



FHPH Horse Show Rule Book

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1. General Rules & Show Procedures

1.1 Purpose & Rule Authority

FHPH offers open schooling shows for riders of all levels and horse breeds. The goal is a supportive, educational, affordable show experience with good horsemanship, sportsmanship, and safety.

This book governs FHPH entries, divisions, attire, fees, points, and awards. AQHA, USEF, EXCA, and Utah 4-H rules are used as discipline-specific judging references (see Section 9). Their registration, membership, rated-show eligibility, cross-entry, and award rules are not FHPH requirements unless this book adopts them. Published FHPH rules and announced schooling modifications take priority. Management may make safety adjustments and will communicate changes to affected exhibitors.

1.2 Eligibility, Divisions & Horse/Rider Combinations

Ages. Youth means 17 and under and Adult means 18 and over. Rider ages are determined as of the first show of the series.

Programs. FHPH has five programs: English, Western, Speed, Extreme Cowboy Challenge, and Western Trail. Divisions are entered separately in each program.

One division per program. Each horse-and-rider combination enters one eligible division within each program and stays in that division for the series. Cross-entering divisions within a program with the same horse is not allowed. A rider may show multiple horses, but each additional horse must enter a different eligible division. Placings, series points, High Point standings, and awards stay with that combination; points from different horses or combinations cannot be combined.

Division definitions

- **Adult Amateur:** a rider 18 and over who has not been paid to ride, train, or give riding lessons during the current or previous calendar year. Adult Amateur is its own division.
- **Adult Open / Open (Western):** Adult Open in Western Rail and Equitation and Open in Reining, Ranch Riding, Showmanship, and Ranch Rail are the same division. It is for adults only (18 and over), including professionals. Youth riders may not enter Western Open.
- **Adult (Speed):** all riders 18 and over enter the Speed Adult division.
- **Green Horse (English, Western, Speed):** a horse of any age in its first or second year of showing, with a rider of any age. A Green Horse combination stays in Green Horse for that program. Extreme Cowboy Green Horse is defined in Section 3.4.

- **W/T and W/J:** open to any rider of any age who does not lope or canter at any other show.
- **English over fences:** W/T combinations may enter only Trot Poles and Cross Rails over fences. The height classes (2'–3'2") are Youth and Adult divisions.
- **Lead Line and Command Class:** do not count toward the one-division rule and do not earn High Point points.

Waiver. Every rider must complete a liability waiver before showing. A parent or legal guardian must complete the waiver for a minor.

1.3 Entries, Fees & Refunds

Fee	Amount
Flat / Rail class	\$10
Pattern class	\$15
Speed class	\$15
Western Trail class	\$30
Extreme Cowboy Challenge – Open / Novice / Intermediate	\$50
Extreme Cowboy Challenge – Youth / Green Horse	\$30
Open obstacle practice – 1 hour	\$20
Horse / office fee	\$15 per horse, non-refundable
Late fee	\$15 per rider, per show

Pre-entries are due by 11:59 PM on the Monday before the show. Late and day-of entries are accepted with the \$15 late fee, charged once per rider per show. All fees must be paid before entering the arena. Class fees may be refunded or transferred under reasonable circumstances at management's discretion; horse/office fees are non-refundable.

1.4 Gate Calls, Patterns & Conduct

- Patterns will be posted on the Sunday before each show. Riders must know the pattern, course, working order, and class instructions. Any necessary revisions will be announced before the affected class.
- A 1-minute gate call is enforced. Riders must be ready when called and enter only with the gate steward's or judge's permission. Display your assigned competitor number clearly.
- Ask pattern questions before the class begins. Feedback may be offered when the judge is available and it does not interrupt competition. Direct placing disputes or suspected recording errors to management.
- Treat judges, staff, volunteers, exhibitors, and horses respectfully. Abuse, dangerous riding, or disruptive conduct may result in disqualification or removal without refund.
- Dogs must be leashed at all times.

