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CHAPTER I – CONSTITUTION

Article I. Name

Section I. The name of this association shall be Kansas Western Horseman's Association, Inc.

Article II. Objectives

Section I. To promote and assist the riding clubs of Kansas in the care, use, handling and development of the Western horse.

Section II. To encourage good sportsmanship and proper conduct among horsemen and horsewomen and to foster good will and cooperation among the riding clubs of Kansas.

Section III. To hold a year-end fall show of qualifiers from the various local events held by member clubs approved by this Association and encourage classes for Western horses. This Fall Show may be sponsored by a Member Club.

Section IV. This Association shall own and hold the exclusive rights to produce their Annual Fall Show.

Section V. This Association shall be a non-profit organization and shall not be operated for pecuniary profit and there shall be no capital stock.

Article III. Membership

Section I. Any active, organized riding club using western equipment and interested in the aims of this association shall be eligible to membership in the association upon payment of the membership fee as fixed by this association, providing they have been sponsored by a member club and elected by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Article IV. Representation

Section I. Each member club in good standing shall be allowed two voting delegates, regardless of the number of their members and these delegates shall constitute the voting body of the association. To be considered a club in good standing the following criteria must be met:

1. Annual club dues must be paid by April 1st of each year to the KWH A Treasurer.
2. Must hold one KWH A sanctioned show annually. In the event that the scheduled show is not held due to inclement weather or arena conditions, this will not be held against the member club.

3. If the member club has riders participating in the KWH State Horse Show the club will participate in working one event during the KWH State Show Committee and may be joined with another member club to work the state show event.

Article V. Officers and Directors

Section I. Officers of the Kansas Western Horseman's Association shall be President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and a Board of Directors including Jr. Representatives. The outgoing President shall serve one year as Advisor to the President, after serving their full term.

Section II. The Officers and the Board of Directors, including Jr. Representatives, shall be selected from the membership at large. The officers shall hold office for a period of one year and the members of the Board of Directors shall hold office for a period of two years, except as provided during the first of this association, when directors may be elected to hold office for a period of three years.

Article VI. Executive Committee

Section I. The executive committee of this association shall consist of a President, Secretary, and three members who shall be elected from the Board of Directors. The executive committee shall, in the absence of specified direction from the Board of Directors or the voting body, have the sole power to authorize the execution of any contract on behalf of the association or authorize the expenditure of any of its funds.

Section II. Only one (1) family member may serve on the Executive Committee at any one time. Family member shall be defined as: husband, wife, son, daughter, mother, father, grandfather, grandmother, grandson, granddaughter, brother, sister, nephew, niece, aunt, uncle, and stepfamily members or in-laws as noted here.

Article VII Meetings

Section I. Meetings of this association, except the annual meetings, shall be held at such times and places as set up by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors, at first official meeting of new board, shall also set the annual meeting.

CHAPTER II – BYLAWS

Article I. Dues

Section I. The dues for each member club shall be thirty (\$30.00) per year, payable in advance to the Treasurer. The dues thereafter shall be fixed by a majority vote of the delegates present at the Annual Meeting. The Treasurer shall notify member clubs whose dues are not paid by the first of March and those whose dues are not paid by the first of April shall be dropped from the membership roll. Member Clubs dropped for non-payment of dues may reinstate at any time by the payment of the current year's dues. Member clubs that pay their dues after the first of April will not be allocated the two voting delegates at the Annual Meeting that fiscal year.

Article II. Fiscal Year

Section I. The fiscal year of this association shall be from the first of December to the first of December of the following year. Officers and directors elected at the annual meeting shall take office on the first of December and serve until the first of December the following year.

Article III. Officers

Section I. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the association. They shall preside at all regular and special meetings of members and the Board of Directors; they shall have active and general management of the association; they shall see that orders of the voting body and the Board of Directors are carried into effect; they shall execute or cause to be executed any contracts of the association as authorized by the executive committee; they shall appoint all committees unless otherwise provided and they shall be an ex-Officio member of such committees.

Section II. The Vice-President shall act for the President in the absence of that officer, and in case of a vacancy in the office of president, they shall fill said office until the next regular election.

Section III. The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint the Secretary. The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings of the membership of the Board of Directors in a book provided by the association and/or other approved digital format for the purpose. They shall keep accurate

records of dues and return to the Treasurer at 30-day intervals and shall perform duties for committee meetings when so required. They shall be an ex-Officio member of all meetings, regular or special, to the members and Board of Directors and shall perform such other duties as prescribed by the President or Board of Directors.

Section IV. The Treasurer shall keep a full and accurate account of all receipts and disbursements of the association in a book provided by the association and/or other approved digital format for that purpose. Treasurer shall deposit all moneys of the association and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the association in such depository as designated by the Board of Directors. They shall disburse the funds of the association upon order if the executive committee and/or properly directed by the President. They shall render to the association at any regular or special meeting if required, a complete account of their transactions as Treasurer and of the financial conditions of the association. They shall furnish a bond, to be paid for by the association, in the sum and with sureties as may be satisfactory to the Board of Directors, for faithful performance of their duties and the restoration or removal from office, all books, papers, vouchers, money or other property belonging to the association.

Section V. The Board of Directors shall consist of Vice-President, the Advisor, Treasurer, two Jr. Representatives (14-18) and twelve members elected by the voting body, to be chosen from the various communities of the State to the end, that the Board may be representatives of the State as a whole. The Board of Directors who shall meet as often as deemed necessary shall manage the business, activities, and property of the association. Meetings other than the annual meeting may be called at any time by the President, executive committee, or on written request of a majority of the Board of Directors. Due to death or resignation of both President and Vice-President the Board of Directors may elect a new President out of the existing Board of Directors.

Section VI. The President, with approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint the Points Recorder.

The responsibilities of the Points Recorder are as follows:

- Keep all entry forms and records until approval of the Board of Directors to dispose of them.
- Contact the contestant immediately if an entry form

cannot be recorded, after approval by Board or Executive Committee.

- Make sure contestants are qualified for any events they enter at State Show.
- Total State Show entry fees for each club. Be sure the check from the saddle club is the correct amount. Contact club secretary immediately if it is not.
- Points Recorder and one other person from points committee will figure points for State Show.
- Points Recorder will act as Secretary at the State Show.
- Get numbers for judged events and assign for the State Show. Distribute numbers to individual Saddle Club Secretaries or representatives.
- Create State Show Program. Points Recorder may have an assistant with this duty.
- Points Recorder and points chair will audit points halfway through the season and do a second audit after the last show of the season.
- An event must be held in 5 shows during the year to receive a year-end individual event certificate.
- Print awards for Year-End Awards Banquet. This includes certificates for high point overall and Saddle Clubs. (Include points and placing for each event and total points.)
- Contact club secretaries to let them know who in their club is receiving awards. The Secretaries should then contact the individual contestants.

Section VII. The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint the Historian. The responsibilities of the Historian are as follows:

- Keep all Historical data of the KWHHA organization.
- Maintain records and revision history of all KWHHA forms or documents that require changes.
- Any other additional duties as required by the KWHHA President and Board of Directors.

Section VIII. The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint a Parliamentarian. The responsibilities of the Parliamentarian are as follows:

- To advise the President with questions on parliamentary law and matter of procedure.
- If appointee is not a member of the current Board of

Directors, they will not have voting rights.

Article IV. Elections

Section I. The election of officers and directors shall be held at the annual meeting. The Nominating committee, which must consist of at least three members from different localities, shall provide candidates to fill existing vacancies. Other nominations may be made from the floor.

Section II. Voting shall be by secret ballot.

Section III. Members of the Board of Directors are elected as follows; at the regular meeting six directors are elected for a term of three years and six for a term of two years and two Jr. Representatives for a term of one year. Beginning with the second annual meeting the existing vacancies shall be filled by the election of six directors for a term of two years.

Article V. Vacancies

Section I. If an officer or director of this association dies, resigns, is disqualified, or otherwise cannot perform the duties of their office, the remaining directors may elect a successor to that office from the delegates who shall hold office during the remaining term and until their successor is elected at the annual meeting; except, the office of President which shall be filled by the Vice-President for the remaining term. In the event of the death or resignation of both the President and Vice-President, the Board of Directors may elect a new President out of the existing Board of Directors.

Section II. Any officer or director may resign their office at any time, providing the resignation is presented in writing and to take effect immediately upon its receipt by the association unless a time is fixed in the resignation. The acceptance of the resignation is not necessary to make it effective.

Section III. Any officer or director may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the Board of Directors, providing the charges against such officer have been presented in writing at least thirty days prior to balloting.

Article VI. Quorum

Section I. The delegates present at the annual or any regular

meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, providing notices have been sent via mail, e-mail, and/or text to all member clubs at least five days previous to the meeting.

Section II. Five or more members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and the act of the majority of the members present, being five or more, at board meetings shall be the act of the Board of Directors unless an act of a greater number is required by-law or by the by-laws. The Board of Directors shall be notified of the meeting and its purpose at least five days previous to the meeting via mail, e-mail, and/or text message.

