



ALL BREED HORSE SHOW June 13-14, 2026

HORSE SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. From the 2023 AQHA Rule Book: To enhance the humane standards to which American Quarter Horses are subjected for competition and training, uniform guidelines regarding bits and equipment are outlined in VIOLATIONS. In western classes, horses 5 years old and younger may be shown in a snaffle bit, hackamore, curb bit, half-breed or spade bit. Horses 6 years old and older may only be shown in a curb bit, half-breed or spade bit. Chin straps are required and must meet the approval of the judge, must be at least one-half inch in width, and must lie flat against the jaw of the horse. Prohibited equipment in western classes include jerk lines, tiedowns with bare metal in contact with the horse's head, extremely tight cavesson or noseband and tack collars. Prohibited equipment in English classes includes draw reins and roweled spurs. Standing or running martingales are also prohibited except in working hunter, jumping and equitation over fences.
2. The Valleyview Show Committee reserves the right to decide any point not covered by the rules and to correct any error and create alternatives, if necessary, to the rules, prizes or programs. It is strongly recommended that competitors carry their own insurance.
3. Exhibitors must ascertain when their entries will be judged. Animals must be in the hitching ring promptly after being called as calling of the classes is a **courtesy** only.
4. Exhibitors must know any / all patterns before entering their class. If they do not know their patterns, they will not place.
5. A class that has less than three entries may be cancelled or combined with another class at the discretion of the committee members. The Judges' decision is final. Any harassment of the Judge will disqualify the exhibitor. Please approach the Committee if there are any concerns or questions.
6. Horses are classified as over 14.2 hands, ponies as 14.2 hands and under, except for the case of purebred horses which may be under 14.2. Classes may be cancelled or combined with another class at the discretion of the Committee. A class with a large entry may be split where size is specified.
7. A horse shall be considered one year old on the 1st of January following the actual date of foaling. Age of junior horse – 5 years and under as of January 1st of the show year.
8. All senior horses shown western must be shown in full bridle, one handed except in Western Dressage.
9. The Committee reserves the right to modify any expectations of any single horse/rider combination in respect to number of classes entered. The Valleyview Show Committee is an advocate for the horses' welfare and will limit classes.

10. Jumping limited to 2 consecutive height divisions per horse.
11. Abuse will not be tolerated or unruly or ill-mannered entries.
12. Age of juniors: A: 15-17 years, B: 12-14 years, C: 11 & 12 years, Pee Wees: 10 and under. Ages of January 1st of the show year. If there are enough Junior riders entered, classes will be split according to ages notes above. If there are enough entries adult classes will be split at the discretion of the Committee.
13. No junior may participate in the horse show without delegated adult or parent in attendance. Parent must sign show form and waiver.
14. Proper attire for horses and riders is required in all classes. **Protective headgear is mandatory over fences and is mandatory for youth under 18** and is recommended for all riders in all classes. Helmets are recommended in western classes and use will not be penalized.
15. No cross entries between any divisions.
16. Maiden horse has never won a 1st place. Novice horse has not won 3 1st at A class shows.
17. Maiden rider has never won a 1st place. Novice rider has not won 3 1st at A class shows.
18. 4-H incentive – must be a current member for show year. Proof of membership is required.

ENTRIES

1. Entries must be postmarked on or before May 31st, 2026. Post entries are accepted up to one hour before the start of the show @ a flat \$20.00 (+GST) late charge plus any regular class fee. Class additions for pre-entered horses accepted at regular class fees.
2. Entries \$5.00 for all classes except for Dressage and Western Dressage, or any other classes as specified. An office charge of \$10 per horse will be charged. A separate registration form will be required for each horse. This is to ensure that the correct horse and rider combinations are matched to the correct classes and numbers.
3. Numbers will be assigned to each rider or handler and must be worn where clearly visible to the Judge. A \$10.00 number deposit will be refunded upon return of the number in good condition.
4. Entries to be made on horse show entry forms. Exhibitors canceling after the entries have been paid will forfeit entry fee except on receipt of vet certificate or medical note. Other extenuating circumstances shall be considered individually by the Committee.
5. Waivers must be signed and sent with entry forms presented before the show to be assigned a number.
6. Ribbons to 6th place and payment will be awarded after each class to 4th place. **These payments are the responsibility of the winners as the show committee will not be responsible if they are lost or stolen.**
7. Due to sponsorship challenges, the Committee reserves the right to reduce class payout in accordance with sponsorship levels. This may include dropping the payout placings and/or reducing the amounts paid. Prize money to be paid to 4th place (1st-\$20.00, 2nd-\$15.00, 3rd - \$10.00, 4th - \$5.00) excluding equitation, showmanship and trophy classes. All stakes' class payouts are added money plus 75% of entry fees.
 1. Prize money payout for stakes classes – 40%, 30%, 20%, 10%.
 2. Costume class payout – 40%, 30%, 20%, 10%.