2. Safety, Attire & Tack

2.1 Safety & Horse Welfare

- ASTM/SEI-certified helmets with fastened harnesses are required for all English riders and for all riders under 18 in every division, the entire time they are on a horse. Helmets are encouraged for all riders. Riding boots with heels are required.
- Horses must be fit and sound enough for the class. The judge may excuse an obviously lame, distressed, or unsafe horse. Rough handling and abusive use of bits, whips, or spurs are prohibited.
- Keep safe spacing in warm-up areas; do not race, crowd, or cut across another horse's path. Riders may not be tied or attached to the saddle, stirrups, or horse.
- In judged Western and English/jumping classes, a fall ends the performance. In English/jumping classes, do not remount in the competition ring after a fall; follow officials' instructions. The Extreme Cowboy Challenge follows the fall procedure in Section 4.3.
- Jump only during authorized schooling or competition. Safety-release cups must be used on the back rails of spread fences, including schooling oxers. Management may change or remove unsafe equipment or obstacles.
- Facility address and horse/human emergency contact information will be available at the office. Follow officials' instructions during an emergency.

2.2 Schooling Attire & Equipment

Program	FHPH requirements
Western	Western saddle and western bridle or bosal; split or romal reins permitted. Long pants and boots. Show shirts, hats, and chaps are optional.
Speed	Western or speed saddle. Tiedowns, splint boots, and bell boots permitted. Jeans and boots.
English / Jumping	English saddle: close-contact, all-purpose, or dressage. Bridle with snaffle or approved bit. Breeches or jodhpurs and riding boots are required. Collared shirts, hunt coats, and gloves are optional. Helmets required.
Extreme Cowboy Challenge	Safe attire and equipment appropriate for a Western obstacle event. Youth helmets required. The judge may require adjustment or removal of unsafe equipment.

Training tack is permitted under FHPH's schooling policy when used softly and correctly and accepted by the judge. Western training tack remains subject to the judge's discretion. Ask about questionable equipment before entering. Approval in Speed does not automatically make equipment suitable for judged Western, English, or Extreme classes.

One-hand/two-hand, protective-boot, martingale, and bit restrictions vary by discipline. Judges will identify any class-specific restrictions or schooling exceptions before judging; exhibitors should not assume one equipment rule applies to every class.

2.3 Schooling-Class Gaits

W/J means walk/jog; W/T means walk/trot. Those flat and pattern divisions do not require lope or canter, and patterns and tests will suit the permitted gaits and experience level. Trot Poles and Cross Rails are ridden at the trot only and judged as hunter equitation.

3. Class Programs & Divisions

Western classes are held every Saturday, with Speed afterward. Fridays alternate: the Extreme Cowboy Challenge in November, January, and March, and English in December, February, and April, for three shows each. Friday Extreme Cowboy Challenge currently starts at 4:00 PM and Friday English at 5:30 PM. Start times may change for an individual show; consult the announced schedule.

3.1 English – Classes 1–34

- Hunt Seat Equitation, Hunter Under Saddle, and Hunter Hack: W/T, Green Horse, Youth, Adult.
- Trot Poles and Cross Rails: W/T and Green Horse. Ridden at the trot only and judged as hunter equitation.
- Equitation and Hunters: 2'–2'3", 2'6"–2'9", and 2'11"–3'2", in Youth and Adult divisions.
- Jumpers: .60–.70 m, .75–.85 m, and .90–1.00 m, in Youth and Adult divisions.

3.2 Western – Classes 35–72

- Reining, Ranch Riding, and Showmanship: Open, Adult Amateur, 13 & Under, 14–17, Green Horse, W/J.
- Western Rail and Western Equitation: W/J, 13 & Under, 14–17, Adult Amateur, Adult Open, Green Horse.
- Ranch Rail: W/J, 13 & Under, 14–17, Adult Amateur, Open.
- Command Class: 15 & Under and 16 & Up. Follows announced FHPH instructions.
- **Lead Line:** open to riders 8 and under. The horse must be led by an adult or a rider 14 or older on foot at all times. Riders must wear an approved helmet. Lead Line is judged at the walk only (and jog, if announced), on the child's position and the safety of the team. Lead Line does not count toward High Point; riders who ride Lead Line at 4 or more shows receive a buckle.