Section III. The majority of the executive committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A notice of the meeting and its purpose must be sent via mail, e-mail, and/or text to committee members at least five days prior to such meeting.

Article VII. Compensation

Section I. Officers as such shall not receive compensation for their services, but by resolution of the Board of Directors may be reimbursed for any actual expense incurred by reason of their office.

Section II. Directors of the association as such, shall not receive compensation for their services, but by resolution of the Board of Directors may be reimbursed for any actual necessary expense incurred by reason of their directorship.

Article VIII. Procedure

Section I. At the meetings of the association the suggested order of business shall be: a) reading of the minutes b) report of the Board of Directors c) report of committees d) unfinished business e) new business.

Section II. All meetings shall be governed by Robert's Rules/parliamentary procedure.

Article IX. Liabilities

Section I. The Executive committee or Board of Directors shall not have the power to subject the Association to an indebtedness exceeding the current funds at the time in the treasurer, nor shall it have the power to levy special assessments against its Member Clubs and the Member Clubs of the association shall not be liable for any debts of

the association.

Article X. Amendments

Section I. The constitution of this association may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the voting body by two-thirds majority of the delegates present, providing the proposed amendment has been read at a previous meeting or copies have been sent to all member clubs at least thirty days prior to balloting.

Section II. The by-laws of this association may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the voting body by a majority vote of the delegate present, providing the proposed amendment has been read at a previous meeting or copies have been sent to all member clubs at least thirty days prior to balloting.

Article XI. Shows

Section I. Entries in the Fall Show of this association shall be governed by the rules and regulations of this association as approved by the voting body of this association for all contests.

Section II. The Board of Directors shall make the final decision on any question arising from such rules and regulations by a majority vote.

Article XII. Committees

Section I. Such committees as the President and Executive Committee may deem essential to carry out the business of the association shall be appointed as here-in-before provided. The chairman and members of such committees shall be chosen from the delegates or members of any Member Club in good standing.

Section II. The Rules Committee may reject any proposed rule change if the information is not correctly entered into the rule change form or if the rule affects other rules in the rulebook that have been submitted. If rejected, the individual that submitted the change will be notified.

Section III. The Rules Committee may submit changes to the Board of Directors on a rule change form, to edit grammar, punctuation, gender, or other conflicting areas in the rule book (i.e., patterns that do not match verbiage) that does not change the intent of the rule or the function of the rule book and is approved with a 2/3 majority vote of the Board of Directors. New rule books will not be printed for

these types of changes but will be updated on the digital version on the website.

Section IV. The Rules Committee will be responsible to keep on file all rule changes submitted and the outcome of those changes. A revision history record of all changes made to the rule book will be kept with the past rule book and submitted rule changes.

CHAPTER III – Rules and Regulations for Kansas Shows

Section I. General Rules

- A.** In order for KWH A to make yearly western horse ratings, a uniform set of rules and regulations must be used in all horse shows in the State of Kansas and the following rules and regulations are applicable to all horse shows sanctioned by KWH A.
- B.** The Board of Directors shall establish the show season for the current year.
- C.** There shall be no KWH A shows held on the same date as the KWH A Benefit Show, KWH A Scholarship Show, or KWH A Trail Ride unless it falls on the rain date.
- D.** For a club to have a qualified KWH A sanctioned show, the Show Date, completed Show Bill, and any applicable publishing fees set yearly by the Board of Director, must be submitted via e-mail, website submission, hand delivered, or postmarked to the KWH A Secretary at least 30 days before the date of the show to be approved. The Show Bill must list all contestant or spectator charges, approved KWH A Judge's name, and at least two names and phone numbers to contact for information. The KWH A Secretary and the Points Recorder must be notified if the show is cancelled. If both the Show Date and the Rain Date are cancelled, the show may automatically be rescheduled through the KWH A Secretary if each member club is notified at least one week before the scheduled date.
- E.** At any horse show sanctioned by KWH A Inc., all individuals entering will be assessed a \$3.00 office charge (\$2.00 to KWH A and \$1.00 to KWH A Scholarship Fund) which will be sent to the KWH A Treasurer within 15 days with the name of show and the show date included. The club hosting the show, at their discretion, may access an additional \$1.00 to \$5.00 per contestant, per show, office

charge, which the club will retain. The host club may have at their discretion, entry fees per contestant, per event.

- F.** All fees that will be charged to competitors or spectators, including but not limited to office charges, entry fees, stall or arena charges must be published on the approved show bill.
- G.** Fees for the state show to be determined by the state show committee.
- H.** H. For the State Secretary to approve and publish the show bill for a saddle club on the calendar and website the following criteria must be met:
 - 1.** Club dues must be paid.
 - 2.** Club show bill fees must be paid.
 - 3.** The show must have at least three individual events for each individual age group.
- I.** If any part of the show has to be canceled due to emergencies or weather, any events that have been completed before the cancelation will have placings and points counted toward qualifying for state show and high point awards and the show will be classified as a qualified KWAH show.
- J.** If a KWAH member club, which is having an approved show, has reason to believe that their arena has become unsafe due to rain, storm damage, etc., they can, with the consent of a nearby club use their arena to have their show. If a show is to be moved from one club grounds to another, the club must either post a sign at their arena stating exactly where the show has been moved or have a club member there to give directions to the new location.
- K.** All entry fees and/or office charge must be paid in advance.
- L.** It is suggested that each club specify on show bulletins that contestants must be members of clubs belonging to KWAH.
- M.** Post entries may be refused at the discretion of the local Horse Show Management.
- N.** It shall be the responsibility of the exhibitor to enter their horse only in the classes in which they are eligible.
- O.** The rules and regulations of the KWAH will be recommended by the rules committee and adopted by the Board of Directors after the voting body of this association at their annual meeting has acted on all proposed changes. In order to receive the benefits of the yearly Western Horse rating, the general rules and regulations for Kansas Shows

as adopted by the Board of Directors and the voting body of this association and as proposed by the rules and regulations committee must be followed. All horse shows held in the State of Kansas will be bound and governed by the following horse show rules without exception.

- P.** Proposed changes in the rules and regulations of the KWHHA must be submitted to the Board of Directors and in the hands of the Rules Committee via e-mail, hand delivered or postmarked on or before August 1st of even numbered years in order for them to be considered. A copy of the proposed rules changes will be sent to each Saddle Club via e-mail or US Mail at least 30 days before the annual meeting. Author of the rule change may submit a verbal amendment to the original submitted rule change if present at the annual meeting, otherwise the rule changes must be voted on as written.
- Q.** Proposed changes will be submitted at the annual meeting and voted on by Club Delegates.
- R.** In the event of rule changes being added or deleted at the Annual Meeting, it will be the responsibility of the Rules Committee to change the numbering system to keep all rules in sequence order when printing the new Rule Books.
- S.** Rules shall be carefully studied prior to the show by both Judge and contestants. Judges may be provided with a scorecard listing contestants' number only. Riders shall show horses as their number is called if directed to do so. Winners shall be announced upon receiving awards. All KWHHA shows shall consist of only events listed in the official rulebook.
- T.** All contestants should read the rules carefully, particularly those relating to the contest or events in which they enter. Failure to understand rules will not be accepted as an excuse.
- U.** Every member show shall appoint a ring committee that shall be present at, and responsible for, the enforcement of the rules, and shall operate under the authority of the Rules Committee and all controversial matters shall be referred to the Rules Committee, whose decision shall be final.
- V.** Host clubs may establish their own ground rules to support the host facility and for safety reasons. No ground rules should be in violation of any KWHHA rules.
- W.** The age groups of all contestants, Junior or Adult class, will be determined by their age as of January 1st of the present

year.

- X.** Class designations for contestants ages 18 and over shall be: Women (age 18-49), Senior Women (age 50 and over), Men (age 18-49), and Senior Men (age 50 and over). All contestants of these class designations must ride in their own age group.
- Y.** The Juniors will be divided into the following age groups: 1 to 9 inclusive; 10 to 13 inclusive; 14 to 17 inclusive. In the following events:, Junior Queen, Junior Hay Race, Junior Bareback Horsemanship, Junior 220 and 440 races, the age groups shall be 17 years and under.
- Z.** A junior must ride in their own age group where individual events are concerned. A junior cannot ride or be in command of a stallion in any race or judged event.
- AA.** Numerous classes for juniors are urged and will be recognized by the Association.
- BB.** All age groups shall be governed by the same set of rules.
- CC.** The management reserves the right to reject the entry of any contestant who has violated the general rules, who has been dishonest in competition, or who has proven to be undesirable in any recognized member show event.
- DD.** The management may withdraw any contestant's name and entry, debar them from any or all events and withhold any money due them for violation of any of the governing rules or rule of the judges, for any of the following offenses:
 - 1. Being under the influence of liquor.
 - 2. Being rowdy.
 - 3. Mistreatment of stock.
 - 4. Causing altercations or quarreling with judges or officials.
- EE.** The managers assume 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 their entry waives all claims against the management for injuries they or their property may sustain.
- FF.** Contestants must be on hand to answer call of arena director and must comply with all other rules of the management of each particular contest or exhibition. When, in the opinion of the arena director, sufficient number of contestants is present for an event, there will be no delay because others are not present. Contestants will be called on 3 times before they are deemed scratched from an event.
- GG.** Contestant is privileged, if they so desire, to see the record

of all contestants in any event in which they take part, at the end of each go-around, provided that said requests be made at a time convenient to the clerk when the records are available.

