



MOJAVE RIVER VALLEY HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS

THE 2025 PtHA RULEBOOK WITH
LOCAL OPTIONS WILL GOVERN ALL OPEN SHOWS.

***It is your responsibility to read and know the MRVHA
Show Rules and Regulations***

1. Unsportsmanlike conduct will be cause for board action, per Association By-Laws. Any complaints must be made to MRVHA's Show Chairman, President, or to one of its other Board members.
2. The Town of Apple Valley **DOES NOT** permit alcohol at Horsemen's Center, therefore, due to liability issues, exhibitors and spectators risk being asked to leave if alcohol is present on the grounds at a MRVHA show.
3. To file any other protest/complaint you must go to our website: MRVHA.com and fill out the online form. It will be reviewed and if deemed legitimate you will be charged a **\$20.00** non-refundable fee to have it submitted to the Board for action.
4. Exhibitors' age to be determined by age on January 1st of current year. Exhibitors **MUST** state their birthday on their entry form to determine class eligibility.
5. No exhibitor numbers will be issued by the registration office without an open check or entry payment being left. NOTE: Per our bank, the name of the club must be spelled out in its entirety. There will be a \$50.00 fee for NSF checks. You will be required to pay 'Cash Only' through the end of the show season. Your account must be current before you will be allowed to show again.
6. Exhibitor numbers are to be retained and used at all MRVHA shows for each show year.
7. All judges' decisions are final. If an exhibitor has a question, they may ask permission to speak to the judge(s) at the first available opportunity.
8. All entries must be properly signed and completed. Signature via online entries is established by typing name in the 'Signature Box'. Signatures denote unconditional compliance and agreement with MRVHA Rules and Regulations and Liability statement.
9. Enter online at: www.MRVHA.com. Entries must be received for Saturday shows by the Thursday before and for Sunday shows by the Friday before each show by 7:00 pm (considered the pre-entry closing date). Class pre-entry fees are \$10.00. Anyone pre-entering and then adding classes on the day of the show will still pay \$10.00 per class. Anyone not pre-entered will pay \$12.00/class the day of the show. Entry fees for schooling shows will be \$4.99.
10. Refunds for scratched classes will be given **ONLY** if done at the office 3 classes in advance by filling out a 'scratch form' at the office.
11. Adding or scratching of classes and tack change/ gate-holds are not permitted at the gate and **MUST** be done **3 classes in advance**, by filling out an 'Add/Scratch/Gate-hold' form at the office. Helpful Suggestion: Leaving an open check at the office makes the process of adding or scratching classes faster.
12. Tack change/gate-holds are not permitted at the gate and **MUST** be done **3 classes in advance**, by filling out an 'Add/Scratch/Gate-hold' form at the office. Gate holds are 15 minutes.
13. Announcements for all classes will be made over the loudspeaker (e.g., 1st, 2nd, and 3rd calls). **Check-in with the gatekeeper is mandatory, one class prior to the exhibitor's class, at the staging area (entry gate).**

When the judge(s) are ready, the gatekeeper will open the gate, and exhibitors that have checked-in will enter and the gate will be closed. **If the rider is not at the gate within that time frame, they will be disqualified from the class.** Once the gate is closed, no further entries will be allowed. It is each exhibitor's responsibility to get to their class on time. **No refunds will be issued.**

14. Classes may be combined at show management's discretion. If a class is not adequately filled (3 exhibitors) it may be combined with another "like class" in another age group.

15. All horses must be under control at all times. Unruly animals may be excused from the arena, warm-up area, or show grounds. There is to be NO running of any horse on the grounds, this also includes children running and playing on bleachers. **Any horse that is deemed unsafe or would cause undo harm to any and all persons will be excused by Show Management or Judge.**

16. Stallions may NOT be handled by junior (under 18 years of age) exhibitors. Stallions must be under control at all times.

17. The Championship Halter class is to include all 1st and 2nd place winners of the eligible Halter classes. All winners are automatically entered with NO entry fee applicable.

18. Leadline exhibitors (8 & under) must be led by a handler 16 years and over. A halter is required under the bridle for the handler.

18a. It is optional as to whether the Leadliner or the "Leader" works the gate or mailbox.

18b Leadline halter exhibitors shall wear a Western hat or helmet. Leadline riders will be required to wear a helmet.

19. No chains permitted in the Two & Under lungeline class.

20. Walk/Trot classes are to be judged on the exhibitor (one horse/rider combination) only and these exhibitors may NOT cross-enter into ANY canter/lope (3-gait) class.

21. Color shall be divided into two classes. Color Pinto/Paint – must have color pattern / characteristics as defined in registry, no solids with or without registry or breeding stock. e.g. Tobiano or Overo.

22. Color Non-Pinto/Paint – Buckskin, Appaloosa, and Palomino. Horses **without** these color breed characteristics, including breeding stock horses, shall enter the "**non-color**" halter classes.

23. All exhibitors showing in breed/color specific classes will be required to provide proof of registration papers for their horse(s) should the results of their wins be contested. If, upon review, the protest is found to be valid, all points and awards shall be revoked.

