot in a turn, leading or turning sluggishly should be considered and evaluated in the horse's maneuver scores and reflected in his overall score. Handlers should be discouraged from excessive verbal cues and excessive stiff or unnatural movements around horse or when leading. For safety reasons, those handlers continuously holding the chain on the lead, tightly coiling lead shank around hand, or dragging the lead shank should be penalized. All faults are to be assessed against the horse and not the exhibitor. When questions arise, AQHA or APHA Rulebook will be used.

ACCEPTABLE TRAIL OBSTACLES OR TESTS:

- *Gates (ropes or solid);
 - *Solid bridges;
 - *Side pass;
 - *Safe water hazards;
 - *Serpentine;
 - *Turn on forehand or haunches;
 - *Open and close a mailbox;
 - *Carry an object from one point to another;
 - *Put on and take off a rain slicker or coat;
 - *Turn in a square made of poles at least 5' to 6' apart;
 - *To ride over four or more poles at a walk, Jog/trot, or lope/canter;
 - *Brush or plants may be added to any obstacle;
 - *Any other safe and negotiable obstacles;
 - *Back horse through the L, V, U shapes or through barrels or markers set in a straight line or triangle.
 - *Poles defining shapes may be elevated
- a. **DIMENSIONS of TRAIL OBSTACLES WALK-OVERS:** *Single poles: maximum height 10"; *Multiples: maximum height 10"; *Minimum width between poles is 20". 20" to 24" is generally considered good spacing depending upon difficulty desired.
 - b. **CAVALETTIS:** *Jog over: 3' to 3'6" apart (measured between poles) elevation up to 8"; *Lope over: 6' to 7' apart and elevated 8"; *Back through on ground: 28' between minimum; *Elevated: 30" between minimum; *Barrels: 32" between minimum;
 - c. **SIDE PASSES:** *Single poles: up to 12" high; *Slots: not closer than 24" wide (measured between poles);
 - d. **SERPENTINE:** *Pylons: 6' apart (base to base) minimum for jogging; *Pylons: 3' apart (base to base) minimum; *Guardrails: 6' to 8' to either side of pylon. If tall standards are used dimensions can be looser.
 - e. **GATE:** Approximately 60" high with latch available at that height.

UNACCEPTABLE TRAIL OBSTACLES

- *Live or dead animals or animal hides;
- *Use of tires where horse must step inside;
 - *PVC Pipes;
 - *Dismounting;
 - *Rocking or floating bridges;
 - *Loose plastic sheeting (tarps);
 - *Flames, dry ice, fire extinguishers, etc;
- *Logs or poles elevated in the manner that allows them to roll;
 - *Jumps;
- *Any elevated obstacle that is constructed on a solid element that does not readily roll if interfered with;
 - *There shall be no elevated trot over's or lope over's in Novice classes
- **Any other maneuvers figure horses' wheelbase at 5' from the front hooves to the rear hooves

GYMKHANA RULES

- 1. GYMKHANA POINTS:** WNHA Points, (Members Only) will carry to the Competitor. Competitors may ride any horse or as many horses as they choose in a class. However, the Competitor cannot ride the same horse more than once in any class. If more than one horse is run by a member that is competing for Year End Awards, then the highest points earned at each event will be used in the calculations and must meet all membership, fees and awards qualifications. (Applies to one rider with multiple horses)
 - a. Each horse entered will be subject to any and all fees, class fees, office and day fees, etc where applicable.
 - b. Competitor must compete at 5 of the 6 events held to qualify for year end awards.
 - c. Member must ride in at least 1 class of their designated age group
 - d. Riding more than one horse, points will not be combined.
 - e. Competitor will be placed accordingly with each individual horse used.

*******Note: If a Competitor comes in with more than 1 horse and competes in all division specified classes, they WILL become a horse/rider combination for ALL horses used. NO EXCEPTIONS*******

