

HUACHUCA SADDLE CLUB GENERAL RULES

1. Except for any rules listed on this page (and any changes approved by the board) the HSC will do its best to follow generally accepted AQHA, Western States rules. HSC is not recognized or endorsed by any official equestrian organization. Exhibitors are responsible for reading and understanding HSC rules.
2. Members of all ages, races, and riding abilities will be eligible for HSC membership. A single membership is one single person, regardless of age. A family membership is defined as parents or legal guardians and children. Aunts, uncles, grandparents, etc. will need to apply for their own membership.
3. HSC shows are open to any equine, i.e. horse, pony, donkey, mule.
4. Payment must accompany the entry form. Liability forms must be signed by exhibitor and owner in order to show. To qualify for the pre-entry rate, entries must be received by the closing date.
5. No refund of membership dues or entry fees for no-shows or cancellations after closing date.
6. The decision of the judge is final.
7. A one minute gate call will be enforced, unless a tack change is necessary. Please inform gate steward as soon as possible if you need a tack change. No refunds for missed gate call.
8. Horses or exhibitors causing an undue disturbance will be disqualified from the class or the show grounds, at the judge's discretion. Spectators causing a disturbance will be removed from the show grounds. Good sportsmanship by all HSC members, non-members and spectators shall prevail at all times.
9. It shall be the rider's responsibility to mark, with a red ribbon on tail, any horses that might endanger other horses or people. HSC officers might require marking of the horse. All HSC officers shall enforce this rule.
10. Age of riders and horses will be defined by their ages as of Jan. 1 of the show year. Junior horses are 5 and under, senior horses are 6 and over.
11. No one under the age of 18 may show or handle a stallion on show grounds.
12. No excessive coaching allowed in arena. After one warning, the exhibitor will be disqualified from the class.
13. Horses will walk in parking/gate area.
14. Only exhibitors for next class will be allowed in the gate area.
15. A check returned for insufficient funds will be charged a \$35 fee. The check must clear the bank before exhibitor can compete in next show.
16. All dogs must be on a leash.
17. A non-riding adult must supervise all children.
18. Only show staff is allowed in the announcer's booth.
19. Classes can be entered on a schooling only basis. You may sign up as "schooling only" or add the class by letting the gate person know one class ahead of the one you wish to add on a schooling only basis. Class fees will remain the same. Proper attire is required.
20. To be eligible for year-end awards: (a) Rider must be a member of HSC. (b) Rider must use same horse. If a different horse is used, points are tabulated separately for new horse/rider team. (c) Rider [and same horse] must compete in 4 of 6 Ranch Shows. Points are tabulated from the date of membership.
21. Ribbons will be awarded first thru sixth place in each class. Daily Points will be awarded based upon the number of participants in the class. For example, a class of 4 participants: 1st place = 4 points, 2nd place = 3 points, 3rd place = 2 points, 4th place = 1 point. Daily High Point and Reserve ribbons will also be awarded in each division. Series overall High Point award will be calculated using judge's score sheets.
22. The Idea of ranch horse versatility is to show the multiple skills of one horse/one rider. To be eligible for daily and series awards horse/rider team must remain the same and ride in 50% of division eligible classes (i.e. a conformation only class will not qualify for awards).

DIVISIONS FOR RANCH SHOWS:

Youth (age 8 – 18)

Green/Novice (Horse/Rider/lope class)

Amateur

Walk/Trot (any reason)

Open

Equipment:

Bosals and snaffles may be used on junior horses and will be ridden with two hands. A shank bit will be used on all senior horses, and will be ridden with one hand. Exception: Walk/Trot, Green and Novice classes.

No tie downs, hackamores, nosebands, draw reins, whips, or other training devices will be allowed in any class. Protective boots, leg wraps, bandages are allowed.

Required show attire – long sleeve shirt with collar, long pants, boots, belt, and western hat or approved head gear (helmet). Chaps are optional. No polo or T-shirts allowed.

Helmet Rule:

Children under the age of 10 must wear an approved equestrian riding helmet with secured harness when mounted.

Effective 1-1-2015, all 4H members age 19 or under MUST wear an approved equestrian helmet with secured harness when mounted.

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