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2020 RULE CHANGES

✓ Add Longe Line Class - Page 21

✓ Add Ranch Pleasure Class - Page 24

✓ Judges are to post their patterns as soon as possible maybe even 24 hours ahead of time. Would appreciate it if they could have copies of their patterns at the show.

✓ If a show was rained out and could be moved to a different location, start time would be pushed back by One hour.
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- Timed Events Vice President – Heath Lord
- Roping Events Vice President – Jeff Nichols

2020 SHOW DATES
May 17 – Uniontown
May 24 – Pine Z
June 7 – Benefit @ Pleasanton
June 21 – Chanute
June 28 – Iola
July 5 – Iola
July 12 – Pine Z
August 9 – Pleasanton

RAFFLE SALES
Pleasanton sells
Iola sells
Every club sells
Pine Z sells
Uniontown sells
Chanute sells
Iola sells
Pine Z sells
M.E.K.W.H.A. OBJECTIVE...

- Is to provide healthy competition for youth and adult
- Is to allow a competitor the opportunity to exhibit their abilities with a horse in performance, running and roping events.
- Is to honor those earning awards with a year-end recognition.
- Is to provide an environment where families and friends can enjoy a common pastime.
- Is to help competitors become better horsemen and horsewomen.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

CLUBS

CLUBS YEARLY ASSOCIATION DUES - $40.00

Club dues must be paid to the association treasurer before March 1; if not paid by April 1 the club will be dropped and not reinstated until after current year. Set by 2/3 vote of Board of Directors at annual meeting.

There is to be an official delegates list from each club with the president or one other member plus the two elected Assn. Delegates: 1 of 3 who is to be called in case of a cancellation of show and/or notification for any official Assn. Event. The list is to be presented at the yearly annual meeting. The person contacted is to pass on information to all interested local club members. The official secretary is to send 1 of these 3 (to be listed first) an official final placing no later than 30 days after final show.

Each club must put on one point show per year. Each club is responsible for the following classes at each point show:

- Chanute: Pole Bending
- Uniontown: Barrel Race
- Pleasanton: Flag Race
- Lola: Pick-Up Race
- Host Club: Goat Tying, Roping, Performance, Judges, and Timers

May 1st DEADLINE for current year membership for MEKWHMA points. Each club must notify MEKWHMA Recording and Points Secretaries (ALL 4) for any late members who want to be allowed to compete with no additional non-member fees charged at any MEKWHMA Point Show.
Optional for clubs to hold a second point show during any one show season. Also they may retain all the $6.00 Office Charge for their club from their second point show.

Optional for a “Benefit Show” to be held at one of the MEKWA club arenas. All clubs will have members to volunteer to work the whole show. This will be a complete point show with payback; however the gate and office charge will all go directly to MEKWA to help pay for awards and additional needed equipment.

EVENT CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES
* Set up for event
* Provide gate person(s)
* Provide any necessary person to maintain event patterns (barrels, poles, flags, and pick-up)
* Provide a person to return the needed flags
* Provide person to flag start/stop line

HOST CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES
* Hire a judge (one for performance, one for timed events)
* Get a current rule book to the judge to study before the show
* Make judge aware of pre-show time arrivals
* Have judge prepare trail, reining, horsemanship, and showmanship patterns for posting one hour before show
* Have enough cash for change at the gate, concessions, entry and payback
* Provide safety pins, official entry blanks, pencils, class sheets for the announcer, pre-figured payback list for cashier, list of classes with prices, ages and class numbers, association list of official members, to date and association provided ribbons
* Hosting clubs should have blank 5” X 8” cards and a dark marker for contestants needing a number
* Provide a speaker system
* Provide announcer, gate person, entry personnel, and concessions
* Provide a ringmaster to assist the judge with everything but judging
* Provide at least 2 working stop watches
* Provide timer personnel for the trail class
* Provide 2 timer personnel for all timed events - If the hosting club needs any additional event help, notification must be made to the event vice-president in a timely manner
*Have four trail obstacles from official list ready for use
*Have 3-l markers for the showmanship, horsemanship and reining classes
*Provide personnel for the goat tying classes
*Have 3 barrels
*Have 6 poles for pole bending with rubber bases
*Provide roping and performance arena helpers
*Have cattle available
*In the roping events the host club is responsible for having barriers (left and right) set up and ready to use.
*Have pens, gates and help on arrival and departure for stock contractor
*Have water available for stock, if weather demands
*Maintain record of all placings on official results list and send to the 4 association secretaries, also keeping sufficient records for further inquiries through the entire season

**NOTE TO HOST CLUB SECRETARIES**

Each club shall be required to furnish the two (2) Association secretaries a record of placings in each class, the top four placings in each class, according to the judge and mailed within ten days of show. A fine of $25.00 will be assessed for each club that does not have their point show results postmarked within this time frame. Failure may result in the placings from that horse show to be omitted from tabulations for year-end award winners. Record both ribbon roping contestants under proper heading. Record both pick-up contestants, designating jumper and rider. Record all contestants on office charge list in alphabetical order.

Only record the contestant who has purchased the steer to the two (2) official association secretaries. The helper’s name does not need to be recorded. Helper will pay office charge when he/she enters.

Send CLEAR information to EACH of the three (3) association secretaries WITHIN TEN DAYS of the point show. USE OF THE CORRECT OFFICIAL MEKWAHA RECORD FORMS IS REQUIRED!!!
Send checks for ribbons ($0.30 each), reporting form and all association fees, within 10 days of show to:
Stephanie Nichols 7749 Ungeheuer Road
Pleasanton, KS 66075

ASSOCIATION OFFICES
Association officers are: President, Performance Vice-President, Timed Event Vice-President, Roping Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, (Two) Point Secretaries, and Board of Directors.

EVENT VICE-PRESIDENT RESPONSIBILITIES
Timed event vice-president and assistant are responsible for the timer. These persons may elect to carry and supply all necessary equipment associated with the timer or find someone who knows how to correctly set up the timer and be willing to maintain it throughout the show season.

Roping vice-president must check on stock availability. The barrier system is at the Roping Vice President's discretion.

VACANCIES OF OFFICERS
If an officer resigns or is removed, Association Officers will elect another to fill the office, except President where the Vice-President will preside. Any officer may retire only in writing and acceptance is not necessary. Any officer may be removed by 2/3 vote of Association Officers after charge has been presented in writing at least 30 days prior to balloting.

