



2015 Official Handbook

of the
Newton County Saddle Club, Inc

2015 Show Dates

ENGLISH & GAITED SHOWS

MARCH 14, 2015

APRIL 11, 2015

SEPTEMBER 5, 2015

SEPTEMBER 26, 2015

WESTERN & PETITE SHOWS

MARCH 15, 2015

APRIL 12, 2015

SEPTEMBER 6, 2015

SEPTEMBER 27, 2015

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NEWTON COUNTY SADDLE CLUB, INC.

The Newton County Saddle Club, Inc. (NCSC) was formed in 1977 as a "not for profit" organization by a small group of local horse owners. Thirty-eight years later, the Club continues to grow in membership and prosperity.

EXHIBITOR RULES & GENERAL INFORMATION

Any exhibitor is prohibited from showing in front of a judge if he/she has been taking instruction from, has had a horse in training with, boards horse(s) with a stable managed by, or has had any financial dealings with the judge or the judge's immediate family within thirty (30) days of the show date.

Newton County Saddle Club rules are based generally on rules that govern most stock horse breeds (western) and horse show associations (english). Petite classes generally follow AMHR guidelines. Any variance in NCSC rules or definitions will supersede those of any other organization or association. Variances are for clarity and simplicity in a club that has a wide range of disciplines and breeds.

1. Exhibitors must check in with the show office before using the facility.
2. A waiver of liability must be signed for any rider and an original or copy of a negative Coggins must be presented at show office prior to each show for any horse in order to remain on the grounds and participate in NCSC events. Either a signed blank check or cash payment in full for show bill must be given at check in and prior to receiving your show packet. If paying for classes in advance with cash, prepayment will also be required for any added classes. If the added class(es) are not paid for by the beginning of the next show, points earned in the unpaid class(es) will be forfeited. See #13.
3. Additional entry/scratches for each class must be completed at the office on a scratch/add form two classes prior to the class in which the exhibitor is showing – scratches will not be deducted from your show bill unless this policy is adhered to.
4. All animals must be restrained on leash or lead and attended to at all times.
5. No animals with contagious disease(s) or who have had contact with contagious disease(s) will be allowed on the premises.
6. Entry fees, prizes and/or money awards will be published prior to each show season.
7. The judge's decision is final. Verbal confrontations with the judge or any show officials will not be tolerated. Exhibitors may approach the judge only with permission of show management or after judge has completed his/her assignment for that day. The judge may prohibit bits or equipment that he/she may consider severe.
8. Exhibitors and spectators will be expected to act in a manner deemed proper, ethical, and honest: and to conduct themselves in a "good sportsmanlike" manner at all times. This is a family oriented show and we would appreciate it if our exhibitors would refrain from the use of profanity/foul language. NCSC retains the right to require anyone who disrespects their fellow exhibitors by using excessive profanity/abusive/foul language to leave the show grounds.
9. NCSC reserves the right to split, combine or cancel classes where needed. NCSC reserves the right to substitute judge(s) without notice if a contracted judge is unable to fulfill their obligation to judge.
10. PROTESTS must be submitted in writing to a member of the Executive Board (any officer or board member of NCSC) and be accompanied by a \$25 check within 72 hours of the incident. A protest is filed for a violation of horse show rules. Guidelines and procedures for protests are in the NCSC Bylaws. This protest will be handled in a timely manner by the Board of Directors at a time and place of their choosing.
11. No points will accumulate for non-members for End of Year Awards. Membership must be paid by the end of the show for points to count.
12. No refunds will be made for any reason other than injury to horse or exhibitor, or cancellation of classes or show by the Show Committee.
13. Outstanding indebtedness to NCSC will be cause for loss of placings and/or points. Until the indebtedness is paid, entries will not be accepted from said exhibitor.
14. There will be a \$35 service charge on all returned checks. The writer of the dishonored check must pay, in cash or money order, the amount of the returned check plus service charge prior to the next show (or entry will be denied) and will then remain on a cash basis for the remainder of the year.
15. One rider per horse per class. Exception: Over fence, trail, or pattern classes. Two riders may not show the same horse in the same over fences or trail class. The only exceptions to this rule are Crossrails, Pattern & LTD "B" Arena classes. Rider may show more than one horse in English Pattern.
16. Stallions MAY NOT be shown by anyone under the age of 19.
17. Anyone riding in an arena with jumps is required to wear protective head gear.
18. Obvious lameness of a horse shall be cause for disqualification from a class (except in showmanship where the horse is a prop for handler).
19. Tack changes must be requested a minimum of two (2) classes prior to the class for which the change is necessary. There will be a three (3) minute gate call allowed for all tack changes or requested delays. After three minutes the class will be called; at which time the two (2) minute gate rule is in effect.
20. The in-gate will remain open for a maximum of two (2) minutes after a class has been called. At the end of the allotted two (2) minutes the gate will close. Strictly enforced.
21. Each exhibitor is required to check in with the Gate Manager prior to his/her class. The gate manager shall limit any activity or number of persons or animals in the gate area as deemed appropriate for safety or organizational reasons.
22. A minimum of 5 entries is required for payback: 1st Place 30%, 2nd Place 20%, and 3rd Place 10% based on \$5 per horse entered.

