

Meridian Riding Club- Ranch Riding Show Rules and Information

1. Appropriate attire is a long sleeved collared shirt, jeans, belt, boots and hat or helmet. Chaps or chinks are optional. Spurs are allowed.
2. Western saddle and tack. Breast collar and back cinch allowed. NO bling or lots of silver on tack.
3. NO Training Aids (draw reins, tie downs, neck stretchers, ect.)
4. Split reins can be used or Romels are allowed. NO Loop/barrel reins.
5. Green Horse = a horse in its first or second year showing in that particular class.
6. Riders wanting to show two handed must do so in a non shanked snaffle bit (any age okay).
7. NO Twisted wire bits and NO crops.
8. Following AQHA guidelines, no mane bands, fake tail extensions or hoof black shall be used. The horse should have a natural appearance. Silver on saddles will not count against the exhibitor, but shall also not earn any credit.
9. The Ranch Riding class is a pattern class with multiple maneuvers that demonstrate the horse and exhibitors ability to navigate as a team and perform functions one would see in a working ranch horse. Each maneuver is scored by the judge with zero being average. Exhibitors start with a score of 70 and at the end of the pattern a score is tabulated by the scribe for final results.
10. The Ranch Conformation class is basically a halter class. You will be asked to walk your horse towards the judge and then trot away into the head to tail lineup. You will then set your horse up for inspection,
11. The Ranch Rail class is a rail class in which you will be asked to demonstrate the requested gaits both regular and extended. The desired result is a lengthening of stride and not a speed contest. The exhibitor can post or stand during the extended trot. For all walk/trot patterns, exhibitors are to trot where it says lope.
12. For the Ranch Trial class, a walk through will be allowed before the first class. No horses may be on course. Riders on foot may walk the course and ask any questions. Youth, walk/trot and green horses will not be required to drag the log (see pattern).
13. Buckles and Series Highpoint Awards – Awards for Buckles will be given to the Highpoint winner for the series in each division: Youth 18 & under, Green Horse/ Rider, W/T Green Horse Rider, and Open Division. Conformation Series Highpoint winner will be awarded Trophy Show Halter. To be eligible you must attend all shows in the series.
14. Riders will be provided with a rider #. The number will be a set of two. Rider must place number on each side of the saddle pad.