

2025 Horse Show EXHIBITOR HANDBOOK



HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW AND RODEO™

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Move-In / Move-Out Schedule	MOVE-IN	MOVE-OUT
NCHA	Feb. 26, 9 a.m.	March 5, 5 p.m.
Ranch Rodeo	March 5, 4 p.m.	March 8, 7 p.m.
Ranch Sorting	March 8, 4 p.m.	March 11, 4 p.m.
Ranch Horse Show	March 11 4 p.m.	March 14, 8 p.m.
Paint Horse Show	March 14, 4 p.m.	March 17, 8 p.m.
Youth Horse Show	March 17, 4 p.m.	March 19, 8 p.m.
Quarter Horse & Junior Invitational Speed	March 19, 4 p.m.	March 20, 6 p.m.
Quarter Horse Calf Roping & Team Roping	March 20, 4 p.m.	March 21, 6 p.m.
Junior Invitational Breakaway/Tie Down Roping	March 21, 4 p.m.	March 22, 6 p.m.
Junior Invitational Team Roping	March 22, 4 p.m.	March 23, 3 p.m.

Daily Show Schedule

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

8 a.m. \$25,000 Novice Horse
\$25,000 Novice Non-Pro
\$15,000 Amateur
\$50,000 Amateur

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8 a.m. \$25,000 Novice Horse
\$25,000 Novice Non-Pro
\$15,000 Amateur
\$50,000 Amateur

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

8 a.m. Senior Youth
Junior Youth
\$25,000 Novice Horse
\$25,000 Novice Non-Pro
\$35,000 Non Pro

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

8 a.m. Senior Youth
Junior Youth
\$5,000 Novice Horse
\$5,000 Novice Non-Pro
\$35,000 Non Pro

MONDAY, MARCH 3

8 a.m. Open
Non-Pro/Unlimited Amateur
\$5,000 Novice Horse
\$5,000 Novice Non-Pro

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

8 a.m. Open
Non-Pro/Unlimited Amateur
4 Yr Old Open/Intermediate Open
4 Yr Old NP/Amateur

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

8 a.m. Open
Non-Pro/Unlimited Amateur
4 Yr Old Open/Intermediate Open
4 Yr Old NP/Amateur

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

11 a.m. Senior Ranch Rodeo
6 p.m. Ranch Rodeo – Go Round One

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

11 a.m. Ranch Rodeo – Go Round Two
7 p.m. Ranch Rodeo - Go Round Three

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

11 a.m. Youth Ranch Rodeo
7 p.m. Ranch Rodeo- Finals

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

7 a.m. RSNC Ranch Sorting

MONDAY, MARCH 10

7 a.m. RSNC Ranch Sorting

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

8 a.m. RSNC Ranch Sorting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

8 a.m. Ranch Horse Show

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

8 a.m. Ranch Horse Show

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

8 a.m. Ranch Horse Challenge

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

8 a.m. Paint Horse Ranch and Trail Events

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

8 a.m. Paint Horse Halter, Showmanship, and English Performance Events

MONDAY, MARCH 17

8 a.m. Paint Horse Western Performance Events

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

8 a.m. Youth Horse Show Western Performance Events

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

8 a.m. Youth Horse Show Halter, Showmanship, and English Performance Events

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

8 a.m. AQHA and Junior Invitational Speed Events

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

8 a.m. AQHA Breakaway, Tie Down and Team Roping Events

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

8 a.m. Junior Invitational Breakaway and Tie Down Roping

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

9 a.m. Junior Invitational Team Roping

Entry Guidelines

In and for the consideration (herein expressed and for the additional consideration) of participation in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo it is hereby agreed that, for all purposes or issues, venue and jurisdiction shall lie in Harris County, Texas.

Note: ALL NECESSARY PAPERS, including Registration Papers Showing Current Owner, Association Membership Cards/Numbers, Non-Member Fees, Youth Birth Certificates, Youth Cards, Amateur Cards, Entry and Stall Fees must accompany each entry.

Current year breed association memberships are required for entry into the following shows:
AQHA – owner and exhibitor; **APHA** – owner and exhibitor; **NCHA** - owner and exhibitor.

Each application for entry must be submitted on a current official Houston Livestock Show Horse Show Entry Form and include the following:

1. One entry form for each animal in each breed or division.
2. All forms must be filled out completely including complete addresses for owners, exhibitors and trainers.
3. Entry must be signed and accompanied by necessary papers listed above.
4. One check for all fees, as listed on the Horse Entry Form (class, stall, non-member, cattle, etc.) made payable to Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, payable in United States funds only.
5. Incomplete entries may be returned to the maker or will be held for completion in the Horse Show Office.

Note: Entry forms must be signed on the back by BOTH exhibitor and parent if exhibitor is a minor.

All entries must be received by or mailed to the Houston Livestock Show, Horse Show Department, 3 NRG Park, Houston, Texas 77054.

Entries close Feb. 1. Entries postmarked after Feb. 1 will be considered late entries and will be taken only with penalty (See General Rule #8, Page 10, regarding late entry penalties). Cancellations must be in writing (email is acceptable; email to horseshow@rodeohouston.com) and in the Horse Show Office by 5 p.m., Feb. 10. **No cancellations will be taken after Feb. 10. See General Rule #10, Page 11, for specific information regarding substitutions.**

For additional entry, breed and class information, write or email:

**Horse Show Department
Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo,
3 NRG Park, Houston, Texas 77054
horseshow@rodeohouston.com**

DEADLINE

FEBRUARY 1st

Force Majeure and Governmental Regulation

In view of the fact that the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is a nonprofit corporation depending to a great degree upon the contributions and services of a substantial number of donors and volunteers, as well as the benefits provided by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo to the general public through education and related services as set forth in the Preamble to these General Rules and regulations, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo deems it appropriate and prudent to be excused from liability, as set forth below in this paragraph, in the event of early cancellation of its events, operations and activities by reason of force majeure and/or governmental regulation. Accordingly, the following shall apply to the operations and activities conducted by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Force Majeure: The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo shall not be liable for any delay or failure to perform its operations, activities, shows and events to the extent such delay or failure results from a force majeure occurrence. A force majeure occurrence is defined as any occurrence which makes performance by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo illegal, impossible, inadvisable or commercially impracticable, including but not limited to any (i) breakage or accident to equipment, machinery or facilities; (ii) any strikes, lock-outs or other labor difficulties ; (iii) statutes, ordinances, regulations, orders, directives or rules issued by governmental authorities, including, but not limited to those concerning public health and safety, animal disease prevention, detection and response and/or protection of the environment; (iv) judicial decrees or orders; (v) pandemics, epidemics, quarantines, recognized health threats as determined by the World Health Organization, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or state or local government authority or health agencies (including, but not limited to the health threats of COVID-19, H1N1 or other infectious diseases); (vi) animal diseases and/or quarantines; (vii) wars, riots or insurrections; (viii) civil disobediences, public demonstrations or sabotage; (ix) acts of God , fires, floods, national disasters, explosions or inclement weather; (x) inability to obtain necessary labor, materials, supplies, utilities or transportation; (xi) depressions, recessions or other economic downturns; (xii) embargoes or energy shortages; or (xiii) any other cause beyond the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's reasonable control.

Governmental Regulation: The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo shall not be liable for any delay or failure to perform its operations, activities, shows and events to the extent such delay or failure results from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's good faith compliance with applicable governmental statutes, ordinances, regulations, orders, rules or other directives, including but not limited to compliance with governmental directives concerning public health and safety, animal disease prevention detection and response, including animal quarantine and/or destruction; and protection of the environment.

