

**NUMBERS** - Failure by exhibitor to display the correct number, in a visible manner shall result in disqualification.

1. In halter, showmanship, bareback horsemanship, saddle seat, the number must be worn on the exhibitor's back.
2. In driving classes, the number must be displayed on both sides of the vehicle shafts.
3. In performance classes each horse must have two numbers; one on each side of the saddle/pad.

## HALTER CLASSES

### **Equipment**

1. Horses to be shown in a halter only.
2. Lip chains or lip cords are allowed - no smaller than 3/8", unsecured keeper with at least 3/4" (2 links) of lead outside of the halter. May not contain metal. Safety leads are allowed. May only be applied over gum and not through the mouth.
3. The use of whips or bats shall not be permitted.

**Attire** - Mandatory to wear western attire - long sleeved shirt with collar, western hat, cowboy boots, and pants. A jacket or blazer may be worn but does not fulfill the requirement of collar. No skirts, dresses, chaps or spurs.

## RANCH CONFORMATION

**Equipment** - Working halter: rope, braided, nylon or plain leather. No silver allowed on either halter or lead.

## HUNTER IN HAND

### **Equipment**

1. Horses, 2 years old and older may be shown in a plain leather halter and lead or English headstall with any acceptable single rein English bit.
2. A plain leather halter is required on weanling/yearling horses. Chain over the nose or under the chin only.
3. The use of a crop or bat is optional.

**Attire** - Conservative in color. Collared shirt - vest, tie and gloves (optional). Dress pants. Plain belt optional. Jeans are forbidden. Running shoes or paddock boots.

## YEARLING LONGE LINE

### **Equipment**

Horses are to be shown in a halter, regular or show type is acceptable. The horse may be braided (mane and tail).

1. For the longing demonstration, the only attachment allowed to the halter is the longe line. Longe line no longer than 30'. It is permissible to use a longe whip.
2. Mechanical or retractable longe lines are not allowed.
3. For the conformation only, chain can be used under the chin or over the nose.

**Attire** - Conventional western attire is mandatory when exhibiting a western pleasure prospect. English attire or Hunter in Hand attire (paddock boots only) is suggested for hunter under saddle prospect.

## WESTERN PERFORMANCE

### **Equipment**

1. Western stock saddle. Stirrups shall not be tied to one another or to the saddle in any manner.
2. Curb bit that has a solid or broken mouthpiece, has shanks. Free of mechanical device and should be considered a standard western bit.
  - a. 8½ maximum length shank (fixed or loose).
  - b. Bars must be round, smooth and unwrapped metal of 5/16 to ¼" in diameter, measured 1" from the cheek. May be inlaid, must be smooth or latex wrapped. Nothing may protrude below or above the mouthpiece (bar), such as extensions or prongs. The mouthpiece may be two or three pieces. A three piece with a connecting ring of 1 ½" or less in diameter, or a connecting flat bar of 3/8" to ¾" measured top to bottom with a maximum length of 2" which lies flat.
  - c. The port height 3 ½" maximum, rollers and covers acceptable. Broken mouthpieces, half-breeds, grazing and spades allowed.
  - d. Curb strap or chain required, be at least ½" in width, lie flat, free of barbs, wire and/or twists.
  - e. Spring loaded bits are approved.
3. Senior horses may only be shown in a curb bit, half-breed or spade bit.
4. Junior horses may be shown in a snaffle bit, hackamore, curb bit, half-breed or spade bit.
5. Except for horses in hackamore/snaffle bit, only one hand may be used on the reins, and the hand must not be changed. The hand is to be around the reins; index finger only between split reins is permitted. Standard, leather or woven split reins are acceptable.
6. Romal - an extension of braided material attached to closed reins. 16-inch spacing between the rein hand and hand holding the romal. Hand shall be around the reins, thumb on top, fingers closed around the reins. No fingers between the reins are allowed. Use of the romal forward of the cinch shall result in DQ.
7. Two rein equipment will be allowed in Working Cow Horse, Box Drive Box Drive, Boxing and Ranch Classes.
  - a. Bosalita may be any size, made of braided rawhide or leather, non-metal/flexible core.
  - b. Fingers between reins acceptable.
  - c. Both mecate and bridle reins held in rein hand.