- HH.** Contestant or horse may not be shown more than one time per age group in an event.
- II.** Contestants, while in the arena, may not have in their possession hot shots or other electrical devices designed as punishment or training aid for their horses.
- JJ.** There shall be no one in any age group tied or fastened in the saddle in any way.
- KK.** There shall be no substitute for riders or horses after class has started.
- LL.** When a horse is used in consecutive judged, running, or team events, all tack changes must be made at the arena gate.
- MM.** All horses shall be serviceably sound for the intended purpose.
- NN.** Team events are not to be restrictive to age groups.

Section II. Judges/Judging

- A.** Must have been a member of KWHHA Inc., in good standing for the immediate past one year.
- B.** Must have taken and passed a written examination approved by the Board of Directors.
- C.** The Board of Directors must approve the individual.
- D.** Must be 21 years of age at the time of approval by the Board of Directors.
- E.** Must have done an apprenticeship within one year of passing the written test at (1) show offering all the current KWHHA State Show events or (2) shows offering less events but must include at least (1) performance event and (1) heated event with a qualified judge. The shows also must be KWHHA sanctioned.
- F.** The judge serving their apprenticeship may ride in their respective age group but not in team events where all ages are combined into one class.
- G.** In all judged events you must wear cowboy boots, western hat, long sleeved shirt, jeans or pants. In all race events may wear a short-sleeved shirt. Hat is also optional.
- H.** More than one approved KWHHA judge may judge at the same show. (Even if not listed on show bill)
- I.** Judges may ride in their respective age group events and/or

team events at a KWH A show they are judging, provided another qualified KWH A judge takes over judging said events.

- J.** Judges may appoint or approve turning line judges, finish line pickers, lane judges, etc. as deemed necessary in any event.
- K.** The decision of the judge is final.
- L.** In a judging event, the judge shall not place their horse or their family. Family shall be defined as: husband, wife, son, daughter, mother, father, grandfather, grandmother, grandson, granddaughter, brother, sister, nephew, niece, aunt, uncle, and stepfamily members or in-laws as noted here.
- M.** The KWH A Board of Directors may vote to hire a judge to judge the Fall State Show; or they may vote to use a multi-judge system by requesting all approved KWH A judges to assist at the fall show. This decision shall be made by the board and posted on the KWH A State Horse Show Showbill. Judges are to sign their State Show Forms. The single, two, or three judge system shall be optional with the management in local shows. The KWH A will have a list of qualified judges for all member clubs. A qualified judge must be used at all member show in order to have a qualified show.
- N.** The Judges Committee of the Board of Directors shall have the sole authority of selecting the judge and/or judges for the State Show.

Section III. Protests

Any contestant questioning their announced time in any event must make complaint at the announcement stand before the close of the day's show.

Section IV. Penalties

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, their agent, employee, rider, or close relative of such competitor or exhibitor, shall be just cause to give the Rules Committee the right to disbar same from showing at any member show, for a period of time as they may determine the offense warrants. All member shows shall be immediately notified of any such action taken by the Rules Committee.

Section V. Point System

The KWA State Secretary shall send official blank horse show entry forms at the beginning of each show season. The entry forms shall be sent either electronically or paper copy to all listed saddle club secretaries. The hosting saddle club secretary will print ample copies of their entry forms and showbills for their approved KWA show. All entry forms shall be sent from the U.S. Post Office or similar service with “electronic tracking”, emailed with “electronic receipt”, or hand delivered and “receive a receipt” from the Points Recorder within 15 days after the show. A copy of the showbill listing the number of places given in each event will accompany the entries. Four places will not be awarded if there are not four qualified rides or enough entries in that event. The judge for each judged event shall also be noted in addition to the number of placings. This showbill must be signed by the Recording Secretary of the show, the Horse Show Manager, Judges, or other authorized local horse show officials. The Points Recorder shall have the responsibility of tabulating the winning contestant’s points and recording all the contestant’s names listing the events that the contestant rode in. Points will be reported as follows: first place receives 4 points; second place receives 3 points; third place receives 2 points; fourth place receives 1 point. Saddle Club points for yearend awards will be the combined total of all contestants that rode under that saddle club.

Section VI. Rating

Ratings for Division High Point Awards will be computed in accordance with the following regulations:

- A.** Properly marked Horse Show entry forms made available by the Club Secretaries shall be the sole basis upon which ratings will be computed, and the score thus derived shall be the final authority in determining the awards in each division. The Awards Committee and the points recorder will use every care to achieve accuracy in computing the ratings, but neither the Committee, the Points Recorder nor the Association will be liable for the failure of any Member Show to file the results of this show, nor for errors or omissions in the marking thereof, nor responsible beyond the point of accuracy in computing the proper results of

each show.

- B.** Only points earned at Member Shows conducted under the Standard Rules of the Association will be included in reckoning the ratings. No points will be credited for ribbons won at non-member shows even though such show may be conducted in accordance with the Association rules.
- C.** Points may be turned into the Points Recorder for 4 shows, per show season, from each member club.
- D.** An event must be held in five shows during the year to receive a year-end individual event certificate.
- E.** Throw out the points won by Junior if through error they ride in a Senior event, but the remaining places are to be counted.
- F.** In totaling up the points at the close of the year and awarding certificates points will be credited to all individual age groups.
- G.** Original entry forms turned into the Points Recorder may be disposed of 45 days after the fall banquet. Disposal of entry forms and records must be approved by the Board of Directors.
- H.** Name of rider and number of points per event and overall total points shall be printed on all High Point Certificates.
- I.** Completed points records shall be available for review at the fall banquet, following the completion of the year end awards ceremony

Section VII. Regulations for KWHHA State Shows

- A.** To compete in the KWHHA State Show, a contestant must have accumulated a total of a minimum of 4 points in an event or competed in an event 4 times with a qualified ride as a unit of rider and saddle club from member shows throughout the year for each event entered. These entries will be made on valid KWHHA entry forms and sent along with a check to the Points Recorder by the Saddle Club Secretary.
- B.** If you have qualified for the KWHHA State Show and you or your horse have been injured and are unable to compete, you may get a refund of your state entries.

CHAPTER IV – RULES GOVERNING JUDGED EVENTS

Section I. General Rules

The Divisions listed below shall be shown as designated:

- A.** Western attire is required to participate in judged events. Western attire includes western hat or protective headgear, long sleeved shirt, pants or jeans, and cowboy boots. The hat must be on the rider's head when the exhibitor enters the arena (judge may overrule wearing of hats due to inclement weather). Use of gloves, ties, spurs, chaps, vest or coats is optional. Participants will not receive any placing if not wearing western attire. Four placings are not required.
- B.** Junior horses will be classified as any horse 5-years old or younger. The age of the horse will be determined by January 1st of the year foaled. Reins may be held with two hands when riding a junior horse only when using a non-curb action snaffle bit with a broken mouthpiece (example conventional O-ring, D-ring or Egg-butt snaffles) or bosals. (No shanks of any kind may be used on a junior horse when riding with two hands) Mecate reins may be used with snaffle bits and bosals only.
- C.** Equipment consistent with judged rules and bridles with covered nosebands will be permitted. Chain curbs are permissible but must meet the approval of the judge and must be at least one-half (1/2) inch in width, lying flat against the jaw of the horse. No tie down, martingale, cavesson noseband, or roping reins may be used. Spurs may be worn but must not be used unnecessarily.

Section II. Equipment

- A.** When rule book refers to snafflebit, it means a snaffle bit with broken mouthpiece (Example conventional O-ring, egg-butt or D-ring)
 - 1.** Loose curb (chin) strap is permitted.
 - 2.** Reins to be attached above curb (chin) strap.
- B.** No solid iron will be permitted under jaw regardless of how covered or padded. Whenever this rule book refers to a curb bit in regard to a judged event, it means the use of a bit that has a solid or broken mouthpiece, has shanks and acts with curb (chin)strap action.
- C.** Horse will be shown in Western saddle (except in Bareback classes)
- D.** Silver equipment will not count over a good working outfit.
- E.** Chain curbs are permissible, but must meet the approval of the judge, must be at least one-half inch in width, and must lie flat against the jaw of the horse.
(As illustrated by photographs)

F. Equipment that will cause a horse & rider major deduction.

1. Wire curbs regardless of how padded or covered.
2. Martingales, tie-downs, cavesson.
3. Roping reins.

Section III. Illustrations

Snaffle: Non-Leverage (no



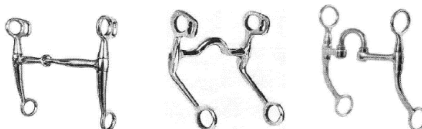
O-Ring Snaffle

D-Ring Snaffle

Egg Butt Snaffle

shanks)

Curb Bit: Leverage bit because of the action of the curb chain.