3.3 Speed – Classes 73–92

- Barrels, Speed Barrels, Poles, and Flag Race: W/J, 13 & Under, 14–17, Adult, Green Horse.
- Speed will not begin before 3:00 PM. Arena drags are scheduled every 5 riders.
- Speed events are timed to the thousandth of a second. Event patterns, knocked-equipment penalties, no-time rules, and approved timing procedures follow Utah State Horse 4-H rules as the primary reference, with AQHA as a secondary reference where Utah 4-H does not address the event (see Section 9). FHPH rules take priority.
- Speed Barrels use 35 feet between each barrel. This spacing applies to Speed Barrels only; regular Barrels follows its own event pattern.
- **Timer failure:** if the timer fails and the backup timers do not catch a time, or a run is interfered with through no fault of the rider, the rider will be offered a re-run, either immediately or at the end of the division. The re-run time is the official time.

3.4 Extreme Cowboy Challenge Program

- Western Trail: Youth and Adult.
- Extreme Cowboy Challenge: Open (12 & Up), Novice (18 & Up), Intermediate (18 & Up), Youth (17 & Under), and Green Horse (any aged horse that is green; the horse cannot enter another Extreme division).
- Open obstacle practice: \$20 for one hour after all Extreme classes finish. Entered Extreme horses may participate; no awards. The one-hour period begins when the last Extreme class ends.
- Extreme Cowboy Challenge weekends use separate numbering: Friday 1–8, Saturday Western 9–46, and Saturday Speed 47–66. A horse may not cross-enter Extreme divisions, but may compete in both Western Trail and the Extreme Cowboy Challenge.

3.5 Class List & Eligibility Clarifications

FHPH's division and horse/rider-combination rules (Section 1.2) govern entries. AQHA, USEF, and EXCA age, green-status, professional-status, and cross-entry definitions are reference information unless expressly adopted by FHPH. Ask management about eligibility before entering. Rider ages are determined as of the first show of the series. Extreme definitions follow the class list and EXCA rules, with FHPH cross-entry restrictions taking priority. Green Horse eligibility is based on the horse, not rider age.

Extreme eligibility: Novice is an entry-level adult rider with basic skills and limited competitive success. Intermediate is an adult with more experience and confidence, not yet at Non-Pro level, who does not receive compensation for riding or training horses. Open accepts riders 12 and up, including eligible youth and professionals. Green Horse accepts a developing horse of any age with a rider of any age. FHPH does not permit riding the same horse in multiple Extreme divisions.

3.6 Extreme Cowboy Weekend Class List

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Series dates: Nov. 27–28 and Dec. 11–12, 2026; Jan. 8–9, Feb. 12–13, March 19–20, and April 9–10, 2027. Extreme Fridays: November 27, January 8, and March 19. English Fridays: December 11, February 12, and April 9.

Extreme Friday: starts 4:00 PM; registration 3:00 PM. Times may change per show. Saturday: starts 9:00 AM; registration 8:00 AM. Speed not before 3:00 PM, with drags every 5 riders.

Friday – Classes 1–8

#	Class / eligibility
1	Youth Western Trail
2	Adult Western Trail
3	Extreme Open: 12 years and up; obstacles rated 1–6
4	Extreme Novice: 18 and up; obstacles rated 1–3
5	Extreme Intermediate: 18 and up; obstacles rated 1–4
6	Extreme Youth: 17 and under; obstacles rated 1–4

#	Class / eligibility
7	Extreme Green Horse: green horse of any age; rider of any age; no entry in another Extreme division; ratings 1–6, with emphasis on learning
8	Open obstacle practice: \$20 for one hour; open to all; no awards

Friday fees: Extreme Open, Novice, and Intermediate \$50; Youth and Green Horse \$30; Western Trail \$30 per class. The \$15 non-refundable horse/office fee and \$15 late fee apply. Open practice is \$20 for one hour, beginning after the last Extreme class; entered Extreme horses may participate. Youth ages 12 and up may enter Extreme Open at the \$50 Open fee, subject to the no-cross-entry rule.

