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# RHRC Rulebook

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## DIVISION DESCRIPTIONS/RULES

### Divisions:

1. DWD Walk-Trot All-Ages
2. Youth Walk-Trot
3. Senior Non-Pro Walk-Trot
4. Green Non-Pro WTL
5. Green Open WTL
6. Youth WTL
7. Senior Non-Pro WTL
8. Open

### 1. "DWD" Walk-Trot All-Ages:

- a. This class is designed for the first-time entry-level exhibitor (see rule 1(f) "EXCEPTION") who has under one (1) year of horse show experience, regardless of discipline;
- b. -or-
- c. Any non-pro exhibitor who is riding a horse that has under one (1) year of horse show experience under saddle, regardless of discipline.
- d. **The horse/rider combination is eligible to compete in this division ONCE. Once they have competed in the DWD division, the horse/rider combination is no longer qualified for this division.** Horse/rider combination may **cross**-enter into another walk-trot division in which they qualify.
- e. The horse/rider combination may not cross-enter into any walk-trot-lope divisions or classes.
- f. EXCEPTION: Any exhibitor that is a trainer, clinician, carded judge, or that receives remuneration, monetary or otherwise, for judging, teaching, or riding horses (other than their own horses) in any equine discipline is **NOT ELIGIBLE** for the DWD Walk-Trot All-Ages division.

### 2. Youth Walk-Trot:

- a. Any rider 18 years or under as of January 1 of the current show year.
- b. Any horse or rider, regardless of experience, may compete in the walk-trot division. There will be no time limit on how long a rider may compete in the walk-trot division.
- c. The horse/rider combination may not cross-enter into any walk-trot-lope divisions or classes.
- d. The show committee reserves the right to combine or run Youth Walk-Trot and Senior Walk-Trot classes concurrently if entries are three (3) or fewer in a class.

### 3. Senior Walk-Trot:

- a. Any rider 19 years and over as of January 1 of the current show year.
- b. Any horse or rider, regardless of experience, may compete in the walk-trot division. There will be no

time limit on how long a rider may compete in the walk-trot division.

- c. The horse/rider combination may not cross-entry into any walk-trot-lope divisions or classes.
- d. The show committee reserves the right to combine or run Youth and senior walk-trot classes concurrently if there are three (3) or fewer entries in each class.
- e. EXCEPTION: Any exhibitor that is a trainer, clinician, carded judge, or that receives remuneration, monetary or otherwise, for judging, teaching, or riding horses (other than their own horses) in any equine discipline is **NOT ELIGIBLE** for the Senior Walk-Trot All-Ages division.

### 4. Green:

- a. This is an all-ages walk-trot-lope division designed for the green horse and/or rider.
- b. Any horse or rider (see rule 4(e) "EXCEPTION"), regardless of age, with not more than two (2) wins in each specific class at a ranch horse competition/show.
- c. Exhibitor MAY cross-enter into other walk-trot-lope divisions or classes.
- d. Green eligibility is on a per-class basis, meaning that a horse/rider combination that has earned two (2) wins in one specific class 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.
  - i. Example: A horse/rider combination with two (2) previous wins in Green Ranch Trail may NOT enter the Green Ranch Trail class at the next show; however, they may enter any other Green class in which they have not earned two (2) wins at previous shows.
- e. EXCEPTION: Any exhibitor that is a trainer, clinician, carded judge, or that receives remuneration, monetary or otherwise, for judging, teaching, or riding horses (other than their own horses) in any equine discipline is **NOT ELIGIBLE** for the Green division.

### 5. Green Open:

- a. **This is an all-ages walk-trot-lope division designed for the green horse and/or rider and is open to ALL exhibitors, INCLUDING trainers, clinicians, carded judges, or those who receive remuneration, monetary or otherwise, for judging, teaching, or riding horses (other than their own horses) in any equine discipline.**

- b. Any horse or rider, regardless of age, with not more than two (2) wins in each specific class at a ranch horse competition/show.
  - c. Exhibitors MAY cross-enter into other walk-trot-lope divisions or classes that they qualify for.
  - d. Green eligibility is on a per-class basis, meaning that a horse/rider combination that has earned two (2) wins in one specific class 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.
  - e. Example: A horse/rider combination with two (2) previous wins in Green Ranch Trail may NOT enter the Green Ranch Trail class at the next show; however, they may enter any other Green class in which they have not earned two (2) wins at previous shows.
6. **Youth:**
- a) Any rider 18 years and under as of January 1 of the current show year.
  - b) EXCEPTION: Any horse/rider combination in a walk-trot division may not cross-enter into any walk-trot-lope classes.
7. **Senior:**
- a) Any rider 19 years and over as of January 1 of the current show year.
  - b) EXCEPTION: Any horse/rider combination in a walk-trot division may not cross-enter into any walk-trot-lope classes.
8. **Open:**
- a) Any rider may enter, regardless of age or experience.
  - b) EXCEPTION: Any horse/rider combination in a walk-trot division may not cross-enter into any walk-trot-lope classes.

