
RANCH HORSE REVOLUTION CLUB

2026 RULE BOOK

DIVISION DESCRIPTIONS & RULES

Divisions:

1. DWD All Ages WT
 2. Junior Youth WT 13 & under
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 4. Senior/Amateur Non-Pro WT
 5. Green Horse Non-Pro WTL
 6. Green Horse Open WTL
 7. Youth WTL
 8. Senior/Amateur Non-Pro WTL
 9. Open
1. **DWD (*Don't Wanna Die*) All Ages WT (walk-trot):**
 - a. This division is intended for the first-time entry-level horse/rider, or the horse/rider returning to showing after an extended absence.
 - b. Open to any rider (see rule 1(h) "EXCEPTION") who has competed in **less than two (2) shows** in the previous calendar year, regardless of discipline, and meets the eligibility criteria below,
OR;
 - c. Open to any rider (see rule 1(h) "EXCEPTION") who is riding a horse that has competed in **less than two (2) shows** in the previous calendar year, regardless of discipline, and meets the eligibility criteria below.
 - d. **Eligibility Criteria:**
 - i. Per-Class Basis: DWD All Ages WT eligibility is on a per-class basis, meaning that a horse/rider combination that has earned two (2) wins in a specific DWD or equivalent ranch class at **any show** will then be considered ineligible for future entries into that class but remains eligible for any other DWD All Ages WT class in which they have not acquired two (2) wins.
 1. Example: A horse/rider combination with one (1) previous win in a RHRC DWD All Ages WT Ranch Trail class and one (1) previous win in an equivalent entry-level trail class at another show may NOT enter the DWD All Ages WT Ranch Trail class at the next RHRC show; however, they may enter any other DWD All Ages WT class (e.g. Ranch Rail) in which they have not earned two (2) wins at previous shows.
 - ii. Highpoint or Championship Basis: If the horse/rider combination has won a highpoint or championship in a DWD All Ages WT **or equivalent division at any show**, they are ineligible for the DWD All Ages WT division and all its classes at future RHRC events.
 - iii. Time Frame: An exhibitor/horse may stay in the DWD All Ages WT division until they have competed in **any two (2) shows in a calendar year**, regardless of discipline, or until the horse/rider becomes ineligible for the division or a class (see rule 1(d) "Eligibility Criteria"). Upon reaching any two (2) shows in a calendar year, exhibitors/horses may complete the calendar year in the DWD All Ages WT division, but will be ineligible the following year. Once a competitor leaves the division, either by choice or becomes ineligible, they are not permitted to **re-enter at future events**.
 - e. The horse/rider combination may cross-enter into other walk-trot divisions or classes in which they qualify.
 - f. The horse/rider combination may not cross-enter into any walk-trot-lope divisions or classes.
 - g. Show Committee Discretion: The RHRC Show Committee retains the authority to

determine the eligibility of any horse/rider combination for participation in any division.

- h. EXCEPTION: Any exhibitor that is a trainer, clinician, carded judge, or that receives remuneration, monetary or otherwise, for judging, teaching, or riding horses **within the past 5 years**, in any equine discipline, is NOT ELIGIBLE for the DWD All Ages WT division.

2. Junior Youth WT 13 & under (walk-trot):

- a. Any rider 13 years of age or under as of January 1 of the current show year, regardless of experience.
- b. The horse/rider combination may cross-enter into other walk-trot divisions or classes in which they qualify.
- c. The horse/rider combination may not cross-enter into any walk-trot-lope divisions or classes.

3. Youth WT 14 - 18 (walk-trot):

- a. Any rider 14 -18 years of age, inclusive, as of January 1 of the current show year, regardless of experience.
- b. The horse/rider combination may cross-enter into other walk-trot divisions or classes in which they qualify.
- c. The horse/rider combination may not cross-enter into any walk-trot-lope divisions or classes.

