



TWO YEAR OLD RANCH CLASS



HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE WCHA BREEDERS FUTURITY
WILL ROGERS EVENTS CENTER – FT WORTH, TX – Sept 26 – Oct 1, 2022
ALL BREED STAKES CLASS

\$12,500 Steve & Kathy Headley Sponsorship Added to The Purse

Open and Non Pro Rider Divisions Within The Class

- Trophy Saddle Awarded To Champion Open Horse & The Champion Non Pro Horse
- Age Of Horses: Two Years Old
- Horses Must Be WCHA Bred (Sired by stallions that are currently or who have ever been nominated into the WCHA Breeder’s Futurity Program) **(A list of over 300 eligible stallions is available)**
- Horses Must Also Be Nominated Into WCHA Breeder’s Program either by regular or performance only nomination. Performance Only Nominations Are Still Open
- Owner and Exhibitor must be Current WCHA members. (Fill out a separate membership form and return)
- Horses will compete in 3 phases of competition: Simple Pattern, Ranch On The Rail and Conformation
- Final scores based on Highest Combination of Performance and Conformation Placings:
 - **1/3 of final score on ranch pattern class placing.**
 - **1/3 of final score on ranch rail placing.**
 - **1/3 of final score on conformation class placing.**
- Non Pro’s and Open Riders Show Together: Non Pro Rider must enter open division, flat rate additional entry fee of \$100 for a non pro class. **\$2,500 Of Purse Designated To Non Pro Competitors !!**

Horse’s Name: _____ Registration # _____
 Sire: _____
 Owner Of Entry: _____ Tax Id/SS#: _____ (mandatory)
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Contact Person Email Address: _____ Phone #: _____
 Rider/Exhibitor: _____ Circle One: Non Pro - Open

Entry Fees:

If Paid By June 15th = \$300, If Paid By July 15th = \$350, If Paid By August 15th = \$400 or Late Entry By Sept 24 = \$600

Amount Of Entry Into Open Class Based On Payment Date = \$ _____

Non Pro Entry, Flat Rate Of \$100, Must Enter Open Division = \$ _____

Office Fee: \$ 40.00

Total Amount Sent \$ _____

Credit Card Information: (3% user fee if using credit card)

Name On Credit Card: _____ Billing Zip Code: _____

Credit Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____ CVV Code: _____

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Any Questions Regarding These Stakes Classes Contact:

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Ranch Class Rules

1. This is a Stakes Class for Two- Year- Old horses registered with AQHA, APHA or ApHC.
 - a. Entries must be sired by a stallion that is currently or was previously enrolled into the WCHA Breeder's Futurity Program since 2011. (Over 300 stallions have been enrolled)
 - b. **Owner and Exhibitor Must be WCHA members.**
 - c. Horses **MUST** Be nominated into WCHA Breeder's Program prior to entering, a performance only nomination is still available.
 - d. Exhibitor changes are allowed up to 5pm the evening prior to the class.
 - e. No exhibitor changes from one phase of competition to the next.
 - f. **NO LEASES !!** If horse is recently purchased proof of actual sale and transfer must be provided.
 2. Exhibitors: Open And/Or Non Pro Riders. A non pro rider must first enter the open class and then can enter the non pro class with a Flat Rate Entry Fee of \$100. All entry fees added back to the purse, less office fee.
 3. No Refunds, No horse substitutions without death certificate.
 4. Horses will be inspected and markings compared to registration papers.
 5. Horses may be drug tested and any positive test will result in suspension of all prize monies.
 6. Horses will compete in 3 phases of competition: Simple Pattern, Ranch On The Rail and Conformation
 7. Final scores based on Highest Combination of Performance and Conformation Placings:
 - a. **1/3 of final score on simplified ranch pattern placing, pattern to be sent to competitors by Aug 20**
 - b. **1/3 of final score on ranch rail class placing, horses will not be asked to extend the lope.**
 - c. **1/3 of final score on conformation class placing.**
- All horses will be unsaddled at same time, 2 grooms allowed in for 6 minutes to prep horses to compete in form to function conformation class, all sexes show in one class.
8. See Additional Ranch On The Rail Rules on page 3.