23. Pre-entry is available on the website, by email, by phone, by fax or mail. See show sheets or the website (newton-countysaddleclub.com) for current pre-entry information. Stalls are guaranteed by pre-entry only. All other stalls will be available on a first come/first served basis on day of show. Requests for location cannot be guaranteed.
24. Stall assignments can be changed only by Show Management.
25. Show Committee and NCSC have final voice in all matters.

YEAR END HIGH POINT REQUIREMENTS

1. Must be a member of NCSC in good standing.
2. High Points are based on horse/rider combination. The only exceptions are: Challenged Rider, Small Fry, Assisted Beginner, Advanced Beginner and LTD (points follow the rider); Halter (points follow the horse – exhibitor must be a member); Equitation (point follow the rider); and Showmanship (point follow the handler).
3. Must show at a minimum of two NCSC shows and participate in that specific class at least two times.
4. Must turn in a paid sponsorship of a minimum of \$35 (per family) by the last day of the 2nd show of the season or if joining after 2nd show, the sponsorship is due when joining.
5. Points and Placement - Points are calculated as indicated in the table on the following page – an addition point is earned for each 3 horse increment over 10 horses. Each horse showing in the class also receives one participation point for that class. The participation point is included in the points in the table below.

# Entries	1	2	3	4	5	6-10	11-13	14-16....
1st	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2nd	-	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3rd	-	-	2	3	4	5	6	7
4th	-	-	-	2	3	4	5	6
5th	-	-	-	-	2	3	4	5
6th	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	4

END OF DAY HIGH POINT

There will be an end of day high point and reserve high point awarded in English and Western shows. The division must have a minimum of two (2) entries.

English & Gaited divisions:

O/F 2'-2'3"

O/F 2'6"-2'9"

Crossrails: 11 & Under

Crossrails: 12-18

Crossrails: 19 & Over

Assisted Beginner

Advanced Beginner

LTD 10 & Under

LTD 11-12

LTD 13 -18

Rusty Stirrup

Masters

Gaited

Saddle Seat

13 & Under

14-15

16-18

Adult

***Hunter Hack to count in both O/F divisions.*

Western & Petite divisions:

Petite Halter

Petite Youth

Petite Adult

Halter

Assisted Beginner

Advanced Beginner

Challenged Assisted

Challenged Advanced

LTD 10 & Under

LTD 11-12

LTD 13 -18

Rusty Spur

Masters

Ranch Horse
14 & Under
15-18
Adult

Points will be awarded as follows: # of horse in class = # points given to first place, 2nd = # horses - 1, and so on - championship class points to be doubled. Discipline on the Rail, Green Horse classes, and Junior Horse Lunge Line do not qualify as End of Day High Point classes. Dressage Suitability, Open Walk Jog Pleasure, and Western Dressage classes do count towards your division end of day high point. Points to be determined by number of horses in the class; championship classes are doubled. Ties will be broken by horsemanship or equitation where possible.

DEFINITIONS

Age: The age of the exhibitor will be determined by the age reached as of January 1 of the current show year.

Advanced Beginner: Rider of any age. May not enter any other under saddle classes. Handlers may be in the arena but must maintain approx 10-15' distance from the horse in this division - no horses on leadlines.

Assisted Beginner: Rider of any age. May not enter any other under saddle classes. Handlers to be either walking next to the horse or have leadrope attached at all times.

Challenged Rider: Open to all riders of any age or discipline with special needs.

Crossrails: Open to horse or rider beginning over crossrails. May trot or canter course. Crossrail horse/rider combination may not show in any other O/F classes.

Championship: Championship classes are open to horse/rider combination entered and judged in a qualifying class in that division. Must be 2 entries to hold class. Championship classes do not accumulate points for year end awards. Class 139A, 139B and 139C must have a minimum of 3 entries to hold class - if age division of Class 139 does not have 3 entries it will be combined with one or more of the youth age divisions unless there is a shared horse conflict.

Equitation: Rider is to be judged.

Family: For the purpose of NCSC, family includes, and is limited to; husband, wife, parent, step-parent, brother, step-brother, half-brother, sister, step-sister, half-sister, children and step-children - living in same household.

