

Nevada Western Heritage Foundation Western Ranch Horse Show Series 2026 General Show Rules

The show is open to all breeds of horses, mules, donkey's, ponies or zebras.

Any abuse or inhumane treatment of any horse, mule, donkey, zebra or any other animal on the facility grounds, will not be tolerated. Proper Authorities and or Event Management will be called and you may be asked to leave facility grounds, forfeit your entry fees.

Any horse or exhibitor who is deemed out of control or a danger to another exhibitor, while being exhibited in a class, in the warm up arena or holding area, will be excused or asked to leave the area.

Snaffle bit or Bosal may be used on any age horse.

Two hands are to be used on snaffle bits or bosal if used, one hand on a shank/curb bit.

Split Reins or Mecate snaffle rein to be used on snaffle bits.

Split Reins or Romel Reins to be used on curb bits

Prohibited bits - Chain bits (of any form), Gag bits(of any form), Fish back or Triangle bits, No Mechanical Hackamores allowed. Chin straps must be made of flat leather or chain, must measure ½ in width.

Halter Horses - Horses may be shown in a Flat Leather, Nylon halter (with or without silver) Rope Halter with appropriate lead, Safety Chain or Cord is allowed with a Flat or Leather Halter. If showing a saddle type horse(i.e. arabian, half arabian, saddlebred) horses may show in Saddlebred or Arabian type halter with or without a captive chain, a throat latch of either cord or chain is mandatory.

Ranch Horse Conformation - May be shown in a Flat Leather halter, Rope halter (no noseband knots), Mule Tape halter or Nylon halter of conservative colors with appropriate lead.

Miniature Horses and Ponies, Donkey, Mule or Zebra, must be 48 inches and under to show in Miniature Horse and Pony classes. Miniature Horses and Ponies may cross enter into any Regular Showmanship classes, Halter Horse classes, and In Hand Trail Classes.

If a Miniature horse or Ponies Height is in question. It must be brought to the attention of the Show Manager, class placings will be marked pending height verification. Once height verification has been done, placings will then be adjusted accordingly. The Miniature Horse or Pony in question is to be measured on a flat surface, standing square.

Halter Solid Color - are open to horses that do not have a visible coat pattern. i.e. Palomino, Bay, Sorrel/Chestnut, Black, Buckskin, Cremello, Grulla, Blue Roan, Red Roan, Grey

Halter Multi Color - are open to horses that have a visible coat pattern. i.e leopard appaloosa, tobiano, overo, tovero, blanketed appaloosa, brindle etc..

All riders/handlers under 17 years of age must have adult supervision.

Stallions may not be shown by a junior exhibitor, junior exhibitor defined as being 17 years and under as of January 1st of the current show year.

Western Attire is Required ie boots, western hat, long sleeved western shirts, western jackets, Western Chaps/Chinks are optional for Western and Ranch Horse Classes. Exhibitors wearing a riding helmet will NOT be penalized for doing so.

Western Hats and Long Sleeve Western Shirts may be waived, if deemed necessary because of extreme weather. If Long Sleeved Shirts are waived then a short sleeve western type shirt or collared polo type is allowed. NO T- SHIRTS ALOUD.

Western Tack - Western Saddle with horn, Bridle, Snaffle bit, Curb bit, Bosal with Mecate Reins Splint Reins, Romel Reins, Western type saddle pad.

English Attire is Required i.e, Hunt, Dressage, Saddle seat coat, Breaches or Saddle seat pants, English paddock or tall boots, Helmet or Derby.

English Attire may be waived, Hunt, Dressage or Saddle seat coats, if deemed necessary because of extreme weather, If waived exhibitors may show in a short sleeve English or saddle seat shirt or a collared polo type shirt is allowed. NO T-shirts

English Tack - English Type Saddle (hunter, dressage, saddle seat) English bridle to match type of saddle being used, examples Hunter Saddle with Hunter type bridle. English pad with type of saddle being used, if showing with a dressage type pad, please use conservative colors.