24. Minis/Ponies may not enter the Stock type Halter class.

25. Exhibitors who receive any compensation for training, etc., shall not be permitted to enter NP Ranch classes.

26. All Ranch Halter classes will enter the arena at the same time but be judged by class division (W/T, NP, Open).

27. Western horses 5 years and under may be shown in Western Pleasure/Equitation classes in a Bosal or Snaffle with two hands.

27a. Ranch horses may be shown in Bosal or Snaffle regardless of age.

28. All exhibitors 17 and under are always required to wear a helmet. If you choose not to wear a helmet a release waiver form must be signed by the parent/guardian of the exhibitor at the time you register for your classes.

29. Ranch and Pleasure horses are allowed to cross enter Divisions.

30. REQUIRED DRESS:

IMPORTANT NOTE: MRVHA requires all parents or legal guardians of riders 17 & under to sign a helmet release waiver. An ASTM/FEI approved helmet is required unless waived.

Schooling Shows: Long or short-sleeved shirt, pants/jeans, hat/helmet, and boots are required for each exhibitor.

Point Shows: Hats/helmets and boots are required for each exhibitor according to seat ridden.

English: Helmet/hat, coat, shirt, breeches or jodhpurs and boots. All riders in hunter, jumper, hunt seat equitation and hunter hack classes as well as youth riders (17 & under) must wear an ASTM approved hunt cap or helmet with the harness securely fastened.

Western: Western Boots, long pants, long sleeved shirt, western hat or helmet. Chaps, belt with buckle are optional. Silver not to count.

Ranch: Boots, long pants, long-sleeved shirt, western hat or helmet. Chaps/chinks, belt with buckle are optional. Silver not to count. No braided or banded manes or tail extensions; however, a penalty may be given by the judge for non-removal. Trimming bridle path and outside the ears is allowed, also trimming of fetlocks or excessive (long) facial hair. Equipment with silver should not count as a good working outfit. Silver on bridles and saddles is discouraged; a penalty may be given by the judge for non-removal.

Driving Attire: Gentlemen to wear a hat, coat or jacket, shirt, pants and a tie; ladies to wear dress, tailored suit, skirt or slacks with blouse, vest or jacket. Hats are optional. Gloves, aprons or lap robes are optional in all classes.

31. Awards:

- a) Ribbons will be presented for 1st through 5th place for each class shown.
- b) Daily MRVHA HIGH Point Award Divisions are: Halter, Leadline (8 & under), Youth (17 & under), Adult (18 & over), Open, Walk/Trot (17 & under), Walk/Trot (18 & over), TWO & Under, Mini & Pony, W/T Ranch, NP Ranch, Ranch Open
- c) There will be no Daily High Point Awards given at Schooling Events.
- d) All High Point awards are based on same horse/exhibitor combination.
- e) Both owner and exhibitor of the horse must be members of MRVHA to qualify for Year-end awards.
- f) For point calculations, entries that don't enter the gate do not count as exhibitors in the class. Points will be awarded as follows:

POINTS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
5+ exhibitors	5	4	3	2	1
4	4	3	2	1	
3	3	2	1		
2	2	1			
1	1				

- g) In order to be eligible for Year-end awards, exhibitors MUST show in at least two of the three shows offered by MRVHA in March, April and September.

32. To qualify for daily High Point awards, **each exhibitor must show in 3 or more riding classes or Minis in 3 or more in-hand and/or driving classes and the Halter class in your Division.** Daily High Point ties will be broken by highest placing in Showmanship class, except for the OPEN, Minis/Ponies and Ranch divisions. For these Divisions, Halter is the tie breaker. The Halter HP tie-breaker is the most 1st place wins in Halter.

DIVISION	<u>HALTER</u>	<u>SHOWMANSHIP</u>	<u>RIDING</u>
HALTER:	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9		
LEADLINE (8 & Under):	12		17, 18
TWO & Under:	1 16 (LUNGELINE)		19 (IN-HAND TRAIL)
YOUTH (17 & Under):	10	13	27, 31, 39, 43, 48
ADULT (18 & Over):	11	14	28, 32, 40, 44, 49
OPEN:	9		33, 34, 35, 36, 45, 50
W/T (17 & Under):	10	13	25, 29, 37, 41, 46
W/T (18 & Over):	11	14	26, 30, 38, 42, 47
MINI & PONY:	8 15, 20, 21 (IN-HAND)		22,23, 24 (DRIVING)
W/T Ranch 17 & Under	63		51, 55, 59
W/T Ranch 18 & Over	63		52, 56, 60
N/P Ranch:	64		53, 57, 61
Open Ranch:	65		54, 58, 62

33. The criteria and rules for any additional awards offered for Year-end will be released as available.

34. Other rules may be adopted subsequent to the date below.

THE RULES LISTED ABOVE ARE CURRENT AND SUPERSEDE ANY PREVIOUS DOCUMENTS.

Adopted: January 23, 2025, Revised and approved January 29, 2025, **Revised March 27, 2025**