Tom Thumb

Grazing Bit

Correction Bit

Gag Bit: Sliding Action



Gag Draw

Gag Bit

Draw Gag

Gag Bit

Mechanical Hackamore: Leverage bit with shanks and noseband.



Hackamore/Bosal: Does not work off leverage. Consists of hanger (headstall), mecate



or reins, and bosal.



Twisted Link Curb Chain-links lay flat



Straight Leather Curb Strap



Double Curb Chain with link that lay flat

Section IV. Events

A. Bareback Horsemanship

1. Horses shall be shown at a walk, trot, and canter. They shall be judged on manners, conformation, and suitability for use as a bareback horse.
2. The rider is to be judged on their ability to keep horse in designated gait and proper leads, and their handling and control of horse. The reins will be held in one hand only (two hands may be used if riding a junior horse - see Rules Governing Judged Events); the seat shall be erect and balanced.
3. Percentages shall be horsemanship 70%, and the conformation and suitability of horse 30%.
4. The age group shall be Junior, Women, Senior Women, Men, and Senior Men.
5. The judge shall use their own decision on western wear and equipment.

B. Bareback Tandem

1. This event shall be listed on the show bill as Bareback Tandem, which would allow contestants of any age to compete.
2. Two contestants mounted on a bareback horse. Western equipment is to be used. Entries in this class shall enter the arena at a walk and ride with reins in one hand only (two hands may be used if riding a junior horse - see Rules Governing Judged Events). Contestants shall not use hands to hold on to each other.
3. Riders to be judged on ability to show horse at walk, trot, and canter; keep proper leads; ease of handling and control of horse; and ability of each

rider to keep seat erect and balanced. Percentages shall be horsemanship 70 percent and appearance of horse and rider 30 percent.

4. Contestants will not be asked to mount or dismount horse.

C. Junior Horsemanship

1. Western Equipment. Entries in this class shall enter the arena at a walk and ride with the reins in one hand only (two hands may be used if riding a junior horse (see Rules Governing Judged Events). The seat shall be erect and balanced, and the stirrups shall be of such length that the rider can maintain that position in any gait.
2. Rider to be judged on ability to keep horse in designated gait and proper leads and their handling and control of horse. Percentages shall be Horsemanship 70%; conformation and suitability of horse to count 30%.
3. The age groups shall be 1 to 9 years inclusive, 10 to 13 years inclusive, and 14 to 17 years inclusive.
4. The Judge has the option of using a pattern for individual work, at the start of the class. The pattern cannot exceed (60) sixty seconds. If a pattern is to be used, the Judge MUST post the pattern at least one (1) hour prior to the start of the class.

D. Queen Contest

1. Contestant shall be female, 18 years of age or older, and in Junior Queen Contest the age group will be 17 years and under.
2. Queen will be judged in the following manner, for horsemanship 50%, Wardrobe 20 %, Equipment 10%, Appearance of Horse and Rider 20%.
3. Contestant must mount and dismount horse.
4. At the State Show, previous year's Queen not to compete but to act as escort for Queen Candidates.
5. Horse will be ridden at a walk, canter, and trot.
6. Serapes barred.
7. Points accumulated in Junior Queen will count toward the individual year-end award in the Queen Class but will not count toward State or Year End High Point awards. Points accumulated in Senior

Queen will count toward individual year end, State and Year End High Point Awards.

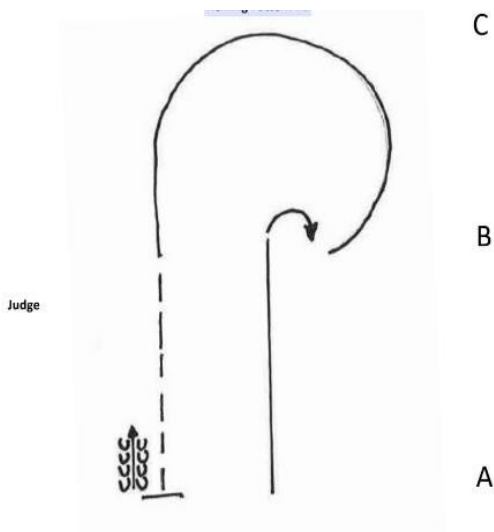
E. Reining

1. All contestants concerned will gather at the arena at the proper time. Upon call each contestant will perform the required pattern individually and separately.
2. The arena or plot shall be approximately 50 x 150 feet in size.
3. Each horse will be judged on the neatness, dispatch, ease, calmness and speed with which it performs the pattern. Excessive jawing, open mouth or head raising on stop, lack of smooth sliding stop on haunches, breaking gaits, refusing to change leads, anticipating signals, stumbling or falling, wringing tail, backing sideways, knocking over kegs, changing hands on reins, or losing stirrup or holding on, or two hands on reins (except if contestant is riding a junior horse, see Rules Governing Judged Events) or any unnecessary aid given by the rider to the horse (such as unnecessary talking, petting, spurring, using quirt, jerking on reins, etc.) to induce the horse to perform will be considered a fault and scored accordingly. Horse shall rein and handle easily, fluently, effortlessly and with reasonable speed throughout the pattern.
4. Scoring will be on the basis of 60-80 with 70 denoting an average performance.
5. In case of doubt, a judge may require any contestant to repeat their performance of any or all the various parts of the pattern. A judge also shall have the authority to require the removal or alteration of any piece of equipment or accouterment, which, in their opinion, would tend to give a horse an unfair advantage. Any inhumane equipment will be scored accordingly.
6. 1-9 Age Group will run 1-9 Reining Patterns provided in Rule Book.

1-9 Reining Patterns Legend:

Walk	-----
Jog	- - - - -
Extended Jog	_____
Lope	_____
Leg Yield	
Lead Change	↗↘
Back	←←←←←
Marker	(B)
Sidepass	←-----→

KWHA 1-9 Reining Pattern #1



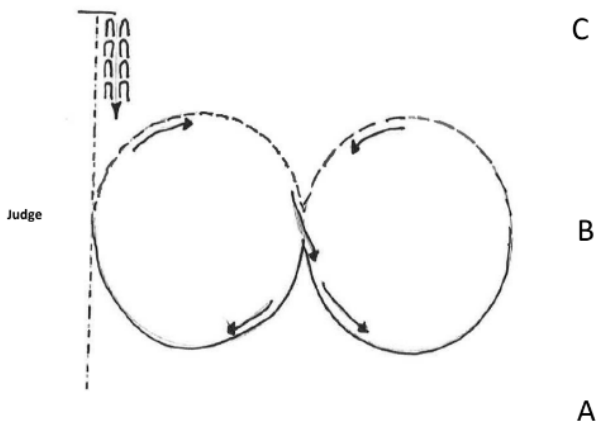
The arena or plot should be approximately 50 x 150 feet in size. The judge shall indicate with markers on arena fence or wall the length of the pattern, markers within the area of the pattern will not be used.

1. Centered at the end of the arena start at Cone A and lope on the right lead to Cone B and Stop.
2. At B perform a 90 degree turn to the right.
3. Lope a circle in the left lead to B not greater than edge of cone C.
4. At B break down to an extend trot to A and Stop.

5. At A back 4 steps.

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Reining Pattern #2



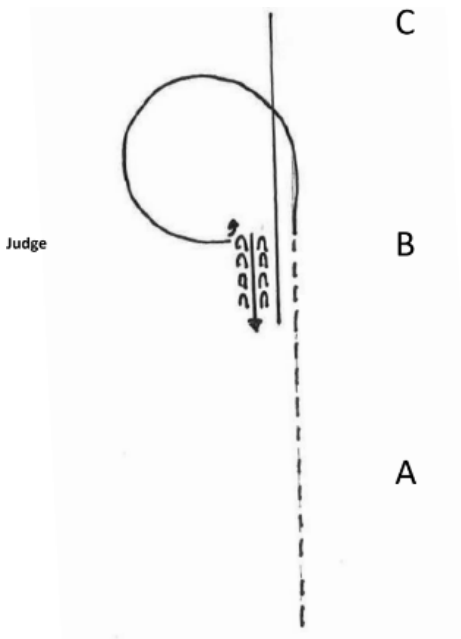
The arena or plot should be approximately 50 x 150 feet in size. The judge shall indicate with markers on arena fence or wall the length of the pattern, markers within the area of the pattern will not be used.