Homeland Security System Warning Statement

Evacuation of Livestock/Equine: During such times as deemed necessary by local, state or federal authorities the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and/or its officials may temporarily or permanently evacuate NRG Park under the authority of the Homeland Security Act. Incidents such as, but not limited to, bomb threats, acts of war, declarations of war, code red of the Homeland Security System, etc. will be acted upon in accordance, and cooperating with, local, state and federal authorities. Priority evacuation will be given to human life then livestock and/or equine. In such cases exhibitors and/or contestants will turn over the care of their livestock or equine to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Proper animal husbandry practices will be followed within reasonable expectations. At which time the evacuation notice is lifted then exhibitors/contestants will be allowed to reenter NRG Park and claim their livestock or equine.

By making entry into the livestock show, horse show or rodeo you authorize the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and its officials to detain your livestock/equine on these premises. Furthermore, you agree to hold harmless and without liability the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, its officials, directors, officers and staff for those animals under the reasonable care of the Show.

General Horse Show Rules & Regulations

Administration of Rules and Regulations

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo reserves to its Executive Committee the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with or incident to the Show, and the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. An exhibitor who violates any of the following rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo expressly disclaims any express or implied warranties (including merchantability), whether the good or services are provided by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo or by others (such as drug testing). The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo does NOT provide security or guard services.

Special rules or conditions are published in each Breed Show section where necessary. If there is a conflict between the special rules of any Breed Show and the general rules and regulations, the special rules will govern.

1. Statement of Liability: All exhibits in the Horse Show classes will be under the control and direction of the management of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, but the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in no case will be responsible for any loss, damage or injury to animals exhibited, or for any article of any kind or nature that may be lost, stolen, destroyed or in any way injured. Every individual, either personally or through their parent(s) or guardian(s), who participates in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, to any extent whatsoever, does thereby consent, for all purposes, that venue and jurisdiction shall lie in Harris County, Texas. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to or occasioned by, or arising from any animal or article owned or exhibited by him, and shall indemnify the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo against all legal or other proceedings, claims, or demands of any kind or nature, in regard thereto, or that may arise from the negligence of the person in charge of any such animal or article.

2. Drug Testing The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo cooperates fully with the drug testing programs currently in place within the APHA, AQHA, and NCHA.

3. Animal Welfare: Inhumane treatment of the animal in the show arena, warm-up arena, stall, runway or elsewhere on the Show grounds, or cruelty to or the abuse of an animal by any person, is forbidden and renders the offender subject to penalty. The Show Management may bar violators from further participation at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

4. Special Rules: All entries and awards in this department are subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Houston Livestock Show, the Horse Show Rules and Regulations and to such special rules as are found within Breed Shows.

Entry Requirements and Procedures

5. Exhibitor Code of Ethics: The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is a family friendly event. As such, an individual's conduct as a contestant, trainer, owner, guest, or family member of any contestant, trainer, owner, or patron should be exemplary, and violators are subject to disqualification, removal from Show grounds, and/or probation/suspension from entry to Show grounds in the future.

Violations include, but are not limited to:

- Unsportsmanlike conduct against judges, show management, committee members, livestock contractors, horse show or other exhibitors
- Disruptive or improper conduct
- Public display of profanity of any sort
- Violence of any sort
- Providing alcohol or drugs to underage persons or providing a space for the consumption of alcohol or drugs by underage persons
- Possession, use, or distribution of alcohol or drugs by underage persons
- Excessive consumption of alcohol or drugs

6. Dogs: Dogs are not allowed on Show grounds because of safety and public health regulations. This rule will be strictly enforced and applies to all exhibitors and their employees as well as Show visitors. Exceptions are granted for service dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with a disability. The task(s) performed by the dog must be directly related to the person's disability. Exceptions are also granted for dogs under contract with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo for demonstration, competition and entertainment purposes, and dogs entered in the Sheepdog Trials.

- a. The service animal must remain on a leash or otherwise be under the handler's control while on the Show grounds.
- b. To protect the health and well-being of all animals on Show grounds, the exhibitor may be asked to provide current health records, including vaccination records to the Show's veterinarian.

7. Entry Procedure: All applications for entry must be submitted on current official Houston Livestock Show Horse Show Entry forms. All entries must be received by or mailed to the Houston Livestock Show, Horse Show Department, 3 NRG Park, Houston, Texas 77054. Entries must be signed, accompanied by necessary papers (association membership cards, complete copies of registration papers showing current owner, IRS w-9 form) and proper fees, payable in U. S. dollars only. Incomplete entries may be returned to the maker or will be held for completion in the Horse Show Office. Exhibitors are responsible for all fees once entry is made, regardless of whether the entry competes.

8. Acceptance of Entry: The HLSR is an invitational show. HLSR reserves the right to refuse, accept conditionally and/or cancel any entries. Management also reserves the right to disqualify exhibitors, prohibit exhibition of entries and/or cancel awards or prizes, without claims for damage.

9. Entry Deadline Dates: Entries close February 1. Entries must be postmarked with a USPS mark no later than February 1 to avoid late penalties. USPS postmark will be accepted over meter when both are present. It is recommended entries be mailed using some trackable method. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to ensure entries are postmarked and received by posted entry deadlines. Entry deadlines are strictly enforced.

10. Late Entries: Late entries will be accepted through February 10 and must be received in the horse show office by this date to be accepted. **No new entries will be taken after Feb. 10;** however, exhibitors may still add or drop classes as noted in General Rule #13, Page 11. Late penalties will apply to classes added after the February 1 deadline.

11. Cancellations: Cancellations must be in the Horse Show Office by 5 p.m., Feb. 10. All cancellations must be in writing (e-mail to horseshow@rodeohouston.com). No cancellations will be taken over the phone. In case of death or serious injury, class fees will be refunded only upon the presentation of a veterinarian's or physician's certificate and a written refund request, prior to the close of the Show. Late fees are nonrefundable. For NCHA Cutting entries, refunds cannot be made after the draw has been conducted.

12. Substitutions: Horse and/or class substitutions must be in the Horse Show Office by 4 p.m. the day before the class is held. (See NCHA Cutting Contest for specific rules regarding substitutions.) All substitutions must be in writing (e-mail to horseshow@rodeohouston.com). No substitutions will be taken over the phone. **Horse substitutions must have the same owner as original entry and must be in the same breed/division as original entry (see NCHA Cutting Contest for specific rules regarding substitutions and ownership).** Rider substitutions will be taken until one hour prior to the beginning of the class. Substitutions must be made on an official Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Substitution Form. All substitute exhibitors must provide proof of current breed membership at time of substitution.

13. Additions: Classes may be added for any entry received in the Horse Show Office by the closing date of Feb. 10. All additions must be in writing (e-mail to horseshow@rodeohouston.com). Changes or additions will be accepted until 4 p.m. the day before the class is held. Late penalties will apply to any class added after February 1. Additions cannot be made to NCHA classes after the draw has been conducted.

14. Erroneous Entries: Exhibitors are responsible for the correctness of their entry. Erroneous class entries regarding age group or sex of the animal and/or age of the youth exhibitor may be transferred to their proper class prior to judging. However, the management will determine each matter upon its merits.

15. Class Level: Junior Horses are 5 years of age and younger by their calendar year (foaled in 2020 or later) and Senior Horses are 6 years of age and older by their calendar year (foaled in 2019 or earlier).

16. Arena Promptness: Classes will be called according to the schedule printed in this Horse Show Exhibitor Handbook. All animals must be ready and waiting to enter the arena promptly. Animals will not be allowed to enter the arena after the gates are closed and the judge has started to work. Exhibitors are responsible for informing the gateman of tack changes or any other delay that may cause the exhibitor to be late and possibly miss their class.

17. Class Schedule: Management reserves the right to rearrange classes if necessary to compensate for excessive entries or time shortages. Classes with drawn order will post the draw at the warm-up arena. All exhibitors will work in the order drawn. Exhibitors not at the gate to work in their drawn order will not be allowed to work in that class. Schedule or draw information given over the phone must be considered unofficial. **The most recent information can be obtained from our website at www.rodeohouston.com.**

18. Public Address System: It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to be sure that his/her animal is at the gate at the prescribed time. Every effort will be made to maintain a working public address system to carry class calls; however, no protest will be upheld, nor will any section be changed on the basis of public address malfunction alone. The two-minute limit for gates will be strictly enforced. The gate will close two minutes after the first animal enters the ring or in cases with large classes taking more than two minutes, at the completion of final animal in a continuous string of animals.

