

MOJAVE RIVER VALLEY HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Mojave River Valley Horsemen's Association (MRVHA) Show Rules and Regulations shall take precedence and supersede other rules at all MRVHA sanctioned Horse Shows and Events.
 - a. The current Pinto Horse Show Association (PtHA) Rulebook shall be applied where MRVHA does not have an existing rule in place to govern.
2. Unsportsmanlike conduct will be cause for disciplinary action by the MRVHA Board, per MRVHA By-Laws. Sportsmanship complaints must be made to MRVHA's Show Chairman, President, or another MRVHA Board member.
3. All other protests or complaints must be filed online via website at MRVHA.com using the online form. A non-refundable fee of **\$20.00** made payable to MRVHA is required in order to submit protests or complaints to the MRVHA Board. All protests or complaints are subject to review and action as deemed appropriate by the MRVHA Board.
4. The possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages on MRVHA show grounds is prohibited. The Town of Apple Valley **DOES NOT** permit alcohol at Horsemen's Center, therefore, due to liability issues, all exhibitors and spectators risk being asked to leave if alcohol is present on the grounds at MRVHA events.
5. **Payments:** No exhibitor numbers will be issued by the registration office without an open check or entry payment being left with the office.
 - a. Note: Per bank standards, the name of the club must be spelled out in its entirety with the payee as: "Mojave River Valley Horsemen's Association" when making check payments.
 - b. NSF Checks: There will be a **\$50.00** fee applied for non-sufficient funds checks. In order to continue participating in MRVHA shows and events, exhibitors will be required to pay 'Cash Only' through the end of the show season.
 - c. Exhibitor's accounts must be brought current before being allowed to participate again.
6. **Refunds:** No refunds will be allowed without a statement from a Veterinarian or Doctor. Refunds will be mailed to the exhibitor upon receipt of the Veterinarian or Doctor statement.
7. Exhibitors' age to be determined by age on January 1st of current year.
8. All judges' decisions are final. If an exhibitor has a question, they may ask permission to speak to the judge(s) at the first available opportunity.

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9. All entries must be properly signed and completed. Signature via online entries is established by typing name in the 'Signature Box'. Signatures denote unconditional compliance and agreement with MRVHA Rules and Regulations and Liability statement.
10. Enter online at: www.MRVHA.com. Entries must be received by the Friday before each show by 7:00 pm (considered the pre-entry closing date). Class pre-entry fees are **\$10.00**. Exhibitors pre-entering and then adding classes on the day of the show will still pay **\$10.00** per class. Exhibitors not pre-entered will pay **\$12.00/class** the day of the show. Entry fees for schooling shows will be **\$4.99**.
11. Adding or scratching of classes and tack change/gate-holds are not permitted at the gate and **MUST** be done 3 classes in advance, by filling out an 'Add/Scratch/Gate-hold' form at the office. Note: Leaving an open check at the office makes the process of adding or scratching classes faster.
12. Announcements for all classes will be made over loudspeaker (i.e.: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd calls). **Check-in with the gatekeeper is mandatory, one class prior to the exhibitor's class, at the staging area (entry gate).** When judge(s) are ready, the gatekeeper will open the gate, exhibitors will enter at the final call and the gate will be closed. It is each exhibitor's responsibility for getting into their class on time.
13. Classes may be combined at show management's discretion. If a class is not adequately filled (3 exhibitors) it may be combined with another "like class" in another age group.
14. Exhibitors displaying unruly or unsafe behavior may be excused from the show grounds.
 - a. Exhibitors must show respect for others and take care not to purposely act in a way that may cause distress to equines on the show grounds.
 - b. Children must be supervised.
 - c. No running on show grounds.
 - d. No playing on bleachers.
15. All equines on show grounds must be under control at all times. Unruly animals may be excused from the arena, warm-up area, or show grounds. There is to be **NO** running of any horse on the show grounds. **Any horse that is deemed unsafe or would cause undo harm to any and all persons will be excused by Show Management or Judge.**
16. All exhibitors showing in breed/color specific classes will be required to provide proof of registration papers for their horse(s) should the results of their wins be contested. If, upon review, the protest is found to be valid, all points and awards shall be revoked.