4. Senior/Amateur Non-Pro WT (walk-trot):

- a. Any rider (see rule 4(e) "EXCEPTION") 19 years of age and over as of January 1 of the current show year, regardless of experience.
- b. Time Frame: There is no time limit on how long a rider may compete in the Senior/Amateur Non-Pro WT division.
- c. The horse/rider combination may cross-enter into other walk-trot divisions or classes in which they qualify.
- d. The horse/rider combination may not cross-enter into any walk-trot-lope divisions or classes.
- e. EXCEPTION: Any exhibitor that is a trainer, clinician, carded judge, or that receives remuneration, monetary or otherwise, for

judging, teaching, or riding horses **within the past 5 years**, in any equine discipline, is NOT ELIGIBLE for the Senior/Amateur Non-Pro WT division.

5. Green Horse Non-Pro WTL (walk-trot-lope):

- a. This division is intended for the **green horse** (see rule 5 (b)), regardless of age, who meets the eligibility criteria below (see rule 5(i) "EXCEPTION").
- b. A **green horse** is defined as a horse in their **first two (2) years** of showing in any western discipline at any show. The two (2) years need not be consecutive. Green horses must not have earned over \$7,500 in any western discipline, and must not have won a Provincial/National/World Championship in any western equine association.
- c. DWD Exemption: A horse entering the Green Horse Non-Pro WTL division directly from the DWD All Ages WT division is exempt from the two (2) year experience limit (see rule 5 (b)).
- d. **Eligibility Criteria:**
 - i. Per-Class Basis: Green Horse eligibility is on a per-class basis, meaning that a horse that has earned two (2) wins in a specific Green or equivalent ranch class at **any show** will then be considered ineligible for future entries into that Green class but remains eligible for any other Green class in which they have not acquired two (2) wins.
 - 1. Example: A horse with two (2) previous wins in Green Horse Ranch Trail at any show may NOT enter the Green Horse Ranch Trail class at the next RHRC show; however, they may enter any other Green Horse class (e.g. Ranch Rail) in which they have not earned two (2) wins at previous shows.
 - ii. Highpoint or Championship Basis: If the horse wins a highpoint or championship in a Green Horse division **or equivalent at any show**, they are ineligible for the Green Horse division and all its classes at future RHRC events.

- iii. Time Frame: A horse may stay in the Green Horse Non-Pro WTL division until they have competed in any **two (2) shows in a calendar year, for two (2) consecutive years**, regardless of discipline, or until the horse/rider becomes ineligible for the division or a class (see rule 5(d) "Eligibility Criteria"). Upon reaching the show limit, a horse may complete the calendar year in the Green Horse Non-Pro WTL division, but will be **ineligible the following year. ~~Once a horse leaves the division, either by choice or becomes ineligible, they are not permitted to re-enter at future events.~~**
 - e. If a horse becomes ineligible for the Green Horse Non-Pro division/specific class or Green Horse Open division/specific class, they are considered ineligible for any and all green divisions/specific class and may not enter another "Green Horse" division/specific class.
 - 1. Example: A horse with two (2) previous wins in Green Horse Non-Pro Ranch Trail may NOT enter the Green Horse Open Ranch Trail class at the next show; however, they may enter any other Green Horse Non-Pro class or Green Horse Open class in which they have not earned two (2) wins at previous shows.
 - 2. Example: A horse who has won a Green Horse Non-Pro Division highpoint may NOT enter the Green Horse Non-Pro division OR the Green Horse Open division at the next show.
 - f. The horse/rider combination may cross-enter into other walk-trot-lope divisions or classes in which they qualify.
 - g. The horse/rider combination may **not** cross-enter into any walk-trot divisions or classes.
 - h. Show Committee Discretion: The RHRC Show Committee retains the authority to determine the eligibility of any horse/rider combination for participation in any division.
 - i. EXCEPTION: Any exhibitor that is a trainer, clinician, carded judge, or that receives remuneration, monetary or otherwise, for judging, teaching, or riding horses **within the past 5 years**, in any equine discipline, is NOT ELIGIBLE for the Green Horse Non-Pro WTL division.
- 6. Green Horse Open WTL (walk-trot-lope):**
- a. This division is intended for the **green horse** (see rule 6 (b)), regardless of age, who meets the eligibility criteria below.
 - b. A **green horse** is defined as a horse in their **first two (2) years** of showing in any western discipline at any show. The two (2) years need not be consecutive. Green horses must not have earned over \$7,500 in any western discipline, and must not have won a Provincial/National/World Championship in any western equine association.
 - c. Open to ALL exhibitors, INCLUDING trainers, clinicians, carded judges, or those who receive remuneration, monetary or otherwise, for judging, teaching, or riding horses in any equine discipline.
 - d. **Eligibility Criteria:**
 - i. Per-Class Basis: Green Horse Open WTL eligibility is on a per-class basis, meaning that a horse that has earned two (2) wins in one specific Green or equivalent ranch class at **any show** will then be considered ineligible for future entries into that Green horse class but remains eligible for any other Green horse class in which they have not acquired two (2) wins.
 - 1. Example: A horse with two (2) previous wins in Green Horse Open Ranch Trail at any show may NOT enter the Green Horse Open Ranch Trail class at the next RHRC show; however, they may enter any other Green Horse Open class (e.g. Ranch Rail) in which they have not earned two (2) wins at previous shows.
 - ii. Highpoint or Championship Basis: If the horse wins a highpoint or championship in a Green Horse division at **any show**, they are ineligible for ANY Green Horse division/classes at future events.
 - iii. Time Frame: A horse may stay in the **Green Horse Open WTL division until they**

