

Huachuca Saddle Club (HSC) – Versatility Ranch Horse Shows

General Rules:

1. Members of all ages, race, and riding abilities will be eligible for HSC membership. A single membership is one single adult person. A family membership is defined as parents or legal guardians and children. Aunts, uncles, grandparents, etc. will need to apply for their own membership. Youth membership is under 18 years. Written parental consent required.
2. All participants must sign required release forms prior to participating in any HSC activity. Participants under the age of 18 must have a release form signed by a parent or legal guardian before they may compete. A parent or specified guardian shall be present and responsible at all times for the care and control of the minor during any HSC event.
3. HSC events are open to any equine, i.e. horse, pony, donkey, mule.
4. All dogs must be on a leash.
5. Horses or exhibitors causing an undue disturbance will be disqualified from the class or the show grounds, at the judge's discretion. Spectators causing a disturbance will be asked to leave the show grounds. Good sportsmanship by all HSC members, non-members and spectators shall prevail at all times.
6. Riders shall ride responsibly at all times. **HORSES WILL WALK IN THE PARKING/GATE AREA**. All HSC officers shall enforce this rule.
7. Children must be supervised at all times.
8. No stallions to be handled or ridden by any person under age 18. "Stallion" to be defined as an ungelded male horse over the age of 1 year as of January 1st.
9. Age shall be determined by the rider's age as of January 1st of the calendar year.
10. Only event staff allowed in the announcer's booth.
11. HSC will have the discretion to add or change a division.
12. The decision of the judge is final.
13. **Helmet Rule:** Children under the age of 10 must wear an approved equestrian riding helmet with secured harness when mounted.
14. No person shall excessively strike in front of the cinch. No person shall excessively whip or spur any horse. Cruelty to horses shall not be tolerated inside or outside of the arena. Concerns of abuse should be reported to an HSC officer. Infractions may lead to ejection from the event.
15. A check returned for insufficient funds will be charged a \$35 fee. The debt must be paid before exhibitor can compete again.
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1. Except for any rules listed on this page (and any changes approved by the board) the HSC will do its best to follow generally accepted AQHA, Western States rules. HSC is not recognized or endorsed by any official equestrian organization. Exhibitors are responsible for reading and understanding HSC rules.
2. **DIVISIONS FOR RANCH SHOWS:**
 1. Youth (age 8 – 17)
 2. Walk/Trot (any reason)
 3. Green Horse/Novice Rider (lope class)
 4. Amateur
 5. Open
3. **EQUIPMENT:** Bosals and snaffles may be used on junior horses (age 5 and under) and will be ridden with two hands. A shank bit will be used on all senior horses (age 6 and over), and will be ridden with one hand in amateur and open classes.

No tie downs, hackamores, nosebands, draw reins, whips, or other training devices will be allowed in any class. Protective boots, leg wraps, bandages are allowed.
4. **REQUIRED SHOW ATTIRE:** Long sleeve shirt with collar, long pants, boots, belt, and western hat or approved head gear (helmet). Chaps are optional. No polo or T-shirts allowed.
5. Classes can be entered on a schooling only basis. You may sign up as "schooling only" or add the class by letting the gate person know. Class fees will remain the same. Proper attire is required.
6. The idea of versatility ranch horse is to show the multiple skills of one horse/one rider. To be eligible for **DAILY ALL AROUND** awards, horse/rider team must remain the same and ride in 50% of division eligible classes: Must include a Cow class; a Conformation class; and one Riding class.
7. To be eligible for **YEAR-END HIGH POINT** awards: (a) Rider must be a member of HSC. (b) Rider must use same horse. If a different horse is used, points are tabulated separately for new horse/rider team. (c) Rider [and same horse] must compete in 4 of 6 Ranch Shows. Points are tabulated from the date of membership and are based on judge's score sheets.
8. Ribbons will be awarded to 1st thru 6th place in each class. **DAILY ALL AROUND** points will be awarded based upon the number of participants in the class. For example, a class of 4 riders: 1st place = 4 points, 2nd = 3 points, 3rd = 2 points, 4th = 1 point. Daily all around and reserve ribbons will also be awarded in each division. **YEAR-END SERIES OVERALL HIGH POINT** awards will be calculated using judge's score sheets.
9. The daily All Around tie breaker class is Ranch Riding. Class specific tie breakers are listed on judge's score sheets.