



MOJAVE RIVER VALLEY HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS

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 are 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 pay \$15.00 per added class. Anyone not pre-entered will pay \$15.00/class the day of the show. Entry fees for schooling shows will be \$5.00.
10. MRVHA maintains a strict **no-refund** policy for any classes scratched by the exhibitor, or failure to appear for a scheduled class.
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. *Gate holds are 15 minutes.*
12. 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.

13. 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.
14. 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.
15. Stallions may NOT be handled by junior (under 18 years of age) exhibitors. Stallions must be under control at all times.
16. 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.
17. Lead line exhibitors (8 & under) must be led by a handler 16 years and over. A halter is required under the bridle for the handler.
 - 17a. It is optional as to whether the Lead liner or the "Leader" works the gate or mailbox.
 - 17b. Lead line halter exhibitors shall wear a Western hat or helmet. Lead line riders will be required to wear a helmet.
18. No chains permitted in the Two & Under lunge line class.
19. Walk/Trot classes are to be judged on the exhibitor (one horse/rider combination) only and this combination may NOT cross-enter ANY canter/lope (3-gait) class.
20. Color - Pinto/Paint, Buckskin, Dun, Appaloosa, and Palomino – must have color/pattern/characteristics as defined in registry.
21. Non-Color –Horses without the above color breed characteristics shall enter the "non-color" halter class.
22. 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.
23. Minis/Ponies may not enter the Horse Halter class or Two & under lunge line class.
24. Exhibitors who receive any compensation for training, etc., shall not be permitted to enter NP Ranch classes.
25. All Ranch Halter classes will enter the arena at the same time but be judged by class division (W/T, NP, Open).
26. Western Pleasure/Equitation horses 5 years and under may be shown in a Bosal or Snaffle with two hands on the reins. Any horse 6 years and over must be ridden with a Shank bit and shall be ridden with one hand on the reins.
27. Ranch horses may be shown in Bosal or Snaffle regardless of age with two hands on the reins. Any horse ridden with a Shank bit shall be ridden with one hand on the reins.
28. No mechanical hackamore, no side pulls and no bitless bridles.
29. 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.
30. Ranch and Pleasure horses are allowed to cross enter Divisions.

31. In all pattern classes (Trail, Horsemanship, Showmanship, Mini in-hand Jumping and Mini Driving), exhibitors will be penalized—but not disqualified—for missing or incompletely performing an obstacle, provided the pattern is executed in the correct order. However, these exhibitors will be placed below those who complete all required maneuvers.

A score of zero (disqualification) will be assigned for the following:

- a. Use of illegal equipment
- b. Willful abuse
- c. Major disobedience or schooling
- d. Use of two hands on the reins (see Rules 26 and 27)

32. 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 shirts, 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.

33. Awards:

a) Ribbons will be presented for 1st through 6th place for each class shown.

b) Daily MRVHA HIGH Point Award Divisions are:

Halter, Lead line (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	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
6+ exhibitors	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					

g) In order to be eligible for Year-end awards, exhibitors MUST show in at least two of the three Point Shows offered by MRVHA and pay **Exhibitor Sponsorship**.

34. Exhibitor Sponsorship:

Exhibitor Sponsorship amount if paid by:

April Show - \$50.00

May Show - \$75.00

September Show - \$100.00

35. To qualify for daily High Point awards. Each exhibitor must show in 3 or more riding classes, Minis in 3 or more in-hand and/or driving classes and the Halter class in your division. Halter, Lead line and Two & Under must show in all 3 classes in their divisions. Daily High Point tiebreaker is the most 1st place wins.

Division	Halter	Showmanship	Riding/Performance
Halter	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7		
Leadline (8 & under)	11		17, 18
Two & under	1		16, 20
Western (17 & under)	9	12	30, 34, 39
Western (18 & over)	10	13	31, 35, 40
Western W/T (17 & under)	9	12	28, 32, 37
Western W/T (18 & over)	10	13	29, 33, 38
Western open	8	14	26, 27, 36, 41
Mini & Pony	7	15	19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25
Ranch W/T (17 & under)	54		42, 46, 50
Ranch W/T (18 & over)	54		43, 47, 51
N/P Ranch	55		44, 48, 52
Open Ranch	56		45, 49, 53

Perpetual Awards			
Nima Diamond Award for Driving			23, 24, 25
Roelle Award for High Point Open Horse*			
* Mini/Pony	7, 8	15	19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25
* Horse	8	14	26, 27, 36, 41, 45, 49, 53, 56
HF Artistic Babe High Point Halter	1 through 11		

Memorial Buckle Classes			
Heather Nielsen Obediece			26
Megan Sapalicio & Riverside Pinup Horsemanship			27
Jere Miller Trail			41
Nicole Peacock High Point Showmanship		12 or 13	

*One Roelle Award for High Point Open Horse will be given for either a mini/pony OR a Horse. See class requirements for each.

** The gaits for the Megan Sapalicio & Riverside Pinup Horsemanship Buckle Class, specifically Walk-Trot (WT) and Walk-Trot-Lope (WTL), shall be determined by the Board of Directors prior to the first point show of each show season. Once established, the selected gaits shall remain in effect for all point shows conducted during that season.

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

36. Other rules may be adopted after the date below.

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

Adopted: Revised and approved April 10, 2026