All exhibitors/horses must check in at the show office, sign any and all forms, pay any and all fees associated with the show and be issued a number by the show secretary. If you are schooling a horse and not showing, you are still required to check in at the show office, sign all releases and pay a grounds fee and will be issued a colored number for identification purposes only...

Exhibitors may cross enter into any performance class for schooling purposes. You will be issued a colored patch to put over your number. You will not be judged. You will however, have to pay all fees associated with the show.

You may cross enter Walk Trot and Walk Trot Canter/Lope Classes on different horses only. You may NOT ride the same horse Walk Trot and Walk Trot Canter/Lope.

NO training aids allowed.

Exhibitors in Pattern Classes that go off pattern will be automatically issued a zero score and no points given.

Exhibitors may show multiple horses in Miniature Horse and Pony Trail in hand, In hand Trail, Western Trail, Ranch Riding, Ranch Reining and Ranch Trail only.

NON PRO classes - exhibitors that DO NOT accept remunerations for any equine training, coaching or lessons.

NON PRO Beginner classes - are for those exhibitors that have not shown or won 8 first place ribbons at any show and DO NOT accept remunerations for any equine training, coaching or lessons.

All horses must be serviceable sound and in good health when showing in any and all classes, any horse deemed not serviceable sound or in good health, by show management and judge will be excused from the rest of the show and forfeit any remaining entry fees and points for the show.

Horses and exhibitors must be nominated to receive any year-end awards and must meet all qualifications for year-end awards.

Daily Show High Points will be awarded to the Horse/Rider combination with the most points. If exhibitors tie for a particular high point by points, the exhibitor with the most 1st place placings wins the award. If exhibitors are still tied then a coin toss by the show manager or judge, witnessed by both exhibitors will break the tie. If the exhibitor is a minor, the minor must have an adult representative present during the coin toss.

Class Placings 1st - 5th

Points issued to 1st - 5th place

Daily Show High Points and Year End Overall Points - points awarded as follows: 1st-5pts, 2nd-4pts, 3rd-3pts, 4th-2pts, 5th-1pt.

No refunds on scratched classes or fees that have been paid without a licensed veterinary letter.

If a horse has been checked in and shown in classes the day of the show and is scratched from the remainder of the show and horse is seen by a licensed veterinarian on arena facility property and veterinarian letter is presented to show management before end of show, a refund will be issued for remaining unshown classes ONLY.

No adding or scratching of classes at the in gate.

When adding or scratching a class, it must be done in the show office at least 3 classes before.

A two minute gate limit - Timing to start when the first horse enters through the in-gate.

Tack changes must be requested and approved, 3 classes before the actual class it is needed for. The gate will be held for 3 minutes and then opened and the start of the 2 minute gate will start from the time the first horse enters the ring.

Show Management reserves the right to combine or cancel classes when deemed needed.

Class Patterns will be available 1 hr before the start of the show, the day of the show. Please remember that it is a courtesy that patterns are up on the website before the day of show.

JUDGES PLACINGS and DECISIONS ARE FINAL.

NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED during show hours.

For descriptions of classes please see CLASS DESCRIPTION Form, which can be found on our website.

ALL PRE-ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY 9PM THE WEDNESDAY PRIOR TO THE SHOW, ANY ENTRIES RECEIVED AFTER THE 9PM DEADLINE, ONLINE OR DAY OF THE SHOW, WILL BE CONSIDERED A POST ENTRY AND A POST ENTRY FEE WILL BE ADDED TO YOUR SHOW BILL.

Enter Online at NEVADAWESTERNHERITAGE.COM and pay the day of the show.

Make all checks payable to: NWHF

When Checking in on the day of the show, Entries must be paid in full or an Open Check left with your entry in the show office, before a number will be issued to you.

Returned Checks will be charged a return check fee of \$60 and exhibitors will go to a CASH only basis for the remaining show year.

