

Hat Creek Equine Club Bylaws

- 2026 Membership fee is \$25 per rider with any horse. Family membership \$40 for members residing at the same address.
- Required to bring a current coggins for us to copy and keep on file.
- Hat Creek Equine Club (HCEC) cannot ascertain any rider or horse's level; it is up to you to place you and your horse in the proper level of experience within a class or division. We trust your decision as to what level you belong coincided with other shows, the decision you make will follow you throughout the year and coming years. We reserve the right to extract any rider or horse that does not belong in the appropriate classes for their level of experience.
- Age of rider of January 1st of current year decides age eligibility for class entry. Youth riders are riders 17 years and younger as of January 1st.
- ALL YOUTH RIDERS MUST WEAR an American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) standard Safety Equipment Institute (SEI) approved equestrian helmet. ASTM approved helmets must be worn by all riders regardless of age or discipline during dressage shows and jumping classes.
- Age of horse is determined by how old the horse will be that fiscal year. Example: If your horse turns 3 on April 5 your horse is a 3-year-old that year.
- HCEC will follow American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) rules for Open Shows and United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) rules for dressage shows unless otherwise stated in the bylaws.
- Riders/volunteers MUST sign a waiver releasing HCEC and Toms Performance Horses, LLC of all liability to any/all injuries while riding or attending our shows and grounds. The waiver is found on the entry form for each event.
- As a curtesy, please remove or spread ALL MANURE left by your horses, throw it back in your trailer and take it home, or stay after and help load manure up for disposal!!
- Judge will decide what the requirements will be for participants to accomplish a tie break. Any members that have tied MUST be present for a tiebreaker to take place. Absence from the tiebreaker will be grounds for forfeiture.
- Members must compete 3 out of 4 horse shows and/or 2 out of 3 trail competitions to qualify for year end awards.

- There must be 3 or more entries in a class for classes with obstacles to be set-up, otherwise class will be canceled. This includes all trail classes and jumping.
- Riders and horses can cross enter in pleasure classes and ranch classes. In addition, riders can cross enter in canter/lope classes and walk/trot or jog classes.
- No training aids allowed in the ring during a Judged.
- Judge's decision is final!! Judge has the authority to dismiss any competitor for improper conduct. Report any problems to the show secretary; please refrain from asking questions to Judge during a class.
- Should excessive weather conditions arise 90° degrees and above the board may call the show.
- HCEC has an online sign-up option for classes. Online sign-up will be Open for two weeks and closed on Wednesday 9pm prior to the show date. Please email tomsperformancehorses@gmail.com as soon as possible if you know you are not able to attend after doing online sign-up.
- There will be a 30 second gate call, please be prepared to enter the ring when called, once gate is closed classes will start and there will be no entry in the ring and no refund of money.
- Abuse will not be tolerated in or out of the ring.
- No alcohol, profanity, and illegal substance is allowed on the show grounds. You will be asked to leave immediately.
- ***No dogs allowed on premises.***
- ***No Stallions allowed on premises.***
- Broken and illegal tack will disqualify you from a judged class. If you are unsure if your tack is legal for a specific class, please check with show manager before entering judged class.
- Proper tack/attire required for each event, during hot weather certain attire will be optional, to be announced day of the show.
- A \$35 check fee will be charged for returned checks, any unpaid balances will be cause for elimination at future shows and year-end awards.
- Any misconduct will be reviewed by club officers, we reserve the right to proceed with any disciplinary action if deemed necessary.

Membership:

- Membership Term: January 1 to December 31.
- Points will not count until membership is paid. Example if you pay membership at the May show April points will NOT count. Membership rates are reasonable, and all fees are used to support the club and coordinate shows and year end awards.

Points:

- 1st place = 6pts, 2nd place = 5pts, 3rd place = 4pts, 4th place = 3pts, 5th place = 2pts, 6th place = 1pt
- 3 riders constitute a class. Reserve and Champion ribbons will be given when 4 or more riders fill a division. Show management reserves the right to split or combine any class.
- Riders are responsible for knowing which classes to enter if there is a question, please ask before entering.

All Breed Horse Show Year-End Awards:

- Year-end division winners do have to be a member.
- Members must compete 3 out of 4 horse shows and/or 2 out of 3 trail competitions to qualify for year-end awards.

High Point All Breed Horse Show Divisions:

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| • Youth Hunter Pleasure | • Beginner Western Rider |
| • Adult Hunter Pleasure | • Youth Ranch Riding |
| • Beginner Hunter Rider | • Adult Ranch Riding |
| • Beginner Hunter Horse/Pony | • Youth Western Pleasure |
| • Open English Pleasure | • Adult Western Pleasure |
| • Mini/Pony Division | • Gaited Horse |
| • Coached Division | |

Daniel Toms High Point Western Pleasure Memorial Trophy

Awarded to the member who has the highest number of points in any Western Pleasure class for the year. Winner must compete on the same horse in all shows in the series.

High Point Trail Competition Classes:

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| • In-Hand Trail | • Miniature Horse In-Hand Trail |
| • Leadline | • Novice Rider Trail |
| • Open Youth Trail | • Novice Horse Trail |
| • Open Adult Trail | |

Michael Laughlin High Point Open Trail Memorial Trophy Awarded to the member who has the highest number of points in Open Trail (youth or adult) for the year.

