

## Ranch Horse Shows

1. By Entering all contestants agree to abide by and follow all rules. KPH Arena reserves the right to refuse entry to any horse or individual.
2. The purpose of the Versatility Ranch Horse Class is to demonstrate the performance, versatility, and conformation of the stock horse as a working ranch horse.
3. In schooling competitions, the judge will not encourage any maneuver or action contrary to established rules, or which would not be deemed safe for any participant within the same division.
4. In all Ranch Horse Classes, horses will be shown in a western saddle and appropriate bridle, snaffle bit or hackamore for the duration of the class. A western saddle is a common type of saddle distinguished by a large noticeable fork on which there is some form of horn, a high cantle and large skirts. Silver equipment will not count over a good working outfit. Horses 5 yrs old and younger may be shown in a snaffle bit, hackamore, curb bit, half-breed or spade bit. Horses 6 yrs and older may only be shown in a curb bit, half-breed or spade bit. When a curb is used a curb strap or curb chain is required, but must meet the approval of the judge, be at least one-half inch in width and lie flat against the jaw of the horse. Curb chains cannot be tied to the bit with string or cord. A broken strap or chain does not necessarily result in a major penalty. If you are in question, approach the Judge/Clinician prior to event to review tack.
5. Optional Equipment: 1) Rope or riata; if used, the rope or riata must be coiled and attached to the saddle. 2) Hobbles attached to saddle 3) Tapaderos, except in working cow horse where they are not allowed 4) Protective boots, leg wraps, and bandages are allowed, except in Ranch Conformation 5) Spurs: not to be used forward of the cinch 6) A chain may be used in Ranch Conformation b) Prohibited Equipment: 1) Protective boots in Ranch Conformation 2) Wire chin straps, regardless of how padded or covered 3) Any chin strap or chain narrower than one-half inch 4) Martingales and draw reins 5) Nosebands, tie downs and roping reins
6. Lameness 1. The judge shall examine and check for lameness of all horses exhibited. The judge has the authority to excuse any horse from the class, due to lameness, at any time while being judged.
7. 2. Obvious lameness may be cause for dismissal. Obvious lameness is: a) Consistently observed at a trot under all circumstances b) Marked nodding, hitching or shortened stride c) Minimal weight -bearing in motion and/or at rest and inability to move
8. 3. A judge may permit a horse with minor lameness to continue to exhibit without penalty if, in the judge's opinion, there is no risk of injury to either the horse or the rider by continuing to exhibit.
9. In the Open Division, any horse can be ridden by any rider. There are no Ownership requirements.
10. An amateur must not have shown, judged, trained or assisted in training, or instructed another person for remuneration in riding or training a horse for a period of two years. An amateur may accept prizes, payback, or purses for events and maintain Amateur status. An amateur may serve as a Clinician if certified on a volunteer basis (no remuneration for services).
11. A Youth that is 18 years old or younger on January 1
12. Green Horse is a horse who has not won more that \$100 in any Ranch Versatility event

13. Disruptive or Unsafe horses: Any disruptive horse/rider team that poses a threat to the safety of others or to the safety of the rider, in the judgment of the Clinician, Judge, or Event Manager, must be removed.
14. Series award: Membership must be paid in full prior to the first class to ensure your points count toward the Series awards. You do not have to buy a membership to run in the series, only if you want to run for the series awards.
15. For the Series you do not have to show in all 3 classes to be eligible for the series awards, it is tallied by the highest pointed rider in their division.
16. Zero tolerance policy: In show arena, in practice pen or on show grounds. Abuse includes but not limited to excessive jerking, spurring, whipping, slapping abuse with any devise or equipment intended to cause trauma or injury to horse. Any accusations of abuse will be reviewed by show committee. Abusers maybe asked to leave show grounds forfeiting any and all fees and winnings.
17. We will be following the National Versatility Ranch Horse Association rule and you can find their rulebook @ [www.nvrha.org](http://www.nvrha.org)