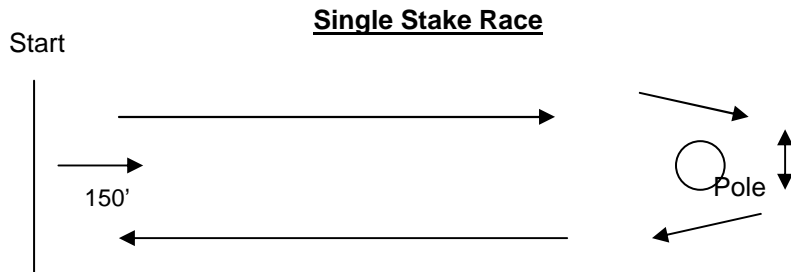
- 2. ARENA:** All Competitors will enter the arena at a walk and exit the arena at a walk. Any assistant leading a Competitor on horseback into the arena or assisting the Competitor into the arena **MUST** leave the arena before the run begins. **NO Competitor will be allowed a "running start" or allowed to run through the gate at any time.** All Competitors are to be under control and have control of their horse(s) when entering and exiting the arena. Competitor will have control of their horse before gate is opened for exiting.
 - a. Any Competitor under the age of 10 may have an assistant in the arena; the assistant must be the age of 16 years or older. Attendant may not pass through the timers.
- 3.** Any Competitor, who may need an Attendant, may do so. Competitor will be entered in age appropriate class. Attendant must be the age of 16 years or older. **Attendant MAY NOT be the one to set off timers at the beginning or the end of run.** (Attendant to stay at the shoulder of the horse) Attendant may not run, gallop, canter or lope the horse - only jog or trot. The Attendant will not "lead" or "pull" the horse through the course or pattern of the event. Attendant will lead the competitor through the course by foot. **The course must be run in accordance with the prescribed pattern and subject to all rules herein.** A horse is on course when any part of the horse crosses the start/finish line. If the competitor goes off course, but corrects the course, and completes the prescribed pattern, there will no disqualification or penalty. **A lead line or assisted Competitor will be timed, however, they will be scored/timed separately from any other competitor in that age group that completes the pattern unattended and independently. The definition of "attended, assisted or attendant" shall be any competitor that is escorted by an attendant, whether walking next to the competitor or holding onto the competitor and crossing the start/finish line with the competitor. An "independent" competitor shall be one that crosses the start/finish line on their own and completes the pattern without the assistance of an attendant. The independent competitor may have an assistant in the arena, item #2, (a) but that assistant may NOT cross the start/finish line or contestant will be considered an "assisted" lead-liner and shall be scored as such.**
- 4. THE GATE/CLASS: ALL PARTICIPANTS.** Once the class has commenced, no other Competitor will be allowed to enter the class. It is up to the Competitor to be aware & responsible of the announcing system; the class schedule, the start time and the 3 minute gate call. **THERE WILL BE NO REFUND OF FEES FOR A MISSED CLASS.** Also, a class may not be added if a class is missed; if you wish to add a class for a missed class all fees will be applied. NO EXCEPTIONS. A class may be added at the gate, however, that class fee WILL BE DOUBLED. NO EXCEPTIONS. It is your responsibility to be at that the gate for your class. First class start is 3:00 PM (not before) pending end of class of show.
- 5. SPORTSMANSHIP:** Poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated by any Competitor, Family Member, Friend, Spectator or Guest; see Rules #15, #20 and #21 of the General Rules. Violations of this rule by anyone are grounds for dismissal from the arena grounds for the day's events without refund of entry fees.
- 6. THE HORSE: The same horse cannot and will not be ridden by two or more Competitors. No Exception.** Any competitors found breaking this rule will automatically be disqualified from placing in any given Class. Entry fee(s) will not be refunded.
- 7. NOVICE GYMKHANA:** Horse/Competitor combination not to have won more than three (3) 1st placing(s) prior to January 1st of the current year in any similar competitions) or events anywhere.
- 8. ADD/DELETE OF CLASSES:** Any Competitor may add or delete a class or classes and use the "add or delete" forms found in the office. It is requested that the Competitor or a representative do so THREE

