

# Hesperia Wranglers 2024 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 fourth 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. \*\***

1. **To qualify for year-end awards, each contestant must:**
  - a. Be a member of the Hesperia Wranglers Inc.
  - b. **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.**
  - c. Work a minimum of one (1) event per show.  
Riders must sign up for the event they will be working that day when checking in at the booth and indicate whether they will be working the gate, setting up, working as part of the arena crew, or tearing down. **Points for the day will be forfeited if an event is not worked.**  
Sponsorship of show/work hours is permitted if pre-arranged with the Show Committee.
  - d. **ALL riders are required to sign up to pack up equipment at the end of the day at least once during the year.**
  - e. Each family must attend and sign in for at least four (4) General Meetings. *(November and December meetings do not count toward the 4 required meetings) 1/17, 2/21, 3/20, 4/17, 5/15, 6/19, 7/17, 8/21, 9/18, 10/16.*
  - f. All riders must have a minimum of \$100.00 worth of sponsorships for each division to qualify for year-end points. Undesignated sponsorships will be applied first to age group division before green horse. The sponsorships must be in no later than the **July show. No late sponsorships will be accepted.**
2. 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 are forfeited for that show. No points will count until a meeting is attended. General Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. @ Lime St Park Mojave Room (hybrid held via in person and Zoom) Cameras must be turned on (special circumstances will be considered prior to the meeting only).*

\*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 Buckles  
Lead Line (7 & under) - Champion Buckles  
Lil Wrangler (10 & under) - Champion Buckles  
Youth Novice (17 & under) - Champion Buckles  
Adult Novice (18 & over) - Champion Buckles  
Green Horse (open) - Champion Buckles  
12 and Under - Champion Saddle  
13 thru 17 - Champion Saddle  
18 thru 39 - Champion Saddle  
40 and Better - Champion Saddle

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\*Violation of any show rule will result in progressive disciplinary action as per the Hesperia Wranglers By-Laws. Article X Section 3

1<sup>st</sup> violation...oral reprimand at a Board meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> violation: written reprimand from the Board to the offending member

3<sup>rd</sup> violation: 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: Any horse used in Lead Line or Wrangler Special Champs can be used in another class.**

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. Paid 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) rider's inability to control the horse creating a safety hazard, (d) a horse's soundness or health is questionable, and/or (e) improper or ill-fitting 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, it is at the discretion of the board and/or show committee. Upon the decision of the show committee, a sound horse can be substituted for a horse that is unsound/unstable during a show.

9. Riders must be at the gate and ready to ride when their class is called; riders will be given a 1-minute gate call if not visible and ready to enter the gate when called. The event timer will be started, and **after 1-minute, if the rider is not in the arena, he/she will be disqualified for that event.** After the gate is closed and the arena is clear, the timers will be ready. Once in the arena, riders have **1 additional minute** to cross the timing line; riders who exceed this time limit will receive a disqualification for the event and will be excused from the arena.

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, the rider has declared that the arena conditions are acceptable.

12. A rider shall not enter the arena until the prior rider has COMPLETELY exited the arena. **Horses must enter the arena under control and at a walk, or the rider may be excused from the arena and disqualified for that event. There is no alleyway.** No more than one horse in the arena at any time, with the exception of Lead Line.

**13. Dress Code:** Riders, and those assisting riders or coaching in the arena, must have a long or short-sleeved shirt or a collared, sleeveless shirt, as well as denim jeans and closed toed shoes. **NO** spaghetti straps or bare midriff 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), or if the horse goes through the timers before completing the pattern. 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 other riders in the class. Loss of forward motion will also result in a disqualification for that class.

15. Wrangler Bucks/Ribbons will be awarded to 1st thru 5th place in: the Lead Line, Special Champs, Lil Wranglers and 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, 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 and on a google sheet shared on the website and on Facebook. Wrangler Bucks can be used for entry fees or at the Chuck Wagon, but change will not be given. **All awards must be picked up from the show booth or show committee by the following show.**

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 the complaint.

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

19. The Hesperia Wranglers Show Committee reserves the right to move a novice or inexperienced rider up into the appropriate age group class based on his/her riding ability and/or times. Any novice or inexperienced rider may choose to move to an age group class. All class changes must occur by the end of the fifth show. Points will move up to the new class with the rider based on his/her times but placed no higher than one point behind the top rider in the class. If more than one rider is moved from the same class to the same class, their point spread will remain the same.

20. All contestants will ride in western tack, including saddles and headstalls. Headstalls must have bits or mechanical hackamores and reins must be 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.

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

22. Any rider under the age of 18 will be required to wear a SEI approved helmet **at all times** when mounted whether or not the rider is in the arena. Loaner 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 riders will be charged for the replacement cost of the helmet.

23. No riding double or bareback inside or outside of the arena during an event. Loping and warming up of horses is restricted to the warm up area.

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

24. All contestants in Wrangler Special Champs will be placed.

25. 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.

26. 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)*

27. 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.

28. Maximum of one (1) parent/coach will be permitted in the arena for novice class riders.

29. Novice riders, including Lil Wranglers, will **not** be considered "Novice", once they have won the "Championship" prize/buckle or ridden in the class for two years. Lil Wranglers riders may move into Novice after they have been in Lil Wranglers 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 and Special Champ divisions need not advance.) After winning a "Championship" buckle, the rider will advance to an appropriate age group class.*

30. All Lead-liners MUST have a halter with an attached lead rope and a bridle with attached reins. Riders must hold their horses' reins.

31. Green Horse class: (a) minimum of three (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: A horse that has been shown in open during a Hesperia Wranglers gymkhana is not eligible to be ridden in the green horse class.

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 in cash and/or prizes. A horse ridden in the green horse class cannot be ridden in any other 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).

**32. 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 entryway to the arena. For safety, no bystanders by the entry gate and warm up arena.**

**33. The Board of Directors reserves the right to disallow any equipment or activity that could be deemed hazardous to the health or safety of 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**

**Grounds Fees: \$5 per rider**

**Time Only classes : \$5.00 each**

**Non-Member : Day membership is \$7.00**

**\*Note: If entry fees are paid in advance or the morning of the show, and rider is unable to attend or complete the show, unused entry fees will not be refunded but can be credited toward the next show.**