QUORUM
Any members present at annual or regular meetings make a quorum if notices have been mailed to all member clubs five days previous. Three or more members are a quorum after official notification.

AMENDMENTS
Constitution and By-laws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Association Officers by 2/3 majority after proposed amendment has been read or copies have been sent to clubs at least 30 days prior.
LIABILITIES
Association Officers may not have the power to cause indebtedness beyond current funds nor can it access member clubs any debts.

COMPENSATIONS
Officers receive no compensations; however, they may be reimbursed for expenses at the direction of the Association Officers.

PENALTY
All bad checks written to any association club during MEKWA shows will be assessed a service charge of $15.00 on returned checks to be paid to the club treasurer before the end of the show season. Also, that contestant will be on a cash basis for the remainder of the current year for all association shows.

GRIEVANCES
Any act of discourtesy or disobedience to a judge or to an official of this association or of a member show by an owner, an exhibitor, his agent, employee, rider or close relative of such competitor or exhibitor, shall be just cause to give the Association Officers the right to debar the person from showing at any member show, for a period of time as the Officers may determine the offense warrants. All member clubs shall be immediately notified of any action taken by the Association Officers.

The Grievance Committee may withhold any entry, debar him/her from any or all events and withhold money due because of (a) Drunkenness (b) Rowdy Behavior (c) Stock Mistreatment (d) Quarreling with judges or officials.

In case of any grievance, they need to be filed in writing with a $25.00 fee included, presented to the Association Officers of the MEKWA within one hour after day of show which involved the problem grievance. At which time, the grievance will be considered by the Association Officers. If voted in favor of the complainant, the $25.00 fee will be refunded. The Association Officers will meet by phone or in person at their own initiative ASAP.
MANAGEMENT

Reserves the right to reject any entry in violation of rules, dishonest, or has been proven undesirable at any association show event. Management assumes no responsibility or liability for injury or damage to the person, property or stock of any owner, contestant, or assistant. Each participant by the act of his entry waives all claims against the management for injuries they or their property may sustain. Infractions of rules must be called to the attention of the Ringmaster not the judge for all classes.

May refuse admission or entry of anyone for being under the influence of liquor, rowdy behavior, mistreatment of stock, quarreling or other bad conduct. Association officers present are the Grievance Committee for enforcement of rules, settle disputes, set and enforce penalties.

COMMITTEES

Shall be chosen from any member club individual in good standing.

RAINOUTS

In case of rain, show may be cancelled and rescheduled before or during a show. It is each person’s responsibility to find out if show is being held or not. Call club delegates. A show may be moved to another location on that same scheduled day. In case of rain outs or show cancellations after ¾ of the show is complete and another date is chosen to finish the incomplete portion of the show, the points will be determined off the original show date to figure points for yearly awards.

SHOW GUIDELINES

All shows to be held in the months of May, June, July and August.

Entries shall be governed by rules and regulations. All judges’ decisions shall be final. Judge is to be in attendance during all events. May be one performance judge and one timed judge, or all-around judge, either is to be introduced before the start of the show. Performance judge is to be non-member; however, the arena and barrier judges and field flag person can be non-participating (for class he/she judges) association member to be chosen by the host club.
Show time is 4:00 pm on Saturday and 12:00 pm (noon) on Sunday with NO BREAK. Timed events to start no earlier than 3 hours after start time but may be later. Roping events to start immediately after Timed events.

Ribbons to top four (4) places in 18 years and under classes. All 6 years and under contestants to receive a green participation ribbon, except top four. Ribbons earned will be available to adults at cost of ribbons.

Admission is $1.00 for all members and visitors 13 years and over.

Entries will run in order the entries were taken with books to be open 1 hour before show time. Entries will close at the start of each event. Entry fees are $2.00 adults and $2.00 for youth. Halter class entries are $2.00. An additional $1.00 charge will be assessed to all contestants for a judge's fee. Calf and ribbon roping entries are $7.50 plus stock charge; however, in team roping entries are adults $9.00 per adult team and $5.00 per youth team plus stock charge. All youth break-away roping entries are $2.00 plus stock charge. Adult break-away is $7.50 plus stock charge. Goat tying entries are $2.00 youth and $2.00 adults plus stock charge. Office charge is $6.00 per each contestant ($3.00 to club and $3.00 to association) for members. Non-members will pay an office charge of $10.00 ($5.00 to club and $5.00 to association).

100% payback. If only one contestant qualifies for a placing he/she will receive 100% of the total entries. If two contestants qualify, they split 60% and 40%. If three contestants qualify, they split 50%, 30%, and 20%. If four contestants qualify they split 40%, 30%, 20%, and 10%. If there are no qualified times in a roping class, entry fees will be returned to the contestants in that class. Stock charges are NOT returned to ropers if no one catches. Both contestants in pickup team will receive payback and trophies; with no payback to the ribbon roping runner whom does receive points and yearly awards.

In the 6 & Under Assisted Classes: contestants will pay the office charge & judge fee only. Each contestant will receive $1.00 and a participation ribbon at each show they compete in. All contestants in the 6 & Under Assisted Class, who compete in 50% of the shows, will receive a participation award at the trophy supper.
POINT SYSTEMS

Contestants may enter only once per event except Pick-Up Race and Dally Team Roping. Participation ribbons to all non-placing contestants in 6 and under. Ribbons will be awarded to top four (4) winners in 18 years and under classes and earned ribbons may be purchased by adult contestants. Points will be awarded to the rider's accomplishments and will be counted from shows held between May 1 and September 1 of the current year. Members who join by May 1st of the current year will receive 1 point for each 4th place, 2 points for each 3rd place, 3 points for each 2nd place, and 4 points for each 1st place finish. Non-members and late members (who joined after May 1st of the current year) will not earn points but do receive payback if placing in the top four of a Class. Members who joined before May 1st will be rolled up to receive points for the top four placings of a Class.