19. Multiple Class Entry: An owner may enter one or more animals in a class but a rider may ride only as many animals in each class as are allowed by breed association rules. Each animal may be entered in one or more classes.

20. Entry Numbers: Entry numbers belong to the animal. Each animal entered in the Show will be assigned an entry identification number for each breed division entered. Rider or handler must display the correct number for the applicable Breed Show when the animal is being shown.

21. Unmanageable Animals: The Show may disqualify any animal deemed unmanageable.

22. Announcements: Every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of all announcements. In the event of a discrepancy between an announcement and a written rule, the written rule will take precedence.

23. Special Awards: Awards will be presented following the conclusion of the show or as soon as points can be tabulated. Winners should make every effort to be present to receive awards. Special awards will be mailed if winner is not present. Class awards will be mailed if requested within 30 days of the close of the show.

24. Ties: All ties affecting point earning places must be broken. Show All-Around and/or High Point Awards will be made in accordance with the breed association rules for determining All-Around/High Point. If there is no breed association rule regarding ties for All-Around/High Point, the animal will be declared the Show All-Around/High Point who (1) earned points in the greatest number of events, or if still tied (2) the animal winning over the greatest number of animals, or if still tied (3) earned the most points in performance events. Protests regarding Show High Point or Show All-Around awards should be made prior to contestant leaving Show grounds.

25. Protests: All protests must be in writing and be accompanied by a \$300 deposit which will not be returned if protest is not sustained by Show Management. Protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the Show Management immediately after the occasion that prompted the protest. Protests will be accepted prior to, during and within 2 hours immediately following the occasion that prompted the protest. Protests concerning an animal's eligibility in any class must be in the hands of management prior to the day on which the animal is to be judged or received by the Show Secretary or Show Manager within 2 hours of the alleged violation. Otherwise the judges' decision as to placing is final and the protesting exhibitor has no redress. Exhibitors or animals which are disqualified by their respective breed associations because of protests must return prizes and prize money to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Feed and Stalling

26. Feed: Grain, sack feed and supplement are sold on a cash basis through the feed office. Exhibitors who wish to bring their own grain, mixtures or supplement will be permitted to do so.

27. Stalls: Bedding may not be removed from stalls for any reason. Bedding hay will not be available. Exhibitors may not bring any bedding hay, wood shavings or straw onto the grounds. Wood shavings are sold on a cash basis through the feed office.

28. Aisles/Passageways: No tables, chairs, coolers, carts, buckets, feed bags, bales of hay, tack boxes or anything that might post a tripping hazard are allowed in the aiseways.

29. Stall Assignments: Stall assignments will be made by the management. The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo will furnish stalling on the grounds for every animal entered by the Feb. 1 deadline. Late entries will not be guaranteed stalls. Stall assignments and other information such as exhibitor credentials and back numbers will be picked up when animals arrive at the horse show office. Animals placed in stalls not assigned to them will be moved. Stalls will not be assigned until all class and entry fees have been paid. **No canopies, or tents of any type are allowed in NRG arena stalling areas without prior written approval of Show Management.**

30. Stall Fees: All animals in every division must pay a stall fee for each animal entered. A \$125 stall fee is required for each animal entered in the NCHA cutting division. A \$75 stall fee is required for each animal entered in the ranch horse, paint horse or youth horse show division, and a \$40 stall fee is required for each animal entered in the speed event or roping divisions. A \$125 stall fee is required by Feb. 1 for turnback horses in the cutting division. A tack stall fee of \$125 must be paid for each tack stall in the NCHA cutting division. A tack stall fee of \$75 must be paid for each tack stall in the ranch horse, paint horse or youth horse show divisions, and a \$40 tack stall fee must be paid for each tack stall in the speed event or roping divisions. Tack stalls will be assigned only if they are available. If an animal is entered in or will be stalled during more than one breed/division/show, a stall fee must be paid for each breed/division/show they are entered in or will occupy a stall. Stall fees are non-refundable. Tack stall fees will be refunded if tack stalls are not available.

31. Care and Control: All animals will be under the supervision and care of their owners. Exhibitors must keep their stalls and the aisles clean and neat. Locks on animal stalls are not allowed. **No "For Sale" signs are to be exhibited on stalls. The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo will not be held responsible for any loss or damage.**

32. Emergency Treatment: A show veterinarian is on site during the Show. Contact information for the Show veterinarian is posted in the stalling office and throughout the barn. All treatment costs are the responsibility of the exhibitor.

33. Exhibitor Boards: Exhibitor Boards will be located through the barn area for use by all exhibitors to display informational material. All displayed materials must be on a single page no larger than 8 1/2" x 11" and must be in a tasteful manner. Any materials posted in areas other than Exhibitor Boards will be removed.

Arrival and Departure

34. Arrival: Animals will not be accepted on Show grounds prior to scheduled time of arrival.

35. Departure: All animals must vacate stalls and leave Show grounds according to schedule. Animals may leave after completion of performance in which they are entered. A written release from the Stalling Office must be secured on animals, tack, trailers, etc. before being released. Positive identification including driver's license and license plate number for both vehicle and trailer will be required to secure release.

36. Late Departure: Exhibitors are not allowed to move other owner's animals from stalls. If animals are not out of stalls at assigned times, they will be moved by management and placed in holdover stalls.

37. Stay Over: Owners having animals in more than one breed/division and wishing to have their animals stalled through both breeds/divisions must notify the Horse Show Office at the time of entry so stalls may be made available. Owners not advising the Horse Show Office must move animals to another location.

Passes and Parking

38. Exhibitor Credentials: Each owner will be provided with a set number of exhibitor credentials. These will be picked up on arrival at the Show. Exhibitor credentials will not be available for purchase; however, daily admission tickets may be purchased upon arrival. Exhibitors caught abusing or transferring these credentials will forfeit same. Each owner will be provided with a set number parking passes for the breed/division entered. These will be picked up on arrival at the Show. Parking passes will not be available for purchase. **RV parking is not available on the grounds. RVs pulling animal trailers must be moved to an off grounds location after unloading. Trailer parking is not available on the grounds.**

Prizes and Prize Money

39. Payee: Prize money will be paid to the owner. Social Security or Tax I.D. number and full mailing address of owner must be on the entry form. Owners will receive an IRS 1099 form for all monies and prizes received based on current IRS regulations.

40. Computation: Premiums and prize money will be based on the number of animals actually competing in the class. Division of prize money is detailed in each breed section in this Horse Show Exhibitor Handbook.

41. Mailing: Every effort will be made to mail prize money checks within 30 days of the close of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Health Requirements

42. Texas Animal Health Commission:

The following summary is a condensed version of the Texas Animal Health Commission regulations. The regulations will supersede this summary if there is a dispute between the two.

Texas Origin Equine & Out of State Origin Equine

1. **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection**, current, issued within 30 (thirty) days, or a current, valid equine interstate passport and a completed VS Form 10-11 showing negative results to an official EIA test within the previous 6 (six) months.
2. **Negative equine infectious anemia (EIA) test** (also known as "Coggins Test") within 12 (twelve) months. In state origin equine: foals, under eight months of age, nursing a negative dam are exempt from testing. Test document must be in hand or test results and related information must be shown on the certificate of veterinary inspection.
3. **Vesicular Stomatitis (VS)** No equine may enter Texas from a premise or area under quarantine for vesicular stomatitis. All equine from a vesicular stomatitis affected state must have a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within 14 (fourteen) days of the date of entry into Texas, and a VSV status for the premises or area should be recorded on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

Dogs are not allowed on Show grounds because of safety and public health regulations. This rule will be strictly enforced and applies to all exhibitors and their employees as well as Show visitors. Exceptions are granted for service dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with a disability. The task(s) performed by the dog must be directly related to the person's disability. Exceptions are also granted for dogs under contract with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo for demonstration, competition and entertainment purposes, and dogs entered in the Sheepdog Trials.