1. Start at left side of arena and walk from Cone A to Cone B.
2. At Cone B start trot $\frac{1}{2}$ circle to the right.
3. Start loping in the left lead to the left to Cone B.
4. At Cone B break down to a trot and continue in a half circle to the left.
5. Start loping in the right lead to the right to Cone B.
6. At Cone B break down to a walk and continue to Cone C.
7. Stop at Cone C and back approximately 1 horse length, stop, go to judge for inspection.

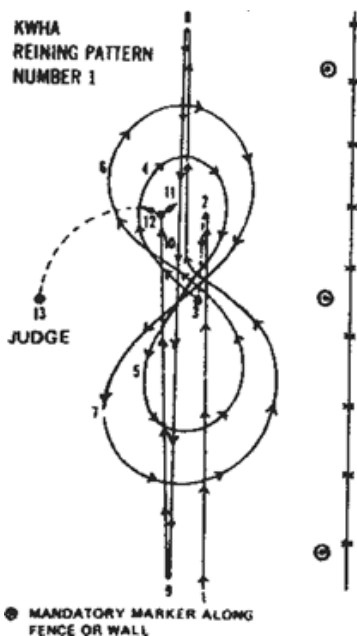
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Reining Pattern #3

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.



1. Begin at the end of the arena in the middle.
2. Start at a trot before Cone and continue past Cone A to Cone B.
3. At Cone B, begin a lope in the left lead in a circle.
4. Stop facing Cone B.
5. Make a 90 degree turn to the left.
6. Back approximately one-horse length.
7. Lope on the right lead to Cone C.
8. Stop at Cone C. Continue to judge for inspection



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.

Ride pattern as follows:

- 1. To 2.** Run with speed, past center marker.
- 2.** Stop and back up to center of pattern.
- 3.** Settle horse for approximately 10 sec. Start lope to the right. Figure 8 should be made inside the end markers
- 4. & 5.** Ride small Figure 8 at a slow lope.
- 6. & 7.** Ride a larger Figure 8 at a faster lope.
- 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 pivots.
- 11.** Pivot right or left 90 degrees.
- 12.** Pivot opposite direction 180 degrees.
- 13.** Walk to judge and stop for inspection until dismissed.

1. To 2. Run with speed, past center marker.

2. Stop and back up to center of pattern.

3. Settle horse for approximately 10 sec. Start lope. Circles should be made inside the end markers.

4. & 5. Ride two circles to the right, first circle small, should be slow, and 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).

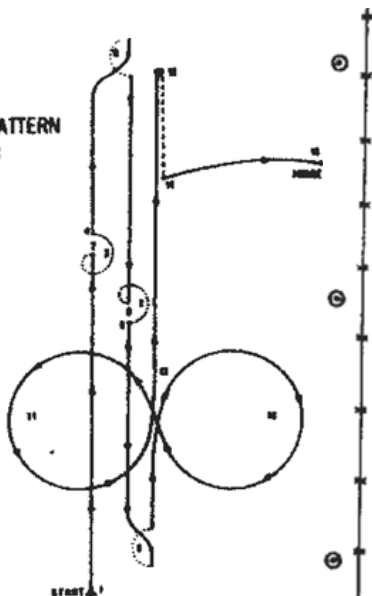
10. Stop (should be made past center marker). Let horse settle, then in approximate area of stop, do the pivots.

11. Pivot right or left 90 degrees.

12. Pivot opposite direction 180 degrees.

13. Walk to judge and stop for inspection until dismissed.

**KWHA
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NUMBER 3**

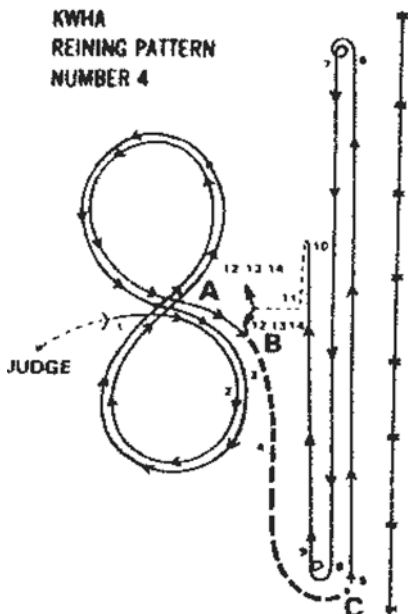


The arena or plot should be approximately 50 x 150 feet in size. The judge shall indicate with markers on arena fence or wall the length of the pattern, but kegs or other markers within the area of the pattern will not be used.

Ride pattern as follows:

1. To 2. Run at full speed (should be run at least 20 feet from any fence or wall).
2. At the center marker stop
3. Do a 360-degree spin, to the left.
4. Hesitate
5. Run at full speed to the area beyond the point indicated by the marker on the arena wall or fence and do a left roll back over the hocks.
6. Run to center marker and stop.
7. Do a 360-degree spin, to the right.
8. Hesitate
9. Proceed to the area beyond the point indicated by the other marker on the arena wall or fence and do a right roll back over the hocks.
10. Ride a figure 8, beginning to the right.
11. Proceed to end marker at full speed
12. Stop
13. Back until in line with Judge
14. Walk to judge and stop for inspection until dismissed.

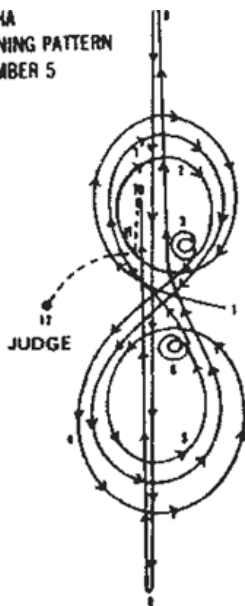
**KWHA
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NUMBER 4**



The arena or plot should be approximately 50 x 150 feet in size.

1. Start at judge for inspection
2. Begin work to the right. 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. Can 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 degrees.
13. Pivot the opposite direction, no more than 180 degrees
14. Pivot in direction taken in 12, no more than 180 degrees.

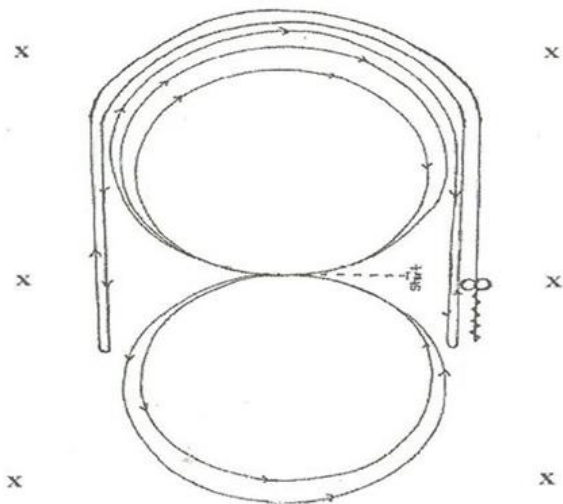
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The arena or plot should be approximately 50 x 150 feet in size. The judge shall indicate with markers on arena fence or wall the length of pattern markers within the area of the pattern will not be used. Ride pattern as follows:

1. Starting in the center of the arena make a large fast circle to the right.
2. Draw the circle down to a small circle until you reach the center of the arena - stop.
3. Do a double spin to the inside of the small circle in the center of the arena - at end of spins horse should be facing the left wall - slight hesitation.
4. Begin on left lead and make a large fast circle.
5. Then a small circle again drawing it down to the center of the arena - stop - no hesitation on these stops.
6. Do a double spin to the inside of the circle - slight hesitation - horse to be facing left wall.
7. Begin on right lead and make a fast figure eight over the large circles - close the eight - and change leads.
8. Run to far end of arena and do a left roll back.
9. Run to opposite end of the arena and do a right roll back.
10. Run back past center of the arena and do a sliding stop. Hesitate.
11. Back over slide tracks.
12. Finish - Walk to judge for inspection and dismissal.

KWHA REINING PATTERN NUMBER 6



1. Trot to Center of the arena facing the judge. Walk or stop before beginning pattern.
2. Run two circles of similar size to the right-the first slow and the second fast. Change leads in the center of the arena.
3. Run two circles to the left of similar size-the first slow the second fast. Change leads in the center of the arena.
4. Begin a circle to the right. Do not close the circle but run around the end of the arena and down the fence, remaining at least 20 feet from the fence. Run past the center marker, stop and rollback toward the fence.
5. Run back around the end of the arena and down the fence, remaining at least 20 feet from the fence. Run past the marker, stop and rollback toward the fence.
6. Run back around the end of the arena and down the fence past the center marker, stop and back at least 15 feet. Hesitate.
7. Complete 1 spin either direction, hesitate for 5 seconds.
8. Complete 1 spin the opposite direction; hesitate to show completion of the pattern.

F. Western Lead Line

1. Rider to be five years of age and under.
2. Horse may be of any size.
3. Horse to be led by an adult, 18 years of age or older, and shown at a walk only.
4. Appearance of leader, rider, and horse to count 50% and horsemanship to count 50%.