Youth points will be counted from open classes with exception of Junior Horse Pleasure, toward All-around trophies. Trophies and/or plaques will be awarded in the 6 & Under Non-Assisted Class. A participation award will be awarded in the 6 & Under Assisted Class. A performance, timed event and all-around champion will be announced in each age group. Belt buckles and trophies will be given to the high point winners in each age group. Contestants can win only one buckle per year except for donated or memorial buckles. To be eligible for the belt buckles, a member must compete in both the Performance and the Timed Event Classes. (Compete is defined as entering a Class in at least one show. Placing or receiving points is not necessary.) All halter classes with three or less entries average for the year will receive only one Year-End trophy—Champion. All halter classes with four or more entries average for the year will receive two—Champion and Reserve Champion.

In order for a contestant to receive a year end award, they must have participated in at least 50% of the shows and be in the top four year end placings of any one class. Except for Lead-In contestants who only have to compete in at least 50% of the shows to receive a participation trophy. In show seasons that have an odd number of shows, we will round up to the next whole number for show attendance required for year-end awards. For example: If we have 5 shows, then you must have competed in 3 shows to be eligible for year-end awards. Trophies, plaques, or other awards for year end championships to be awarded at a dinner held at the end of the year. In case of tie for trophy for the season, trophy goes to the one getting most points at final point show or most recent show. Plaques given optional to trophies.
preference of winner. The following year those with a plaque will receive a plate only for their plaque. Only points won at an association show under MEKWAHA rules will count. Each contestant must earn their awards. One contestant can not give up their year end placing to benefit another contestant.

JUDGES AND TIMERS
Judge shall have the rules, which is to be studied before the show. There is only one judge and he/she should be at the arena 1 hour before show time. Performance judge is to be a non-member. He/she judges only one point show per year. Judges name will be announced at start of show. There may be one performance judge and timed judge, or an all-around judge. Clubs should give the judge an incentive to finish judged events in an allotted time.

If the judge does not arrive by the start of the show a 3-person committee picked by the association directors are to pick from someone already on the grounds to begin judging until the official judge arrives. The judge is to be in attendance during all events. The arena, barrier judges and field flag person may be a non-participating (for the class being judged) association member, to be chosen by the host club.

Judge is to use obstacles in the trail class according to the age and experience of class.

An electric timer or 2 stop-watches will be used on the start-finish line. Host club will have an arena judge, barrier judge, and field flag person. Arena judge will decide is contestant made a qualified run. Barrier and flag person will follow roping rules. Judges cannot judge classes they are competing in. Two judges are required in the pickup race.

CLASSES
All ages determined by age on January 1 of current year. Adult classes are: 40 and over, 19 thru 39. The youth classes are: 6 years and under assisted, 6 years and under non-assisted, 7 thru 9, 10 thru 13, and 14 thru 18 years.

Showmanship, trail, horsemanship, western pleasure, reining, barrels, flags, poles, goat tying and break away roping are to be divided into said age groups. The Barrel pattern and the Flag pattern will be shortened for the 6 & Under Assisted Classes only.

Any member or non-member can show in the final point show.
A contestant must remain mounted on horse unless dismounting is required by judge or event and must be mounted at start and finish line or will be disqualified.

All patterns for all classes requiring patterns must be posted at the same time and not added to or changed in any manner after being posted. All patterns to be posted 1 hour before show starts.

Exhibitions will be allowed for classes where one contestant competes in the arena at a time. Such classes include: Showmanship, Trail, Horsemanship, Reining, Pole Bending, Flag Race, Barrel Race, Goat Tying and Untying, Breakaway Roping, Calf Roping and Steer Roping. No Exhibitions for Assisted Contestants. Exhibitions have a one minute time limit with the exception of the Trail Class and it will have a three minute time limit. Exhibitions will be $3.00 per class plus stock charge if it applies. $1.50 goes to Host Club & $1.50 goes to MEKWHCA for awards. Exhibitions will run after all age groups in each event.

ANNOUNCER

All announcers need to keep the show moving. They should call each class well in advance. During any class when the contestants are competing individually, the announcer is responsible to call each contestant at least three times. They should also announce name and time for each contestant twice so the audience can hear.

MEMBERS/CONTESTANTS

All contestants must read rules. Failure to understand is not acceptable as an excuse.

Anyone who belongs to an association club for the current year is eligible to show; or a non-club member may choose to pay an additional $4.00 office charge and compete at that show only. There is not an additional charge if the contestant enters more than one time. No points to non-club members. All contestants must complete an entry card to receive points. Any contest roper, or runner may enter the arena only once in each event except Pick-Up Race and Daily Team Roping.

Contestant can compete only in the age category for which they are eligible. Children need to be able to ride alone before being allowed to enter an event, except in lead line and assisted classes. An adult must be on the grounds at all times to be responsible for youth 16 years and under, violations can and may result in revoking any points earned that day.
All contestants have a right to see current records on any and all classes he/she is involved in.
Contestants MAY NOT TALK TO JUDGE until all judged events are completed.
Contestants will receive no points if name is not on the association secretaries’ official membership list by May 1 of the current show year. Contestants becoming members after May 1 will not accumulate points or receive a year end trophy (if applicable) for the current show year. Contestants must ride in at least 50% of all shows to be eligible for a year end award.
Must be on hand to answer call and comply with all rules. Each contestant will be called twice with no late runner and no refunds. A limit of three minutes is allowed for necessary saddle changes before the official beginning of any class – failure to appear inside arena within allotted time results in contestant disqualification. One contestant in the arena at a time and gate is closed. No two contestants may ride same horse in a class except goat tying, roping and 6 and under.
If at time class starts all partners names are not officially recorded, the team will receive no points for any placing and they will receive no monies.
If the timer malfunctions, contestant has the option of taking the backup stopwatch or a no time. Contestants run a maximum of three times for failure to get time. If time is missed on qualified run, on rerun if one barrel or pole is knocked down the time will count but if two or more are knocked down, a third run may be had. During the third run, if one pole or barrel is knocked down the time will count; if two or more are knocked down it is a disqualified time.
Any contestant may ride with safety helmets at their own discretion without being disqualified.

CONTESTANT NUMBERS
All contestant members, even timed event contestants, are required to have an assigned club number; this is to be the contestant’s number for the entire show season. Timed event contestants do not need to display the number. Each contestant is responsible for supplying his/her own number.
Each club is to notify the recording secretary of a new member; a membership number (contestant number) will be assigned according to the club the member belongs and the available numbers remaining.
from that club. Only persons who will show need to have a contestant number assigned.