- d. All rules for two rein will follow hackamore and bridle requirements for the respective class.
8. In roping, games and team penning, western type equipment must be used. Acceptable western or English bits or mouthpieces may be used. Use of a hackamore or a mechanical hackamore is allowed.
9. A bit cannot be physically or mechanically altered to increase the severity of its use.

### **Optional Equipment - Western**

1. Rope or riata - must be coiled and attached to saddle.
2. Hobbles attached to the saddle.
3. Tapaderos; except in working cow horse and boxing.
4. Standard boots on front and rear are optional in: Team penning, cutting, working cow horse, boxing, ranch horse riding, ranch horse trail, reining, steer daubing, games and roping. Soft leg wraps will be permitted.
5. Tie-downs for roping, speed events and team penning. Must have covered nosepiece, no bare metal.
6. Mechanical hackamore, slip or gag bits for games, roping and team penning.
7. Running martingales and draw reins for games and team penning only.
8. Spurs; not to be used forward of the cinch.
9. Breast collar.
10. Whips, bats, quirts may be used in the timed or racing events when used in a humane manner.

### **Prohibited Equipment - Western**

1. Protective boots, leg wraps or bandages.
2. Nosebands and tie-downs.
3. Jerk line and tack collars.
4. Martingales, except as provided in B(8).
5. Slip or gag bits except in roping, games, team penning. Or when used in an inhumane manner in roping, games and team penning.
6. Donut, flat polo, bicycle chain and mule bits.
7. Any tie-down or hackamore with bare metal contact.

### **Snaffle Bit/Bosal**

1. Flexible braided rawhide or leather, or rope bosal, round in shape. No rigid material or metal permitted. The bosal must be no larger than ¾" in diameter at the cheek. Minimum of one finger space between the bosal and the nose. Horse hair bosals not permitted. All bosals must use a mecate rein, include a tie-rein.
2. Snaffle bit in western mean the conventional O-ring, egg-butt or D-ring with a ring no smaller than 2" and no larger than 4". Inside of the ring must be free of rein, curb or headstall attachments that provide leverage, the mouthpiece should be round, oval or egg-shaped, smooth, and no mouthpieces can be wrapped

in metal. Bit may be inlaid, smooth or latex wrapped. No square-stock steel. Bars must be a minimum of 3/8" in diameter measured 1" in from the cheek.

- a. The mouthpiece may be two or three pieces. A three-piece with a connecting ring of 1 1/4" or less in diameter, or a connecting flat bar of 3/8" to 3/4" (measured top to bottom with a maximum length of 2") which lies flat in the horse's mouth.
- b. A loose curb strap is optional (leather or nylon).
3. Standard, leather or woven split reins are mandatory. Reins must be attached above the curb strap if used.
4. When in a bosal or snaffle bit, the rider must have both hands on both reins. Split reins must be crossed.
5. A bit cannot be physically or mechanically altered to increase the severity of its use.

### **Attire – Western Performance**

1. Mandatory western attire which includes pants, long sleeved shirt with collar, western hat and boots.
  - a. Chaps are optional at ApHC-approved shows, are mandatory at ApHC-sponsored shows. In lead line, games, roping and team penning classes, chaps are optional at all ApHC shows.
  - b. In all game classes, youth exhibitors 18 years of age and younger are required to wear ASTM/SEI approved helmet with safety harness attached and fastened in all game classes.
2. It is recommended that the horse's mane, tail and forelock be free of braids. Mane may be banded. The presence of braids shall not constitute disqualification.

### **RANCH CLASSES**

Attire and tack should be clean and presentable. Working tack is encouraged.

1. Hoof polish is discouraged.
2. No braided or banded manes or tail extensions.
3. Trimming inside ears is discouraged.
4. Trimming bridle path, fetlocks or facial hair is allowed.
5. Silver bridles/saddles are discouraged.
6. In ranch trail, exhibitors should outfit horse with a breast collar and back cinch for safety.
7. Get-down rope with or without bosalita allowed. It is permissible to hold the saddle with either hand.

### **ENGLISH PERFORMANCE**

#### **Equipment**

1. English snaffle (no shank - conventional O-ring, egg-butt, D-ring or full cheek snaffle with bit keepers), kimberwick, pelham and/or a double bridle consisting of two bits - a curb or weymouth and a snaffle or bradoon (no convertor strap). Cavesson nosebands and

plain leather brow bands must be used. The inside circumference of the ring shall be no smaller than 2" and no larger than 4". On all snaffle bits, the inside circumference of the ring must be free of rein, curb or headstall attachments which would provide leverage.