Saturday Western – Classes 9–46

Classes	Event and division order
9–14	Reining: Open, Adult Amateur, 13 & Under, 14–17, Green Horse, W/J
15–20	Ranch Riding: same division order as Reining
21–26	Showmanship: same division order as Reining
27	Lead Line: 8 & Under
28–33	Western Rail: W/J, 13 & Under, 14–17, Adult Amateur, Adult Open, Green Horse
34–39	Equitation: same division order as Western Rail
40–44	Ranch Rail: W/J, 13 & Under, 14–17, Adult Amateur, Open
45–46	Command Class: 15 & Under; 16 & Up

Saturday Speed – Classes 47–66

Classes	Event and division order
47–51	Barrels: W/J, 13 & Under, 14–17, Adult, Green Horse
52–56	Speed Barrels: W/J, 13 & Under, 14–17, Adult, Green Horse
57–61	Poles: W/J, 13 & Under, 14–17, Adult, Green Horse
62–66	Flag Race: W/J, 13 & Under, 14–17, Adult, Green Horse

Speed classes with 10 or more entries pay out. See Section 7.3 for the payout percentages.

3.7 English Weekend Class List

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English Fridays: December 11, 2026; February 12 and April 9, 2027. Western and Speed follow on Saturday, December 12, February 13, and April 10.

Friday: starts 5:30 PM; registration 4:30 PM. Saturday: starts 9:00 AM; registration 8:00 AM. Friday start times may change per show. Speed not before 3:00 PM; arena drags every 5 riders.

Friday English – Classes 1–34

Classes	Event and division order
1–4	Hunt Seat Equitation: W/T, Green Horse, Youth, Adult
5–8	Hunter Under Saddle: W/T, Green Horse, Youth, Adult
9–12	Hunter Hack: W/T, Green Horse, Youth, Adult
13–14	Trot Poles: W/T, Green Horse
15–16	Cross Rails: W/T, Green Horse
17–22	2'–2'3": Equitation Youth/Adult; Hunter Youth/Adult; Jumper Youth/Adult (.60–.70 m)
23–28	2'6"–2'9": Equitation Youth/Adult; Hunter Youth/Adult; Jumper Youth/Adult (.75–.85 m)
29–34	2'11"–3'2": Equitation Youth/Adult; Hunter Youth/Adult; Jumper Youth/Adult (.90–1.00 m)

Saturday Western – Classes 35–72

Classes	Event and division order
35–40	Reining: Open, Adult Amateur, 13 & Under, 14–17, Green Horse, W/J
41–46	Ranch Riding: same division order as Reining
47–52	Showmanship: same division order as Reining
53	Lead Line: 8 & Under
54–59	Western Rail: W/J, 13 & Under, 14–17, Adult Amateur, Adult Open, Green Horse
60–65	Equitation: same division order as Western Rail
66–70	Ranch Rail: W/J, 13 & Under, 14–17, Adult Amateur, Open
71–72	Command Class: 15 & Under; 16 & Up

Saturday Speed – Classes 73–92

Classes	Event and division order
73–77	Barrels: W/J, 13 & Under, 14–17, Adult, Green Horse
78–82	Speed Barrels: same division order as Barrels
83–87	Poles: same division order as Barrels
88–92	Flag Race: same division order as Barrels

Fees: flat \$10; pattern \$15; speed \$15; non-refundable horse/office fee \$15; late fee \$15 per rider. Pre-enter by 11:59 PM Monday. Speed classes with 10 or more entries pay out; see Section 7.3.

4. Extreme Cowboy Challenge: Obstacles & Judging

Courses test horse/rider partnership, willingness, control, accuracy, and efficiency. Controlled speed and good horsemanship matter more than reckless speed.

4.1 Obstacle Difficulty

Ratings run from 1 (easiest) to 6 (most difficult), reflecting the maneuver, height, terrain, and required skill. Course design will suit the division and developing horses.

Division	Obstacle difficulty
Youth	1-4
Novice	1-3
Intermediate	1-4
Open	1-6
Green Horse	1-6; tasks chosen for developing horses

4.2 Obstacle Scores

EXCA-style judging uses a 1-10 obstacle scale, with 5.5 as average. Each obstacle receives one combined score for the approach (up to 1 point added or deducted), execution (0-8 points), and departure (up to 1 point added or deducted). A valid but incomplete attempt receives 0.5-2 points. A skipped obstacle receives zero and a 30-second time penalty.