Hat Creek Equine Club All Breed Horse Show Class Descriptions

- **Halter:** These classes are to be judged on the horse's conformation only.
- **Showmanship:** This is not a halter class. The ideal showmanship performance consists of a poised, confident, neatly attired exhibitor leading a well-conditioned and groomed horse that performs the requested pattern with smoothness, willingness, and precision. Show Management will post the pattern before the show starts.
- **Hunter Pleasure:** Divided into two divisions youth and adult. Judged as a performance class. Consists of 7 classes: Model Hunter, Showmanship, Hunter Pleasure walk/trot, Hunter Pleasure Go As You Please, Hunter Pleasure walk/trot/canter, Hunt Seat Equitation walk/trot, and Hunt Seat Equitation walk/trot/canter.
- **Beginner Hunter Horse/Pony:** In each particular division, a horse will be considered a beginner for 12 months from the first date of show. Note: a horse changing divisions between english and western or vice-versa can be shown as a beginner for 12 months in the new division. If a horse/rider moves up from beginner level before the one-year expiration, he/she cannot return to beginner status. An entry in this class may not show in any other over fences class at the same show (except Hunter Hack) and may not cross enter to Beginner Hunter rider. Consists of 3 classes: Beginner Hunter Horse/Pony walk/trot, Beginner Hunter Horse/Pony Go As You Please, and Beginner Hunter Horse/Pony walk/trot/canter.
- **Beginner Hunter Rider Division:** To be judged as an equitation Class. Intended for riders of any age beginning their show experience. Riders may not show in any other over fences class at the same show (Except Hunter Hack). A Beginner Hunter Rider is one that is starting their show career. If a rider moves up from beginner level before the one-year expiration, he/she cannot return to beginner status. Riders cannot cross enter to Beginner Horse/Pony. Rider will be considered a beginner for 12 months from the first date of showing in any discipline. A rider may win this division only once. Consists of 3 classes: Beginner Hunter Rider walk/trot, Beginner Hunter Rider Go As You Please, and Beginner Hunter Rider walk/trot/canter.
- **Ranch Horse Division:** Divided into two divisions youth and adult. The purpose of the Ranch Riding horse should reflect the versatility, attitude, and movement of a working horse. The horse's performance should simulate a horse riding outside the confines of an arena and that of a working ranch horse. It consists of 7 classes: Ranch Model, Showmanship, Ranch Riding walk/jog, Ranch Riding Go As You Please, Ranch Riding walk/jog/lope, Ranch Riding pattern walk/jog, and Ranch Riding pattern walk/jog/lope.
- **English Pleasure Divisions:** Open to all ages of rider. Judged as a performance class. Consists of 5 classes: Model English, Showmanship, English Pleasure walk/trot, English Pleasure Go As You Please, and English Pleasure walk/trot/canter.

- **Gaited Horse Division:** Open to horses bred for natural ambling gaits, which are smooth, four-beat gaits. The judging criteria like performance, presence, quality, and conformation. Consists of 3 classes Gaited GAYP, Gaited Trail Pleasure GAYP, and Gaited Equitation GAYP
- **Coached Division:** Coach allowed in the ring and to give verbal assistance. Coaches allowed to assist rider if safety is in jeopardy. Riders may cross enter to Leadline, and Model only. A rider may only win this division once. Consists of 4 classes Coached Walk Only, Coached GAYP, and Coached Equitation GAYP
- **Beginner Western Rider Division:** Judged as a performance class. Intended for riders of any age beginning their show experience. Riders to be considered beginners for twelve months from their first show date in any discipline. A rider may win this division only once. Consists of 3 classes: Beginner Western Rider walk/jog, Beginner Western Rider Go As You Please, and Beginner Western Rider walk/jog/lope.
- **Western Pleasure Division:** Divided into two divisions youth and adult. Judged as a performance class. Consists of 7 classes: Model Western, Showmanship, Western Pleasure walk/jog, Western Pleasure Go As You Please, Western Pleasure walk/jog/lope, Stockseat Equitation walk/jog, and Stockseat Equitation walk/jog/lope.
- **Miniature Horse/Pony Division:** Open to any equine 14.2 and under. Consists of 3 classes: Miniature Horse/Pony Model, Miniature Horse/Pony Showmanship, and Miniature Horse/Pony Obstacle.

Hat Creek Equine Club Trail Competition Class Descriptions

- **In-Hand Trail:** Open to anyone. Entries may cross enter in either novice or open.
- **Mini In-Hand Trail:** Open to any miniature equine to be shown in-hand.
- **Coached or Leadline Trail:** Open to riders ages 10 and under who cannot ride without assistance. Must be led or coach assisted at all times. Can not cross enter in any other class.
- **Novice Rider Trail:** Open to any age rider in their first year of competing trail. Entries may not cross enter on open trail.
- **Novice Horse Trail:** Open to any horse or pony in their first year of competing trail. Entries may not cross enter in open trail.
- **Open Trail:** Divided into two divisions youth and adult. Entries may not cross enter in novice.