

2008 PLAINS QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION
OPEN HORSE SHOW GUIDELINES AND RULES

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

AGE GROUPS: AS OF JANUARY 1ST

For Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Ranch Horse Pleasure, Trail, Barrels, Poles & Ranch Horse Trail are:

Junior Youth-----11 and under Senor Youth-----12 thru 19
Adult-----20 and over

For Ranch Horse Reining and Reining are:

Youth-----19 and under Adult-----20 and over

Pee Wee Showmanship and Pee Wee Pleasure are 7 and under.

No exceptions on age. Each contestant will ride in the age group in which they belong. There will be no switching or riding in age groups in which a rider does not belong.

GREEN HORSE WESTERN PLEASURE:

This class is open to horses of any age in their first year of showing and to any rider. The horse can be shown with two hands using appropriate tack for a junior horse. This class is judged on the horse. **This class is walk-trot** only, a lope will not be call for .

RANCH HORSE WESTERN PLEASURE:

Ranch horses will be judged as if the horse was being ridden across a pasture not in an arena. You want your horse to cover ground at a more natural gait suitable to the ranch environment, not excessively slow or fast, but a gait that is comfortable to both horse and rider. A horse in the correct lead will be judged according to the class.

IN-HAND-TRAIL:

This class is targeted toward young horses that are 2 and under. Miniature horses are allowed at exhibitor's request.

RANCH HORSE TRAIL:

This class will do the trail class plus two (2) to three (3) more obstacles that are found on ranches.

WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP:

There will be a pattern in this class plus rail work, could be asked to do different things on the rail such as side passes, counter canter, pivots, etc.

RANCH HORSE REINING:

This year we will be using the modified patterns that we use for Junior Horse Reining.

JUNIOR HORSE REINING:

Junior Horse Reining will be using modified reining patterns.

GENERAL SHOW INFORMATION:

ALL SHOWS TO START PROMPLY AT 8:00 AM. HALTER ENTRIES CLOSE AT 7:30 AM. ALL OTHER CLASS ENTRIES MUST BE INTO OFFICE AT LEAST TWO (2) CLASSES PRIOR TO CLASS BEING ENTER!!!!

YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO SIGN A WAIVER AT EACH SHOW OR EVENT.

MINOR CHILDREN WHO ARE ACCOMPANY BY SOMEONE OTHER THAN THEIR PARENTS WILL HAVE TO HAVE A SIGNED WAIVER BY THEIR PARENTS ALONG WITH A WRITTEN STATEMENT WHO WILL BE IN CHARGE OF THEM AT THE SHOW.

A MINOR CHILD WILL BE REQUIRED TO HAVE A PARENT OR GUARDIAN ON THE GROUNDS BEFORE THEY ARE ABLE TO ENTER THE ARENA FOR ANY CLASS.

NEBRASKA 4-H RULES WILL BE USED WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

- A) Chaps are permitted
- B) Any colored long sleeved shirt may be worn.
- C) Hoof black is permitted
- D) **DUE TO ARENA CONDITIONS AT ALL SHOWS** splint boots will be allowed for all performance classes under saddle. Splint boots will not be allowed in halter or showmanship.
- E) Special patterns for Junior Horse and Ranch Horse Reining will be posted

A Junior Horse is five(5) year old or younger. A Senior Horse is six(6) year old or older. Age is determine on January 1st. Horses turn a year older on January 1st, (example: a horse is born in May the horse becomes a year old on January 1st)

A Junior Horse may be ridden with two(2) hands in any class as long as they are ridden with a snaffle bit or bossal.

Patterns will be posted for the following classes: Showmanship, Western Horsemanship, Trail and Reining. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to know the patterns. If you have questions, be sure to ask before the class begins.

Yearling Stallions must be exhibited by individuals who are no less than 18 years old.

STALLIONS MAY BE SHOWN IN ADULT SHOWMANSHIP, BUT MUST BE UNDER COMPLETE CONTROL AT ALL TIMES, NEED TO SET UP AWAY FROM OTHER HORSE ESPECIALLY MARES. IF THE STALLION ACTS UP YOU MAY BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE ARENA BY THE JUDGE, RING PERSON OR OTHER OFFICIAL.

Entries must be legible, in ink or typed.

If there are concerns about your eligibility for a class or if information is missing on your entry form, Show Management reserves the right to refuse your entry into a class.

If any halter class has 3 or fewer entries, it may be combined with the next age division.

A minimum of 4 animals of that gender must quality for the Grand and Reserve Class for the award to be held

Lead line entrants are not eligible for the Pee Wee Western Pleasure Class.

Lead line entrants must be lead by someone 16 or older

The same pattern will be used for Adult and Youth Ranch Horse Reining, also Junior Horse Reining.

For all speed events classes, the 30 second rule will be observed. Be at the gate, ready to go in when your number is called. 4-H rules will be strictly followed for all speed events.

If any youth speed event has 3 or fewer entries, only one youth class will be held for that event.