2. Nothing may protrude above/below the mouthpiece. Mouthpieces may be two or three pieces. On broken mouthpieces only, connecting rings of 1" or less in diameter or flat bar 1/2" to 3/4" (measured top to bottom with a maximum length of 2") which lie flat in the horse's mouth. All mouthpieces must be a minimum of 5/8" in diameter with snaffles to be measured 1" in from the cheek. Mouthpiece may be inlaid, but smooth or latex wrapped. Smooth, round, oval or egg-shaped, slow twist, corkscrew, single twisted wire, double twisted wire mouthpieces and straight bar or solid mouthpieces with a maximum port height of 1 1/2".
3. In classes designated for two-year-olds, use of a conventional O-ring, egg-butt or D-ring, may be 2 or 3 pieces. No bit with leverage or any bit with shanks, curb chain, or reins attached to the bit may be used.
4. When a curb bit is used, a curb strap or curb chain is required, be at least 1/2" width, lie flat against the jaw.
5. Mechanical hackamores and dropped nosebands are allowed in jumping only.
6. Bits of any style featuring cathedral, fishback or donut mouthpieces; prongs, edges or rough, sharp material shall be cause for elimination.
7. A bit cannot be physically or mechanically altered to increase the severity of its use. Spring-loaded bits are approved as long as they meet all bit specifications.
8. Saddles must be heavy, plain, leather skirted (of hunt seat type) or forward (of hunt seat type). Leather, web, cord, neoprene or linen girths are permitted.
9. Saddle pads and attachments shall be white or neutral color with no decorative trim, logos or ornament.

#### **Optional Equipment - English**

1. Spurs of the unrowelled type that are blunt, round or that include a smooth rolling rubber or steel ball.
2. Crops or bats.
3. English breast plate.
4. Braiding of mane or tail in hunt style.
5. Martingales in working hunter, jumping or equitation over fences.
6. Boots and leg wraps in jumping only.
7. Loose curb strap.

#### **Prohibited Equipment - English**

1. Draw reins except in open jumping.
2. Roweled spurs.

3. Martingales except in working hunter, jumping or equitation over fences.
4. Boots of any description, except in open jumping.
5. Leg wraps, except in jumping.
6. Whips other than crops or bats.

#### **Attire – English**

1. Coats in traditional colors such as navy, dark green, grey, black or brown (maroon and red are improper), breeches of traditional shades such as buff, khaki, canary, light grey or rust, high English boots or jodhpur shoes paddock boots of black or brown. Helmet is mandatory. Conservative colored shirt with stock tie or choker is required. Hair must be neat. Gloves optional.
2. It is mandatory for all riders in all over fences classes and when jumping anywhere on the grounds to wear headgear that meets ASTM or equivalent international standards, with harness secured.

### **SADDLE SEAT**

#### **Personal Appointments**

1. INFORMAL: Jacket with collar and lapels of the same color with matching jodhpurs, a collared shirt, tie, vest and complimentary gloves, jodhpur boots, and derby or soft hat. Conservative colors include black, blue, grey, burgundy, green, beige, or brown. Colors not included in this list are not acceptable and must be penalized. Day coats are acceptable. Informal dress is permitted day or night.
2. FORMAL: Tuxedo-type jacket with collars and lapels of the same color with matching jodhpurs, formal shirt, bow tie, vest or cummerbund, and matching top hat, homburg or other soft hat. Solid colors to include dark grey, dark brown, dark blue, or black. Formal shirt must be white or off-white with the bow tie and vest or cummerbund to match shirt or riding habit in color. Colors not included in this list are not acceptable and must be penalized. Formal riding habits are not to be worn before 6 p.m. and are not mandatory after 6 p.m.

**Tack Appointments** - Bridle: Senior entries shall be shown in full bridles with browband and cavesson - Show, Cutback, or Park type English saddles are to be used. Web, cord, leather or linen girths are permitted.

#### **Optional Appointments**

Blunt end (unrowelled only) spurs and/ or riding crops.

**Prohibited Appointments** - Bit converter straps, boots of any description, running or standing martingales, tie-downs or draw reins, dropped nosebands, and hackamores are prohibited.