

SilverLakes
RANCH RIDING RULES

The SilverLakes Buckle Series will following the rules as provided by the American Quarter Horse Association.

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HW416. RANCH RIDING.

The purpose of the Ranch Riding horse should reflect the versatility, attitude, and movement of a working horse. The horse's performance should simulate a horse riding outside the confines of an arena and 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.

SHW416.1

For horses three years of age and older, offered as a junior, senior or all-age open division class, and as an all age class for Level 1 and higher, as an all age class for amateur, and youth.

SHW416.2

No horse may cross enter, a western pleasure and ranch riding class at the same show regardless of division (youth, amateur, select or open).

SHW417. Class requirements:

SHW417.1 Each horse will work individually, performing both required and optional maneuvers, and scored on the basis of 0 to 100, with 70 denoting an average performance. Each maneuver will receive a score that should be added or subtracted from 70 and is subject to a penalty that should be subtracted. Each maneuver will be scored on the following basis, ranging from plus 1 1/2 to minus 1 1/2.: -1 1/2 extremely poor, -1 very poor, -1/2 poor, 0 correct, +1/2 good, + 1 very good, + 1 1/2 excellent. Maneuver scores are to be determined and assessed independently of penalty point

SHW417.2: The required maneuvers will include the walk, trot and lope both directions: and the extended trot and extended lope at least one direction; as well as stops, and back.

SHW417.3: Three optional maneuvers may include a side pass, turns of 360 degrees or more, change of lead (simple or flying), walk, trot or lope over a pole(s); or some reasonable combination of maneuvers that would be reasonable for a ranch horse to perform.

SHW417.4: The maneuvers may be arranged in various combinations with final approval by the judge.

SHW417.5: The overall cadence and performance of the gaits should be as those described in GAITS, with an emphasis on forward movement, free-flowing, and ground covering for all gaits. Transitions should be performed where designated, with smoothness and responsiveness.

SHW417.6: No time limit.

SHW417.7: One of the suggested patterns may be used, however a judge may utilize a different pattern as long as all required maneuvers and the three (or more) optional maneuvers are included. Should a judge use one of his/her own patterns, it is recommended to not have the stop following an extended lope.

SHW417.8: The use of natural logs is encouraged.

SHW417.9: Posting at the extended trot is acceptable.

SHW417.10: Touching or holding the saddle horn is acceptable

SHW418. Ranch Riding Apparel and Equipment

SHW418.1 No hoof polish.

SHW418.2 No braided or banded manes or tail extensions.

SHW418.3 Trimming inside ears is discouraged.

SHW418.4 Trimming bridle path is allowed, also trimming of fetlocks or excessive (long) facial hair.

SHW418.5 Equipment with silver should not count over a good working outfit. Silver on bridles and saddles is discouraged.

SHW418.6 It is suggested competitors use a breast collar and a rear cinch.

SHW419. Ranch Riding Penalties.

A contestant shall be penalized each time the following occur:

SHW419.1 One (1) point penalties

Too slow/per gait

Over-bridled

Out of frame

Break of gait at walk or jog for 2 strides or less

SHW419.2

Three (3) point penalties

Break of gait at walk or jog for more than 2 strides

Break of gait at lope

Wrong lead or out of lead