

Mojave River Valley Horsemen's Association

2018 Show Rules and Regulations



THE WEST COAST HORSE SHOW RULEBOOK WITH LOCAL OPTIONS WILL GOVERN ALL OPEN SHOWS.

1. Unsportsmanlike conduct may be cause for board action, per association By-laws. Any complaints must be made to MRVHA's Show Chairman or to one of its other Board members.
2. Exhibitors age is to be determined by age on January 1 of current year.
3. All judges' decisions are final. If an exhibitor has a question, they may ask permission to speak to the judge at the completion of the show.
4. 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.
5. [Enter online at: www.MRVHA.com](http://www.MRVHA.com) or mail to: MRVHA 15252 Riverside Drive, Apple Valley, CA 92307. Entries must be received by the Friday before each show by 7:00 p.m. (considered the pre-entry closing date). After the closing date, the LATE entry fee will be \$10.00 per exhibitor in addition to the regular show fees.
6. No exhibitor numbers will be issued by the registration office without an open check or entry payment being left. There will be a \$30 fee for NSF checks.
7. Adding or scratching of classes must be done 3 classes in advance, by filling out an 'Add/Scratch' form at the office. (Helpful Suggestion: Leaving an open check at the office makes the process of adding or scratching classes faster.)
8. Announcements for all classes will be made over the loud speaker (i.e. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd calls). [Check-in with the gatekeeper is mandatory, one class prior to the exhibitors class](#), at the staging area (entry gate). When judge(s) are ready, the gatekeeper will the open gate, exhibitors will enter and the gate will be closed. It is each exhibitor's responsibility for getting into their class on time. No refunds will be give.
9. Classes may be canceled or combined as show management sees fit. If a class is not adequately filled (3 exhibitors) it may be combined with another like-class in another age group.
10. Gate-holds (for tack changes etc.) must be requested at least 3 classes before the hold is needed. The gatekeeper will handle the gate-hold requests.
11. 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.
12. Stallions may not be handled by junior (under 18 years of age) exhibitors. Stallions must be under control at all times.

13. The Championship Halter class is to include all 1st and 2nd place winners of all the Halter classes. All winners are automatically entered at NO Entry Fee.
14. Lead-line exhibitors must be led by a handler 14 years of age or over.
15. Walk-trot classes are to be judged on the exhibitor only and these exhibitors may NOT cross enter into ANY canter/lope class.
16. Western horses 5 years and under may be shown in Western Classes in a Bosal or Snaffle with two hands.
17. Awards:
- Ribbons will be presented for 1st through 6th place for each class shown.
 - Daily MRVHA High Point Award Divisions are: Halter (Classes 1 – 6 +8), Youth (17 and under), Adult (18 and over), Open, Walk/Trot 12 & Under, Walk/Trot 13 & over, 1st & 2nd Year Green, Mini Classes, W/T Ranch, NP Ranch, Ranch Open
 - There will not be Daily High Point Awards at the Fuzzy Wuzzy schooling show.
 - All High Point awards are based on the same horse/rider combination.
 - Both owner and exhibitor of the horse must be members of MRVHA to qualify for Year-end awards.
 - High Point series prizes will be awarded only to those who show to at least 3 judges in the MRVHA Show Series.
 - For point calculations, entries that don't enter the gate do not count as riders in the class. Points will be awarded as follows:

<u>Place</u>	<u>1ST</u>	<u>2ND</u>	<u>3RD</u>	<u>4TH</u>	<u>5TH</u>	<u>6TH</u>
6+ Riders	6	5	4	3	2	1
5	5	4	3	2	1	
4	4	3	2	1		
3	3	2	1			
2	2	1				
1	1					

18. Year end High Point for the Junior Horse and 1st & 2nd Year Green Horse divisions will only be offered if a sponsor for that division is received.
19. To qualify for daily High Point and Reserve, each exhibitor must show in a minimum of 3 riding classes. Exhibitor must show in at least one Halter or Showmanship class.
20. Daily High Point ties will be broken by highest placing in Showmanship class.
21. **REQUIRED DRESS:** Hats/helmets and boots are required for each rider 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 junior riders must wear an ASTM approved hunt cap or helmet with the harness securely fastened.

Western: Boots, long pants, long-sleeved shirt, belt with buckle, and hat. Chaps are optional, silver not to count.

All exhibitors may wear helmets.
Riders must have feet in stirrups.

22. Sponsorships: In order to provide a quality show it is imperative that we bring in sponsorships. We are asking all exhibitors to get sponsorships from businesses or even family members. Incentives for bringing in these sponsorships will be given. For each class sponsorship of \$50 the exhibitor will receive a free class at that show. For \$500 worth of sponsorships all show fees for one day for one horse/rider combination will be waived.

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

THE RULES LISTED ABOVE ARE CURENT AND SUPERSEDE ANY PREVIOUS DOCUMENTS. Adopted December 27.
Amended July 15, 2018