Green Horse: A horse in their first year of showing under saddle in that discipline - if horse has shown in any class in that discipline prior to 9/1/2014, the horse is not qualified for green horse in that discipline.

Handlers: A qualified adult accompanying horse and rider into the ring in Small Fry, Challenged, or Beginner classes.

LTD: LTD (Limited) classes are limited to riders who have never cantered or loped in a horse show in their respective discipline except in canter one-at-a-time or crossrails. Handlers permitted during line-up. May not cross enter into any class that requires a canter or a lope except canter one-at-a-time in the LTD division. We ask that LTD riders do not canter/lope except one at a time in other shows while in this division.

Masters: Open to Adult riders 45 & Over. May not cross enter into any class that requires a canter or a lope except canter one-at-a-time in this division at NCSC shows.

Open: Open to all horses and riders of any age, size or sex regardless of the ribbons previously won. There is no qualification for rider or handler. Class description applies.

Pleasure: The horse only is being judged. It should give the distinct impression that it is an agreeable mount to ride. Manners and suitability are paramount. In English Pleasure classes the diagonal of a rider at the trot is not to be considered.

Ranch Horse: Horse to be shown as naturally as possible - no banding, braiding or hoof black - ranch horse may not cross enter into any western pleasure class except in LTD, Rusty Spur, or Masters with a WJ Rider.

Rusty Stirrup/Rusty Spur: Open to Adult riders 19-44. May not cross enter into any class that requires a canter or a lope except canter one-at-a-time in this division at NCSC shows.

Saddle Seat: Open to horses of saddle type - must be able to trot & canter. Saddle Seat equipment and dress required where breed appropriate.

Stallions: Stallions are considered as such from birth until altered. May not be shown by exhibitors under the age of 19 - no exceptions.

CLASS
DESCRIPTIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS

Any exhibitor, regardless of riding discipline, may wear protective head gear without penalty from the judge. In extreme heat, competitors may be allowed to show without jackets at the judge's discretion. Rain wear permitted if weather conditions require. As the shows run rain or shine, work tack and rain wear may be permitted at the judge's discretion on extremely rainy days. Entries will be judged on ability, with appropriate attire and tack required. The Show Steward and/or the judge will have authority to dismiss participants from the ring due to unsafe tack or equipment or if participant presents a danger to self or others. This applies to halter and performance classes.

ASSISTED BEGINNER/ADVANCED BEGINNER DIVISION

Riders in these classes may not enter any other classes other than designated Assisted/Advanced Beginner classes, Crossrails (Advanced Beginner only), halter and In-Hand Trail. All Beginner riders may ride with two hands on reins regardless of the bit worn by the horse as safety is our largest concern while these riders are learning to show at this level. Handlers in Assisted Beginner classes are required to either have horse on a lead or to attend the horse's head. Handlers are allowed in Advanced Beginner classes but must remain approx. 10'-15' away from the horse.

Assisted Beginner Classes:

Assisted Beginner Walk/Trot/Jog One At A Time Horsemanship/Equitation

Assisted Beginner Walk/Trot/Jog Pattern

Assisted Beginner Walk-Trot/Jog Horsemanship/Equitation

Assisted/Advanced Beginner Walk/Trot/Jog Trail

Assisted Beginner/Advanced Beginner Showmanship

Advanced Beginner Classes:

Advanced Beginner Walk/Trot/Jog One At A Time Horsemanship/Equitation

Assisted Beginner Walk/Trot/Jog Pattern

Assisted Beginner Walk-Trot/Jog Horsemanship/Equitation

Advanced Beginner Walk/Trot/Jog Pattern

Advanced Beginner Walk-Trot/Jog Horsemanship/Equitation

Assisted/Advanced Beginner Walk/Trot/Jog Trail

Assisted/Advanced Beginner Showmanship

CHALLENGED RIDER DIVISION (Offered at Western/Petite Show)

Open to all riders, of any age, with special needs. Riders in these classes may not enter any other classes other than designated Challenged Rider classes, halter and In-Hand Trail. Challenged riders that are ready to move up to the Beginner Division but are not ready for regular showmanship may still show in Challenged Rider Showmanship. Open to English or Western disciplines.