- a. The service animal must remain on a leash or otherwise be under the handler's control while on the Show grounds.
- b. To protect the health and well-being of all animals on Show grounds, the exhibitor may be asked to provide current health records, including vaccination records to the Show's veterinarian.

A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection current within 30 days is required to accompany all dogs eligible to enter NRG Park. Certificate must state that rabies vaccination is current.

Youth Entry Fee Policy

This policy has been developed as a method of rewarding the youth exhibitors who participate in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ Horse Show events. Read through all information to learn more about this exciting program.

1. Entry Fee for each youth class will be \$10 per class. (Exception: NCHA youth cutting, Ranch Horse Show youth classes, Paint Horse Show youth classes, and Junior Invitational event) Youth entering open classes will pay the open class fee and these fees are not subject to this policy.

2. Entry fees for each youth class will be refunded to the owner if the exhibitor shows in the class entered (Exception: NCHA youth cutting, Ranch Horse Show youth classes, and Junior Invitational event) *. Paint Horse Show youth class entry will be refunded at the rate of \$10/entry. If an exhibitor does not show in a class which was properly entered, entry fees will not be refunded. (Exception: entries not shown due to injury or illness of exhibitor or animal. See General Rule 11, Page 11, regarding cancellations). Late fees are non-refundable.

*** Note: an exhibitor must meet all requirements of this policy in order to have youth class entry fees refunded.**

3. You MUST show in the respective class in order to receive a refund of the entry fees for the class.

4. No entry fees will be refunded at the Horse Show Office. All entry fee refunds for youth classes will be mailed to the owner after verification of entry.

5. Every effort will be made to mail youth entry fee refunds within 30 days of the conclusion of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

NCHA Approved Cutting Horse Contests

Judges:

Joe Ammann – Westmoreland, KS
Eddie Bottom Jr – Byars, OK
Neil Roger – Brock, TX

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

8 a.m. \$25,000 Novice Horse
\$25,000 Novice Non-Pro
\$15,000 Amateur
\$50,000 Amateur

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8 a.m. \$25,000 Novice Horse
\$25,000 Novice Non-Pro
\$15,000 Amateur
\$50,000 Amateur

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

8 a.m. Senior Youth
Junior Youth
\$25,000 Novice Horse
\$25,000 Novice Non-Pro
\$35,000 Non Pro

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

8 a.m. Senior Youth
Junior Youth
\$5,000 Novice Horse
\$5,000 Novice Non-Pro
\$35,000 Non Pro

MONDAY, MARCH 3

8 a.m. Open
Non-Pro/Unlimited Amateur
\$5,000 Novice Horse
\$5,000 Novice Non-Pro

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

8 a.m. Open
Non-Pro/Unlimited Amateur
4 Yr Old Open/Intermediate Open
4 Yr Old NP/Amateur

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

8 a.m. Open
Non-Pro/Unlimited Amateur
4 Yr Old Open/Intermediate Open
4 Yr Old NP/Amateur

To make up the purse in each class, the added money will be added to class fees as follows:

ADDED PRIZE MONEY			
Class	Show	Committee	Total Added
Open	\$700	\$2,300	\$3,000
Non-Pro	\$700	\$2,300	\$3000
Unlimited Amateur	\$300	\$2,450	\$2,750
\$50,000 Limit Amateur	\$300	\$2,450	\$2,750
\$15,000 Limit Amateur	-0-	-0-	-0-
\$25,000 Novice Horse	\$200	\$2,800	\$3,000
\$5,000 Novice Horse	\$200	\$2,800	\$3,000
\$25,000 Novice/Non-Pro	\$300	\$2,450	\$2,750
\$5,000 Novice/Non-Pro	\$300	\$2,450	\$2,750
\$35,000 Limit Non-Pro	-0-	-0-	-0-
Junior Youth	-0-	-0-	-0-
Senior Youth	-0-	-0-	-0-
4 Year Old Open	\$700	\$4,300	\$5,000
4 Year Old Intermediate Open	\$300	\$700	\$1,000
4 Year Old Non Pro	\$700	\$1,800	\$2,500
4 Year Old Amateur	\$100	\$400	\$500

Special Rules

NCHA Approved Cutting Horse Contests

All entries and awards in this division will be subject to the General Horse Show Rules and Regulations published in this Horse Show Exhibitor Handbook on pages 10 - 13. **The most recent information can be obtained from our website at www.rodeohouston.com.**

1. This show will be conducted strictly in full accordance with the National Cutting Horse Association Rule book as per the latest edition and any amendments adopted subsequent thereto.

2. Entries close Feb. 10 and must be postmarked by that date to avoid late penalty (USPS postmark accepted over meter when both are present). **Late Entries** will be taken through Feb. 15 and must be in the horse show office by this date to be accepted. These must be in writing (fax acceptable to 832-667-1140). **No entries** will be taken after Feb. 15. Refunds for cancellations will not be made after the draw has been conducted.

3. In the Open, Novice Horse and Novice Non Pro classes, the horse is the entry. Riders may be substituted provided the change is made with the Horse Show Office at least one hour prior to the contest on an official Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Substitution Form. Horses may be substituted in the Open, Novice Horse and Novice Non Pro classes after the draw has been conducted provided ownership is the same on both horses. In the Non-Pro and Amateur classes, the rider is the entry. Horses may be substituted provided they meet ownership requirements and the change is made with the Horse Show Office at least one hour prior to the contest on an official Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Substitution Form. Riders may be substituted in these classes provided ownership rules are met. In the Youth Cutting, horses may be substituted provided the change is made with the Horse Show Office at least one hour prior to the contest on an official Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Substitution Form.

4. Proof of ownership of horse and eligibility of rider must be submitted at the time of entry as per NCHA Rules for Non-Professional and Amateur Contests.

5. Youth awards will be given in each age division.

6. All events will be one go round only.
7. An unlimited number of horses may be ridden in the 4-Year-Old Open, Non Pro and Amateur classes. Awards will be given in each class.
8. Eight percent of the class fees will be deducted for the National Cutting Horse Association. The balance of the class fees will be included with the added money in each class making the total purse. The total purse for each class will be distributed based on the current NCHA payout schedule.
9. The payout for each class will be determined based on the posted NCHA guidelines.
10. Horses who fail to show or who are withdrawn from the contest without the consent of the management or the Horse Show Director will forfeit all fees and premium moneys that have been previously won.
11. Each contestant's working position in the go-rounds will be determined by a drawing conducted by show officials. Draw information given over the phone is unofficial. Be sure to check the posted order upon arrival on Show grounds.
12. Three head of cattle will be allotted to each contestant (exception youth classes). In the youth class two and one half head of cattle will be allotted to each contestant.
13. Circuit Champions of each class will be determined by adding the scores of each show together to determine the final placing for awards. In the event of a tie for circuit awards, the winner of the awards will be determined by a coin toss. In the event of a tie for first place in the youth division, a saddle will be awarded to all first place winners. All other first place prizes will be split equally. For ties in all other placings in the youth division, a coin toss will determine the winner of the prizes. Contestants must compete each day the class is offered to be eligible for Circuit Champion Awards.

Practice Pen Schedule

Wednesday February 26, 12 p.m.*

*flag work only on Wednesday, February 26

ThursdayFebruary 27, 6 a.m.	Monday March 3, 6 a.m.
FridayFebruary 28, 6 a.m.	Tuesday March 4, 6 a.m.
SaturdayMarch 1, 6 a.m.	Wednesday... March 5, 6 a.m.
SundayMarch 2, 6 a.m.	

