



PALMER RIVER EQUESTRIAN CENTER

2025 OPEN HORSE SHOW DIVISION DESCRIPTIONS

IN-HAND SHOWMANSHIP

Open to all riders. To be shown leading your horse, wearing a halter or bridle, through a series of simple maneuvers, walking, jogging, backing, turning or circling may be asked. The horse itself is not judged on its conformation. You will be judged on how well you show your horse to its best advantage.

WALK-TROT OPEN

For riders of all ages and disciplines, no professionals. To be shown at walk and trot. Rider may not cross-enter any class required to canter.

BEGINNER WALK-TROT

For all ages and disciplines in their first year of showing.

GREEN HORSE AND PONY

Open to green horses and ponies that are new to the show ring. To be shown at a walk and trot only. Professionals welcome!

OPEN

For riders of all ages, disciplines and professionals. To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter.

BEGINNER WALK-TROT-CANTER

Open to beginner riders of all ages and disciplines new to cantering at a show. Cantering will be split into small groups.

LEAD LINE

Open to riders of all ages who require a leader. Therapeutic riders welcome. Leaders must be 14 or older.

WESTERN RIDER

Open to western riders of all ages. To be shown at a walk, jog, and lope.

TRAIL

Riders and their horses will navigate a welcoming course of obstacles designed to mimic real-world trail challenges. To be judged on the horse's manners, riders control, and the horse's ability to respond to cues efficiently.

HACK

Combination of flat and two (2) fences.

ALL STIRRUP

Open to all ages. Fences 18" in height. Course can be ridden at the trot or canter. Simple lead changes will not be penalized.

ELEMENTARY

Open to all ages. Fences 2' in height. Simple lead changes will not be penalized.

SPECIAL HUNTER

Open to all ages, no professionals. Judged on the horse's manners, performance, suitability, and soundness. Simple lead changes will not be penalized. Fences 2'3" in height.

CHILD/ADULT AMATEUR

Open to horses and ponies, riders seventeen (17) years of age and under, or adult amateurs. Fences 2'6" in height. Simple lead changes will not be penalized.