Challenged Assisted Classes:

Challenged Assisted W/T/J One at a time

Challenged Assisted W/T/J Pattern

Challenged Assisted Trail

Challenged Assisted/Advanced Showmanship

Challenged Advanced Classes:

Challenged Advanced W/T/J One at a time

Challenged Advanced W/T/J Pattern

Challenged Advanced W/T/J

Challenged Advanced Trail

Challenged Assisted/Advanced Showmanship

ENGLISH DIVISION

Open to all english type horses and will be judged according to breed and riding discipline. In pleasure classes the horse only is judged (diagonal of rider at trot not to count). In equitation classes the rider's ability is judged. Regulation snaffles, pelhams and full bridles, all with cavesson nose bands, are recommended. Riders are required to wear hunt coats of traditional, conservative color, hunt seat type breeches or jodhpurs in traditional shades of buff, gray or rust, high English boots or jodhpur boots. Regulation safety helmet with harness strap is required for ALL over fences classes. Safety helmets with harness are preferred for all huntseat riders 18 and under. Either hunt cap or safety helmet is required for riders over 18 in flat classes. Tie or choker is required. Matching gloves are recommended but not required. Spurs of unrowelled type, crops or bats are optional. Saddles to be standard forward seat English type. Light pads and bar shoes are permissible. Boots, wraps and bandages are prohibited. In the event of inclement weather, bell boots may be permitted by the judge. May be asked to extend trot, hand gallop, halt and/or back at judge's discretion. No more than eight (8) horses to hand gallop at a time.

O/F Warm-up may be supervised if heavy and riders and instructors must leave the arena when asked by the paddock master. Riders & Instructors: Please be considerate during warm-up; be alert to other horses in the ring, call your lines, do not stand in the middle of a line (please leave the arena for instruction conferences and tack adjustments); and complete your warm-up in a timely manner so that others may do the same. **Safety helmets must be worn by any rider inside the jumping warm up arena.** Each of the following is cause for elimination in over fences classes: three (3) refusals; riding off course; jumping a fence before it is reset; bolting from the ring; fall of horse or rider. Exhibitor may show more than one horse in any over fences class except for Equitation Over Fences.

Hunter Over Fences Classes:

Low Hunter - 2' & Equitation Over Fences - 2'

Schooling Hunter - 2'3" & Equitation Over Fences - 2'3"

Working Hunter - 2'6" & Equitation Over Fences - 2'6"

Open Hunter - 2'9" & Equitation Over Fences - 2'9"

Hunter Hack (two 2' fences): 70% Fences - 30% Flat Work

Crossrail Hunter - 18" Once Around (11 & under/12-18/19 & Over)*

Crossrail Equitation - 18" (11 & under/ 12-18, 19 & Over)*

*Crossrail horse/rider combination may not show in any other O/F classes.

English Classes:

English Pleasure (12 & Under/13-14/15-18)

English Equitation (12 & Under/13-14/15-18)

GAITED / RACKING DIVISION

Rider to use proper attire and tack suitable to the breed and discipline of riding. Horses will be judged according to breed and riding discipline. Each exhibitor will be asked to execute the gaits typical for the breed. The gaits must be distinguishable in speed and/or animation. Pattern classes will be shown at appropriate gait in lieu of jog or canter/lope, and may be asked to back. Mixed classes – riders to show at appropriate gait (gaits called for – trot or slow gait and canter or fast gait). Riders are limited to classes designated as gaited/racking, or as marked by "E/G" on show sheets. Exhibitors may also enter appropriate halter or showmanship classes.

Gaited/Racking Classes:

Gaited/Racking Pleasure

Gaited/Racking Equitation

HALTER DIVISION

Halter horses to be shown in the correct sex/age division and will be judged on quality and conformation. To be shown in appropriate tack and attire for discipline or breed of horse. Lameness will be grounds for disqualification. Lip Chains ARE ALLOWED in halter classes. Ranch Horses Halter is part of the Ranch Horse Division.

Halter Classes

Weanling/Yearling Halter (any sex)

2 & Under Halter (any sex)

Mare Halter - 5 & Under / 6 & Up / Youth

Gelding/Stallion Halter - 5 & Under / 6 & Up

Gelding Halter - Youth

Pony Halter

Open Color Halter

Open Non-Color Halter

Performance Horse Halter (must show in perf. class(es) at the show)

Open Halter Championship (must show in a regular halter class)

LTD WALK/JOG OR WALK/TROT DIVISION

LTD is limited to riders who have never shown at a canter or lope (with the exception of canter one at a time). Riders to enter the ring at a walk. May not cross enter into any canter/lope classes except canter or lope one-at-a-time. Western LTD riders must show with curb bit and one hand if riding a horse of 6 years of age or older. Handlers may come into the arena at the line-up if needed. LTD Riders may enter Dressage Suitability-Walk Trot and Western Dressage WT - Youth.

LTD Classes (English & Western):

LTD W/T/J Pleasure

LTD Walk/Trot Equitation - judged on rail - test at judge's discretion

LTD W/J Horsemanship - judged on posted pattern/no rail work

LTD Walk/Trot Canter/Lope one at a time

LTD Showmanship (Arena B)

LTD Walk/Trot Pattern (English Arena B)

LTD Walk/Trot/Jog Trail (Arena B)

****PLEASE NOTE:** NCSC asks that riders not move in and out of this division at NCSC shows during a show year and asks that LTD riders refrain from cantering/loping at other shows (except one at a time) while in this division.

