

## POINTS

These are recorded according to horse/rider combination. They are being kept for the following classes; Special Needs, Novice, Junior, and Senior divisions:

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| 1. Showmanship at halter | 6 points for 1 <sup>st</sup> |
| 2. Western Pleasure      | 5 points for 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
| 3. Horsemanship          | 4 points for 3 <sup>rd</sup> |
| 4. Trail                 | 3 points for 4 <sup>th</sup> |
| 5. Barrels               | 2 points for 5 <sup>th</sup> |
| 6. Poles                 | 1 point for 6 <sup>th</sup>  |

Any **tie for high point** in a division will be decided by the winner of Horsemanship.

## ATTIRE

- ✓ Western Hat or Safety Helmet - You may ride in either one. Show management reserves inspection option for helmets. If you are using a helmet it must be an ASTM/SEI certified helmet per AQHA rules.
- ✓ Appropriate western attire – pants, shirt with long sleeves and collar, belt, boots
- ✓ Try to have a crisp, neat, clean and in repair look about you.
- ✓ The number is worn in the middle of your back so the judge has a clear view. If you have long hair, secure it so the number is clearly visible. A safety pin at each of the 4 corners will keep it in the proper place.  
**HALTER CLASSES – If you are showing more than one horse in the halter classes, be sure the correct number is on your back for the horse you are showing.**
- ✓ When the Fair Queen and Princesses are exhibitors at the show they will not wear anything into the arena that identifies them as Fair Royalty.
- ✓ We know exhibitors are proud of their winnings but do not ride in a class with those ribbons on you or your horse.

## TACK

- ✓ Halter – In Showmanship at Halter the exhibitor usually presents the horse in a flat leather or nylon halter rather than rope halter.
- ✓ Western saddle
- ✓ Bridle with bit – no mechanical hackamores or side pulls in Horsemanship, Pleasure or Trail.
- ✓ Hackamore or snaffle bit according to AQHA rules and age of horse will be verified
- ✓ Reins – split reins or romal reins held according to rules
  - Changing hands on the reins after you begin your class is only allowed in trail in order to work an obstacle

## TACK TIPS

- Make sure all equipment is in good repair
- Clean equipment always looks nice in the show ring

## SPORTSMANSHIP Everyone's responsibility

We all like to win – no doubt about it. But – this should be fun too. Think about this as you are preparing your horse for competition. You will be in some classes at the same time other riders are in the arena. If you are on a horse that is hard to control, you could cause a person to have a problem with their horse although you can handle yours when it is excited and not listening well. Please, consider the other riders too and do all you can to make it a safe experience for all.

Coaching from the sidelines is considered to be 'prohibited assistance' as stated in AQHA rules and exhibitors can be disqualified. The only RCF exemptions for assistance are Halter, Lead Line and Special Needs.