

Ranch Riding Challenge

One show series with awards given to Champion and Reserve Champion High Point winners. Ribbons to fifth in each class.

October 20th, 2019 Judge: Mandi Thompson

Cost: Open, Amateur, Novice, Walk/Jog 18 & over - \$45 for all three classes or \$20 a class

Youth, Walk/Jog 10 & Under - \$35 for all three classes or \$15 a class

Each horse is charged a \$10 office fee and \$5 drug fee

- There is three different classes to enter and be eligible for high point award: Ranch Flat, Ranch Riding, and Ranch Trail.
 - **Ranch Flat** - Reflects 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. This class should show the horse's ability to work at a forward speed while under the rider's control. This class can be judged at the walk, extended walk, jog, extended jog, lope and extended lope on the rail. Riders will be asked will be asked to demonstrate any combination of these gaits described, a reverse of directions, and/or back up. Rider should have light contact on the reins, not fully draped.
 - **Ranch Riding** - This is a pattern class. Horses will perform pattern individually, according to designated class draw. In this class judges are looking for a relaxed, yet responsive horse and soft cadenced gaits. The horse should make timely transitions in a smooth and correct manner, plus the horse should be soft in the bridle and yield to contact. They are not looking for reining quality spins or stops, but once again a good working horse's responsive smooth, efficient stop and spin. Patterns will come off of AQHA's pattern book.
 - **Ranch Trail** – Obstacles found in a ranch trail pattern are approximate to those found during the course of everyday ranch work. Judges are looking for a well-trained, responsive, and well-mannered horses that can correctly navigate and negotiate the course, and do so in a correct and efficient manner.
- There will be 6 different High Point divisions: Amateur, Novice, Walk/Jog 18 & Up, Open Youth, 10 & under walk/jog.
 - **Open** – Open to all riders and trainers, no ownership restriction on horse.
 - **Amateur** – Amateurs have not shown, trained or assisted in training a horse (whether or not a registered American Quarter Horse) for remuneration, monetary or otherwise, either directly or indirectly, nor received remuneration for instructing another person in riding, driving, training or showing a horse for three calendar years previous to application for amateur membership. Amateurs must own the horse they are showing, or be a direct relative of horse's owner.

- **Novice** – Novice will be considered an amateur rider, but within their first two years of showing in ranch classes. May show two handed in any legal bit. No ownership restrictions
- **Walk/Jog 18 & Up** – A walk jog class for individuals 18 years and older. Riders are restricted to walk/jog on that horse, they MAY NOT cross enter into any lope divisions at that show on that horse.
- **Youth** – Aged 18 years and under, must own horse or be directly related to horse's owner. Age determined as of January 1st
- **10 & Under Walk/Jog** – Youth riders aged 10 & under. Restricted to walk/jog, may not cross enter into any lope classes at that show. May show two hands in any legal bit. No owner restrictions on horse. Age determined as of January 1st
- **Point Break Down**
 - Points will be awarded based on the number of entries in each class. First place horse will receive the number of entrants plus one additional point. Then 2 points subtracted from first for second place, after that one additional point less for each placing. The only time no points will be given is the result of incompleteness, no show, or disqualification by judge. Ties will have the subsequent placings added together then divided equally.
 - For instance if 10 participants enter the ranch riding, places will be determined by scoring then points awarded as follows.

Entry Number	Score	Place	Points	Notes
252	74	1 st	11	Number of entries plus 1
246	73	2 nd	9	1 st place points subtract 2
234	72.5	3 rd	8	Subtract 1 point
265	72	4 th	6.5	Tie adds the 7 and 6 points then divide by number of ties
241	72	4 th	6.5	Same tie
224	71.5	6 th	5	This entry is now bumped to 6 th place because of tie
267	71	7 th	4	
253	68	8 th	3	
321	0 (off pattern)	9 th	2	This entry received a zero for off pattern however they still showed and will receive the last place points
313	0 (scratched or disqualified class)	10 th	0	This entry did not show so they forfeit the 1 point.

- This system will hold for all classes. High point will be determined by adding all points together. If a tie should occur the tie will be broken by the highest score in ranch riding class.