G. Walk Trot Horsemanship

1. Western Equipment: Entries shall enter the arena at a walk. Ride with reins in one hand only (two hands may be used if riding a junior horse – (see Rules Governing Judged Events). Seat shall be erect and balanced. Stirrups shall be of such length that the rider can maintain a balanced seat.
2. Rider to be judged on ability to keep horse in designated gait, and overall control at any place in arena. Riders will be asked to walk, trot, and reverse. Riders may be asked to back. Percentages shall be horsemanship 60%, suitability of horse to rider 30%, and overall appearance 10%.
3. The age group shall be 1 to 7 years old. No rider may enter both Walk Trot Horsemanship and Horsemanship 1-9 at the same show.

H. Western Pleasure

1. Western Pleasure horses shall be shown at a walk, canter, and trot. They shall be judged on manners, conformation, and suitability for use as Western Pleasure horses.
2. Percentages: Conformation and manners 30%, performance and suitability 70%.
3. Stallions may be shown in this class. Parade equipment shall not be used.
4. Faults: head throwing, tail switching, wide open mouth, rearing, failure to maintain leads and gaits, failure to change leads, halting and hesitating, bleeding mouth or sides, and failure to back if asked to do so by judge.
5. Age groups shall be Women, Senior Women, Men, and Senior Men.

CHAPTER V - RULES GOVERNING RACES

Section I. General Rules

No contestant shall be disqualified for a rule unless specifically called for in the rule book. No contestant shall be disqualified due to failure or faulty properties.

The following rules apply to all races and running events:

- A.** In all times or race events, contestants must wear cowboy boots or heeled-western equestrian sports shoes, jeans or pants, short or long-sleeved shirts, t-shirts or tank tops. No tube tops or sports bras permitted while running an event. Chaps and spurs are optional.
- B.** In all heat races, horses must be run from a standing start, but all timed events shall have optional standing or moving start.
- C.** In heated events, starting will be done with a flag and the starter will stand on the side of the arena approximately 50 feet in front of the starting line.
- D.** In all heat races, there will be one visible chalk lines at the starting and turning line.
- E.** There will be sufficient room at the end of the course for turning and stops.
- F.** In heated races, riders will be disqualified for failure to complete pattern or knocking over a keg or barrel except in the final heat of a race. Riders that disqualify in the final heat shall not receive a placing. No contestant shall be disqualified because of faulty event properties.
- G.** A contestant who interferes, in the opinion of the judge, with another contestant during any race or event shall be disqualified.
- H.** In the event of a tie, riders will be given the option of flipping a coin to determine the winner. If there is a dispute on whether to run or flip, the rider wishing to run will win. In the event of a tie in any timed event, the horse declared the winner in the runoff must run the pattern within two seconds of its original time or the runoff must be held again.
- I.** Specified race distance may be altered to accommodate small arenas.
- J.** In timed races, time will start when horse's nose crosses starting line and will stop when nose crosses finish line.
- K.** Contestants may be assisted into the arena, but no assistance will be permitted to the starting line in a

heated race.

- L.** All race events are to be 165 feet distance from starting line to end of property or turning line, except for Pony Express and Stock Horse Race.
- M.** No contestant will be allowed to wait their turn to ride a racing event inside the arena. All paddock waiting areas must be separated from the arena by permanent fencing.
- N.** At the State Show, all race events for age group 1-9 shall be timed.
- O.** There will be a 5 second penalty assessed to the time for each property (e.g.: pole, keg, barrel) knocked over. This excludes the following races: Two Barrel Flag Race, Hay Race, Barrel and Stake Race. No contestant with a (5) second penalty will place higher than another contestant without a (5) second penalty.
- P.** When running more than one lane in race events that are being timed, there may be a divider line to separate the lanes. This line will start 20 feet before the timer and run down the arena at least 15 feet past the turning line.
- Q. Re-Rides**
 - 1.** A re-ride shall be awarded if a contestant or their horse is interfered with before a disqualification occurs if the interference: 1) possibly affects a contestant's performance; or 2) Causes a contestant's disqualifications. The contestant must decide whether to accept the re-ride before their time may be announced.
 - 2.** Anytime a contestant makes a qualified ride and there is a power failure/mechanical failure, operator's mistake or timer interference by another contestant, a contestant will be allowed two (2) chances to make a qualified ride. The announcer may not stop contestant(s) once a race has started since contestant(s) must still qualify before a re-ride will be awarded.
 - 3.** In the case where there are not four qualified rides in the event, a re-ride will not be awarded and only those qualified rides will receive placings in the event.
- R.** When measuring events all properties will start on the turn line and measure forward towards the start line unless otherwise stated in the event rule. All measurements will be measured from center to center of the property.
- S.** The following race events; Cloverleaf Race, Pair Sack

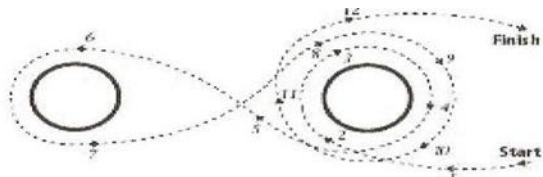
Race, Pair Race, Pair Sack-Single Barrel, Key Race, Pole Bending Race, Western Relay Race, Two Barrel Flag Race, Figure Eight Stake Race, and Barrel and Stake Race will be timed only events.

- T. In all timed events, the contestant's time will be announced as soon as it is received from the official timer. Official timekeepers shall keep a record of times recorded for contestants. Any contestant questioning their announced time in any event must make complaint at the announcing stand before the close of the day's show. If a contestant is disqualified, they shall not receive a placing. There is no re-ride requirement to complete 4 places.
- U. When a barrel is used in a race event, it shall be a 55- gallon metal or plastic barrel except when otherwise specified.
- V. In all timed events if manual timers are used, the same person shall time all contestants in an age group or class.

Section II. Events

A. 360 Eight Race

A barrel is centered on the turning line and another barrel is set 75 feet toward the starting line. Contestant is mounted, races to nearest barrel and circles it completely to the left or right then race to the barrel on the turning line (crossing between the barrels as in figure 8 on the way) turning the opposite direction around the second barrel, on return (crosses between barrels like figure 8) to first barrel and circles it completely the same direction as the first turn and races to finish line. Contestant is disqualified for breaking pattern.



B. Arena Race

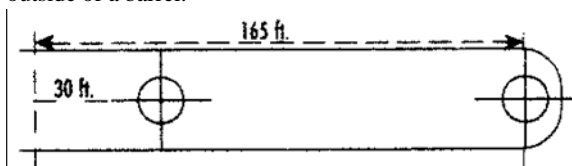
Rider mounted at starting line, races to a pole centered on turning line, makes a left or right turn around pole and races back to finish line. Disqualifications for steadying pole with hand or running pattern incorrectly.

C. Balloon Race

Any number of riders may take part. A blown-up balloon is tied to the belt loop in middle of the waist at the back or pinned there. The object is to break as many of the other rider's balloons as possible without getting your own balloon broken. The rider who ends up with their balloon intact when the rest are broken is declared the winner. Balloons must be broken with hands; no pins are to be used.

D. Barrel & Stake Race

Regulation distance 165 feet. Contestant mounted at starting line 30 feet back of barrel that holds three stakes. At signal, rider starts and picks one stake from first barrel and races to second barrel at turning line, deposits stake and continues until all stakes are placed in second barrel, and races back across starting line. Rider must keep barrels to their right or left at all times. Hitting horse with stake disqualifies rider. Stakes shall be 5 feet long, full round 1 1/8 inches in diameter and of a light nature and 30-gallon barrels painted white to be used. Contestants are disqualified for knocking over a barrel or dropping a stake outside of a barrel.

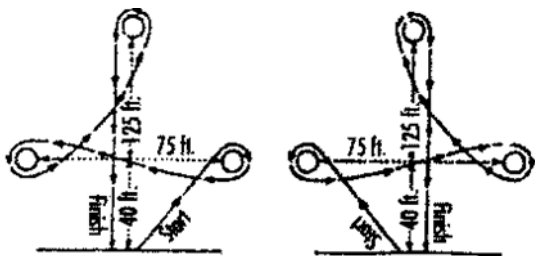


E. Barrel & Stake Graduated

Same rules as Barrel & Stake (above) however only two stakes are used for 1-9.

F. Cloverleaf Race

It is a timed race with only one horse at a time. Three barrels are set up as follows: Two barrels are set 75 feet apart and parallel with the starting line crosswise with the arena, and 40 feet from starting line; the third barrel midway between the first two barrels and 125 feet further down the field. In running this race start at the starting line at a standing or running start, contestant may go to either right or left barrel first but must make one right and two left turns, or one left and two right turns before proceeding back across the starting line.