Contestant Number System
Chanute       100-199, 900-949
Iola          300-399, 700-749
Pleasanton    400-499, 750-799
Uniontown     500-599, 800-849
Non-member    0-99

Late Members – Late members (members who joined after May 1st) will be issued a four digit contestant number. The four digits consist of their 3 digit Club number plus a 1 digit number to designate the Club. (Example: John Doe joins Chanute and is issued a Club Membership number of 182. His contestant number would be 1182.)

ATTIRE
To simplify the dress code, contestants are required to wear boots in all events. The only exception would be the ribbon roping runner where tennis shoes are allowed. No halter tops, tank tops, tee shirt, or sweat shirts will be allowed. In all performance classes, contestants must wear a long sleeved, collared shirt with shirt tails tucked in, cowboy hat and wear long pants or they will be disqualified. In all timed event classes, contestants must wear a long, short or sleeveless, collared shirt with shirt tails tucked in and wear long pants or they will be disqualified. Safety helmets may be worn at contestant’s discretion. No ball caps allowed. Tennis-sport shoes will not be allowed. This includes the heeled riding sport shoe. Henley shirts are not acceptable. The judge has the right to modify the dress code/attire due to weather conditions. Any dress code changes/modifications are to be posted with the class patterns at each show.

EQUIPMENT - Western only
No wire chain, wire bat or equipment. The use of all Velcro fasteners, such as “butt grabber”, used specifically to hold rider in the saddle are prohibited.

A limit of three minutes is allowed for necessary saddle changes before the official beginning of any class – failure to appear inside arena within allotted time results in contestant disqualification.
All contestants competing in any performance class must use split reins. The use of anything other than split reins will result in disqualification.

JUNIOR HORSES (5 years & under) - Junior horses are the only horses that may be ridden in a bosal or ring snaffles. If the junior horse is shown in bosal and ring snaffle, the rider must use 2 hands on the reins. Bosals shall be soft and flexible. The bosal should be properly fitted relative to the horse’s size and conformation. Horse hair bosals are prohibited.

CHIN STRAPS - Legal chin straps for curb bits may be leather, nylon or light chain, must be at least 1/2 inch in width and lay flat against the jaw with enough slack for three fingers. A double chain that is welded together and acts as one chain is legal. No wire curbs. The judge will have the right to disqualify any chin chains or leather straps he feels are too severe. When a curb bit is used, a curb strap or curb chain is required.

HACKAMORE - All hackamores will be made of flexible braided rawhide, braided leather, or rope, and will be a maximum of 3/4 inch diameter at the cheek. The core may be of rawhide or flexible cable. There must be a minimum of one finger space (approximately 3/4 inch), between the bosal and the nose. Absolutely no metal or rigid material is allowed under the jaw or on the noseband or anywhere on the bridle regardless of how padded or covered it is. A hackamore must use a complete mecate rein, which must include a tie-rein. No mechanical hackamores in judged classes.

SNAFFLE BIT - Whenever this rule book refers to a snaffle bit in the performance classes, it means conventional O-ring, egg-butt or D-ring, all with rings having an outside diameter no smaller than 2 inches, nor larger than 4 inches. Bars of mouthpiece must be round, smooth and unwrapped metal no less than 5/16 inch in diameter measured one inch in from cheek with a gradual decrease to the center of the snaffle. May be inlaid, but smooth, or rubber latex wrapped. The mouthpiece may be two or three pieces. If a mouthpiece is three pieces, a connecting ring must be no larger than 11/4 inches in diameter, or a connecting flat bar must be no longer than 2 inches and 3/8 inch to 3/4 inch, measured top-to-bottom, and must lie flat in horse’s mouth. A loose curb, leather only, may be attached below the reins.

BITS - Horses being shown in a bit must use only one hand on the reins. Whenever this rule book refers to a bit in performance classes, it means a curb bit that has a solid or broken mouthpiece.
shanks, and acts with leverage. All curb bits must be free of mechanical devices and should be considered a standard western bit. (See diagram of legal bit) A description of a legal, standard western bit includes: Overall maximum shank length is 8 1/2 inches. Shank may be fixed or loose. Bar of mouthpiece must be round, smooth and unwrapped metal of 5/16 inch to 3/4 inch in diameter measured one inch from cheek. It may be inlaid, but smooth, or rubber latex wrapped. Nothing, such as extensions or prongs, may protrude below the mouthpiece (bar). The mouthpiece may be two or three pieces. If it is three pieces, a connecting ring must be no larger than 1 1/4 inch outside diameter, or a connecting flat bar must be no longer than 2 inches and 3/8 inch to 3/4 inch, measured top-to-bottom, and must lie flat in horse’s mouth. Grazing, broken mouthpiece, half breeds and spades are standard; rollers, covers and spring-loaded bits are permitted, but port must not be higher than 3 1/2 inches. Slip or gag bits, donut or flat polo mouthpieces are prohibited. (See diagram of illegal bit)
HORSES

It is mandatory that every horse at the horse show area has a current NEGATIVE COGGINS TEST. Weanling colts do not have to have test, however, the mothers' papers must be checked. Papers should be checked by show directors. It will be left up to
directors to decide how they will conduct their own clubs Coggins Test procedure. However all clubs can and must do random checking at their shows, including both non-members and members.

A horse is automatically one year older each January 1 and shall be serviceable and sound for the intended purposes. NO STALLIONS over 1 year old may be shown or ridden by any youth under 16 years of age.

Any horse with a tail set shall not be shown as a western horse. No substitution of riders after the class has started. Horse may be shown in more than one class or event. Two contestants cannot ride same horse in one class with the exception of roping events, goat tying, and 6 and under classes.

When a contestant, owner and/or representative is guilty of unsportsman like conduct and/or inhumane treatment of a horse, the association’s board of directors can suspend the rights of such person to participate in that and/or future association shows for such a period judged appropriate.

PERFORMANCE CLASS RULES

All contestants will be judged under the AQHA judging guide for determination of class standings for the trail and reining classes. The score sheets from the trail and reining classes will be available after all performance events have concluded. The purpose of the score sheet is to encourage their participation in classes and to aide the youth rider.