MISCELLANEOUS

Green Horse/Discipline on the Rail/Junior Horse Lunge Line do not count toward end of day high point awards.

Miscellaneous Classes:

Discipline on the Rail

Dressage Suitability W/T and WTC: Horses to W/T or W/T/C both directions of the arena. Judge may call for an extension of walk and trot (as class is open to youth, extension to canter is required). Judged on pure rhythm in gaits (clear 4 beat walk, clear 2 beat trot with suspension, clear 3 beat canter with suspension), willingness, attitude, acceptance of contact and suppleness. Horses to be shown in snaffle bit. No flash cavessons or martingales. Hunt or dressage saddle. Hunter or informal dressage attire (no shadbellies or top hats). Braiding allowed but not required.

Green Horse W/T or W/J Pleasure and Green Horse Pleasure: Horses shown in any class in that discipline prior to 9/1/2014 is not eligible for green horse classes in that discipline.

Junior Horse Lunge Line: Open to junior horses of any breed or type (5 years & under) not being shown under saddle. Judged on manners and appropriate way of going for particular breed and/or discipline performing in both directions with time limit of 1 minute and 30 seconds. Must use a halter with lunge line connected to the center ring under the chin. No bits or chains allowed. Whips are optional.

Open Walk/Jog Pleasure - no LTD

Western Dressage W/J and Western Dressage W/J/L: see separate specs under **WESTERN DRESSAGE** section.

PATTERN CLASSES (English B Arena)

Entries to execute pattern as posted prior to class. No rail work. Rider may not cross enter pattern divisions.

May ride more than one horse in this class.

Pattern Classes:

LTD English Pattern

Rusty Stirrup/Masters English Pattern

English Pattern (14 & Under / 15-18 / Adult)

PETITE DIVISION

Judged according to AMHR guidelines except where superseded by NCSC rules. Open to miniature horses, mules, or donkeys – 48" or under. Absolutely no stallions to be exhibited by youth.

Petite Classes:

Petite Halter

Petite Halter Championship (must show in regular petite halter class)

Adult Petite Trail & Youth Petite Trail

Adult Petite Hunter & Youth Petite Hunter

Petite Obstacle Driving

Adult Petite Pleasure Driving & Youth Petite Pleasure Driving

Adult Petite Showmanship & Youth Petite Showmanship

RANCH HORSE DIVISION

This is a new division added to our shows this year. Our rules for this division are a result of looking at Ranch Horse rules for other associations and modifying them to fit the way our arenas are run as well as our group of exhibitors. No horse may cross enter, a western pleasure and ranch horse pleasure class at the same show with the exception of LTD, Rusty Spur or Masters Western Pleasure. In all performance events and conformation classes, it is expected that all exhibitors wear traditional western attire that reflects the true ranch lifestyle. Appropriate western attire includes a long sleeve shirt with collar and cuff (buttons or snaps are preferred), a western hat and boots with heels. Chaps or Chinks are allowed but not required. The main focus is on the performance and ability of the horse and rider. Clothing with excessive crystals, glitter or sequins is strongly discouraged and in no circumstance will this have advantage over other exhibitors with well fitted western attire. The addition of any protective outerwear is acceptable as dictated by weather conditions. In conformation classes, horses are to be shown in good working halter; rope, braided, nylon or plain leather. No silver will be allowed on halters with the exception of the mandatory buckles only. Keepers and tips on open buckles are allowed. In performance classes, equipment with silver should not count over a good working outfit. Silver on bridles and saddles is discouraged but not disallowed. Lip chains, splint boots, leg wraps or bandages are prohibited in any conformation class. In the event of injury the judge may permit a protective bandage. Hair dyes or fresh hoof black or hoof polish is not allowed and will result in the horse being disqualified from the class. Clipping ears, bridle path, roached manes, muzzle, and legs is left to the discretion of the exhibitor and has no bearing on the horse's conformation and/or performance. The horse should be clean and brushed. It is recommended that a horse should be shown as naturally as possible. Banded or braided manes, braided tails, tie-in tails and/or extensions are not allowed. No entries are allowed to enter the arena once the class has been called and the judging has started.