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#### 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—Show Rules" (see below).
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: starts NO EARLIER than 12 pm on Friday, June 20, 2024.
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.

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#### RHRC SHOW RULES

1. AQHA rules apply except where RHRC rules supersede – the 2024 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.
  - a) 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 on ANY aged horse in ANY division.

- b) Any rider using a shank bit MUST ride one-handed.
  - c) Riding two-handed in a shank bit will result in disqualification 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. All dogs must be on a leash at ALL TIMES. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
  8. Approved helmets are **MANDATORY** for all youth handlers/exhibitors aged 18 & under and strongly encouraged for any rider 19 years and over.
  9. 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.

**10. 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 also be qualified for their division high point awards.

- c) All division classes count towards highpoint calculations. These divisions include DWD Walk Trot, Youth Walk Trot, Senior Walk Trot, Green, **Green Open**, Youth, Senior, and Open.

**11. HIGHPOINT DECLARATION**

- a) Exhibitors must declare **ONE** highpoint division for which they wish to qualify before entering their first class.
- a) Eligibility: 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.
- b) Qualification: Only one highpoint division can be declared per horse/rider for each show. Points will be accumulated only for the declared highpoint division.
- c) 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.
- d) 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.

- 12. Have fun!

**Class/High Point Tabulation Scale**

# of Entries	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					

**RHRC SHOW SERIES GRAND PRIZE DRAW RULES**

1. The two (2) qualifying shows in the RHRC Show Series are:
  - a. 2023 Ranch Horse Revolution Summer Show
  - b. 2023 Ranch Horse Revolution Fall Show
2. To be eligible, the exhibitor must enter in and show their horse in one (1) or both of the two qualifying shows.

3. Once an exhibitor is eligible, each individual class entry they enter and show in will count as one entry into the draw.
  - a. Example: if an exhibitor entered and showed in 5 classes at the 2023 Ranch Horse Revolution Summer Show and 8 classes at the 2023 Ranch Horse Revolution Fall Show, that exhibitor would have a

- total of thirteen (13) entries into the 2023 RHRC Show Series Grand Prize Draw.
4. Any exhibitor that is found to have any outstanding monies owing after October 15, 2024, or has been asked to leave an RHRC event due to a breach of rules & regulations will be automatically ineligible for the 2024 RHRC Show Series Grand Prize Draw.
  5. "Grand Prize" Description:
    - a. One (1) new custom-made ranch halter
  6. "Grand Prize" is hand-made by Rockin' Anchor Leather, located in Armstrong, BC.
  7. The winner is responsible for shipping.
  8. Not exchangeable. Not redeemable. The prize is considered "as is where is".
  9. The RHRC Show Series Grand Prize draw will be held "live" via video during the 2024 RHRC Year-end RHRC Annual Meet and Greet. The winner does not have to be present to win.
  10. If the winner is unable to be contacted within thirty (30) days of the draw, the RHRC reserves the right to re-draw a new winner.

**STAKES CLASS RULES**

1. **Entry Fee:** \$50 per class, non-refundable without a medical or veterinary certificate.
2. **Youth Sponsorship:** \$5 from each entry fee will be allocated to the youth sponsorship program.
3. **Purse Distribution:** The remaining \$45 from each entry fee goes into the purse. Additionally, a \$500 purse is added to each class. 100% of the purse is paid out to the winners.
4. **Cross Entry:** No cross entry is allowed between Walk-Trot-Lope and Walk-Trot classes, as per RHRC Show Rule (5).
5. Stake class patterns will be released on the first day of the event and not sooner.
6. **RHRC Sizzlin' Stakes Showdown: Trail OPEN:**
  - a. This is a Ranch Trail Walk-Trot class, open to all exhibitors competing in a walk-trot division
  - b. **Payout:** Payout will be determined based on the number of entries, with the total purse divided among the top performers. See payout scale below.
  - c. **Judging:** This class will be judged as a Ranch Trail class.
7. **RHRC Sizzlin' Stakes Showdown: Trail Walk-Trot:**
  - a. This is a Ranch Trail Walk-Trot-Lope class, open to all exhibitors competing in a walk-trot-lope division
  - b. **Payout:** Payout will be determined based on the number of entries, with the total purse divided among the top performers. See payout scale below.
  - c. **Judging:** This class will be judged as a Ranch Trail class

**Stake Class Payout Scale**

# of Entries	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
1	100%				
2-4	60%	40%			
5-7	50%	30%	20%		
8-10	40%	30%	20%	10%	
11+	30%	25%	19%	15%	11%