

HORSE SHOW CLASS ELIGIBILITY & RULES

General Rules

- All classes must be shown in a legal bit.
 - Riders must enter only classes for which they are eligible.
 - All reining patterns will be SCORED based on NRHA rules and regulations. See <https://nrha.com/handbook/>
 - All ranch classes will be SCORED based on AQHA rules and regulations. See <https://www.aqha.com/aqha-rulebook>
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Open Classes

Reining:

- Open to all riders and horses.
- Horses must be ridden one-handed.

Ranch:

- Open to all riders and horses.
- Senior horses (6 years and older) are to be ridden one handed in any AQHA legal shank bit.
- Junior horses (5 years and younger) may be ridden two handed in a bosal or snaffle bit.

Non-Pro Classes:

Reining:

- Open to riders who do not earn money teaching riding lessons and do not train horses for compensation.
- Horses must be ridden one-handed.

Ranch:

- Open to riders who do not earn money teaching riding lessons and do not train horses for compensation.
- Senior horses (6 years and older) are to be ridden one handed in any AQHA legal shank bit.
- Junior horses (5 years and younger) may be ridden two handed in a bosal or snaffle bit.

Novice Horse Classes (reining)

- Open to horses with less than \$1,500 in lifetime earnings.
- Horses may be ridden one or two handed.

Youth Classes (reining and ranch classes)

- Open to riders under 18 years of age and under as of January 1st of the current year.
- Horses may be ridden one-handed or two-handed.
- Helmets are mandatory for anyone 18 and under while mounted.

Derby (reining)

- Open to 4, 5, 6, and 7-year-old horses.
- Horses must be ridden one-handed.

Green Horse (reining and ranch classes)

- Open to horses with less than \$750 in lifetime earnings.
- Horses may be ridden two-handed.

Green Rider (reining and ranch classes)

- Open to riders with less than \$500 in lifetime earnings.
- Horses may be ridden two-handed.

Green as Grass (reining and ranch classes)

- Open to riders with less than \$100 in lifetime earnings & riders within their first two years of competition.
- Horses may be ridden two-handed.

Walk/Trot (reining and ranch classes)

- Open to riders in their first year of competition.
- Riders may also compete in the Green as Grass classes and ranch conformation class but are not eligible for any other classes.
- Horses may be ridden two-handed.

Freestyle (reining)

- Open to any eligible horse and rider combination.
 - The following maneuvers are required:
 - Four (4) consecutive spins to the left
 - Four (4) consecutive spins to the right
 - Minimum of three (3) stops
 - At least one lead change in each direction (left and right) from the lope.
 - Circles to the left and right
 - Time limit: Four (4) minutes.
 - Horses may be ridden one-handed or two-handed.
 - Music, costumes, and creative routines are encouraged.
 - Music must be provided on a USB drive when arriving at the show so that we can make sure the music is able to be played.
 - Judging will be based on:
 - Correct execution of all required maneuvers
 - Degree of difficulty
 - Precision
 - Creativity and originality
 - Overall entertainment value and presentation
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Definitions

Lifetime Earnings refers to all money earned by the horse or rider in sanctioned and non-sanctioned reining competition.

Age of Horse for Derby eligibility is determined as of January 1 of the current competition year.

Youth Eligibility is determined by the rider's age as of January 1 of the current competition year
