

Ranch Horse Class

Guidelines:

- Horses must be 3 years and older to participate
- Contains two parts of the class: 2 gait Ranch Pleasure and 2 gait Ranch Pattern; each will be 50% of the final score.

Attire:

- Western Attire
- Helmet or Western Hat
- Long Sleeved Shirt
- Boots
- Spurs and Chaps Optional
- Sparkly show attire NOT encouraged

Tack:

- Working western equipment
- Silver not required and will not be tied over good working non-silver equipment
- Suggested Breast Collar and Back Cinc
- No braiding or banding
- Clipping of the ears not required
- Clipping of the bridle path is optional
- 2 handed in a snaffle bit
- 2 handed in a shank bit, however one handed in a shank will be rewarded
- Riders choosing to ride 1 handed in a shank bit may not switch to two hands at any time during the class.

2 Gait Pleasure:

- Consists of the following gait calls:
 - Medium walk, intermediate gait, extended intermediate gait, medium walk, reverse, medium walk, intermediate gait, extended intermediate gait, medium walk, line up, back.
- Penalties:
 - Too slow in gaits
 - Over bridled
 - Out of frame

- **Breaking of gait**
- **Stopping to transition gaits**
- **Draped reins**
- **Blatant Disobedience**

2 Gait Pattern:

- **Can include the following:**
 - **Side Pass**
 - **Turns greater than 360 degrees**
 - **Intermediate gait over logs**
 - **Encourage use of natural obstacles**
- **Penalties:**
 - **Too slow**
 - **Over bridled**
 - **Out of frame**
 - **Breaking of gait**
 - **Draped Reins**
 - **Blatant Disobedience**

For NWA Nationals, Pattern will be run first, followed by the rail portion of the class. For questions, reach out to Shannon Gibbs at shgibbs29@gmail.com.