

Hesperia Wranglers 2021 Show Rules



**Events are the second Saturday of each month at
Val Shearer Equestrian Center,
Hesperia Lakes,
Hesperia**

Season starts in March and runs through November

Registration opens at 8:00 a.m.

Gymkhanas begin at 9:00 a.m.

Summer hours may vary.

***Rain Date: The third Saturday of the month
following the original show date***

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Hesperia Wranglers, Inc. & adaptations from AQHA rules

**** It is your responsibility to read and know the
Hesperia Wranglers By-Laws and Show Rules. ****

For Year End Awards & Gymkhana points to count

each contestant must:

1. Be a member of the Hesperia Wranglers Inc.
- 2. Compete in six (6) gymkhanas. Note: to be eligible for award saddles, a class must have a minimum of three (3) sponsored riders who each attend at least four (4) shows.**
3. Meet all the requirements to qualify for year-end awards.
4. Work a minimum of one (1) event per show:
 - * Riders must sign up for the event they are going to work when signing up at the booth in the morning. ALL riders must sign up to tear down at the end of the day at least once during the year. Failure to work scheduled work hours will result in rider receiving progressive discipline. Sponsorship of show/work hours is permitted if prearranged with Show Committee.
5. Each family must attend & sign in for at least four (4) General Meetings. **(Does not include the November or December meeting) 1/20, 2/17, 3/17, 4/21, 5/19, 6/16, 7/21, 8/18, 9/15, 10/20.**
6. All riders who want to qualify for year-end awards must have a minimum of \$100.00 worth of sponsorships to qualify for year-end points. The sponsorships must be in no later than the **July show. No late sponsorships will be accepted.**
7. Applicants who submit membership applications at a horse show must attend the next General Meeting after that event. If you fail to attend that next General Meeting your points will **not count** for that show. *Keep in mind that until you attend a meeting your points will not count. **General Meetings are held the: 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. @ Lime St Park Mojave Room (alternatively held via Zoom until further email notice).**

*Non-Members are welcomed guests and
qualify for High Point of the Day.

****All year-end awards are subject to available funds****

Wrangler Special Champs - Champion/Reserve Buckles
Lead Line (7 & under) - Champion/Reserve Buckles
Lil Wrangler (10 & under) - Champion/Reserve Buckles
Youth Novice (17 & under) - Champion/Reserve Buckles
Adult Novice (18 & over) - Champion/Reserve Buckles
Green Horse (open) - Champion/Reserve Buckles
12 & under - Champion saddles and Reserve Champion Buckles
13 thru 17 - Champion saddles and Reserve Champion Buckles
18 thru 39 - Champion saddles and Reserve Champion Buckles
40 & over - Champion saddles and Reserve Champion Buckles

*Violation of any show rule will result in
progressive disciplinary action as per the Hesperia Wranglers By-Laws. Article X Section 3
1st occasion...oral reprimand at a Board meeting
2nd occasion...written reprimand from the Board to the offending member
3rd occasion...removal from the Club of the offending member*

1. The Show Committee/Arena Judge/Board of Directors decisions are FINAL. Rider may dispute any calls made but **MUST DO SO PRIOR** to leaving the arena. **NO DISPUTES HANDLED AT THE SHOW BOOTH.**

2. Stallions may not be ridden or handled by anyone under the age of 18.

3. Competitor's age is determined as of January 1st.

4. Riders can only compete for one year-end award in age division classes. A horse may not be used by more than one rider (see below for exceptions). A rider must use the same horse for all events at each show; a rider may change horses only between shows. Example: A rider may use one horse for the March show and a different horse for the April show, but may not ride three events with one horse and three events with another horse during the March show.

(Exceptions: In Lead Line, Wrangler Special Champs, & Lil Wranglers Division there can be more than one rider per horse.)

5. Re-rides are granted by the Show Committee /Arena Judge/Board of Directors. No re-rides for broken or defective tack. If a contestant breaks the timer before completing the pattern, he/she will not be given a time.