Judges consider willingness, accuracy, balance, transitions, correct leads when applicable, soft contact, and speed with control. Resistance, rough handling, loss of control, and incorrect execution reduce the score. Overall horsemanship and time also affect the result. FHPH follows the EXCA scoring system and scoring spreadsheet, including Overall Horsemanship and time-bonus points. A course not completed within 8 minutes receives zero time-bonus points; this is not an automatic disqualification. Ties are broken by fastest time. FHPH division, cross-entry, fee, and award rules remain in effect.

4.3 Course Procedures

- Attend the course walkthrough on foot; know the obstacles required by your division and their order. Practice is limited to the designated open obstacle time.
- Each obstacle has a 30-second attempt limit, beginning when the team approaches and starts negotiating it. Move on when signaled; the judge may allow continuation if substantial progress is being made.
- One whistle blast means move on or start; two or more mean stop and await instructions. Follow the judge's directions for restarting or leaving the course.

- Skip an obstacle that is beyond your or your horse's ability. Once the next obstacle has begun, do not return to the skipped obstacle; returning is off course and disqualifies that round. EXCA rules govern other penalties.
- Under EXCA fall rules, a rider may continue only if able to catch the horse unassisted and remount within one minute. A horse leaving the course boundary disqualifies the round. Officials may stop unsafe participation.
- No unauthorized additions to an obstacle or maneuver. Unsafe riding, abuse, or an unfit or visibly lame horse may result in disqualification. Management or the judge may alter or remove obstacles for safety.

5. Western Judging & Procedures

5.1 Class Procedures

- Patterns will be posted on the Sunday before each show. Riders must know the posted pattern and working order; the judge may request additional work to resolve placings.
- Rail classes work both directions at the required gaits. W/J classes use walk and jog only; no lope is required. Reverse toward the inside at a walk or jog, never at the lope. Maintain safe spacing; controlled passing is permitted.
- Horses should stand quietly and back willingly when asked. Pattern competitors follow the steward's instructions after their work. The 1-minute gate call remains in effect.

5.2 What Each Class Judges

Showmanship: The handler's accuracy, poise, positioning, and effective presentation of a clean, fit horse. Lead from the left; perform willing stops, backs, and turns. Set the horse squarely for inspection, use the quarter method to keep the judge's view clear, and avoid standing directly in front of the horse or touching its feet into position. Horse conformation is not the purpose of this class.

Western Horsemanship / Western Equitation: The rider's balanced seat, secure legs, quiet hands, effective cues, and accurate pattern. Rail work may also be used in placing the class. A back should be included in the pattern or rail work.

Western Rail / Pleasure: The horse's manners, consistent correct gaits, smooth transitions, and relaxed, natural carriage. Credit willing, balanced movement; excessive speed, artificial slowness, broken gaits, wrong leads, or forced head carriage reduce the placing.

Ranch Rail: Forward, ground-covering working gaits, responsiveness, and natural carriage. Extensions may be requested at the division's permitted gaits. Posting or standing at extended gaits and holding the horn during extensions are acceptable. FHPH uses AQHA Working Western Rail as its reference.

Ranch Riding: An individual pattern showing versatility, willing transitions, forward movement, and correct maneuvers. Posting or standing at the extended trot is acceptable; holding the horn is permitted.

Reining: Correct execution of the posted pattern, including required circles, spins, stops, rollbacks, and lead changes. Reward willing control, smoothness, and precision. W/J patterns are adapted to the division's permitted gaits.

Command Class and Lead Line: Follow FHPH event instructions (see Section 3.2 for Lead Line).

5.3 Scoring & Faults

When numerical scoring is used, AQHA-style pattern scores start at 70. Showmanship and Horsemanship maneuver scores range from -3 to +3; Ranch Riding and Reining from -1.5 to +1.5. Quality scores and penalties are assessed separately. Rail classes are comparatively placed rather than scored on this pattern scale. These class scores are separate from FHPH series placing points.

Common faults include broken gaits, wrong leads, inaccurate transitions, incorrect turns, resistance, and cone or obstacle errors. Consequences differ by class: an off-pattern Ranch Riding entry may rank below complete patterns, while an incomplete Reining pattern may receive zero and not place. The posted class rules apply rather than a single penalty chart for all events. Abuse, dangerous loss of control, or obvious lameness may result in disqualification; a fall ends the judged riding performance. Exact penalty schedules and approved schooling modifications will be identified before each class.

