



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.
2. Green Horse = a horse in its first or second year showing in that particular class.
3. Riders wanting to show two handed must do so in a non-shanked snaffle bit (any age okay).
4. Ranch Riding Class High Score Award Rules:
 - a. An award will be given to the high score walk/trot and walk/trot/lope exhibitors who achieve the highest score in a ranch riding pattern in their respective division. The award is a certificate for a one night stall and entry paid for the WSQHA "Green as Grass" class at the August Fiesta Show in Monroe, WA. The exhibitor must be eligible to enter the "Green as Grass" class. To be eligible, the exhibitor must have never won a belt buckle at an AQHA show in Ranch Riding. If the high score exhibitor is ineligible, the award will be given to the next highest scoring exhibitor who is eligible. Any ties will be broken by the judge's score in the "natural ranch appearance" box on the score sheet.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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,
8. 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.
9. 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).