6. Time Only's will follow each class. One minute time limit for each time only.

7. **No schooling runs for off course patterns (if you want to school your horse, see rule 6).**

8. A horse and/or competitor may be excused from the arena or show grounds at the Show Committee's/Board of Directors' discretion due to any of the following: (a) abusive treatment of animals or people, (b) illness, (c) riders inability to control the horse creating a safety hazard (d) a horse's soundness is questionable, and/or (e) improper tack (*see item 21*).

Note: A horse with questionable soundness issues will not be allowed to compete for the remainder of that day's show, and the rider will be required to supply a vet note indicating that the horse in question is sound enough to be used for gymkhana. Please keep in mind that submitting a veterinarian's note does not automatically grant an exemption. Upon the decision of the show committee, a sound horse can be substituted for a horse that is unsound/unstable during a show.

9. You must be at the gate and ready to ride when your class is called; rider will be given a **1-minute** gate call if not visible and ready to enter the gate when called. A timer will be set for a minute. **After the minute, if you are still not at the gate you will be disqualified for that event.** After the gate is closed and the arena is clear, your timers will be ready. You also will have one minute to cross the timing line from the time you enter the arena, or you will be disqualified.

10. There will be a two second penalty for each pole knocked down and a five second penalty for each barrel knocked over.

11. Once the rider has entered the arena and crossed the timing lights, they have declared that they accept the arena conditions.

12. A rider shall not enter the arena until the prior rider has COMPLETELY exited the arena. Rider needs to enter and exit the arena at a walk. No more than one horse in the arena at any time.

13. Dress Code: Riders, and those assisting riders in the arena, must have long or short-sleeved or a collared, sleeveless shirt as well as denim jeans. **NO** spaghetti straps or midriff-baring shirts, shirts tied above the waist, or tank tops allowed. **NO** sheer garments showing skin and no undergarments showing. Riders must wear western boots or heeled riding shoes. **NO** obscene wording or gestures on clothing are permitted.

14. A rider will be called off course if he/she negotiates obstacles in any order other than the specific pattern (e.g. in the wrong direction, not going between the timing poles). Riders who have been called off course will not receive a time for the class. An exception is made in the novice classes where an off-course results in an additional 10 seconds added to the ride time and a placement behind others in the class. Loss of forward motion will also result in a no time.

15. Wrangler Bucks/Ribbons will be awarded to 1st thru 5th place in: the Lead Line, Special Champs, Lil Wranglers & Novice Classes. Wrangler Bucks will be awarded in all other age groups. Points will be awarded as follows: **First= 11, Second= 9, Third= 8, Fourth= 7, Fifth= 6, Sixth and lower = 1** point. High point for the day will be given to the rider who earned the most points in his/her class. If two riders in the same class tie for high point for the day, high point will be given to the rider with the lowest combined times for the day. Cumulative point totals will be available at each show. Wrangler Bucks can be used for entry fees or at the Chuck Wagon, but change will not be given.

16. Electric timers are used. If the electric timers become inoperable during the event a re-ride will be allowed unless a back-up time is available.

17. Show related complaints must be submitted by email to the club email within 48 hours of a show. Hesperia Wranglers' Board has thirty days from submission to respond to complaint. **Please see club complaint form.**

18. Contestants, family members, and visitors will be expected to uphold the Hesperia Wranglers Code of Conduct.

19. Only club members who have met all the requirements will qualify for year-end awards.

20. The Hesperia Wranglers Show Rules will remain in effect throughout the current season and cannot be changed until the next season.

21. The Hesperia Wranglers Show Committee has the right to move a novice rider up into the appropriate age group class based on his/her riding ability and/or times. Any Novice rider may choose to move to an age group class. All class changes will occur by the end of the third show. Points will move up to the new class with the rider based on his/her times but placed under the top rider by 1 point.