have competed in any **two (2) shows in a calendar year, for two (2) consecutive years**, regardless of discipline, or until the horse/rider becomes ineligible for the division or a class (see rule 6(d) "Eligibility Criteria"). Upon reaching the show limit, a horse may complete the calendar year in the Green Horse Open WTL division, but will be ineligible the following year.

- e. If a horse becomes ineligible for a Green Horse Open division/specific class or Green Horse Non-Pro division/specific class, they are considered ineligible for any and all green horse divisions/specific class and may not enter another "Green Horse" division/specific class.
 - i. Example: A horse with two (2) previous wins in Green Horse Open Ranch Trail may NOT enter the Green Horse Non-Pro Ranch Trail class at the next show; however, they may enter any other Green Horse Open class or Green Horse Non-Pro class in which they have not earned two (2) wins at previous shows.
 - ii. Example: A horse who has won a Green Horse Open Division highpoint may NOT enter the Green Horse Open division OR the Green Horse Non-Pro division at the next show.
- f. The horse/rider combination may cross-enter into other walk-trot-lope divisions or classes in which they qualify.
- g. The horse/rider combination may not cross-enter into any walk-trot divisions or classes.
- h. Show Committee Discretion: The RHRC Show Committee retains the authority to determine the eligibility of any horse/rider combination for participation in any division.

7. Youth WTL (walk-trot-lope):

- a. Any rider 18 years of age and under as of January 1 of the current show year, regardless of experience.
- b. The horse/rider combination may cross-enter into other walk-trot-lope divisions or classes in which they qualify.
- c. The horse/rider combination may not cross-enter into any walk-trot divisions or classes.

8. Senior/Amateur Non-Pro WTL (walk-trot-lope):

- a. Any rider (see rule 8(e) "EXCEPTION"), 19 years of age and over as of January 1 of the current show year, regardless of experience.
- b. Time Frame: There is no time limit on how long a rider may compete in the Senior/Amateur Non-Pro WTL division.
- c. The horse/rider combination may cross-enter into other walk-trot-lope divisions or classes in which they qualify.
- d. The horse/rider combination may not cross-enter into any walk-trot divisions or classes.
- e. EXCEPTION: Any exhibitor that is a trainer, clinician, carded judge, or that receives remuneration, monetary or otherwise, for judging, teaching, or riding horses **within the past 5 years**, in any equine discipline, is NOT ELIGIBLE for the Senior/Amateur Non-Pro WTL division.