Class Fees

Class Number	Class Fee	Cattle Charge	Miscellaneous
Open	\$225	\$265 (\$225 cc/\$40 surcharge)	\$3/entry National Circuit Fee \$15/entry Video Fee \$50/entry Office Charge
Non-Pro	\$225	\$265 (\$225 cc/\$40 surcharge)	
Unlimited Amateur	\$225	\$265 (\$225 cc/\$40 surcharge)	
Non Pro/Unl Amateur Combo	\$450	\$265 (\$225 cc/\$40 surcharge)	
\$50,000 Limit Amateur	\$225	\$265 (\$225 cc/\$40 surcharge)	
\$15,000 Limit Amateur	\$125	\$200 (\$125 cc/\$75 surcharge)	
\$25,000 Novice Horse	\$225	\$265 (\$225 cc/\$40 surcharge)	
\$5,000 Novice Horse	\$225	\$265 (\$225 cc/\$40 surcharge)	
\$25,000 Novice/Non-Pro	\$225	\$265 (\$225 cc/\$40 surcharge)	
\$5,000 Novice/Non-Pro	\$225	\$265 (\$225 cc/\$40 surcharge)	
\$35,000 Limit Non-Pro	\$125	\$200 (\$125 cc/\$75 surcharge)	
Junior Youth	\$15	\$65 (\$15 cc/\$50 surcharge)	
Senior Youth	\$15	\$65 (\$15 cc/\$50 surcharge)	
4 Year Old Open	\$325	\$365	
4 Year Old Intermediate Open	\$225	\$265	
4 Yr Old Open/Int Open Combo	\$550	\$365	
4 Year Old Non Pro	\$225	\$265	
4 Year Old Amateur	\$150	\$200	
4 Yr Old Non Pro/Am Combo	\$375	\$265	

NCHA Cutting Awards

Class Champion Will Be Awarded

- Custom Buckle
- Trophy Headstall and Reins
- Champion Trophy

Class Champions in the \$15,000 Limit Amateur, \$50,000 Limit Amateur, \$35,000 Non-Pro, Unlimited Amateur, Junior Youth and Senior Youth will ALSO be awarded a **custom saddle**.

Reserve Class Champion Will Be Awarded

- Custom Buckle
- Trophy Headstall and Reins

Bronze Class Champion Will Be Awarded

- Custom Leather Duffel
- Custom Trophy Blanket

Additional Youth Awards (Junior & Senior)

- Polaroid Camera and Case
- Custom Hammock Chair

Top 5 Finalists in All Classes

(All contestants in youth classes will receive a vest)

- Cutting Horse Finalist Vest

Top 10 Finalists in All Classes

(All contestants in youth classes will receive a halter & lead rope)

- Finalist Halter & Lead Rope
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Ranch Rodeo

Thursday, March 6

- 11:00 a.m. Senior Ranch Rodeo
- 6:00 p.m. Ranch Rodeo – Go Round One

Friday, March 7

- 11:00 a.m. Ranch Rodeo – Go Round Two
- 7:00 p.m. Ranch Rodeo – Go Round Three

Saturday, March 8

- 11:00 a.m. Youth Ranch Rodeo
- 7:00 p.m. Ranch Rodeo – Finals

Ranch Rodeo Rules

All entries and awards in this division will be subject to the General Horse Show Rules and Regulations published in this Horse Show Exhibitor Handbook on pages 10 - 13. **The most recent information can be obtained from our website at www.rodeohouston.com.**

1. **Eligibility:**
 - a. Twenty-four (24) teams will compete. Entry is by invitation only.
 - b. Teams will compete with no less than four (4) and no more than five (5) team members.
 - c. All team members must be 18 years old or older as of January 1, 2025.
2. **Teams:**
 - a. No one may compete on more than one team.
 - b. Each team shall have a designated captain.
 - c. **The captain will be the only team member allowed to address the judge at any time.**
 - d. Each team member will be required to ride the same horse for all events.
 - e. Each team will be allowed to bring one additional horse/team.
 - f. Teams must enter a five (5) person team. Team has option of competing with four (4) or five (5) members in each event, with the exception of bronc riding.
3. **Entry Forms:** Every team member must have a signed entry form on file by the noted entry deadline before competing in any event. All team members must have a completed and signed IRS w-9 form on file before any monies are awarded.
4. **Substitution:** Each team will be allowed a total of two (2) substitutions. Substitutions may be made prior to the start of any go round; however, proof of injury/illness will be required for any substitution made after go round one. Once the go round performance begins, no further substitutions may be made for that go round. No substitutions may be made for the finals without prior approval from Show Management.
5. **Dress:**
 - a. Full western dress will be required (i.e. long sleeve shirt, jeans, boots, western hat)
 - b. Leggings, chaps or chinks are encouraged, but not required.
 - c. All members of a team **MUST BE** dressed in like attire.

- d. There shall be no sponsor, commercial product or company name displayed on team attire unless the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ has issued prior approval. **The Horse Show Office must receive all requests for such approval, in writing, no later than February 1, 2025.**

6. **Arena Judge:**

- a. Arena Judges will have final decision on any discrepancy. No further discussions, video tape review or any other format will be considered.
- b. While the announcer is familiar with ranch rodeos anything that he announces to the spectators may or may not reflect the final decision of the judges and therefore the judge's decisions will be final and take precedence over any announcements.
- c. All discrepancies, accidents or mechanical malfunctions that occur while competing will be handled at the discrepancy of the judges, at the time of occurrence. **Once team leaves the arena, the matter at hand is closed.**
- d. If animal being competed on escapes from the arena, the judge will signal the time to be stopped. When the animal is returned to competition the time will be restarted and the team will be allowed to finish their event.
- e. Any re-draws/replacement cattle will be awarded at the judge's discretion.

- 7. **Unsportsmanlike Conduct:** Any unsportsmanlike conduct against judges, show management, committee members, livestock contractors, livestock or other exhibitors will be grounds for disqualification by the judge or Show management. Additional actions may be taken upon review by show management.

- 8. **Animal Welfare:** Inhumane treatment of animals while on the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo grounds is prohibited and may result in disqualification and removal from the grounds. Show management may bar violators from further participation for the remainder of the show or future shows.

- 9. **Timekeepers:** There will be at least two (2) timekeepers with separate watches.

SCORING, TIME LIMITS, PENALTIES, GENERAL EVENT RULES

- 10. **Arena Promptness:** Teams must enter the arena as soon as their team name is announced. Any team that is not ready immediately to enter the arena may forfeit that event resulting in a "no-time" for that particular event. All team members must exit the arena as quickly as possible after the completion of their event.

- 11. **Scoring:** Teams will be placed in each event and overall based on the point accumulations listed below. The top 10 teams advancing to the finals will be determined by the cumulative point totals of the three go round performances.

- a. The average for each ranch rodeo performance will be determined by the highest total score in all events. **Teams with qualified times in all events will be placed above those with one or more no times.** In the event all average placings are not filled by teams with qualified times in all events, the open placings will then be filled by teams with the highest total score in all but one event, then by those teams with highest total score in all but two events, etc until all average places are filled.

12. **Point Accumulation:**

- a. Teams will "place" in the average based on their sum total of all points in all events.
- b. Each team that completes an event will be awarded points as follows: 1st place will receive the number of points equal to the number of teams in the ranch rodeo. Remaining places will receive one less point in descending order.

Example using 10 teams:

- 1st place = 10 points
- 2nd place = 9 points
- 3rd place = 8 points

- c. If any team fails to complete any event they will receive 0 points for that event

d. Tie breakers will be decided as follows:

- 1. **Completing all events in less than 3 minutes**
- 2. **Total time in Pasture Doctoring, Stray Gathering and Sorting**
- 3. **Highest score in Bronc Riding**

13. **Finalists:** The top ten (10) teams which will advance to the finals will be determined by the cumulative point total of the three go rounds. Those teams with qualified times in all events will be placed above those with one or more no times. In the event all finalist positions are not filled by teams with qualified times in all events, the open positions will then be filled by teams with the highest cumulative score in all but one event, then by those teams with the highest cumulative score in all but two events, etc until all finalist positions are filled.