22. All contestants will ride in western tack, including saddles and headstalls with bits or mechanical hackamores, with reins attached. This is a western riding club, with western events. Riders/horses should be in the appropriate equipment which is designed for western riding with safety in mind.

23. **NO** cell phones allowed in the arena.

24. Any rider under the age of 18 will be required to wear a SEI approved helmet **at all times** when mounted. Helmets will be available at a first come first serve basis at a rental fee of \$5.00 for the day of gymkhana. Helmets must be returned to the club or rider will be charged for the replacement cost of the helmet and/or will receive progressive discipline.

25. No riding double inside or outside of the arena.

****Lead Line, Lil Wranglers, Wrangler Special Champs
and Novice Supplementary Rules: * ***

26. All contestants in Wrangler Special Champs will be placed.
27. In Lead Line, and Lil Wranglers loping is allowed, but the horse's head must cross the timing poles before the runner. **Riders whose runners cross the timing poles before the horse's head will be placed behind riders whose runners cross the timing poles after the horse's head.**
28. Walkers in the Lil Wranglers class shall not touch the horse during the course except in an emergency situation. *(Assisted riders will be placed behind those who were not assisted, regardless of their times)*
29. Riders **may not** be: strapped, tied, buckled or fastened by any other means during competition. Riders may use a rubber band with a maximum width of ¼ inch to fasten each foot to the stirrup.
30. **Maximum of one (1) parent/coach will be permitted in the arena for novice class riders. (Exceptions are made for the Lead Line and Special Champs division).**
31. Novice riders will **not** be considered "Novice", once they have won the "Championship" prize/buckle or ridden in the class for two years. A championship buckle will not be given if there is only one rider in the class; a reserve champion buckle will be awarded so as to allow that individual to compete another year in that division if the rider has not exceeded the two-year limit. *(Exception - Lead Line division need not advance.)* After winning a "Championship" buckle, the rider will advance to an appropriate age group class.
32. All Lead-liners **MUST** have a halter with an attached lead rope and a bridle with attached reins. Riders must hold their horses' reins.
33. Entry fees will not be refunded for any reason.
34. Green Horse class: (a) minimum of 3 entries in the class for at least 60% of the shows, (b) no time bracketing, (c) no age limit on the horse, (d) horses over five can only be ridden in the class for one season. (e) horses under five can be ridden multiple years unless their times are competitive with the rider's age group.
- Note: The Hesperia Wranglers Show Committee has the right to move a "green horse" if the horse's times are competitive: e.g. if the horse would place between 1st and 3rd in an age group class or if the horse has won more than \$200. A horse can only be ridden in the green horse class, and this is the only exception where a rider can ride more than one horse for the year (riders will be allowed to ride another horse in their age group).
35. **Horses must be kept in the designated areas: between the roping chutes and the cones, in the warm-up area, or at your trailer. They should NOT be in the area around the cook shack, the show booth, and the bleachers or near/in front of the entry way to the arena. For safety, no bystanders by the entry gate and warm up arena.**
36. **The Board of Directors reserves the right to disallow any equipment or activity that could be deemed hazardous to the health or safety to any animal or person.**

**** Hesperia Wranglers Gymkhana Classes: ****

Lead Line/ Wrangler Special Champs

- A) Birangle
- B) Single Pole
- C) Texas Barrels

Lil Wranglers

- A) California Barrels
- B) Single Pole
- C) Birangle
- D) Texas Barrels

Novice , 12 & under, 13 thru 17, 18 thru 39 and 40 & over and Time Only's

- A) Washington Poles
- B) California Barrels
- C) Single Pole
- D) Two Barrel Cow Horse
- E) Birangle
- F) Texas Barrels

**** Entry Fees ****

Class Fees: \$6. 00 per event & if riding all six events fee is \$35

Time Only classes: \$5.00 each

Non-Member: Day membership is \$10.00