WCHA Ranch On The Rail Rules, Phase Two Of Competition:

- This class is intended as a rail class but individuals working off the rail will not be penalized, and in fact, riders are encouraged to use adequate space given the extension of gaits required.
- The ranch rail pleasure class measures the ability of the horse to be a pleasure to ride while being used as a means of conveyance from one ranch task to another and should reflect the versatility, attitude, and movement of a working horse. The horse should be well-broke, relaxed, quiet, soft and cadenced at all gaits.
- The horse should be ridden on a relatively loose rein with light contact and without requiring undue restraint. The horse should be responsive to the rider and make timely transitions in a smooth and correct manner. The horse should be soft in the bridle and yield to contact.
- The ideal ranch rail horse should have a natural head carriage at each gait. In all gaits, movement of the ranch rail pleasure horse should simulate a horse needing to cover long distances, softly and quietly, like that of a working ranch horse. This class should show the horse's ability to work at a forward, working speed while under control by the rider. Light contact should be rewarded and horse shall not be shown on a full drape of reins.
- The overall manners and responsiveness of the horse while performing the maneuver requirements and the horse's quality of movement are the primary considerations.

The following terminology shall apply:

1. Walk – The walk is a natural, flat footed, four-beat gait. The gait is rhythmic and ground-covering. As in all gaits, the horse should display a level, or slightly above level topline with a bright, attentive expression.
2. Trot – The trot is a natural two-beat gait demonstrating more forward motion than the western jog.
3. Extended Trot – The extended trot is an obvious lengthening of the stride with a definite increase in pace. The horse should be moving in a manner as if it were covering a large area on a ranch with an above level topline.
4. Lope – The lope is a three-beat gait. The lope should be relaxed and smooth with a natural, forward moving stride.
5. Extended Lope – **The WCHA Two Year Old Ranch On The Rail class will not ask for an extended lope.**

- Part of the evaluation of this class is on smoothness of transitions. A horse may be collected from the extended trot as the horse moves into the lope. The transition from the extended lope down to the trot is a transition to the seated trot, not the extended trot. Therefore, an extra cue to achieve this gait is expected. Horses that complete this total transition within three strides calmly and obediently should be rewarded. Horses that attempt to stop or do stop prior to trotting will be penalized. Judges expect to see horses that have been trained to respond to cues. To see these cues applied discretely and the horse responding correctly could be a credit earning situation. To rein a horse is not only to guide him but also to control his every movement. The best reined horse should be willingly guided or controlled with little or no apparent resistance and dictated to completely. Any movement on his own must be considered a lack of control.

Ranch On The Rail Penalties. A contestant shall be penalized each time the following occur:

1. Too slow/per gait.
2. Over-bridled.
3. Out of frame.
4. Break of gait at walk or jog for 2 strides or less.
5. Break of gait at walk or jog for more than 2 strides.
6. Break of gait at lope.
7. Wrong lead or out of lead.
8. Draped reins.
9. Out of lead or cross-cantering more than two strides.
10. Trotting more than three strides when taking lead.
11. Blatant disobedience (kick, bite, buck, rear, etc.).

12. Major disobedience or schooling.
13. Spurring in front of cinch.
14. Use of either hand to instill fear/ praise.

Two Year Old Ranch Class Apparel and Equipment: Attire and tack should be clean and presentable. Working tack is encouraged.

1. Because some entries have or will be competing in regular halter classes trimming ears, bridle path, fetlocks, facial hair and wearing hoof polish is allowable.

2. No braided or banded manes.

- Equipment with silver should not count over a good working outfit.
- It is suggested that competitors use a breast collar and rear cinch.
- **Horses shown in the WCHA Two Year Old Class must be shown in a snaffle or bosal and be ridden two handed.**
- Prohibited equipment includes tie downs, cavessons, gag bits, mechanical hackamores and running martingales.
- Posting at the extended trot is acceptable.
- Class shall work both ways of the ring at all requested gaits.



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