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17. Stallions may NOT be handled by junior exhibitors under the age of 18. Stallions must be under control at all times.
18. The Championship Halter class is to include all 1st and 2nd place winners of the eligible Halter classes. All winners are automatically entered with NO entry fee applicable.
19. Lead-line exhibitors (6 & under) must be led by a handler 16 years and over.
20. Walk/Trot classes are to be judged on the exhibitor (one horse/rider combination) only and these exhibitors may NOT cross-enter into ANY canter/lope (3-gait) class.
21. Ranch and Pleasure horses are allowed to cross enter Divisions.
22. **Western:** Western horses 5 years and under may be shown in Western Classes in a Bosal or Snaffle with two hands.
23. **Ranch Riding:** A rider may ride two handed only with a bosal or ring snaffle on any age horse for ranch riding classes only. Horses, of all ages, may be shown in a snaffle, bosal, or curb bit for ranch riding classes.
24. **Helmets:** Riding helmets must be ASTM certified for equestrian use and worn with the harness strap securely fastened.
 - a. All riders aged 17 and under are required to wear a riding helmet when mounted.
 - b. **Helmet Waivers:** Riders aged 17 and under that choose not to wear a riding helmet must have a liability release waiver signed by the parent/guardian of the rider at the time of class registration.
25. **Required Dress**
 - a. **Schooling Shows:** Long or short sleeved shirt, pants/jeans, hat/helmet, and boots are required for each exhibitor.
 - b. **Point Shows:** Hats/helmets and boots are required for each exhibitor according to seat ridden.
 - c. **English:** Helmet/hunt cap, coat, shirt, breeches/jodhpurs, and boots. All riders in hunter, jumper, hunt seat equitation and hunter hack classes as well as youth riders (17 & under) must wear an ASTM certified riding helmet or hunt cap or with the harness strap securely fastened.
 - d. **Western:** Boots, long pants, long-sleeved shirt, belt with buckle, and hat. Chaps are optional, silver not to count.
 - e. **Ranch:** Boots, long pants, long-sleeved shirt, belt with buckle, and hat. Chaps are optional, silver not to count. No braided or banded manes or tail extensions; however, a penalty may be given

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by the judge for non-removal. Trimming bridle path and outside the ears is allowed, also trimming of fetlocks or excessive (long) facial hair. Equipment with silver should not count as a good working outfit. Silver on bridles and saddles is discouraged; a penalty may be given by the judge for non-removal.

- f. **Driving:** Exhibitors to wear formal driving attire consisting of a coat, vest, or jacket with a shirt and tie or blouse with a skirt, slacks, or pants, or a tailored suit. Hats are optional. Gloves, aprons, or lap robes are optional in all classes.

26. Awards

- a. Ribbons will be presented for 1st through 5th place for each class shown.
- b. Daily MRVHA High Point Award Divisions: Halter, Lead-line (6 & under), Youth (17 & under), Adult (18 & over), Open, Walk/Trot (17 & under), Walk/Trot (18 & over), TWO & Under, Mini & Pony, W/T Ranch (17 & under), W/T Ranch (18 & over), NP Ranch, Ranch Open
- c. There will be no Daily High Point Awards given at Schooling Shows or Events.
- d. All High Point awards are based on same horse/exhibitor combination.
- e. Both owner and exhibitor of the horse must be members of MRVHA to qualify for Year-end awards.
- f. Year-end High Point series prizes will be awarded only to those who show under 2 judges in the MRVHA Show Series. Therefore, in order to be eligible for Year-end awards, exhibitors **MUST** show in at least two of the three point shows offered by MRVHA.

27. For point calculations, entries that don't enter the gate do not count as exhibitors in the class. Points will be awarded as follows:

a. POINTS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
b. 5+ exhibitors	5	4	3	2	1
c. 4	4	3	2	1	
d. 3	3	2	1		
e. 2	2	1			
f. 1	1				

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28. To qualify for daily High Point awards, each exhibitor must show in 3 or more riding classes or Minis in 3 or more in-hand and/or driving classes and the Halter class in your division. Daily High Point ties will be broken by highest placing in Showmanship class, except for the OPEN, Minis/Ponies and Ranch divisions. For these Divisions, Halter is the tie breaker.

<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>HALTER</u>	<u>SHOWMANSHIP</u>	<u>RIDING</u>
HALTER:	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 11		
LEADLINE (6 & Under):	12		16, 17
TWO & Under:	1 15 (LUNGELINE)	19 (IN-HAND TRAIL)	
YOUTH (17 & Under):	9	13	27, 31, 39, 43, 48
ADULT (18 & Over):	10	14	28, 32, 40, 44, 49
OPEN:	11		33, 34, 35, 36, 45, 50
W/T (17 & Under):	9	13	25, 29, 37, 41, 46
W/T (18 & Over):	10	14	26, 30, 38, 42, 47
MINI & PONY:	7 18, 20, 21 (IN-HAND)		22, 23, 24 (DRIVING)
W/T Ranch (17 & Under):	63		51, 55, 59
W/T Ranch (18 & Over):	63		52, 56, 60
N/P Ranch:	63		53, 57, 61
Open Ranch:	63		54, 58, 62

29. The criteria and rules for any additional awards offered for Year-end will be released as available.

30. Other rules may be adopted subsequent to the date below.

THE RULES LISTED ABOVE ARE CURRENT AND SUPERSEDE ANY PREVIOUS DOCUMENTS.

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