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

DRESSAGE - *Wild Rose Approved Show. All Dressage riders must have AEF membership and a day membership can be purchased at the show. *Any level past First Level can only ride in 3 tests English & Western combined. Same horse/rider combination. Riders are responsible for their own readers. All tests done in 20x60 arena using EC tests.

WESTERN DRESSAGE - Western Style Dressage Association of Canada website to download tests.
<http://westernstyledressage.ca/tests.html>.

HALTER - The horse is judged based upon its conformation, overall appearance, and usefulness. Conformation is defined as the physical appearance of a horse due to the arrangement of muscle, bone, and other body tissues.

SHOWMANSHIP- English or Western - Horses to be shown in hand. Handler is to be judged on ability to show horse and on the appearance of the horses grooming and condition. Tack should be neat, clean and in good repair and the exhibitor should be in suitable attire for the discipline shown. A pattern will be posted.

MAIDEN RIDER – Any rider who has not won a 1st place in a show. The Maiden Rider classes will be placed. No cross entries with the Giddy-Up & Ride division.

GIDDY-UP & RIDE! – This division is designed for first time entry level exhibitor who has under 1 year of horse show experience. The horse & rider combination is eligible to compete in this division ONCE. The Giddy Up & Ride classes are not placed though are to be ridden at the walk, trot/jog and canter/lope and are for experience and fun. This is not for seasoned show riders. The Valleyview Show Committee has the right to divide the class into Sr & Jr riders if the number of participants permits. If division sponsorship permits, there will be prizes for the riders. No cross entries with the Maiden Rider classes.

4-H INCENTIVE CLASSES – This is not a sperate class. If the rider would like to be recognized, please check off the 4-H incentive option.

Note: In all 4-H incentive classes the 1st place 4-H member will be awarded a prize.

ENGLISH PLEASURE - The horse shall give the distinct appearance of being a pleasure to ride. To perform at a walk, trot and canter. English attire and tack used with emphasis on informality. Since this is a pleasure English riding horse- performance (45%), manners (40%) and conformation (15%) are desired in that order.

ENGLISH PLEASURE MAIDEN HORSE - For horses who have not won an English Pleasure class prior to January 1 of the show year. To be judged same as the English Pleasure class.

OLDER THAN DIRT ENGLISH PLEASURE - Rider must be 50 years of age or older. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter. To be judged on performance, manners and apparent ability to give a good pleasure ride.

ENGLISH EQUITATION- To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways. Individual work may be required at judges' discretion. Riders to be judged on seat, hands, and ability to control the horse. This class is to determine the ability of the rider. Results shown by the performance of the horse are not considered more important than the method used to obtain them. There will be a pattern posted to be memorized and ridden at individual times.

PEEWEE PLEASURE & EQUITATION – This is a new class for Peewee's 10 & under whom can walk, trot and canter on their own in a safe manner. Certain classes qualify for Hi Point.

Note: ** No cross entries with Peewee Lead line, Peewee Walk / Trot or Pony and Pal.**

TRAIL- Trail Class will be open Sunday from 10:00 am-2:00 pm.

This class will be judged on the performance of the horse over obstacles, with emphasis on manners, response to the rider and quality of movement. Credit will be given to horses negotiating the obstacles with style and some degree of speed, providing correctness is not sacrificed. Horses should receive credit for showing attentiveness to the obstacles and the capability of picking their own way through the course when obstacles warrant it and willingly responding to the rider's cues on more difficult obstacles. Attire to be English or Western. Class to be posted a minimum of one hour before class.

COSTUME – To be judged on a creative and unique costume with originality, quality, suitability and safety. Horses are to be a part of the costume and well mannered, shown at a walk. Peewee's can be led by an adult. Payout for this class 1st - 40%, 2nd – 30%, 3rd – 20%, 4th – 10%.

PEEWEE LEAD LINE – Shown English or Western. Ages 10 and under. Peewee's are to be led at the walk by an adult.
*Note: ** No cross entries with the Peewee English and Western flat classes***

PEEWEE WALK/TROT – Shown English or Western. Ages 10 and under. Peewee's are to be led at the walk and trot/jog around the arena.
*Note: ** No cross entries with the Peewee English and Western flat classes***

PONY & PAL – Shown English or Western. Ages 10 and under and are to ride independently at the walk and jog/trot. Pony to be 14.2 hands and under. Judged on showmanship, performance and attire.
*Note: ** No cross entries with Peewee Lead line Classes or Peewee English and Western Flat Classes***

WESTERN PLEASURE- A good western pleasure horse has a free- flowing stride of reasonable length in keeping with its conformation. The horse should cover a reasonable amount of ground with little effort. Ideally, the horse should have a balanced, flowing motion, while exhibiting correct gaits that are of proper cadence. The quality of movement and the consistency of gaits is a major consideration. The horse should carry its head and neck above the level of the withers. The horse should not carry its head behind the vertical, giving the appearance of intimidation, or be excessively nosed out, giving a resistant appearance. The horse's head should be level with its nose slightly in front of the vertical, having a bright expression with its ears alert. The horse should be shown on a reasonably loose rein, but with light contact and control. The horse should be responsive, yet smooth in transitions when called for. When asked to extend, the horse should move out with the same flowing motion. Maximum credit should be given to the flowing, balanced and willingness of the horse which gives the appearance of being fit and a pleasure to ride.