G. Cowhide Race

Regulation distance is 165 feet. Contestant stands with both feet on ground beside horse at starting line. At signal, mounts and races to partner, who stands behind turning line beside cowhide with loose end of 30-foot rope in hand; the other end being tied to cowhide. After handing rope to rider, the horseless man or woman rides on cowhide and is dragged across starting line by rider. (The cowhide drag is to be made with rubber matting 3 feet wide by 6 feet long. Secure a 2x4 3 feet long to one side of the cowhide and secure a loop of rope to both ends of the 2x4. The center of this loop is where a long rope is tied; also, a piece of rope about 18 inches long is tied to the center of the board leaving a loose end for the rider to hold onto). Ropes to pull cowhide with are to be same kind and length. Time ends when cowhided crosses line.

H. Devil's Cowhide

Timed event. Regulation distance is 165 feet. Mounted contestant pulls other contestant on cowhide across starting line, around barrel at turning line and back across starting line. Hide rider must cross finish line in contact with the cowhide. Team will be disqualified for not making a right or left hand turn around barrel, if rope is tied hard and fast to saddle, if rider falls off hide or rope comes loose from horn and falls to ground. Safety helmets are required by hide riders. The cowhide drag is to be made with rubber matting 3 feet wide and 6 feet long. Secure a 2x4, 3 feet long to one side of the cowhide and secure a loop of rope to both ends of the 2x4. The center of this loop is where a long rope is tied; also, a piece of rope about 18 inches long is tied to the center of board leaving a loose end for the rider to hold onto.

I. Figure 8 Stake Race

A pole-bending stake is set on turning line 165 feet from starting line and another pole bending stake is set 60 feet toward the starting line, but in line with the first stake. Contestant is mounted, races to turning line, makes a right or left turn around pole, goes to other pole and makes a turn in opposite direction from first pole then goes back to pole at turning line and makes a turn in same direction as first and races to finish line. Contestant will be disqualified for breaking pattern or touching pole with a hand.

J. Flag Race

Flag race will be over 110-yard course. Flag will be placed in can atop barrel at opposite end. Can holding flag may be knocked down or over. When flag race is timed, time will start when rider crosses start line and rider may turn either right or left at the barrel. Rider will pick flag from holder and time will end when rider crosses finish line with flag. Rider will be disqualified if flag is dropped or flag is used as a whip or bat. When flag race is heated, riders will leave starting space on signal from flag and starter, and barrel must be turned to the left.

K. Flying W Race

Two pole bending poles are placed on the turning line 30 feet from each fence. Place one pole in the center of the arena 60 feet from the turning line. Rider will run to last pole on either side of arena and make a right or left turn toward center of arena, proceed to center pole make a turn in opposite direction of first turn, continue to pole on opposite side of arena from first pole and make a right or left turn towards fence and on to finish line. Rider will be disqualified for not completing the pattern or touching pole with hand.

L. Half 8 Race

First pole centered on turning line, a second pole is set 6 feet back toward start/finish line. Contestant rides between the poles before crossing turning line, makes a left- or right-hand turn, and races back across finish line. Disqualification if all four feet of horse crosses turning line before going between poles or for touching pole with a hand

M. Hay Race

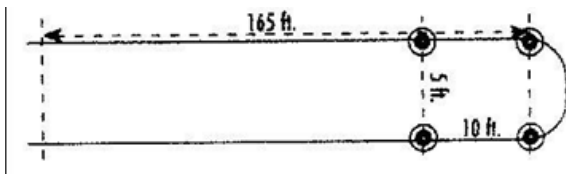
Large burlap sacks are filled with hay and placed on the line at opposite end of arena. Rider races from starting line to haysack, drops rope over hay sack or gets off horse and puts rope around hay sack, then drags hay sack at full length of rope (no more than 12 inches of slack allowed at end of rope) back across starting line. There should be as many sacks as there are contestants and they must use a standard lariat rope at least 20 feet long.

N. Keg Bending Race

Keg Bending will be over a course with six kegs 25 feet apart. The first keg will be centered on the turn line. Kegs will be 5-gallon container, from 10 inches to 12 inches in diameter and 13 to 14 inches in height. Time will start when horse crosses starting line. Pass first keg to the right or left, passing each subsequent keg on the opposite side, turning last keg and returning to starting point in the same manner. Rider will be disqualified for failure to complete pattern or if horse jumps keg. One lane judge is required for each set of kegs. A keg must be jumped by all four feet of the horse to be considered a jump

O. Key Race

Regulation distance is 165 feet. Two pole bending stakes covered with a 4" by 5-foot red sock are placed on the turning line 5 feet apart. Between the starting line and the turning line there are two pole stakes 10 feet out and 5 feet apart. These poles are covered with a 4" by 5 feet red sock and are in line with the stakes on the turning line. Contestant is mounted at the starting line. At signal races between the stakes across the turning line turns and reverses course back between pole stakes to finish line. Contestant will be disqualified if they fails course by weaving in and out or poles or touches a pole with a hand.



P. Lane Barrels

A barrel is centered on the turning line with a second barrel set 75 feet toward starting line and centered in the lane. Contestant races between barrels before making a right or left turn around barrel on the turning line, then races to second barrel making an opposite turn and returns to the turning line barrel and makes a turn in the same direction as the second turn, then races back across finish line. Disqualifications for breaking the pattern.

Q. Lead Back Race

Course is approximately 110-yards. Horse and rider must race across given line at other end of arena, dismount and lead horse back. Rider must cross finish line ahead of horse with reins in their hand. Lengths of reins shall not be longer than seven feet. In the lead back race the rider can have a strap or lead rope or rein attached where the riding reins are attached.

R. Musical Chairs

A number of kegs, one less keg than contestants, are set in a circle. Contestants then ride single file around a larger circle to be 80 feet across. When the music stops, rider gets off outside larger circle and leads horse into kegs. They must keep hold of reins and reins shall not be longer than seven feet. A keg is removed each time music stops and one rider is eliminated. When there are only two contestants remaining, then two kegs are left in the circle, placed close together and the first rider to sit on a keg wins.

S. Pair Poles

Four pole bending poles in line with first pole centered on turn line and all poles set 30 ft apart. Both riders will be mounted with one rider at the start line and one rider at turning line. Rider at starting line weaves right or left through the poles and passes a baton to rider at turning line. The turning line rider weaves back through the poles starting on the same side as the first rider started at the beginning. Disqualification for passing baton in front of turn line, using as a bat or whip, dropping baton, steadying pole with hand, or running pattern incorrectly.

T. Pair Race

Course is approximately 110-yards. Two riders holding hands race to opposite end of arena and back turning left around barrel. Barrel is set approximately 55 yards from starting line. Team will be disqualified for breaking handhold or not staying in own lane.

U. Pair Sack Race

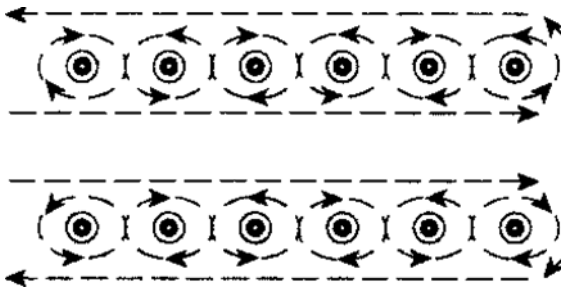
Each entry will consist of two riders and two horses. Each rider holds on to end of a 4 inch by 5 foot red sock. They race to the opposite end of the arena, around two 55-gallon barrels and back across the finish line. This is a timed event. Team crosses starting line at a running start. Letting loose of the red sock before both members of the team cross the finish line, will result in disqualification. Approximately 110- yards course. Barrels should be approximately 30 feet apart or more.

V. Pair Sack – Single Barrel

Each entry will consist of two riders and two horses. Each rider holds on to a 4 inch by 5 foot red sock between them. They race around a 55 – gallon barrel placed on turning line, making a left turn, and race across the finish line. This is a timed event. Riders will be disqualified for not making a left turn or letting loose.

W. Pole Bending Race

Total regulation distance of 165 feet. Place first pole on the turn line and measure 21 feet between poles towards the start line. For each contestant competing there shall be a line of six poles (wood or plastic pipe, but all the same), 5 or 6 feet high, 1 inch to 1-1/2 inch in diameter and painted white. Bases shall be of flat nature with no sharp edges, a minimum of 11 inches and not to exceed 15 inches in diameter and uniform in size and shape. Total weight of pole and base shall not exceed 12 pounds. All lanes to have uniform poles set 21 feet apart. The last pole in line shall be placed on the turning line. At start, contestant may start either to the right or to the left of the first pole and then run the remainder of the pattern accordingly (see pattern). Contestant is disqualified for touching pole with a hand and failure to follow the course.



X. Polo Turn

Rider races to pole centered on turning line, makes a complete circle (one and a half revolutions) around pole, then returns back across finish line. Rider may turn to either right or left. Rider will be disqualified for not completing the pattern or touching pole with hand.