In the performance classes, the order of the age groups in each class will be reversed. The older age groups will compete before the younger age groups.

ALL PLEASURE AND HORSEMANSHIP CLASSES: if the judge uses the rail to work off a tie the contestants are to use the entire arena if there are more than five (5) contestants in the arena at one time.

Split reins are to be used or contestant will be disqualified. Use of roping, barrel or one rein will call for a disqualification.

In 6 years and under age group horsemanship classes (Lead-In and Walk-Trot), a person may only win a year end award in one of these classes. If a contestant places for the year end award in more than one, they will receive only the highest placing. If they place the same in two classes, they will receive the award for the class they entered the most. The unclaimed placing for the year end award will be moved down to the next eligible contestant.
SHOWMANSHIP

A showmanship pattern must be posted 1 hour before the show. Ribbons will be given to four places and points go to the contestants. Showmanship is considered a performance class. For the 6 & under age under in Showmanship, the judge will choice either Pattern #1 or Pattern #2 only. No other pattern will be allowed. (See next page)

Pattern #1:  1. Walk to Cone
            2. Trot to Judge
            3. Stop and Set-Up for Inspection

Pattern #2:  1. Walk to Cone
            2. Stop, then 90 degree turn to right
            3. Trot to Judge
            4. Stop and Set-Up for Inspection

HALTER

Rules at Judge’s discretion. Points for the first four places will be given in each halter class. Points will go to horse and not to showman. Must have registration papers or veterinarian certificate for proof of horse’s age. The papers will be shown on day of show or no points will be given. NO EXCUSES.

LEAD-IN

(A) No minimum age. (B) Open only to riders 6 years and under. (C) Class enters at walk in counter-clockwise direction on rail. The class will work at walk and trot in both directions. (D) Judge may ask rider to back. Adult is not to aid in back. (E) Rider will be judged on basic position in the saddle, hand position, leg position, seat position, and back position. (F) Reins are to be held in one hand, either hand to be optional with the rider. Split reins are to be used; one finger between reins will be permitted. (G) A fancy outfit shouldn’t count over a neat outfit. The adult is not to be judged so attire doesn’t have to match but should be neat and suitable. (H) No contestant will be allowed to be tied, buckled or fastened in the saddle. (I) Contestants competing in Lead-In can’t enter any other Performance Class and can only enter an Assisted Timed Event Class. Pickup Race is not considered an Assisted Timed Event Class and therefore, cannot be entered by a Lead-In Contestant. (J) The free hand will be held on the thigh or in a loose fist across the stomach. A rider should keep his
arms in close to the body.  (K) Contestants cannot ride the same horse.  
(L) Contestants must be led.

**LONGE LINE CLASS:**

The purpose of this class is to demonstrate that the horse has 
the movement, manner/expression/attitude and conformation to be 
competitive under saddle. They are not expected to demonstrate the 
behavior or quality of a finished show horse, but only that performance 
necessary for a reasonable presentation to the judge. This class is for 
two year old and under horses only. Anyone can show the horse.
Points will go to the horse.

The class consists of two parts: a conformation inspection and 
a longeing demonstration lasting one minute. The conformation 
inspection is before the longeing demonstration. Each entry walks into 
the arena to the judge and pauses for individual evaluation. The 
contestant then trots off straight and around a cone to take his place 
along the wall, where he will wait his turn for the longeing 
demonstration. The longeing demonstration begins, at the sound of a 
whistle or audible indicator, when the horse has reached the perimeter 
of his circle, which is 25 feet. When the “begin” signal is given, the 
contestant will be allowed one minute to present the horse at all three 
gaits in both directions. At the end of one minute, an audible signal 
will be given to signify the end of the demonstration.

**TRAIL CLASS**

Each club is to pick FOUR obstacles from the association’s 
approved list. The trail class pattern is to be posted 1 hour before start 
of show.

Split reins are to be used or contestant will be disqualified. 
 Judge is to use obstacles according to age experience of class. 

Three minute time limit after approach to first obstacle. Use 
only one-half of the arena. A contestant must be on horseback when 
they cross start and finish line and cannot touch ground unless event 
calls for it or they will be disqualified. Contestant will be scored on 
obstacles completed within time limit. Announcer will be responsible 
for calling time. Contestant will leave the arena when time is called. 

An AQHA score sheet should be used to score each contestant in all the 
trail classes. No disqualification for refusal of obstacle.

The approved list of obstacles is: (choose only 4)

1. 6 foot square box (enter, turn 360 degrees and exit) 
2. Gate
3. Ground tie
4. Chute
   a. Chute will be 3 logs placed in a “U” shape.
   b. Contestant must ride into chute, stop and back out of chute.
5. Sidepass
6. Solid bridge
7. Back - through
8. Chute - Chute will be 3 logs in a “U” shape. Contestant must ride into chute, stop, then back out.
9. Walk over of at least four poles
   a. Distance between poles to be 20” to 24”
   b. Poles can be on the ground or raised with a maximum center height of 10”
   c. Poles may be set in straight line, curved or zigzag design
10. Trot over of at least four poles
    a. Distance between poles to be 36” to 42”
    b. Poles can be on the ground or raised with a maximum center height of 10”
    c. Poles may be set in straight line, curved or zigzag design (See next page)

NOTE: A curved or zigzag design is measured for distance between the poles from the center of the length of the pole to the center of the length of the next pole.

6 YEARS & UNDER – ASSISTED

Contestant may show only in assisted class. Contestant may not show in both 6 and under assisted classes and 6 and under classes. Contestant must have reins in all classes. Contestants will be allowed a helper on the ground. Helper must be 18 years old or older. No helper may be mounted. Helper can only assist by leading the horse and keeping the child in the saddle. Helper may help contestant dismount. Any contact by the Helper with any barrel, poles, flag or goat will result in disqualification. In the performance classes, split reins are to be used or contestant will be disqualified.

Contestants competing in Lead In cannot enter any other Performance Class and can only enter an Assisted Timed Event Class. Pickup Race is not considered an Assisted Timed Event Class and therefore cannot be entered by a Lead In Contestant.
WALK-TROT HORSEMANSHIP 6 YEARS & UNDER

Contestant can compete in Walk-Trot Horsemanship or Lean-In but cannot ride in both at a single show. This class will be judged as a horsemanship class. Contestants in Walk-Trot may compete in Western Pleasure. Split reins are to be used or contestant will be disqualified.

