



Challenge Classes

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

(Exception: Granny Smith Apple Challenge classes – these will receive special trophies/prizes)

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.

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!

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.

Granny Smith Challenge

This event is oftentimes referred to as an "apple race" or "apple ride". Exhibitors will be given an apple to be tucked between their chin and chest. Riders will then find a place on the rail and will perform a variety of maneuvers as requested. If your apple slips out, you're done! Riders may not re-position their apple with their hands or arms. Last remaining rider wins!