5.4 Friday Western Trail

Judges look for the horse's willing, accurate negotiation of obstacles, manners, responsiveness, and control, crediting efficient work without sacrificing correctness. Gates, ground poles, backing, and sidepass tasks may be used. The course includes at least six obstacles: a gate, at least four logs or poles, a backing task, and at least three optional obstacles, with walk, jog, and lope between tasks, using AQHA spacing and height limits. The judge checks the course for safety, and obstacles are reset between entries. Scoring starts at 70; obstacle quality scores range from -1.5 to +1.5, with AQHA Trail penalties assessed separately. Any FHPH schooling exceptions will be announced. Patterns are posted the Sunday before the show.

6. English & Jumping Judging

6.1 What Each Class Judges

Hunt Seat Equitation – Flat: The rider's balanced position, secure lower leg, quiet hands, correct diagonals and leads, and effective aids. Work both directions at the division's permitted gaits; W/T classes do not require canter. Additional tests will suit the division.

Hunter Under Saddle / English Pleasure: The horse's manners, free and rhythmic movement, responsiveness, and suitability as a safe, pleasant mount. Reward relaxed carriage and light contact. Work both directions at the required gaits.

Hunter Hack: Flat work at walk, trot, and canter both directions, plus two fences, judged 50% on the flat and 50% over fences. Eligible non-green entries may be asked to hand gallop; Green Horse classes do not hand gallop. W/T Hunter Hack works the flat at the walk and trot and trots two cross rails.

Hunters Over Fences: The horse's even pace, manners, jumping form, smooth lead changes, and consistent performance. Reward a willing, rhythmic trip with balanced turns and accurate lines; speed alone does not earn a better placing.

Equitation Over Fences: The rider's position, balance, effective release, control, track, pace, and accurate execution. The horse's jumping style alone does not determine the winner.

Stadium Jumpers: Jumpers are judged on faults and time in one round: fewest faults wins, and time breaks ties. A different format (such as clear round with a jump-off) may be used only if announced before the class.

Trot Poles & Cross Rails: Ridden at the trot only and judged as hunter equitation.

6.2 Faults & Elimination – Reference Standards

Class	Reference treatment
Hunters	Rails and refusals are major judged faults; normally 3 refusals eliminate.
Equitation	4 points deducted per knocked rail; normally 3 refusals eliminate.
Jumpers	4 faults per knockdown; first disobedience 4 faults; second disobedience eliminates.

A refusal, run-out, or unauthorized circle may count as a disobedience. Off course or a fall of horse or rider ends the round; do not remount in the ring after a fall. For fault-and-time jumpers, each commenced second over the time allowed adds 1 fault, and exceeding twice the time allowed eliminates. Any FHPH schooling modifications, refusal limits, or time rules will be announced before the class.

6.3 Course Procedures & Safety

- Patterns are posted on the Sunday before each show. Final jump diagrams and class instructions will be available before the class, showing fence order, direction, heights, related distances, and jumper start/finish and time allowed where applicable. Riders must know the course and follow the 1-minute gate call.
- Enter and leave at a walk. Start only when authorized. Walk courses on foot only when the arena is opened for that purpose; jump only during authorized schooling or competition. Stop when signaled and wait for permission after a fence is rebuilt.
- ASTM/SEI-certified helmets with fastened harnesses are required for all English riders. Maintain safe warm-up spacing; unsafe tack, rough handling, dangerous riding, or obvious lameness may result in removal. Safety-release cups must be used on back rails of spread fences, including schooling oxers.
- FHPH's schooling-tack policy (Section 2.2) applies. Check class-specific equipment with the judge before competing; hunter, equitation, and jumper equipment rules are not identical.

7. Points, Awards & Payouts

7.1 Series Points & Ribbons

Placings, points, High Point standings, and year-end awards belong to the horse/rider combination in its entered division. Different horses' or combinations' points cannot be combined. Class performance scores and Speed times are separate from series placing points. Ribbons are awarded through 6th place.

