

Class Descriptions

- ❖ Leadline (9 & under)
An adult or older child leads the horse in-hand while the child sits on the horse.
- ❖ Walk Only (Western, English, Gaited) No Crossover to other classes
Beginner riders to be judged on proper seat, hands, position & control of horse or pony. 1st-6th ribbons
- ❖ Walk/Trot/Jog with Assistance (English or Western)
To be judged on proper seat, hands, position & control of horse or pony at the walk & trot. Riders will be asked to trot individually and may have a trainer, adult or older child assist. 1st-6th ribbons
- ❖ Walk/Trot/Jog (Western, English)
To be judged on proper seat, hands, position, & control of horse or pony at the walk & trot or jog. 1st-6th ribbons
- ❖ Walk/Trot/Jog/Canter/Lope (English, Western)
To be judged on proper seat, hands, position, & control of horse or pony at the walk, trot/jog and canter/lope. 1st-6th ribbons
- ❖ Ground Poles
To be judged on proper seat, hands, position and control of horse or pony trotting over 4 ground poles. 1st-6th ribbons
- ❖ Cross Rails
To be judged on proper seat, hands, position and control of horse or pony over 2 cross rails approximately 18" off the ground. 1st-6th ribbons
- ❖ Go As You Please (English, Gaited, Western)
A pleasure class judged on the horse/pony, to be shown both ways of the ring at a walk & "go as you please". Go as You Please is whatever gait you think your horse does the best. You chose to trot, canter, pace, running walk or whatever gait your horse does best. Horses are judged on manners, way of going, & responsiveness to rider. 1st-6th ribbons
- ❖ Bloomer's Race
Bloomer's Race is a speed event. Exhibitors race against each other to the opposite end of the arena, dismount, put on an oversized pair of bloomers, mount & race back to the start / finish line. 1st-6th ribbons
- ❖ Egg & Spoon
Riders each receive a spoon & egg & must follow commands to walk, trot, canter, stop, turn & go around or over obstacles & are eliminated by dropping the egg. Riders will be eliminated for holding the egg with their thumb or any other means or not responding to commands of judge to change gaits, etc., or for coming off their horse. Placing is by order of elimination with last rider the winner. 1st-6th ribbons
- ❖ Ride a Buck (Rider must provide their own \$1)
Will be ridden bareback. You will provide your own dollar bill & place it under your thigh. When the rider drops the "buck" they will be disqualified. The last person with their buck still under their thigh wins. 1st-6th ribbons + 1st wins the pot
- ❖ Costume Class
Entrants should dress themselves & their horses in a costume & will be judged on creativity & originality. All proceeds from this class will benefit Clothes to Kids of Haywood County. 1st-6th ribbons + 1st – 3rd prizes
- ❖ Driving Pleasure
Features light breeds of horses & ponies hitched to a 2 or 4-wheeled show cart. Horses are driven at a walk & two speeds of trot, designated as a working trot & an extended "strong" trot. Judged on the horse's manners, performance, quality & confirmation. 1st-6th ribbons
- ❖ Trail Pleasure (Gaited, Western)
Trail Pleasure Walk is a smooth four beat gait that should be performed in a very relaxed manner. The horse should be alert, but never nervous. The gait should be conducted on a loose rein in both English & Western tack. 1st-6th ribbons
- ❖ Speed Racking (Gaited)
A class judged on the horse/pony, to be shown both ways of the ring at a show walk, slow rack and fast rack. Horses are judged on manners, quality of movement, including consistency of their gaits & attitude. 1st-6th ribbons
- ❖ Three Gait (Gaited)
A class judged on the horse/pony, to be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, running walk & canter. Horses are judged on manners, quality of movement, including consistency of their gaits & attitude. 1st-6th ribbons
- ❖ Ranch Horse Pleasure
The purpose of Ranch Horse Pleasure horse should reflect the versatility, attitude, & movement of a working horse. The horse's performance should simulate a horse riding outside the confines of an arena & 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 & horse does not have to be showing on a full drape of reins. The overall manners & responsiveness of the horse while performing the maneuver requirements, & the horse's quality of movement are the primary considerations. 1st-6th ribbons
- ❖ Halter Class (Western, English, Gaited)
The horse will be shown in-hand & judged based upon its conformation, overall appearance & usefulness. 1st-6th ribbons.
- ❖ Arena Race
Arena Race is a timed event. Exhibitors race against the clock, around the arena & back. 1st-6th ribbons + 1st – 3rd prizes
- ❖ Buddy Pick-Up
Exhibitors race against the clock, around the arena & back stopping at the far end to pick up their buddy. 1st-6th ribbons + 1st – 3rd prizes
- ❖ Pole Bending
Exhibitors race against the clock, weaving around six poles arranged in a line. Penalties for knocking down a pole. 1st-6th ribbons + (13+) 1st – 3rd prizes
- ❖ Barrel Race
Barrel racing is a timed event. Exhibitors race against the clock, following a course consisting of three barrels in a triangular "cloverleaf" pattern. 1st-6th ribbons + (13+) 1st – 3rd prizes