14. **Time Limit:** Time Limit on each event is two and a half (2 ½) minutes.

15. **Disqualifications:**

- a. Improper conduct.
- b. Physical abuse of any animal.
- c. Team not in place and ready to compete.
- d. Failure to drop a rope with an illegal head catch.
- e. Dismounting without clearing ropes from saddle horn. (Coiled, secured, and unspent rope may remain on your saddle without penalty)
- f. Working wrong animal.
- g. Roping or working behind the penalty line.
- h. **Loping or** Running into the herd.
- i. Flushing **any** wrong numbered cattle across the line.
- j. Allowing your animal to cross the line back into the herd two times during any event.

16. **General Event Rules:**

- a. Legal head catches:
 - 1) Muley cattle must look through the loop – from one shoulder forward. One front leg is legal. Behind both front legs is illegal
 - 2) Horned cattle – Slick horns, half-head or one shoulder forward. A half hitch, figure 8 or behind both front legs is illegal.
- b. If cattle are accidentally caught with an illegal loop then the rope must be cleared from the horse before the next loop is thrown.
- c. Cattle must be roped standing.
- d. Cattle may not be intentionally jerked down.
- e. In each event ropes must be cleared from animal to receive flag to stop time.
- f. Any team member may rope.
- g. You may dally or tie hard and fast.
- h. 3 loop limit in all events.
- i. If a cowboy forgets or fails to hear or understand his working number, he should raise his hand and the number will be announced again.

17. **Working Order - Go Round One**

- 1) Sorting
- 2) Pasture Doctoring
- 3) Stray Gathering

Working Order – Go Round Two

- 1) Stray Gathering
- 2) Pasture Doctoring
- 3) Ranch Bronc Riding

Working Order – Go Round Three

- 1) Sorting
- 2) Pasture Doctoring
- 3) Stray Gathering

Working Order – Finals Performance

- 1) Sorting
- 2) Pasture Doctoring
- 3) Ranch Bronc Riding
- 4) Stray Gathering
- 5) Wild Cow Milking

The working order for each event will be random drawn prior to the start of the ranch rodeo.

TOP HORSE / TOP HAND AWARDS

1. All team members will be given a number that is to be worn on their back at all times.
2. Two Top Hand and Top Horse awards will be given. The first will be awarded based on the three (3) go round performances. The second will be awarded based only on the finals performance.
3. Judges will determine Top Horse and Top Hand.

RODEO EVENTS

PASTURE DOCTORING

1. Team will consist of four or five horseback. Any combination of team members across the line is acceptable, but only one designated cutter may be in the herd.
2. Cattle in the herd will be numbered. Each team will be drawn a number.
3. Time will start and animal number will be called when first member crosses the line.
4. Numbered animal will be cut from the herd. **Any** undesignated head across the line will result in a no time.
5. Animal must be across the line before it can be roped. Team is not responsible for herd after designated animal has been cleared for competition.
6. If the designated animal is sorted and crosses back over the line then the animal must be sorted again according to Event Rule #4, **and entire herd must be moved back across the line BEFORE designated animal can be sorted.**
7. Must have a legal catch as defined in general rule #16(a). If not a legal catch, rope must be free from horse before next loop is thrown. Animal must also be heeled, with a 5 second penalty for one hind leg. The animal's head must be roped first.
8. Ropers must stay mounted.
9. Once animal has been roped – both head and heels, the remaining team members must mug the animal to its side. The animal does not have to be day-lighted. While the animal is down they must chalk a mark on the forehead and strip the ropes from the animal.
10. Time will stop when ropes are off and the animal has been marked.

WILD COW MILKING

1. Team will consist of four or five cowboys horseback at opposite end of arena from cattle chute.
2. Cows will be released from alley.
3. Time starts when cow is released from alley.
4. Roper may not drag cow to the judge.
5. Cow must be standing when milked.
6. Judge will be located at the side of the arena. Any member can run the milk and rope to the judge on foot.
7. Time will stop when the runner arrives at the judge with the milk and rope.
8. Runner must run the bottle and rope to the designated area on foot.
9. Bottle must have at least enough milk to drip from bottle. Judge will count to three for milk to drip from bottle. If milk does not drip from the bottle by this time, team will receive a “no time” for the event.

TEAM SORTING

1. Team will consist of four or five cowboys who will be horseback.
2. A herd of numbered cattle will be settled behind a line at the end of the arena.
3. Time starts and animal number will be announced when the first rider crosses the line.

4. All riders may cross the line, however, only the cutter may make a cut. If a herd holder makes a cut, the team will be disqualified.
5. Without **loping or** running into the herd the team has two and one-half (2 ½) minutes to sort five (5) numbered cattle out of the herd in a specific numerical order. Example, if "6" is called, the team will sort out 6, 7, 8, 9, 0, in order.
6. Cattle do not need to have daylight between them when they cross the line, but they must cross in numerical order.
7. Time stops when all cattle are sorted from the herd in order or when an animal crosses the line out of order or when a previously sorted animal recrosses the line back into the herd.
8. The team with the fastest time and most cattle wins.

STRAY GATHERING

1. Team will consist of four or five cowboys horseback at opposite end of arena from cattle chute.
2. Two animals will be turned out at the same time from alley.
3. Time starts when the second animal clears the gate. Flagman will drop his flag to start the time.
4. Cattle must have a legal head catch as defined in general rule #16(a). If not a legal catch, rope must be free from horse before next loop is thrown. Cattle can then be heeled or mugged. The animal's head must be roped first.
5. If animal is down, they must be let up before being flanked and tied.
6. Three legs must be cross-tied.
7. Three loop limit per animal.
8. All members can mug and anyone can tie.
9. Time is called when both animals are tied and all ropes removed. Both animals must stay tied for six seconds after time is called.
10. Failure for one or both animals not staying tied will result in a no time.

BRONC RIDING

1. One rider from each team will "ride as ride can" for eight seconds (8 sec.) on a bronc released from a traditional bucking chute.
2. A standard working saddle must be used. (*no night latches*).
3. NO PRCA riggings allowed.
4. Horse has to be saddled as he would be for everyday use.
5. No ropes may be carried on the saddle.
6. A regular bucking horse halter with one (1) rein must be used and must be provided by the team. ***The placement of the bronc rein is at the sole discretion of the stock contractor.***
7. Horses must be saddled before reaching the bucking chutes. Once horse is in bucking chute, rider has a maximum of ninety (90) seconds to be ready to ride. Any rider not ready in allotted time will receive a no score.
8. Points will be awarded for the difficulty of the horse and also for the degree of aggressiveness, control and exposure demonstrated by the rider. The event will be judged by two (2) individuals who will each submit a (total) score based on 50 points (25-points for the rider and 25-points for the bronc).
9. A re-ride may be awarded solely based on judge's discretion.