Place	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Series points	6	5	4	3	2	1

7.2 Discontinued FHPH Bucks

No new FHPH Bucks will be awarded in 2026–2027. Unused 2025–2026 Bucks may be redeemed for available leftover items at the first show only, while supplies last, or toward class fees at the first or second show only: 6 Bucks for one \$10 class; 8 Bucks for one \$15 class. Remaining Bucks expire after the second show.

7.3 Speed Cash Payouts

Speed classes with 10 or more entries receive cash payouts. The pool is 30% of each class division's total entry fees. The percentages below are of total class-division entry fees, not of the payout pool. Horse/office and late fees are excluded. Payments are issued within one week by check or Venmo.

Entries	1st	2nd	3rd
Fewer than 10	No payout	–	–
10–19	30%	–	–
20–29	20%	10%	–
30 or more	15%	10%	5%

7.4 Extreme Cowboy Challenge & Western Trail Cash Payouts

Payouts are calculated separately for each class division. The pool is 30% of that class division's total entry fees, excluding horse/office and late fees, and will normally be paid to 1st place. The number of places paid may change depending on entries and will be announced before the class. Payments are issued within one week by check or Venmo. The Speed payout tiers do not apply to the Extreme Cowboy Challenge or Western Trail.

7.5 High Point & Year-End Awards

- Western and Speed: the best 4 of 6 shows count. English, Extreme Cowboy Challenge, and Western Trail: all 3 shows count.
- **To qualify for a year-end award**, the combination must show at least 4 shows in Western and Speed, or all 3 shows in English, Extreme Cowboy Challenge, and Western Trail, and the class division must average 3 or more entries across the series.
- Extreme Cowboy Challenge High Point divisions are Open, Novice, Intermediate, Youth, and Green Horse.
- **Lead Line and Command Class** do not count toward High Point. Lead Line riders who ride in at least 4 shows receive a buckle.
- One Western year-end saddle is guaranteed. Additional saddles and major awards depend on sponsorship.
- Each qualifying class division in Western, Speed, and the Extreme Cowboy Challenge receives a buckle. Each qualifying English class division receives a buckle or English-discipline equivalent. Additional day or sponsored prizes may be offered.
- **Ties** in High Point standings are broken by the most 1st places, then the most 2nd places, then the most shows attended. If still tied, co-champions will be named.

8. Show Management

Management may combine, split, change, or cancel classes and adjust schedules, courses, or arena procedures for safety, attendance, or operational needs. The judge's performance judgment is final. Report

suspected entry, timing, arithmetic, or recording errors to the office for review. Unsafe or unsportsmanlike conduct may lead to dismissal without refund.

Small classes. Classes with fewer than 3 entries may be combined with a similar class. Combined classes are placed together, and each combination keeps its own division for series points.

Weather & cancellation. If a show is cancelled before it begins because of weather, facility, or safety issues, entry fees will be refunded or transferred to the next show. Cancellations will be posted on the FHPH Horse Show Facebook page as early as possible. If a show is stopped after it begins, completed classes stand and fees for classes not held will be refunded or credited.

9. References

These rulebooks are used as judging references. FHPH rules take priority wherever they differ.

Program	Reference
Western	2026 AQHA Rulebook: SHW325 (lameness); SHW371–378 (Showmanship); SHW402–414 (Western Pleasure); SHW416–419 (Ranch Riding); SHW425–429 (Working Western Rail); SHW431–438 (Horsemanship); SHW480–488 (Reining).
Western Trail	2026 AQHA Rulebook: SHW461–468 (Trail).
English & Jumping	USEF Rules: HU110, HU121–124, HU128–130 (Hunters and Hunter Hack); EQ101–102, EQ105–109, EQ113 (Equitation); JP124 (safety cups), JP132–146 (Jumpers); HJ105 (welfare and emergency preparedness).
Speed	Utah 4-H Western Horse Rule Book 2025–2026, Section 02.3 (Timed / Speed Events): extension.usu.edu/utah4h/files/2025-26-Rulebook.pdf . AQHA event rules as a secondary reference.
Extreme Cowboy Challenge	2026 Extreme Cowboy Association Rulebook, 13th Edition: Safety; Extreme Cowboy Challenge Courses and Obstacles; Scoring and Judging System; Walking the Course; Welfare and Lameness. extremecowboyassociation.com .