For the 6 & under age group, in Horsemanship, the judge will choice either Pattern #1 or Pattern #2 only. No other pattern will be allowed. (See next page)

Pattern #1: 1. Walk A to B  
2. Trot Circle to the Right  
3. Trot to C  
4. Stop & Back

Pattern #2: 1. Walk to A  
2. Trot to Judge  
3. Stop and Back

WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP

Following rules apply to all age groups. Pattern must be posted 1 hour before start of show. Riders will be judged on seat, hands, and ability to control and show horse. Results as shown by performance of the horse are NOT to be considered more important than the method used by the rider in obtaining them. Rail work is optional to the judge. Clubs must make judge aware he/she is only to use rail work to break a tie. If barrel or poles are used as markers, they must be placed along the fence, not in the middle of the arena.

Split reins are to be used or contestant will be disqualified.

WESTERN PLEASURE CLASSES

Horses enter arena at a trot. Horses are shown at a walk, trot and lope with a reasonably loose rein; without undue restraint. Horses must work both ways of the ring at all three gaits to demonstrate their ability with different leads. Horses are to be reversed to the inside (away from rail). Horses may be required to reverse at a walk or trot at the discretion of the judge. Horses shall not be asked to reverse at the lope or to extend the lope. The judge shall have the right to ask for additional work from any horse. Judge must ask horses to back. Split reins are to be used or contestant will be disqualified.
JR HORSE PLEASURE

Same rules as Western Pleasure classes except horses must be 5 years old or under. Contestant must present on day of show the registration papers or veterinarian certificate for proof of horse’s age or earned points will NOT be awarded. NO EXCUSES ACCEPTABLE. Year end award goes to the horse. Split reins are to be used or contestant will be disqualified.

RANCH PLEASURE

This class is an Open Jackpot class. Everyone can enter, no age groups. Entry fees are $2.00. All of the money goes to MEK WHA. There is no payback and no points will be given. Can ride in both the Ranch Pleasure class and the Western Pleasure class. Horses enter arena at a trot. The ideal ranch horse will travel with forward movement and demonstrate an obvious lengthening of stride at extended gaits. Horses must work both ways of the ring at all three gaits to demonstrate their ability with different leads on a reasonably loose rein; without undue restraint. Horses are to be reversed to the inside (away from rail). Horses may be required to reverse at a walk or trot at the discretion of the judge. Horses shall not be asked to reverse at the lope. The ideal ranch riding horse should have a natural ranch horse appearance from head to tail in each maneuver. The judge shall have the right to ask for additional work from any horse. Judge must ask horses to back. Split reins are to be used or contestant will be disqualified.

REINING

Reining pattern MUST BE FOLLOWED or disqualification. Tie downs are illegal in both patterns. Pattern must be posted 1 hour before show time. The AQHA score sheet should be used in all classes. Mandatory markers along fence or wall. The arena or plot should be approximately 50 X 150 feet in size. The judge shall indicate with markers on arena fence or wall the length of the pattern. Markers within the area of the pattern will not be used. Split reins are to be used or contestant will be disqualified.
REINING PATTERN 1 – See diagram on next page
1. to 2. Run with speed, past center marker.
2. Stop and back up to center of pattern.
3. Settle horse for approximately 10 seconds. Start lope. Circles should be made inside the end markers.
4. & 5. Ride two circles to the right, first circle small, should be slow, second circle larger and faster.
6. & 7. Ride two circles to the left, first circle small and slow, second circle larger and faster.
8. Left roll back over hocks (should be made past far end marker).
9. Right roll back over hocks (should be made past near end marker).
10. Stop (should be made past center marker). Let horse settle, and in approximate area of stop, do the pivot.
11. Pivot, right or left, no more than 90°.
12. Pivot opposite direction, not more than 180°.
13. Walk to judge and stop for inspection until dismissed.
14. The bridle may be dropped at the judge’s discretion.
REINING PATTERN I
DIAGRAM

JUDGE
REINING PATTERN 2 – See diagram on next page
1. Begin work to the right.
2. First figure eight, slow.
3. Second figure eight, faster (lead change must take place at point A).
4. Proceed from point B to point C at walk or trot.
5. Begin run.
6. Sliding Stop.
7. Turn away from the rail, do a spin and a half, no hesitation.
8. Sliding Stop.
9. Turn away from the rail, do a spin and a half, no hesitation.
10. Sliding Stop.
11. Back over slide marks, face judge, walk a few steps.
12. Pivot, right or left, no more than 90°.
13. Pivot opposite direction, not more than 180°.
14. Pivot in direction taken in 12, no more than 180°.
15. The bridle may be dropped at the judge’s discretion.
REINING PATTERN 2 DIAGRAM
RUNNING EVENT RULES
Any contestant being assisted in the arena after crossing the start line and before the finish line will be disqualified, unless they are entered in the 6 and under-assisted class. There will be an electric timer or two (2) stopwatches. If the timer malfunctions, contestant has the option of either taking the back up stopwatch time or no time. If for some reason time is not recorded and contestant had a qualified run, he/she may re-run until he/she has a qualified run and a recorded time. He/she may have only 3 tries. Furthermore, on the first re-run if one pole or barrel is knocked down the time will count but if two or more are knocked down a third run may be had.

All ties are to be run off at the end of the class; same horse and rider, and same order. In the event of a tie, the horse declared the winner must complete the pattern with two seconds of the original time or the run-off must be held again. Association will have in its inventory an electric timer and its supplies.

When arena conditions indicate we must rake the ground or move the poles, barrels or flags before the start of any age class only.

6 YEARS & UNDER – ASSISTED
Contestant may show only in assisted class. Contestant may not show in both 6 and under assisted classes and 6 and under classes. Contestant must have reins in all classes. Contestants will be allowed a helper on the ground. Helper must be 18 years old or older. No helper may be mounted. Helper can only assist by leading the horse and keeping the child in the saddle. Helper may help contestant dismount. Any contact by the Helper with any barrel, poles, flag or goat will result in disqualification.

Contestants competing in Lead-In cannot enter any other Performance Class and can only enter an Assisted Timed Event Class. Pickup Race is not considered an Assisted Timed Event Class and therefore, cannot be entered by a Lead In Contestant.

