

# WIFQHA 2024 Versatility Award Rules

The 2024 WIFQHA Versatility Competition will award 1 saddle to the winning horse/rider combination. Points will be determined by the placings in FQHR Open and FQHR Amateur classes. In other words, any FQHR horse can compete for this award, but the riders must be registered with FQHR as a regular membership and/or amateur. Youth may compete for this award as well, but versatility points must be earned by riding in the FQHR Open or FQHR Amateur classes. So make sure you have your FQHR Open and/or FQHR Amateur registration cards with you at your first show.

## RULES

- a. One horse and rider combination. However, if an exhibitor shows more than one horse in versatility, they can designate another exhibitor to show one of the horses in the versatility conformation class.
- b. A one time \$50 office fee is required per horse payable to WIFQHA.
- c. Must be a WIFQHA member.
- d. A Versatility Entry Form must be filled out before you compete at your first show. You must declare as Open or Amateur and you must declare the classes you choose to compete in for each versatility category. These classes will be the same for the show year.
- e. You are responsible for entering each declared versatility class on the entry form for each show.

These are the versatility categories and how many classes you choose for each category:

1. **Versatility Conformation**. There will be a separate conformation class for versatility horses. All horses regardless of sex will show together. The judge should ensure that stallions line up in a separate line from mares/geldings but all horses will be judged as one. The placings will count towards versatility only and there will be no entry fee for this class. **The horse is also required to exhibit in the appropriate conformation class based on sex and age.**
  2. **One (1) cow horse class** FQHR Open or Amateur - Cutting, Herd Work, or Herd Roping
  3. **One (1) show class** FQHR Open or Amateur - Ranch Pleasure, Ranch Riding, or Ranch Reining
  4. **One (1) speed event** FQHR Open or Amateur - Barrels, Poles, Down & Back, or Keyhole
  5. **Two (2) ranch horse classes** FQHR Open or Amateur - Ranch Cutting, Handy Ranch Horse
- f. No versatility points will be awarded in a class with less than 2 participants.
  - g. Horses under age three (3) are not eligible to compete for this award.
  - h. Grand/Reserve points do not count for this award.
  - i. **If a rider scratches one of their versatility classes or the horse is a no show at the gate, no versatility points are earned for that rider/horse combination for that show.**

## POINTS FOR VERSATILITY

Classes must be designated by the competitor prior to the competition. Points for versatility will be awarded only to qualifying horses entered in the versatility competition as follows:

# Horses	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	4 <sup>th</sup> Place	5 <sup>th</sup> Place	6 <sup>th</sup> Place
2	6	5				
3	6	5	4			
4	6	5	4	3		
5	6	5	4	3	2	
6	6	5	4	3	2	1
6+	6	5	4	3	2	1

No class of less than two entries shall receive versatility points. Class entry numbers include all who are and who are not competing for the versatility award. For Example: there are 8 horses in a class but only 3 of them are competing for versatility. The number of horses for determining versatility points is 8.

## TIE BREAKERS

1<sup>st</sup> tie breaker: Add up the number of versatility declared and ridden classes each horse placed in, the horse placing in the most versatility declared and ridden classes will be the winner.

2<sup>nd</sup> tie breaker: If a tie still remains, the horse winning the most 1<sup>st</sup> places in their versatility declared and ridden classes will be the winner. If neither horse won blue ribbons, then go to red, etc.

3<sup>rd</sup> tie breaker: If a tie still remains, the horse placing the highest in the largest versatility declared and ridden class will be the winner.

Good luck and have fun showing off the versatility of your Foundation Quarter Horse!