

Challenge Classes

These classes will be run as sweepstakes classes and will pay back!

Hands Free Showmanship

Exhibitors will lead their horse into the arena with halter and lead and get set-up at the first cone. Once the horse is set at the cone, the exhibitor will tie the lead around the horse's neck in a simple loop and knot. Exhibitors will not be disqualified for touching the lead during the pattern but will be penalized accordingly.

Synchronized Showmanship

Can you and your partner perform in sync?! An entry for this event consists of two horse/exhibitor pairs, executing the same showmanship pattern side-by-side. Exhibitors will perform with the goal of staying in step with their partner while still maintaining correctness throughout the maneuvers! Patterns will be scored as usual with an additional "synchronization" score added to each pair's total.

Bridleless Western Pleasure

Sho'case those broke pleasure horses! This class will be ridden entirely without a bridle (neck loops required). The neck strap must be a closed loop and exhibitors will ride holding the strap. It is the exhibitor's discretion to ride either with one or two hands on the neck strap. Exhibitors will be given a short warm up period prior to the class to ensure that all horses are safe and under control.

Bareback Horsemanship

Put your seat to the test! This is a bareback horsemanship class featuring a pattern! Rail work may be performed at the judges' discretion.

Bareback Equitation

Same as above. Get those posting legs ready!