There is a one minute time limit in all timed events. If it takes the contestant longer than one minute to complete the pattern, the contestant will be allowed to continue until the pattern is complete.

POLE BENDING
Pole bending will be over a course with six (6) poles. the first pole will be 21 feet from the starting line, and each additional pole 21
Poles will be 6 feet high with a 14 inch base. If a metal disc is used for the base it must have a rod welded around the edge for protection. Official association poles, bases and set up rope to be used unless other arrangements have prior director’s approval. Starting side to be optional with rider. Time will start and stop when the rider crosses the start/finish line. Knocking down a pole is a penalty of five (5) seconds and two (2) poles down is a disqualification.

There is a one minute time limit in all timed events. If it takes the contestant longer than one minute to complete the pattern, the contestant will be allowed to continue until the pattern is complete. However, the contestant will not receive any placings or payback in that class.

**Pole pattern**

Barrels should be at least five (5) yards from fence. No tires on barrels. Pattern can be run from either right or left start. Contestant must begin and end run between barrels #1 and #2. Knocking over a barrel is a five (5) second penalty and two (2) barrels or more is disqualification. Failure to follow the course shall be cause for
disqualification. A contestant may touch the barrel with his/her hands. The Barrel pattern is to be shortened for the 6 & Under Assisted Class.

There is a one minute time limit in all timed events. If it takes the contestant longer than one minute to complete the pattern, the contestant will be allowed to continue until the pattern is complete. However, the contestant will not receive any placings or payback in that class.

**Barrel pattern**

![Barrel pattern diagram](image)

**GOAT TAIL UNTYING**

For 6 and under ages only. Same rules as goat tying. Contestants in the 6 & under may receive adult assistance—adult may only help with stopping and/or holding the horse as contestant dismounts. Contestant rides toward goat, dismounts and removes ribbon from the goat’s tail. When the ribbon is removed, contestant signals judge by throwing both hands in the air. To qualify as a legal run, the contestant must remove all or a portion of the ribbon from the goat’s tail. Contestant will receive a no time for touching the goat after signaling he/she is finished.

There is a one minute time limit in all timed events. If it takes the contestant longer than one minute to complete the pattern, the contestant will be allowed to continue until the pattern is complete.
However, the contestant will not receive any placings or payback in that class.

**GOAT TYING**

Starting flag person will stand in identical place for each contestant. There should be at least a 15 yard starting line. Flags will be used at both start and finish line. Only a flag person/judge and the goat holder are to be in the arena where goat is staked. Judge is to have a stop watch to accurately measure the time the goat is tied on the ground. The stock contractor is responsible for supplying the goat stake and rope. GOATS MUST BE DEHORNED. The goat is tied with a 12 foot rope to a stake completely under the ground. Goat is to be tied at the opposite end of the arena from the roping chutes. Only one contestant in the arena at a time. Goat must be daylighted if on the ground at the time the contestant reaches goat. Any three (3) legs must be tied with a three (3) bone cross. Contestant must stand free of the goat. Contestant cannot touch the goat after signaling his/her tie complete. Goat must stay tied for six (6) seconds or contestant is disqualified. If the contestant runs over the goat or rope with his/her horse while mounted, this is a disqualification. The rider is mounted until both feet are on the ground. Different sized goats are to be used. NO CIRCLE IS TO BE DRAWN ON GROUND.

There is a one minute time limit in all timed events. If it takes the contestant longer than one minute to complete the pattern, the contestant will be allowed to continue until the pattern is complete. However, the contestant will not receive any placings or payback in that class.

**FLAG RACE**

Rider leaves the start/finish line, picking up flag from a bucket setting on top of barrel and time stops when he/she crosses the start/finish line with flag. Flag will be in bucket on barrel 125 feet from starting line. Rider must go around barrel. Knocking over barrel results in disqualification of contestant. Using flag as a whip will be a disqualification. Flags to be uniform in size and color. Flag must stand upright in bucket. Use association flags only. The Flag pattern is to be shortened for the 6 & under Assisted Class.

There is a one minute time limit in all timed events. If it takes the contestant longer than one minute to complete the pattern, the contestant will be allowed to continue until the pattern is complete.
However, the contestant will not receive any placings or payback in that class.

**PICK UP RACE**

Barrel 125 feet from start/finish line. Foul line 25 feet from barrel. Jumper must be upright and astride horse before crossing foul line or be disqualified. Jumper must stand at barrel. Knocking over barrel results in disqualification. Contestant can both ride and jump once in any one show. An official entry consists of rider and jumper. If not officially entered at start of class NO POINTS will be given to those teams placing.

**NOTE:** Contestants who compete in Lead-In Class cannot enter the Pickup Race. Refer to Lead-In for further clarification.

There is a one minute time limit in all timed events. If it takes the contestant longer than one minute to complete the pattern, the contestant will be allowed to continue until the pattern is complete. However, the contestant will not receive any placings or payback in that class.

**STOCK CONTRACTOR**

The stock contractors need to have at least 10 calves, 10 steers and 3 goats. Stock should be uniform for the competition and safety of contestants, animals, helpers and stock. The association will supply the break-away roping string. Stock charge is as stock contractor charges. All stock charges go to the stock contractor.

**GENERAL ROPEING RULES**

All roping classes will be held together after the running events. Order of roping: ribbon, break-away, steer and calf roping.

The barrier system is at the Roping Vice President’s discretion. He/she will also verify arrival of goats and cattle.

All cattle will be chute run. There will be no “selecting” of stock by either judge or contestants. Unless use of certain roping horses are involved, all contestants will rope in announced order.

Flag and barrier judges cannot rope in event he/she flags. Neither barrier judge nor field judge may be changed during the show. The persons appointed to flag are judges. These persons are the only ones authorized to deliver a decision or draw stock with the exception of the stock contractor who may draw stock. Back gate will be open at all time.
*Should calves and steers both be used, cannot mix for any one age group.

There is a one minute time limit in all roping events. If contestant goes over the one minute time limit, the contestant will not receive any placings or back in that class.