Y. Pony Express Race

Race shall be over a course inside an arena or on an oval track. If inside an arena, four 55-gallon barrels shall determine the course. Four riders using four horses saddled and bridled stand at the starting line. Timer shall say go and first rider mounts with a baton, rides around the course, dismounts, and gives baton to second rider. Second rider mounts, rides around course, dismounts and gives baton to third rider. Third rider mounts, rides around course, dismounts and gives baton to fourth rider. Fourth rider mounts wearing an armband, rides around course to finish line and stops clock for time. Riders cannot use any physical assistance from another team member. Team is disqualified if baton is dropped or used as bat or whip.

Z. Relay Race

Race to be over approximately 110-yard course. Each team consists of four horses and riders. At flag signal first rider with baton in hand races from starting line to opposite end of arena, turns left around barrel and back to starting line. The baton must be handed to another member of team in back of starting line and so on until race is finished. If baton is dropped the team is disqualified. The baton cannot be used as a bat and in a relay race, the last rider must be identified by an armband. All batons must be 5/8-inch rubber hose and 15 inches long.

AA. Rescue Race

Course is approximately 110-yards. Contestants line up with one person on horseback at starting line and other person behind turning line. At start, rider races to opposite end of course picking up partner, races back over finish line. The contestant being picked up must make contact with partner behind turning line and be astride the horse behind the saddle when crossing the finish line (astride the horse is at least the knee of the rider on the other side of the horses' backbone).

BB. Ribbon Race

Riders start from starting line and race to opposite end of the arena to line where ribbons are fastened to ground by nail. Riders must dismount horse to secure ribbon; remount and race back to starting line.

CC. Rock and Roll Race

Team. Regulation distance is 165 feet. Four contestants, one mounted on a bareback horse at starting line. Other three riders are behind the turning line. At signal, rider races across turning line, picks one rider up and races back to starting line. Front rider dismounts. Remaining rider races back to next rider in line picks them up and races back to starting line. Front rider dismounts. Remaining rider races to last rider picks them up and races back across starting line. The last rider shall wear an armband.

DD. Saddling Race

Competitors ride their horses bareback up to saddles, dismount, saddle their horses, mount and race back to finish line.

EE. Saddle and Rescue Race

Regulation distance is 165 feet. Rider mounted on bareback horse at starting line. Second person stands behind turning line with saddle blanket in hand. Saddle is on ground behind turning line. At signal the rider races to partner behind turning line. Both saddle horse. The partner on the ground mounts, rider mounts on the back, and they race back across the starting line. Conventional cinch hooks or tack-carriers or any conventional western riding equipment will be permitted. Judge will inspect equipment before and after

race. All tongues have to be in a hole of the latigo. Riders will be disqualified for the person on the ground touching the horse before it crosses the turning line.

FF. Speed Barrels

Three (3) barrels with 50 feet between barrels, and the last barrel shall be centered on turning line. Contestant weaves barrels through and back. Contestant may start weave to either left or right of the first barrel.

GG. Spur Race

One pole is centered on the turning line. A line of poles will be placed 30 feet from the start/finish line. The first pair of poles will be set 10 feet apart and on both sides of those poles 2 more poles are set 5 ft apart. Rider races between one pair of poles, crosses over and turns the end pole on the turning line and returns between the opposite pair of poles. Event can be run in either direction. Disqualifications for broken pattern or steadying poles with hand.

HH. Stock Horse Race

In the stock horse race the equipment should consist of regulation stock saddle and bridle, curb bit or hackamore with leather covered chain noseband or bridle leather noseband. Shall be run the length of arena or prescribed length on a track if available. It is recommended that the course be 220 yards or 440 yards.

II. Straight Barrels

Three 55-gallon barrels set in a row, first barrel is centered on the turn line with 50 feet between each barrel going towards the start line. Barrels may be turned either right or left going down with end barrel turned the same direction as the first two, then turn barrels in the opposite direction on return trip. Disqualification for running pattern incorrectly.

JJ. Team Speed Barrels

All riders mounted at start. At signal, first rider carrying baton races through speed barrel pattern (see Speed Barrel description) and passes baton to rider #2 who has moved into position. Baton must be passed behind starting line before rider #2 crosses start/finish line. Repeat for riders #3 and #4. Rider #4 has to wear a red arm band on arm closest to

announcer as he/she starts race. Disqualification for passing baton before start/finish line, dropping baton, using baton as whip or bat, or breaking pattern.

KK. Top and Turn

Place one pole on turning line and one barrel 82.5 ft from starting line. Rider races to pole on turning line, turns pole and races to barrel, rider circles barrel, makes 360 degree turn and races home. Rider may start on either side and make same turn, either right or left at both pole and barrel. Disqualification for steadying the pole or running the pattern incorrectly.

LL. Trailer Race

Each entry will consist of a team of two contestants and a horse. They pull their trailer into the arena attached to a car or a pick-up, line up at starting line.

Equipment – Horse must have a halter on (need not be tied to trailer). Saddle, blanket or pad, and bridle (blanket cannot be attached to saddle). At the start of the race the two contestants must be seated in the front seat of car or pickup. When flag is dropped, they jump out, run around and unlatch trailer, back horse out of trailer, take halter off, put on bridle, blanket or pad and saddle (saddle must be cinched). Ride to the opposite end of the arena, around 55-gallon barrel. Then race back to trailer. Take saddle, blanket or pad and bridle off and put halter on. Load horse and all equipment. Both contestants get back into front seat of car or pickup and turn on lights to declare the winners. If you use a car in the trailer race, trunk lid may be up at starting time. If you use a pickup, all equipment must be on the rear floor of the pickup. If your trailer has two latches, one may be loosened before starting time. You must have at least one trailer latch fastened at the beginning and finish of a race. Lead rope must be inside trailer at start and finish of race. Car or pickup doors must be shut before lights come on. Reins must be on both sides of horses' neck while turning barrel.

MM. Turn and Burn Pairs

Rider #1 races to a single barrel centered in the lane 82.5 feet from the turning line and makes a complete 360 degree turn around the barrel and continues to the turning line end of the arena and passes baton to partner who races to barrel and also makes a 360 degree turn and races across start/finish line.

Each rider may circle the barrel either direction. Disqualifications for not passing baton behind the turning line, dropping baton, using baton as a whip or bat, or incorrect pattern.

NN. Two Barrel Flag Race

Equipment needed: 2 30-gallon barrels painted white, 2 5-foot poles (1" to 1 ¼ in diameter) with a different 9-inch color flag on the poles. Regulation distance is 165 feet. Contestant races to first barrel 30 feet from starting line, picks up stake with colored flag and races to second barrel on turning line 165 feet from starting line, deposits the stake into barrel and picks up stake with different colored flag and races back to first barrel and deposits that stake into barrel, keeping to their right or left at all times. Contestants will raise right or left hand when coming into arena to tell the arena crew what side of barrel they will pick up stakes. Approximately 1" to 2" of dirt will be put in bottom of first barrel. Contestant will be disqualified for hitting horse with stake, dropping stake or knocking over barrel. In the event of a broken stake, the portion remaining in the barrel must be the full diameter of the stake to be considered a qualified ride.

OO. Water Carrying Race

Course is approximately 110-yards. Competitors ride to the end of course carrying a cup, where there is a bucket full of water placed on a barrel. They shall fill the cup and ride back to a barrel placed 15 feet from the starting line on which a pint jar is place, riding back and forth circling each barrel in either direction until the jar is filled to overflowing then crossing the finish line. You do not have to circle the barrel after the jar is filled.

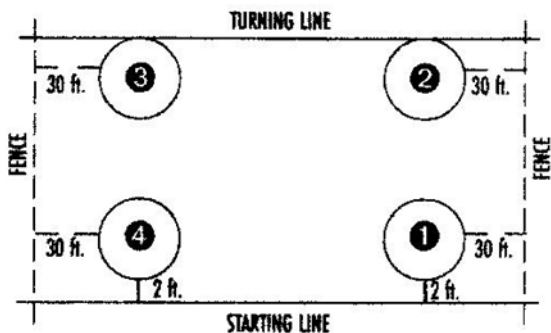
PP. Western Relay Race

Race to be run counterclockwise around 4 barrels, per diagram. Barrels 1 & 4 shall be placed two feet from starting line. Barrels 2 & 3 shall be placed on the turning line. All barrels are to be 30 feet from fence. All batons must be 5/8-inch rubber hose and 15 inches long.

Each team consists of four riders and horses. First rider will start between 3rd and 4th barrel, race around arena, passing baton between 3rd and 4th barrel and so on with each rider until race is finished. All batons must be passed behind

starting line. The baton may not be used as a bat. The horses waiting to run must be kept in between the 4 barrels until their turn to run. Run is complete when rider crosses finish line and they cannot re-cross timer line for any reason.

Disqualifications: Using baton as a bat, dropping baton, re-crossing timer line after completion of run.



CHAPTER VI – Archived Events

A. Tunnel Race

Use 55-gallon barrels with both ends out. Place barrels on their side at other end of arena. Use same amount of barrels, as there are riders. The contestants race down to designated barrel, dismount, crawl through barrel then remount horse and race back to starting line. Reins shall not be longer than seven feet.

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