Ranch Rodeo Awards

- \$168,500 Total Cash Purse
- \$2,250 per event paid in go rounds
- \$7,250 average payout in go rounds
- \$3,000 per event paid in finals
- \$111,500 average payout in finals
- Buckles will be presented to Champion and Reserve Champion team of the finals
- Awards for all finalist team members
- Top Horse and Top Hand awarded for combined go round performances. (Voted on by Judges)
- Top Horse and Top Hand awarded for finals performance. (Voted on by Judges)
- Top Cavietta (Voted on by Judges)

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2025 Youth Ranch Rodeo

Saturday, March 8

10:00 a.m. Youth Ranch Rodeo

Youth Ranch Rodeo Rules

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1. **Eligibility:**
 - a. Twelve (12) teams will compete. Entry is by invitation only.
 - b. Teams will of five (5) team members.
 - c. All team members must be between 8 and 17 years of age as of January 1, 2025, with total team age not to exceed 65.
2. **Teams:**
 - a. No one may compete on more than one team.
 - b. Each team shall have a designated captain.
 - c. **The captain will be the only team member allowed to address the judge at any time.**
 - d. Each team member will be required to ride the same horse for all events.
 - e. Teams must enter a five (5) person team. Team has option of competing with four (4) or five (5) members in each event, with the exception of junior bronc riding.
3. **Entry Forms:** Every team member must have a signed entry form on file by the noted entry deadline before competing in any event. All team members must have a completed and signed IRS w-9 form on file before any monies are awarded.
4. **Substitution:** Each team will be allowed a total of two (2) substitutions. Substitutions may be made prior to the start of the event; however, no further substitutions may be made after the event begins.
5. **Dress:**
 - a. Full western dress will be required (i.e. long sleeve shirt, jeans, boots, western hat)
 - b. Leggings, chaps or chinks are acceptable, but not required.
 - c. Protective equipment (vest and/or helmet) is encouraged, but not required, for the bronc riding.
 - d. All members of a team **MUST BE** dressed in like attire.
 - e. There shall be no sponsor, commercial product or company name displayed on team attire unless the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ has issued prior approval. **The Horse Show Office must receive all requests for such approval, in writing, no later than February 1, 2025.**
6. **Arena Judge:**
 - a. Arena Judges will have final decision on any discrepancy. No further discussions, video tape review or any other format will be considered.
 - b. While the announcer is familiar with ranch rodeos anything that he announces to the spectators may or may not reflect the final decision of the judges and therefore the judge's decisions will be final and take precedence over any announcements.

- c. All discrepancies, accidents or mechanical malfunctions that occur while competing will be handled at the discrepancy of the judges, at the time of occurrence. **Once team leaves the arena, the matter at hand is closed.**
 - d. If animal being competed on escapes from the arena, the judge will signal the time to be stopped. When the animal is returned to competition the time will be restarted and the team will be allowed to finish their event.
 - e. Any re-draws/replacement cattle will be awarded at the judge's discretion.
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8. **Animal Welfare:** Inhumane treatment of animals while on the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo grounds is prohibited and may result in disqualification and removal from the grounds. Show management may bar violators from further participation for the remainder of the show or future shows.
9. **Time Keepers:** There will be at least two (2) timekeepers with separate watches.

SCORING, TIME LIMITS, PENALTIES, GENERAL EVENT RULES

10. **Arena Promptness:** Teams must enter the arena as soon as their team name is announced. Any team that is not ready immediately to enter the arena may forfeit that event resulting in a "no-time" for that particular event. All team members must exit the arena as quickly as possible after the completion of their event.
11. **Scoring:** Teams will be placed in each event and overall based on the point accumulations listed below.
- a. The average for the youth ranch rodeo will be determined by the highest total score in all events. **Teams with qualified times in all events will be placed above those with one or more no times.** In the event all average placings are not filled by teams with qualified times in all events, the open placings will then be filled by teams with the highest total score in all but one event, then by those teams with highest total score in all but two events, etc until all average places are filled.
12. **Point Accumulation:**
- a. Teams will "place" in the average based on their sum total of all points in all events.
 - b. Each team that completes an event will be awarded points as follows: 1st place will receive the number of points equal to the number of teams in the ranch rodeo. Remaining places will receive one less point in descending order.
Example using 10 teams:
1st place = 10 points
2nd place = 9 points
3rd place = 8 points
 - c. If any team fails to complete any event they will receive 0 points for that event
 - d. **Tie breakers will be decided as follows:**
 - 1. **Completing all events in less than 3 minutes**
 - 2. **Total time in Trailer Loading, Doctoring and Milking**
 - 3. **Highest score in Bronc Riding**

13. **Time Limit:** Time Limit on each event is three (3) minutes.

14. **Disqualifications:**

- a. Improper conduct.
- b. Physical abuse of any animal.
- c. Team not in place and ready to compete.
- d. Failure to drop a rope with an illegal head catch.
- e. Dismounting without clearing ropes from saddle horn. (Coiled, secured, and unspent rope may remain on your saddle without penalty)
- f. Working wrong animal.
- g. Roping or working behind the penalty line.
- h. **Loping or** Running into the herd.

- i. Flushing **any** wrong numbered cattle across the line.
- j. Allowing your animal to cross the line back into the herd two times during any event.

15. General Event Rules:

- a. Legal head catches:
 - 1) Muley cattle must look through the loop – from one shoulder forward. One front leg is legal. Behind both front legs is illegal
 - 2) Horned cattle – Slick horns, half-head or one shoulder forward. A half hitch, figure 8 or behind both front legs is illegal.
- b. If cattle are accidentally caught with an illegal loop then the rope must be cleared from the horse before the next loop is thrown.
- c. Cattle must be roped standing.
- d. Cattle may not be intentionally jerked down.
- e. In each event ropes must be cleared from animal to receive flag to stop time.
- f. Any team member may rope.
- g. You must dally – no tying off.
- h. 4 loop limit in all events.
- i. If a cowboy forgets or fails to hear or understand his working number, he should raise his hand and the number will be announced again.

16. Working Order

- 4) Trailer Loading
- 5) Doctoring
- 6) Junior Bronc Riding
- 7) Milking

The working order for each event will be random drawn prior to the start of the ranch rodeo.

TOP HORSE / TOP HAND AWARDS

1. All team members will be given a number that is to be worn on their back at all times.
2. A Top Hand and Top Horse award will be given.
3. Judges will determine Top Horse and Top Hand.

RODEO EVENTS

TRAILER LOADING

1. Team will consist of four or five cowboys be horseback.
2. A herd of numbered cattle will be settled behind a line at the end of the arena. Each team will be drawn a number.
3. Time starts and cattle number will be called when first rider crosses the line.
4. Only one designated cutter will be allowed in the herd at one time.
5. Rider is to cut the designated number from the herd (two total head). No loping in the herd. Loping in the herd will result in a 10 second penalty at the judge's discretion.
6. In the event an undesignated number crosses the line, the team will receive a 10 second penalty for each undesignated number. **More than two** undesignated head across the line will result in a no time.

7. No horses in the trailer at any time.
8. Time will stop when the designated cattle are trailered and trailer doors are closed.
9. Ropes may be carried, but no rope may be used at any time.

PASTURE DOCTORING

1. Team will consist of four or five horseback. Any combination of team members across the line is acceptable, but only one designated cutter may be in the herd.
2. Cattle in the herd will be numbered. Each team will be drawn a number.
3. Time will start and animal number will be called when first member crosses the line.
4. Numbered animal will be cut from the herd.
5. In the event an undesignated number crosses the line, the team will receive a 10 second penalty for each undesignated number. **More than two** undesignated head across the line will result in a no time.
6. Animal must be across the line before it can be roped. Team is not responsible for herd after designated animal has been cleared for competition.
7. If the designated animal is sorted and crosses back over the line then the animal must be sorted again according to Event Rule #4, **and entire herd must be moved back across the line BEFORE designated animal can be sorted.**
8. Must have a legal catch as defined in general rule #16(a). If not a legal catch, rope must be free from horse before next loop is thrown. Animal must also be heeled, with a 5 second penalty for one hind leg. The animal's head must be roped first.
9. Ropers must stay mounted.
10. Once animal has been roped – both head and heels, the remaining team members must mug the animal to its side. The animal does not have to be day-lighted. While the animal is down they must chalk a mark on the forehead and strip the ropes from the animal.
11. Time will stop when ropes are off and the animal has been marked.