**RIBBON ROPING**

Two loops permitted, but must carry two (2) ropes and must use second rope for second loop. Should roper miss with both loops, he/she retires with no time. Roping calf without releasing rope loop from hand is not permitted. He/she must adjust rope and reins in a manner not to excessively drag. Contestant must receive no help. If horse drags calf, field flag person may stop horse and assess any penalty. Rope must be tied hard and fast. A one minute time limit. Must use barrier. Legal catch must go over the head and draw up on any part of the body. A ribbon 1” X 8” must be fastened to calf with tape or adhesive at root of tail between hip bones. If ribbon comes off, runner must strip tail. Team may consist of one male and one female, two females, or a 12 year and under boy with adult male. Contestant can enter Ribbon Roping twice at any one show, once as a roper and once as a runner. An official entry consists of a roper and a runner who are not the same person. Roper is responsible for writing down runner’s name. If entry is not complete at start of class NO POINTS will be given to those teams placing. Roper pays all fees; runner is responsible for office charge. Runner is not responsible for stock charge. Roper must be in contact with the calf when the ribbon is stripped. Runner must return ribbon to barrier box where flag person signals time. There will be a ten (10) second penalty assessed for breaking the barrier. Flag person may use flag to signal a no time indicating a broker rule. Field flag person’s decision is final. Back gates will be open at all times. Ribbon roping runners are required to remain in the arena until the event is over so each roper has the same number of hazers. When calves are not provided, have the ropers breakaway a steer. When rope breaks away from horn, the roper will dismount and stay in place; the runner will slap hands with roper and proceed to finish line.

**BREAK-AWAY ROPING**

Two loops permitted, but must carry two (2) ropes and must use second rope for second loop. Should roper miss with both loops, he/she retires with no time. Roping calf without releasing rope loop
from hand is not permitted. Contestant must receive no help. Handkerchief or other material of like size to be tied to the end of rope. Rope must be tied to horn with cotton string. Time stops when flag person signals rope breaking from horn. There will be a ten (10) second penalty assessed for breaking the barrier. Legal catch must go over the head. A one (1) minute time limit. Must use barrier. First rope must be broken free from horn and dropped before second loop is thrown. Back gates will be open at all times. Use same age groups as for other classes. Break away string will be supplied by association. When calves are not provided, steers may be used. Calves and steers may not be mixed for anyone age group. The arena judge will be responsible to see that string is tied on to saddle horn and the barrier is in proper working order.

Calf Roping

Two loops permitted, but must carry two (2) ropes and must use second rope for second loop. Should roper miss with both loops, he/she retires with no time. There will be a ten (10) second penalty assessed for breaking the barrier. Roping calf without releasing rope loop from hand is not permitted. He/she must adjust rope and reins in a manner not to excessively drag. Contestant must receive no help. If horse drags calf, field flag person may stop horse and assess any penalty. Rope must be tied hard and fast. Contestant must dismount, go down rope and throw calf by hand. Roper cannot touch calf once signaling finish until judge has complete exam. After roper remounts and horse steps forward the field flag person uses a stop watch to measure six (6) seconds before ruled fair tie. Untie person cannot touch calf until judge gives signal. If tie comes loose or calf gets up before the tie is ruled fair, no time is given. ROPE MUST REMAIN SLACK UNTIL FIELD FLAG PERSON HAS RULED FAIR TIME. Back gates will be open at all times. A one (1) minute time limit.

Dally Team Roping

The four (4) team roping classes available are:
1. 18 years and under – Header – anyone may rope with the contestant
2. 18 years and under – Heeler – anyone may rope with the contestant
3. 19 years and over – Header – anyone may rope with the contestant
4. 19 years and over – Heeler – anyone may rope with the contestant

Dally Team Ropers may enter twice as a header and twice as a heeler in their age category. Roper’s must change partners or ends each time. All Team Roping classes are allowed only two loops. Riders will not be able to switch ends on steer. Two people may not rope together more than twice. Youth may assist in the Adult Team Roping. Purchaser of steer must find roping partner. Roping order determined by random sort. Points and monies are awarded to purchaser of steer with the top four times. However in the event that one contestant places two times in one class, only the higher points will count with the lower points not awarded to anyone. All monies will be distributed. Secretaries should show these duplicate winners on their association recording sheets with zero points for clarification purposes.

Example:

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Men over 50 years and all women have a choice to tie hard and fast but the intentions must be indicated on entry sheet upon entering. If the entry is not complete at start of class NO POINTS will be given to placing teams.

There will be two timers, or an electric timer, a barrier judge and a field flag judge. Time to be taken between two flags. Arena conditions will determine score, length of score to be set by arena director and time event director or spokesman, if present. Animals used for this event should be inspected and questionable ones eliminated.

Back gates will be open at all times. A one (1) minute time limit.

All changes in lists of roping order to split horses, etc., must be made before any stock for the event is loaded in chute. After stock is loaded ropers must rope in order listed.

The header will start from the left side. Team roper behind barrier must throw first loop at head. A barrier will be used at the contractor’s discretion. There will be a ten (10) second penalty assessed for breaking the barrier. Animal belongs to roper except in the following: mechanical failure, or if steer gets out of arena, flag will be dropped and the roper gets the steer, lap and tap, with the additional
time added to that time when the steer left the arena. Each contestant will be allowed to carry one (1) rope. Each team allowed two throws in all. Roping steers without turning loose of the loop will be considered a no catch. Roper must daily to stop steer unless tied hard and fast.

Time will be taken when steer is roped, both horses must be facing steer in line with ropes dallied and tight. Steer must be standing up when roped by head or heels.

Steer must not be handled roughly at any time, and ropers may be disqualified if in the opinion of the field judge they have intentionally done so.

Broken rope or dropped rope will be considered a no time, regardless whether time has been taken or not. If steer is roped by one horn, roper is not allowed to ride up and put rope over the horn or head with his/her hands.

A foul catch is called if the heeler ropes a front foot or feet in the heel loop.

As to catches in this contest, any questions will be decided by the judges.

LEGAL CATCHES
There will be only three (3) legal catches:
1. head or both horns
2. half a head
3. around the neck

If hondo passes over one horn and the loop over the other, catch is illegal. Any heel catch behind both shoulders is legal if rope goes up heels. One hind foot receives a five (5) second penalty. If loop crosses itself in a head catch it is illegal. This does not include heel catches.

Back gate will be open at all times.

NOTES: