



## MRVHA SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS

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

1. Unsportsmanlike conduct is not permitted at MRVHA shows/events and may be cause for immediate action per MRVHA Association By-Laws. Such observances must be reported to the MRVHA Show Chairman or to one of its Board Members at the time of the occurrence.
2. To lodge a formal dispute, disagreement or grievance regarding anything pertaining to MRVHA shows/events use the online form at the MRVHA.com website or pick up a paper form at the show office. A \$20.00 non-refundable fee will be charged for all requests submitted to the MRVHA Board for evaluation and resolution.
3. Riders age to be determined by age on January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year.
4. No exhibitor numbers will be issued by the registration office without an open check or entry payment being left. There will be a **\$50.00** fee for NSF checks.
5. All judges' decisions are final. If an exhibitor has a question, they may ask permission to speak to the judge(s) at the completion of the show.
6. 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.
7. Enter online at: [www.MRVHA.com](http://www.MRVHA.com) or mail to: MRVHA, PO BOX 171, Apple Valley, CA 92307. Entries must be received by the **Friday** before each show by 7:00pm (considered the pre-entry closing date) to be eligible for the reduced class fee of \$8.00. Class fees are \$10.00 the day of the show.
8. No refunds will be allowed without a Vet or Doctor statement. Refunds will be mailed to exhibitor upon receipt of Vet or Doctor statement.
9. Adding or scratching of classes and tack change/ gate-holds 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.

9. Announcements for all classes will be made over 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 open the gate, exhibitors will enter at the final call and the gate will be closed. **It is each exhibitor's responsibility for getting into their class on time. No refunds will be given.**
10. Classes may be cancelled or 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.
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. All exhibitors showing in breed specific classes will be required to provide proof of registration papers for their horse(s).
13. Stallions may NOT be handled by junior (under 18 years of age) exhibitors. Stallions must be under control at all times.
14. The Championship Halter class is to include all 1st and 2nd place winners of the eligible Halter classes. All winners are automatically entered at NO Entry Fee.
15. Lead-line exhibitors (6 & under) must be led by a handler 14 years and over.
16. Walk-trot classes are to be judged on the exhibitor only and these exhibitors may **NOT** cross enter into **ANY** canter/lope class.
17. Western horses 5 years and under may be shown in Western Classes in a Bosal or Snaffle with two hands.
18. All exhibitors 17 and under are required to wear a helmet at all times. If you choose not to wear a helmet a release waiver form must be signed by the parent/guardian when you register for your classes.
19. Ranch and Pleasure horses are allowed to cross enter Divisions.

20. REQUIRED DRESS: Schooling Shows - shirts, pants/jeans 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 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.

**Ranch:** Boots, long pants, long-sleeved shirt, belt with buckle, and hat. Chaps 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.

21. Awards:

- a) Ribbons will be presented for 1st through 6th place for each class shown.
- b) Daily MRVHA High Point Award Divisions are: Halter, Youth (17 & under), Adult (18 & over), Open, Walk/Trot 17 & Under, Walk/Trot 18 & over, TWO & Under, Mini Classes, W/T Ranch, NP Ranch, Ranch Open
- c) There will not be Daily High Point Awards at the Fuzzy Wuzzy and Hot August Night schooling shows.
- d) All High Point awards are based on the same horse/rider combination.
- e) Both owner and exhibitor of the horse must be members of MRVHA to qualify for Year-end awards.
- f) Year-end High Point series prizes will be awarded only to those who show to at least 3 judges in the MRVHA Show Series. (Note: this requires that exhibitors MUST show in the double judged show this year)
- g) For point calculations, entries that don't enter the gate do not count as riders in the class. Points will be awarded as follows:

POINTS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
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					

22. To qualify for daily High Point and Reserve, each exhibitor must show in 3 or more riding classes and the Halter class in your Division. Daily High Point ties will be broken by highest placing in Showmanship class, except for Ranch division. Ranch Halter will be the tiebreaker.

<u>HALTER</u>	<u>SHOWMANSHIP</u>	<u>RIDING</u>
<b><u>HALTER:</u> 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 12</b>		
<b><u>YOUTH (17 &amp; Under):</u></b> 9	<b>18</b>	<b>26, 30, 37, 42, 46 and 60</b>
<b><u>ADULT (18 &amp; Over):</u></b> 10	<b>19</b>	<b>27, 31, 38, 43, 47 and 61</b>
<b><u>OPEN:</u></b> 11		<b>32, 33, 34, 39, 48 and 62</b>
<b><u>W/T (17 &amp; Under):</u></b> 9	<b>18</b>	<b>24, 28, 35, 40, 44 and 58</b>
<b><u>W/T (18 &amp; Over):</u></b> 10	<b>19</b>	<b>25, 29, 36, 41, 45 and 59</b>
<b><u>TWO &amp; Under:</u> 1, 13 and 15</b>		
<b><u>MINI:</u> 7, 14, 16, 17, 22 and 23</b>		
<b><u>W/T Ranch:</u></b> 66		<b>49, 52, 55, 63</b>
<b><u>N/ P Ranch:</u></b> 66		<b>50, 53, 56, 64</b>
<b><u>Open Ranch:</u></b> 66		<b>51, 54, 57, 65</b>

**YEAR-END OVERALL HIGH POINT AWARD:**

**The MRVHA Year-end Overall High Point Horse and Exhibitor Award will be presented at the Annual Membership and Awards Banquet for the greatest number of points earned by the same exhibitor/horse combination during the 2019 MRVHA show season under a minimum of three judges. Showing under four judges increases the opportunities for more points. Note: Schooling show wins are not eligible for any year-end high point awards.**

**This award is open to all divisions; pleasure and ranch horses can cross enter. The exhibitor/horse combination must be the same to count for this award. No substitutions will be permitted.**

**The Overall High Point Horse and Exhibitor Award will be made only if there are a minimum of five members competing for the award. A nomination fee of \$100 is due by the April show to qualify. Nomination forms are available on the MRVHA website and at MRVHA's first two shows. Nomination fees will be refunded only in the case that five exhibitor/horse combinations do not apply for this award by the due date. No other exceptions for refunds will apply.**

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

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

**Adopted: January 1, 2019**