Ranch Horse Classes:

Ranch Horse Halter - The horse will be judged on type, conformation correctness, and athletic ability. Ranch Horse Conformation is defined as the physical attributes necessary to perform under saddle. The ideal standard in evaluating horses in conformation should include but not be limited to soundness and correctness in conformation, particularly feet and legs with emphasis on correct manner of travel including athletic ability and the "appearance of" agility. The horse should possess eye appeal with an attractive head; refined throat-latch; well-proportioned trim neck; long sloping shoulder; deep heart girth; short back; strong loin and coupling; long hip and croup. The horse should show balance and uniform muscling with enough athletic ability to perform different tasks on the ranch. Horses are not penalized for scars or brands. All stallions two years and older shall have two visible testicles. Crypt orchids will be excused from the ring prior to the final placing by the judge. Only mares and stallions will be examined for parrot mouth and those found to exhibit same will be excused from the ring prior to the final placing by the judge. All lame horses will be excused from the ring prior to the final placing by the judge. Rating conformation depends upon objective evaluation of the following five traits: balance, structural correctness, breed and sex characteristics, with emphasis on correct manner of travel, degree of muscling, and agility. Of the five, balance is the single most important, and refers to the structural and aesthetic blending of body parts. Balance is influenced almost entirely by skeletal structure.

Ranch Horse Pattern - The purpose of the Ranch Riding horse should reflect the versatility, attitude, and movement of a working horse. The horse's performance should simulate a horse riding outside the confines of an arena and that of a working ranch horse. Light contact should be rewarded and horse shall not be shown on a full drape of reins. Each horse will work individually, performing both required and optional maneuvers, and scored on the basis of 0 to 100, with 70 denoting an average performance. The required maneuvers will include the walk, trot, and lope both directions: and the extended trot and extended lope at least one direction; as well as stops, and back. Three optional maneuvers may include a side pass, turns of 360 degrees or more, change of lead (simple or flying), walk, trot, or lope over a pole(s); or some reasonable combination of maneuvers that would be reasonable for a ranch horse to perform. It is recommended to not have the stop following an extended lope. Posting at the extended trot is acceptable. Touching or holding the saddle horn is acceptable. One (1) point penalties: Too slow/per gait; Over-bridled; Out of frame; Break of gait at walk or jog for 2 strides or less; Three (3) point penalties: Break of gait at walk or jog for more than 2 strides; Break of gait at lope; Wrong lead or out of lead; Draped reins; Out of lead or cross-cantering more than two strides when changing leads trotting more than three strides when making a simple lead change; Severe disturbance of any obstacle; Five (5) point penalties: Blatant disobedience (kick, bite, buck, rear, etc.) for each refusal; Placed below horses performing all maneuvers: Eliminates maneuver; Incomplete maneuver; Zero (0) score: Illegal equipment including hoof black, braided or banded manes, or tail extensions; Willfull abuse; Major disobedience or schooling; No specific penalties will be incurred for nicks/hits on logs but deduction may be made in maneuver score; No specific penalties will be incurred for over/under spins but deduction may be made in maneuver score.

Ranch Horse Pleasure - A horse will be shown at three gaits - the walk, jog and lope. He will also be asked to reverse away from the rail, to stop and to back. The judge may ask for an extended walk or jog. Extended jog may be ridden by sitting in the saddle, posting or standing in the stirrups. Maximum credit should be to given to the horse that has a flowing stride, is balanced, and that gives the appearance of being willing, fit, alert and a pleasure to ride while possessing great athletic ability and agility. Rider shall not be required to dismount except in the event the judge wishes to check equipment. Horses are to be shown at a walk, jog and lope on a reasonably loose rein or light contact without undue restraint.

Ranch Horse Trail - The ranch trail class should test the horse's ability to cope with situations encountered in everyday riding. The horse is ridden through a pattern of obstacles which should nearly approximate those found during the course of everyday work. The horse/rider team is judged on the correctness, efficiency and pattern accuracy with which the obstacles are negotiated and the attitude and mannerisms exhibited by the horse. Judging emphasis is on identifying the well-broke, responsive and well-mannered horse which can correctly navigate and negotiate the course. The ranch trail course will include no less than six and no more than nine obstacles. It is mandatory that the horse be asked to walk, trot and lope during the course. Mandatory obstacles & Maneuvers: Ride over obstacles on the ground (usually logs or poles); Opening, passing through and closing gate; Ride over wooden bridge; Backing obstacles; and Side-pass obstacle. Optional Obstacles:

Optional obstacles may be used provided the obstacles can be found in everyday ranch work. Prohibited Obstacles: Tarps, water obstacles with slick bottoms, PVC pipe used as a jump or walk over, tires, rocking or moving bridges, or logs or poles elevated in a manner that permits such to roll in a dangerous manner. Credits & Penalties: 1 Point Penalties: Each hit, bite or stepping on a log, cone plant or any component of the obstacle; incorrect or break of gait at walk or jog for two (2) strides or less; skipping over or failing to step into required space; split pole in lope-over; incorrect number of strides, if specified; and one step on dismount or ground tie except shifting to balance.; 3 Point Penalties: Wrong lead or out of lead; draped reins; break of gait at lope; and break of gait at walk or jog for more than two (2) strides; 5 Point Penalties: Spurring in front of cinch; blatant disobedience; use of either hand to instill fear/praise; use of two hands per maneuver; more than one finger between split reins or any fingers between romal reins per maneuver (except two rein); knocking over, stepping out of or falling off an obstacle; dropping an object required to be carried; 1st or 2nd cumulative refusal; letting go of gate; Off-Pattern: Breaking pattern; leaving working area before pattern is complete; 3rd refusal; repeated blatant disobedience; fall of horse/ rider (run ends and credit will be given for work done). Exhibitors cannot place above others who complete pattern correctly; Disqualification: Lameness; abuse; illegal equipment; disrespect or misconduct; or improper western attire.

RUSTY STIRRUP/RUSTY SPUR/ MASTERS WALK/TROT DIVISION

Open to beginner adult walk/trot/jog riders or adult riders no longer comfortable showing at the canter/lope. Rider may have cantered in a show in the past but is limited to non-cantering classes in NCSC shows with exception of Walk/Trot/Jog-Canter one at a time in either Western or English shows, or Crossrails. May also show in halter and any NON-LTD walk/trot class. Rusty Stirrup/Rusty Spur: Limited to ages 19-44. Masters: Limited to ages 45 & over
**PLEASE NOTE: Should a rider leave this division mid-year, they will only retain points up to then for this division.

Rusty Stirrup/Rusty Spur Classes:

Rusty Stirrup/Rusty Spur WT/J Pleasure
Rusty Stirrup/Rusty Spur W/T/J Equitation/Horsemanship
Rusty Stirrup/Rusty Spur W/T/J-Canter/Lope one at a time
Rusty Stirrup/Masters English Walk-Trot Pattern
Rusty Stirrup/Spur/Masters Walk-Trot/Jog Trail

Masters Classes:

Masters Walk/Trot/Jog Pleasure
Masters Walk/Trot/Jog Equitation/Horsemanship
Masters Walk/Trot/Jog-Canter/Lope one at a time
Rusty Stirrup/Masters English Walk-Trot Pattern
Rusty Stirrup/Spur/Masters Walk-Trot/Jog Trail

SADDLE SEAT DIVISION

To be shown in full bridles, snaffle or pelham bits. Martingales or similar tie-downs are prohibited. Spurs of unrowelled type, whips or crops are optional. Suits of conservative colors, derby or soft hat, and jodhpur boots required. Matching gloves are recommended. Saddle to be flat English type. Wraps, bandages, chains and artificial appliances are prohibited. Bell boots will be permitted during increment weather. Horse must be able to trot and canter.

Saddle Seat Classes:

Saddle Seat Pleasure
Saddle Seat Equitation

SHOWMANSHIP

Handler to be judged on presentation of horse & execution of pattern, grooming of horse and neatness of exhibitor. Saddle marks/conformation not to count. Showmanship classes are held as open card classes in our B arena, exhibitors may leave their horses saddled for this class. Showmanship class points will count towards age group/division high points.

Showmanship Classes:

Assisted/Advanced Beginner English Showmanship
LTD English Showmanship
Youth English Showmanship (18 & Under) (NO LTD)
Adult English Showmanship
Assisted/Advanced Beginner Western Showmanship
Challenged Assisted/Advanced Showmanship
LTD Western Showmanship
Youth Western Showmanship (18 & Under) (NO LTD)
Adult Western Showmanship

SMALL FRY DIVISION

Exhibitors to be led by handler. Horse must have a leadrope attached. May only cross enter into Halter and In-Hand Trail.

Small Fry Classes:

Small Fry English/Western Leadline
Small Fry English/Western Walk Only

TRAIL DIVISION

To be shown on an "open" card basis in Arena B. Rider may not cross enter trail divisions. Horse may not be shown by more than one rider in a particular trail class. Rider may show more than one horse in a particular trail class.

No Score on an obstacle: Executing obstacle in a way other than described in pattern; Failure to complete obstacle. Three refusals on any one obstacle will count as failure to complete obstacle and rider must go on to the next obstacle; Failure to be on prescribed gait or lead.