9. Open WTL (walk-trot-lope):

- a. Any rider may enter, regardless of age or experience, INCLUDING trainers, clinicians, carded judges, or those who receive remuneration, monetary or otherwise, for judging, teaching, or riding horses in any equine discipline.
- b. Time Frame: There is no time limit on how long a rider may compete in the Open division.
- c. The horse/rider combination may cross-enter into other walk-trot-lope divisions or classes in which they qualify.
- d. The horse/rider combination may not cross-enter into any walk-trot divisions or classes.

GENERAL RULES

- 1. Rule Books: The exhibitor is responsible for understanding the rules. Please familiarize yourself with the AQHA rulebook (found online) and the "Ranch Horse Revolution Club 2026 Rule Book".
- 2. Haul-Ins: There will be no haul-in fee; however, ALL horses on the show grounds must be

entered in at least ONE class and have a number assigned to them. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after their horses and around their trailers.

- ~~3. Stall reservations must be paid in advance, and the exhibitor must pay \$40 in Cash or cheque to the show office as a STALL DEPOSIT to accompany the reservation. The cheque will be returned/destroyed, and cash will be refunded once the stalls are stripped and cleaned out.~~
4. Early haul-in: Haul-in starts **NO EARLIER than 12 pm** on the Thursday (one (1) day) prior to the show. Any exhibitor found to be on the show grounds prior to this time will be charged a penalty of \$200.00 which must be paid **BEFORE** they enter their first class.
5. Arena use: Please follow the arena schedule and rules outlined by the RHRC Show Committee. If exhibitors are unsure as to which arenas are available, it is up to the exhibitor to contact the show office for details.
6. Refunds: Once the show starts, entries, stalls, camping, and other show fees are **non-refundable** without a veterinarian or medical certificate (which can be provided post-show).
- ~~7. Combining Classes: Classes with three (3) or fewer entries may be combined or run concurrently with another class at the show management's discretion.~~
8. Adding/Scratching: Please advise the show office or whipper-in of any adds to or scratches from classes. Scratched entries are non-refundable once the first class starts, unless a veterinarian or medical certificate is supplied (see General Rule (6)).
9. Dogs: Dogs **must remain on a leash at all times, with no exceptions.** They are not permitted in warm-up areas or holding areas. Dog owners are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs.
10. Violence, abusive treatment, and harassment of show officials, fellow competitors, or volunteers will **NOT** be tolerated in any way, shape, or form. Inhumane treatment of animals will also **NOT** be tolerated. Breaking this rule is grounds for disqualification: you will be asked to leave and will not receive a refund for any fees or monies already paid to the RHRC or the event hosted by the RHRC.
11. Show management reserves the right to cancel, transfer, or reschedule the show and/or classes without notice or liability. In the event of a cancellation of a show, event, or class, all paid fees will be refunded.
12. **All Youth (18 years & under) must wear approved helmets on the show grounds when riding.** Approved helmets are strongly recommended for those 19 and over.
13. Youth (18 years & under) are prohibited from handling, warming up, or showing a stallion on the show grounds.
14. The Ranch Horse Revolution Club, the show committee, directors, organizers, judges, and volunteers shall not be held responsible for any injury or death of person(s), or animal(s), or damage/loss to property during the event. All exhibitors enter the showgrounds, exhibit, camp, and stable at their own risk. All spectators also enter the showgrounds at their own risk.
15. ALL Exhibitors must sign a waiver of liability to participate in any RHRC shows and events. Any violation or refusal to do so will result in the exhibitor being disqualified from the competition, forfeiting all paid monies, and being asked to leave the facility.
16. ALL exhibitors must sign a health declaration form for EACH horse they are exhibiting.
17. Exhibitors, owners, and individuals on the show grounds will be responsible for any physical damage or loss they inflict on the show facilities and property, including but not limited to stalls, buildings and camping facilities, and will be billed accordingly for any charges incurred to RHRC.