Awards for First place. Ribbons for Second through Sixth.

Junior Horse Performance High Point Awards will include the following classes: Junior Horse Showmanship, Junior Horse Pleasure, Junior Horse Reining and Junior Horse Trail.

At all show except Gordon: Performance All-Around to be awarded in each age group. Classes 9 through 45 will count for all-around awards. Class 12,13,14,19,20,21,22,23,24,28,29,30,31,35, 36,and 37 **DO NOT** count toward the performance all-around awards. **MUST BE SAME HORSE IN ALL CLASSES FOR HIGH POINT.**

AT GORDON ONLY: Performance and speed all-around will be awarded in each age group.

At all shows we will give a ranch horse high point. You must complete in ranch horse trail, ranch horse western pleasure and ranch horse reining and showmanship in your age division.

YEAR-END AWARDS

You must be a paid member in good standing with the Plains Quarter Horse Association to be eligible for year-end awards **and dues must be paid by May 31** (only exception will be someone who has never show at a PQHA show or is new to the area). A member is considered to be in good standing by paying their dues. **Receipts must be presented to treasurer by December 31 of current year or must have awards order no later and a copy of order to treasurer.**

Memberships are \$25.00 for a family if paid by May 31, after \$40.00 and \$15.00 for and individual if paid by May 31, after it is \$30.00.

An exhibitor must show in a class with the same horse in at least two (2) shows to be eligible for a year-end award.

A minimum of 5 points must be earned for an individual to be eligible for year-end awards.

Year-end awards will be given to the horse that has earned the most points for each class. Reserve year-end awards may be deemed practical.

Horse must use the same name for the entire show season to be eligible for year-end awards. If you start the year by using a registered name use it at all shows, same applies if you use a nickname.

No year-end awards will be given for Lead line.

To determine the year-end placing in case of a tie we will have a tie-breaker show. In 2007 the SCFR show in Gordon(the first Gordon Show), 2008 the Chadron show and in 2009 the Hemingford show. These shows will rotate. If the Alliance show continues it will be add to the rotation.

GENERAL RULES

If you are dismissed from the class by the judge, you will leave the show ring immediately. The show may be called to a stop until the exhibitor has left the arena.

If you are not at the gate after three gate calls for the class, the class will be closed and you will not be allowed to exhibit in that class. The only exception is if you have a tack change and that you have notified the ring steward of this tack change.

Be courteous to all exhibitors and to all show help. It is at the discretion of the show help to refuse assistance to uncurious exhibitors.

SAFETY RULES

Show management reserves the right to dismiss any entry they determine to be unsafe.

No running or racing on the grounds. Show management reserves the right to dismiss any entrant who disobeys this rule.

Don't be the cause of an accident by crowding into other horses or people.

Find a place to practice with your horse in the open and away from others.

At the show, a horse that kicks will be required to have a red ribbon in their tail. Give them plenty of room! Mares in heat may be having a bad day. Be cautious. A red ribbon may also be appropriate at this time.

Be safe when tying your horse near strange horses.

Double check your equipment.

HORSE SHOW ETIQUETTE

*Always be courteous, cautious and prepared. Always be prepared for the unexpected. Horses react differently to strange surroundings. Even the tamest horse may become scared or nervous when away from home and could kick, bite or buck.

*Be polite to judges, ring stewards, gate people, office personnel, other exhibitors and bystanders at all times.

***Anyone using foul language at any PQHA event will be warned once, if it continues show management reserves the right to asked you to leave the grounds. Especially if there are children near by. These are family events and we are trying to teach the children t good sportsmanship and to have fun.**

***Sick or lame horses should be left at home.** A sick horse may be contagious and infect other horses at the show. Please observe annual vaccination schedules to ensure your horse's health and the health of other animals.

*Pick up trash before you leave the grounds.

POINT SYSTEM

1. All shows will use the same point system.
2. Points will be kept on the horse only.
3. The number assigned to that horse at the show stays with the horse, not the rider.
4. No horse may be exhibited in the same class number twice.
5. Points will be kept as follows:

IN A CLASS WITH SIX(6) OR MORE ENTRIES

First place receives 6 points

Second place receives 5 points

Third place receives 4 points

Forth place receives 3 points

Fifth place receives 2 points

Sixth place receives 1 point

IN A CLASS WITH FIVE(5) ENTRIES

First place receives 5 points

Second place receives 4 points

Third place receives 3 points

Forth place receives 2 points

Fifth place receives 1 point

IN A CLASS WITH FOUR(4) ENTRIES

First place receives 4 points

Second place receives 3 points

Third place receives 2 points

Forth place receives 1 points

IN A CLASS WITH THREE(3) ENTRIES

First place receives 3 points

Second place receives 2 points

Third place receives 1 point

IN A CLASS WITH TWO(2) ENTRIES

First place receives 2 points

Second place receives 1 point

IN A CLASS WITH ONE(1) ENTRY

First place receives 1 point