Disqualification: Missing or not attempting obstacle. This is off course; Not executing obstacles in prescribed order (off course); Fall to the ground by horse or rider; Major disobedience – rearing – bucking – schooling

Trail Classes:

Assisted/Advanced Beginner Trail

Challenged Assisted/Advanced Trail

LTD Trail

Rusty Spur/Rusty Stirrup/Masters Trail

Trail - 18 & Under / 19 & Over

In-Hand Trail

WESTERN DIVISION

Attire to consist of shirt with long sleeves and collar or western tunic, western hat and western boots. Spurs and chaps are optional. Bits can be any type described as legal standard western bits in AQHA/APHA/ApHC. Horses 5 years old and younger may be shown in snaffle or hackamore. Horses 6 years old and older must be shown in either curb, half-breed or spade bit. Curb chains must be at least ½ inch in width and lie flat. A flat leather curb strap may be used to help keep a snaffle bit in place but may not interfere with the action of the bit. Prohibited equipment: wire chin straps, chin straps narrower than ½ inch, martingales, draw reins, nose bands and tie downs. Prohibited equipment is not limited to those items mentioned. Rider to have only one hand on the reins, hand around reins; index finger only permitted between reins. Exception: California reins where NO fingers are permitted between reins and the second hand is to hold the romal; and with horses 5 years and under using a snaffle or bosal where two hands are required. Four beat lope to be penalized.

Western Classes:

Western Horsemanship (14 & Under / 15-18 / 19 & Over)

Western Pleasure (14 & Under / 15-18 / 19 & Over)

WESTERN DRESSAGE

These are 4 new classes added to our shows in 2015. Points will go towards age group or division end of day high point. Our rules for are a result of looking at Western Dressage Association of America rules for other associations and modifying them to fit the way our arenas are run as well as our group of exhibitors. Horses may cross enter other western classes at the same show. **For 2015 the Introductory Patterns will be used for the W/T class and the Basic Patterns will be used for W/T/L. Required attire:** Suitable Western Hat or any approved riding helmet, Long Sleeved shirt with collar, Trousers, pants or jeans and Boots. **Optional attire:** Necktie, kerchief, bolo tie or pin, Vest, jacket, coat and/or sweater, Spurs of western or English style (western spurs with rowels must not have sharp tines), Chaps, shotgun chaps or chinks, and Protective headgear is not required to be of western style. **Equipment/Grooming:** Any Western type headstall must be used. A breastplate and leather western cavesson can be used. A hackamore or bosal is permitted on a horse of any age or any level. Roping reins are allowed (not English reins). Snaffle and Shank bits follow the standard Western bit regulations. No Slow twist, flat, twisted, pointed edges nor gag bits are allowed. Kimberwick bits and bits with slots or loops on the inside of the ring are not allowed. Curb strap and Curb chains – no tacks. Wire bumps or bars allowed. A standard stock saddle, working saddle or Aussie saddle can be used but silver equipment will not count over a good working outfit. Whips are allowed but no longer than 47.2" or 120 cm. Illegal equipment: Any kind of boot; Martingales; Mechanical hackamores; Flash, figure eight or dropped nose bands. **Gaits/Movement:** Working Walk: For a-beat, active energetic walk with forward-reaching steps and confident stretch to the bit. Head and neck should swing naturally as a result of a relaxed back and free shoulders. The nose must be in front of the vertical. The hind feet should touch the ground into or beyond the prints of the forefeet. Free Walk: A relaxed Walk with unconstrained, forward reaching steps where hind feet touch the ground clearly in front of the footprints of the forefeet. The horse must be relaxed and allowed complete freedom to lower his head and neck to stretch forward and down and out. The length of stride, rhythm, the relaxation and swing through his back are of great importance. Working Jog: An energetic, regular, two-beat jog; the horse must go forward with even and elastic steps. The back must be relaxed and the shoulders free, while there is an obvious push from the hindquarters. The hind legs step actively up under the horse. The horse must show proper balance and maintain light contact with the bit. The horse's nose must be on or slightly in front of the vertical. The jog may be ridden either posting or sitting. Canter: Three equal, regular beats with time of suspension after the third beat. Lope is slower tempo than a canter and must keep the three beat rhythm or the regularity is lost. Correct lope must be balanced, rhythmic, 3 beat with a clear time or suspension, straight, adjustable and supple, showing willingness to move forward in self-carriage with engaged hindquarters. Faults: Loss of three beat rhythm; Crookedness; Tight and tense back with short stiff neck; Horse on forehand and/or leaning on the bit; Nose consistently behind the vertical; or Change of tempo. **Class Procedures:** A rider can ride with two hands with split reins, connected reins or mecate reins in a snaffle or shank bit

on any age horse; Snaffle bits must be ridden two handed; Shank bits can be used one handed or two handed but the reins cannot be connected nor bridged; A caller can call the test for the rider, but only as it is written; Should the rider or horse leave the perimeter of the dressage arena, they will be disqualified; Arena is 40m by 20m.

Western Dressage Classes:

Western Dressage W/T - Youth

Western Dressage W/T - Adult

Western Dressage W/T/L - Youth

Western Dressage W/T/L - Adult