RHRC SHOW RULES

1. AQHA rules apply except where RHRC rules supersede – the 2026 AQHA Rule Book is available online. It is up to the exhibitor to become familiar with the rules; if you cannot find them, please contact the RHRC in advance for a copy.

2. All breeds of horses, mules, donkeys, and ponies are welcome to compete; no registration or proof of ownership is required.
 3. ~~Horses under the age of 3 may be shown.~~
No horse is to be exhibited under saddle before May 15 of their 2-year-old year.
 4. REINS:
 - a) A rider may ride two-handed ONLY with a hackamore/bosal or loose ring snaffle bit on ANY aged horse in ANY division. For any snaffle bit, the circumference of the ring must be free of rein, curb or headstall attachments which would provide leverage.
 - b) Any rider using a shank bit MUST ride one-handed.
 - c) Riding two-handed in a shank bit will result in disqualification the exhibitor being Off-Pattern in any class.
 - d) In Ranch Trail, it is permissible to change hands to work an obstacle.
 5. NO cross-entry between walk-trot and walk-trot-lope classes. This includes stake classes.
 6. It is up to the exhibitor to become familiar with facility rules; if you cannot find them, contact the RHRC in advance for a copy.
 7. Combining Classes: Classes with three (3) or fewer entries may be combined or run concurrently with another class at the show management's discretion.
 8. No penalty shall be incurred for use of hand to instill praise.
 9. ~~All dogs must be on a leash at ALL TIMES. NO EXCEPTIONS.~~
 10. ~~Approved helmets are MANDATORY for all youth handlers/exhibitors aged 18 & under and strongly encouraged for any rider 19 years and over.~~
 11. ~~Violence, abusive language, harassment, and inhumane treatment of any animal will NOT be tolerated in any way, shape, or form. Breaking this rule is grounds for disqualification: you will be asked to leave and will not receive a refund for any fees or monies already paid to the RHRC or the event hosted by the RHRC.~~
 12. **HIGH POINT ELIGIBILITY:**
 - a) All exhibitors MUST exhibit their horse in their respective Ranch Conformation class to qualify for the division high point awards.
 - b) EXCEPTION: If there is more than one exhibitor showing a horse, only one (1) of the exhibitors must show the horse in their respective Ranch Conformation class; all other exhibitors showing that horse will then be qualified for their division high point awards.
 - c) All classes within a division count towards division high point calculations. Stakes classes are not included in high point calculations. See point tabulation scale below.
 13. **HIGHPOINT DECLARATION**
 - a) Exhibitors must declare ONE highpoint division for which they wish to qualify before entering their first class.
 - b) Exhibitors are eligible to compete in multiple divisions during the show. However, they must declare which highpoint division they wish to qualify for prior to entering their first class.
 - c) Only one highpoint division can be declared per horse/rider combination for each show. Points will be accumulated only for the declared highpoint division.
 - d) Changes: Exhibitors may change their declared highpoint at the show office up until they enter their first class. Once the exhibitor enters their first class, it cannot be changed for the duration of the show.
 - e) Non-Declaration: If an exhibitor does not declare their highpoint division before their first class, the show office will assign the highpoint division based on the first class entered.
 - f) **Have fun!**
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RHRC SHOW SERIES GRAND PRIZE DRAW RULES

1. The two (2) qualifying shows in the RHRC Show Series are:
 - a. 2026 Ranch Horse Revolution Club Summer Show

HIGH POINT TABULATION SCALE

	# of Entries					
Class Placing	6+	5	4	3	2	1
1st Place	6	5	4	3	2	1
2nd Place	5	4	3	2	1	
3rd Place	4	3	2	1		
4th Place	3	2	1			
5th Place	2	1				
6th Place	1					

STAKE CLASS PAYOUT SCALE

	# of Entries				
Class Placing	11+	8-10	5-7	2-4	1
1st Place	30%	40%	50%	60%	100%
2nd Place	25%	30%	30%	40%	
3rd Place	19%	20%	20%		
4th Place	15%	10%			
5th Place	11%				