WESTERN PLEASURE MAIDEN HORSE – For horses who have not won a Western Pleasure class prior to January 1 of the show year. To be judged the same as the Western Pleasure class.

OLDER THAN DIRT WESTERN PLEASURE – Rider must be 50 years of age or older. To be shown at a walk, jog and lope. To be judged on performance, manners and apparent ability to give a good pleasure ride.

WESTERN EQUITATION- To be shown at a walk, jog, lope, both ways. Individual work may be required at the judges' discretion. Riders to be judged on seat, hands, and the ability to control the horse. This class is to determine the ability of the rider. Results shown by the performance of the horse are not considered more important than the method used to obtain them. There will be a pattern posted to be memorized and ridden at individual times.

PAIRS- Open to English & Western, but pairs must be the same discipline. Riders are to be judged on synchronization of the horses and riders. Open to all breeds. Shown at a flat-foot walk, normal jog or trot, and easy lope or canter.

COMBINATION SENIOR/JUNIOR - One entry fee per pair. Can be ridden either English or Western. Open to all breeds. Shown at a flat-foot walk, normal jog or trot and easy lope or canter. Same horse first half ridden by senior rider and second half ridden by junior. If there are enough entries the class will be split into English and Western.

TWO- WAY VERSATILITY - Horses enter ring under Western tack at a walk and be judged as in a Western Pleasure class. Then line up, change to English tack and be judged as an English Pleasure class. Only one rider is permitted, and one groom is mandatory. Each of the two ways counts equally. A prize may be offered to the fastest groom!

RIDE-A \$5'ER - Bring a \$5.00 bill which will be placed behind your leg. Rider is to ride bareback. The last person with the \$5.00 remaining will win all the \$5.00 bills in the class!

FAMILY CLASS – To be ridden English or Western. A minimum of 2 generations are to be entered. The family will be judged on the synchronization of the horses and riders. Open to all breeds. Shown at a flat-foot walk, normal jog or trot, and easy lope or canter.

CARROT CLASS – Riders are to use a treat to have their horse or pony follow them through a pattern, without being led. The participants will be timed. Classes will be split if there are enough SR, JR or PW riders.

POLES – Riders are to complete a timed pole bending pattern. Classes will be split if there are enough SR, JR or PW riders.

BARRELS – Riders are to complete a timed barrel pattern. Classes will be split if there are enough SR, JR or PW riders.

KEYHOLE- A timed event where the rider travels through a 4' opening, stops and turns their horse around in a 16' diameter space and leaves the keyhole pattern back the way they came without their horse crossing over the line. The horse crossing the line will result in a No Time for the rider.

HUNTER- Disobedience will be elimination (2 refusals, fall of horse or rider, or off course)

Eliminated competitors may jump one fence already jumped or the attempted fence for schooling purposes before leaving the arena. **No courtesy jump after a fall of a horse or rider.

Requirements are the same for JUMPER division EXCEPT:

NOT PERMITTED; Horse boots, bandages, figure 8/flash nosebands or white/colored browbands.

Standing martingales and hunting breastplates are optional and may only be used in the over fence classes, not permissible in hunter hack or under saddle classes.

A.S.T.M. Approved riding helmets with secure harness **mandatory** for all jumping classes.

JUMPER – English attire must be worn. A.S.T.M. approved riding helmets are mandatory with a fitted safety harness. English bridles and bits are permitted. Bridles must be leather; brow bands made of leather and not colored. Saddle must be English or forward seat. Boots and Bandages are optional. Whip shall not be longer than 30cm and not weighted. Open to horses and ponies. The event is judged on faults and/or time. In the event of a tie for first place, a timed jump off will be held. Jumpers to be scored as follows:

Knockdown – 4 Faults

1st Refusal – 3 Faults

2nd Refusal – Elimination

Off Course – Elimination

Fall of horse/rider – Elimination

Jump off is scored the same as above. Eliminated competitors may jump one fence already jumped, or the attempted fence for schooling purposes before leaving the arena. **No curtesy jumps after a fall of the horse or rider**. Junior riders must have a parent or guardian in attendance, and the parent must sign the waiver and show form. Table A is a single round with a timed jump off.