- (3) classes before the class is to be added or deleted. **If a class is added at the gate at any time, that class will be doubled in its fee. No exceptions.** Dropped classes are requested 3 classes prior to class commencement in order for refund to apply and must do so upstairs. Gate drops are accepted, however, **no refunds issued for "gate dropped" classes or classes less than 3 classes. NO EXCEPTIONS.** There will be no future credits applied for gate dropped, or dropped classes less than 3 classes prior to the class commencing, or the missing your class. NO EXCEPTIONS.
9. **GYMKHANA JACKPOT:** Membership NOT required. No Point/Awards. Determined by the number of the riders. 60% payout. Paid within 2-weeks of event.
 10. **ATTIRE:** Competitors must wear Western attire. Western attire is western boots, long pants (constructed of jean material) with belt loops, a belt, a western button down shirt with collar; (shirt must be tucked in so belt and buckle can be seen). T-shirts are acceptable; however, they MUST be tucked in. For inclement weather conditions, sweatshirts and jackets are without question. **Western style shirts may be long, short or sleeveless; however, the western shirt must be a button down with collar.** NO TANK TOPS OR MIDRIFF SHIRTS ALLOWED. All approved shirts **will** be tucked in so belt and buckle can be seen. However, jeans, boots and belt, (without jacket/sweatshirt) are mandatory. Improperly dressed Competitor will not be allowed into arena. No mandatory hats or helmets, however competitors may wear western hat, ball cap, or helmet. If discrepancy is found in dress code, Competitor will not be allowed to run until properly attired. If you do have questions, please check with Event Management.
 - a. **Helmets at the discretion of the Competitor, Parent, or Guardian. If Competitor rides with a helmet, they will use ASTM/SEI helmet.**
 11. **TACK:** **WESTERN TACK ONLY.** Any appropriate, neat, humane **Western Saddle with horn** may be used. Saddle must be of normal "Western" construction. Normal stirrup leathers must be present, of usable length and not tied. Tie down is optional. Unusual construction or arrangements may result in disqualification of the Competitor, if considered by management to be inhumane, abnormal or dangerous to Competitor or horse.
 12. **DISQUALIFICATION OR NO TIME:** Going off course during a run, which includes circling so that the horse crosses tracks, passing the start/finish line during the course pattern before the pattern is completed. Whipping, spurring, or striking the horse in front of the cinch. Excessive use of spurs or whip, if continued after a warning. Discrepancies must be discussed with the Arena Judge and/or Majority of Board and if a "no time" is given, the time will be recorded in the event of a discrepancy.
 13. **PENALTY:** A five-second penalty is imposed for each stake, pole, or barrel that is knocked down; however, touching an obstacle with the intent of keeping it from going down will not result in a penalty. If it goes down after attempt, penalty will apply.
 14. **RERUNS:** Reruns will not be given for breakage of tack or equipment or for an accident to horse or Competitor. In case of administrative error, reruns will be allowed.
 15. **TIMES:** At least two stopwatches or one electronic timer must be used. If stopwatches are used, the times will be average.
 16. **AGE DIVISION:** 10 & Under (Pee Wee), 11-17 (Junior) and 18 & Over.

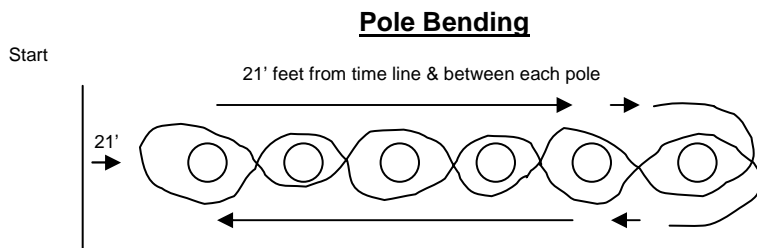
GYMKHANA CLASSES and DESCRIPTIONS with PATTERN

All pattern classes will be performed correctly; if Competitor runs off pattern or course; or avoids any obstacle, the Competitor will be disqualified. Classes are subject to all rules and those found in #15 and #20 of the General Rules. No exception. Fees will not be refunded. As in all horse events, safety is extremely important. If a Competitor is under the age of 18, it is the responsibility of the Parent(s) to ensure that your child "the Competitor" feels comfortable attempting the event classes of the WNHA; and they, as the Competitor, feel comfortable attempting each obstacle that is presented in each class event.

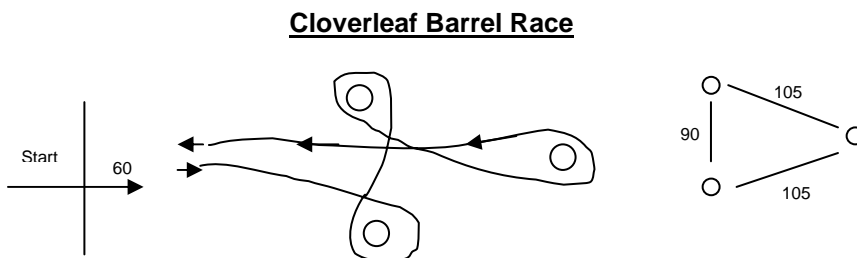
Single Stake: Competitor shall cross the start/finish line, run to the pole and turn either direction. Run back and pass through the start/finish line.



Pole Bending: Competitor shall negotiate six poles in a straight line. Competitor shall cross the start/finish line and move in a straight line. Riding along side the six poles, going to the farthest pole (pole 6). Make a 180-degree turn around pole 6 and weave through the poles. Make a 180-degree turn at pole 1 and weave through the poles to pole 6. Make a 180-degree turn around pole 6 and return to the start/finish line by moving along the opposite side started on.



Cloverleaf Barrels: Competitor shall negotiate 3 barrels placed forming a triangle pattern. Competitor must make a complete circle around each barrel as Competitor completes the pattern starting from left or right, make one left and two right turns or one right and two left turns around the 3 barrels. Competitor then runs back down the center to cross the start/finish line.



California Speed Barrels: Cross the start/finish line, may start on either side of the barrel, pass barrels on alternate side, turn around the last barrel and pass the barrels on the alternate side, back to the start/finish line.