JUNIOR BRONC RIDING

1. One rider from each team will “ride as ride can” for eight seconds (8 sec.) on a bronc released from a traditional bucking chute.
2. A standard working saddle, bareback rigging or bull rope must be used. *(no PRCA bronc saddles allowed).*
3. No ropes may be carried on the saddle.
4. A regular bucking horse halter with one (1) rein must be used and must be provided by the team. ***The placement of the bronc rein is at the sole discretion of the stock contractor.***
5. Horses must be saddled before reaching the bucking chutes. Once horse is in bucking chute, rider has a maximum of ninety (90) seconds to be ready to ride. Any rider not ready in allotted time will receive a no score.
6. Points will be awarded for the difficulty of the horse and also for the degree of aggressiveness, control and exposure demonstrated by the rider. The event will be judged by two (2) individuals who will each submit a (total) score based on 50 points (25-points for the rider and 25-points for the bronc).
7. A re-ride may be awarded solely based on judge's discretion.

WILD COW MILKING

1. Team will consist of four or five cowboys horseback at opposite end of arena from cattle chute.
2. Cows will be released from alley.
3. Cows will have a piece of tape/ribbon on the belly.
4. Time starts when cow is released from alley.
5. Roper may not drag cow to the judge.
6. Cow must be standing tape/ribbon is removed.
7. Judge will be located at the side of the arena. Any member can run the tape/ribbon to the judge on foot.
8. Time will stop when the runner arrives at the judge with the tape/ribbon.
9. Runner must run the tape/ribbon to the designated area on foot.

2025 Senior Ranch Rodeo

Thursday, March 6

11:00 a.m. Senior Ranch Rodeo

Senior Ranch Rodeo Rules

All entries and awards in this division will be subject to the General Horse Show Rules and Regulations published in this Horse Show Exhibitor Handbook on pages 10 - 13. **The most recent information can be obtained from our website at www.rodeohouston.com**

1. **Eligibility:**
 - a. Ten (10) teams will compete. Entry is by invitation only.
 - b. Teams will consist of four (4) team members.
 - c. All team members must be 50 years of age or older as of January 1, 2025.
2. **Teams:**
 - a. No one may compete on more than one team.
 - b. Each team shall have a designated captain.
 - c. **The captain will be the only team member allowed to address the judge at any time.**
 - d. Each team member will be required to ride the same horse for all events.
 - e. Teams must enter a four (4) person team.
3. **Entry Forms:** Every team member must have a signed entry form on file by the noted entry deadline before competing in any event. All team members must have a completed and signed IRS w-9 form on file before any monies are awarded.
4. **Substitution:** Each team will be allowed a total of two (2) substitutions. Substitutions may be made prior to the start of the event; however, no further substitutions may be made after the event begins.
5. **Dress:**
 - a. Full western dress will be required (i.e. long sleeve shirt, jeans, boots, western hat)
 - b. Leggings, chaps or chinks are acceptable, but not required.
 - c. All members of a team **MUST BE** dressed in like attire.
 - d. There shall be no sponsor, commercial product or company name displayed on team attire unless the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ has issued prior approval. **The Horse Show Office must receive all requests for such approval, in writing, no later than February 1, 2025.**
6. **Arena Judge:**
 - a. Arena Judges will have final decision on any discrepancy. No further discussions, video tape review or any other format will be considered.
 - b. While the announcer is familiar with ranch rodeos anything that he announces to the spectators may or may not reflect the final decision of the judges and therefore the judge's decisions will be final and take precedence over any announcements.
 - c. All discrepancies, accidents or mechanical malfunctions that occur while competing will be handled at the discrepancy of the judges, at the time of occurrence. **Once team leaves the arena, the matter at hand is closed.**

- d. If animal being competed on escapes from the arena, the judge will signal the time to be stopped. When the animal is returned to competition the time will be restarted and the team will be allowed to finish their event.
 - e. Any re-draws/replacement cattle will be awarded at the judge's discretion.
7. **Unsportsmanlike Conduct:** Any unsportsmanlike conduct against judges, show management, committee members, livestock contractors, livestock or other exhibitors will be grounds for disqualification by the judge or Show management. Additional actions may be taken upon review by show management.
8. **Animal Welfare:** Inhumane treatment of animals while on the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo grounds is prohibited and may result in disqualification and removal from the grounds. Show management may bar violators from further participation for the remainder of the show or future shows.
9. **Time Keepers:** There will be at least two (2) timekeepers with separate watches.

SCORING, TIME LIMITS, PENALTIES, GENERAL EVENT RULES

10. **Arena Promptness:** Teams must enter the arena as soon as their team name is announced. Any team that is not ready immediately to enter the arena may forfeit that event resulting in a "no-time" for that particular event. All team members must exit the arena as quickly as possible after the completion of their event.
11. **Scoring:** Teams will be placed in each event and overall based on the point accumulations listed below.
- a. The average for the senior ranch rodeo will be determined by the highest total score in all events. **Teams with qualified times in all events will be placed above those with one or more no times.** In the event all average placings are not filled by teams with qualified times in all events, the open placings will then be filled by teams with the highest total score in all but one event, then by those teams with highest total score in all but two events, etc until all average places are filled.
12. **Point Accumulation:**
- a. Teams will "place" in the average based on their sum total of all points in all events.
 - b. Each team that completes an event will be awarded points as follows: 1st place will receive the number of points equal to the number of teams in the ranch rodeo. Remaining places will receive one less point in descending order.
Example using 10 teams:
 - 1st place = 10 points
 - 2nd place = 9 points
 - 3rd place = 8 points
 - c. If any team fails to complete any event they will receive 0 points for that event
 - d. **Tie breakers will be decided as follows:**
 - 1. **Completing all events in less than 2 1/2 minutes**
 - 2. **Total time in Trailer Loading, and Doctoring**
13. **Time Limit: Time Limit on each event is two and one-half (2 ½) minutes.**
14. **Disqualifications:**
- a. Improper conduct.
 - b. Physical abuse of any animal.
 - c. Team not in place and ready to compete.
 - d. Failure to drop a rope with an illegal head catch.
 - e. Dismounting without clearing ropes from saddle horn. (Coiled, secured, and unspent rope may remain on your saddle without penalty)
 - f. Working wrong animal.
 - g. Roping or working behind the penalty line.
 - h. **Loping or** Running into the herd.
 - i. Flushing **any** wrong numbered cattle across the line.
 - j. Allowing your animal to cross the line back into the herd two times during any event.

General Event Rules:

- a. Legal head catches:
 - 1) Muley cattle must look through the loop – from one shoulder forward. One front leg is legal. Behind both front legs is illegal
 - 2) Horned cattle – Slick horns, half-head or one shoulder forward. A half hitch, figure 8 or behind both front legs is illegal.
- b. If cattle are accidentally caught with an illegal loop then the rope must be cleared from the horse before the next loop is thrown.
- c. Cattle must be roped standing.
- d. Cattle may not be intentionally jerked down.
- e. In each event ropes must be cleared from animal to receive flag to stop time.
- f. Any team member may rope.
- g. You may dally or tie hard and fast.
- h. 3 loop limit in all events.
- i. If a cowboy forgets or fails to hear or understand his working number, he should raise his hand and the number will be announced again.

Working Order

- 1) Trailer Loading
- 2) Sorting
- 3) Doctoring

The working order for each event will be random drawn prior to the start of the ranch rodeo.

TOP HORSE / TOP HAND AWARDS

1. All team members will be given a number that is to be worn on their back at all times.
2. A Top Hand and Top Horse award will be given.
3. Judges will determine Top Horse and Top Hand.

RODEO EVENTS

TRAILER LOADING

1. Team will consist of four cowboys who will be horseback.
2. A herd of numbered cattle will be settled behind a line at the end of the arena. Each team will be drawn a number.
3. Time starts and cattle number will be called when first rider crosses the line.
4. Only one designated cutter will be allowed in the herd at one time.
5. Numbered animals will be cut from the herd. **Any** undesignated head across the line will result in a no time.
6. Team is not responsible for herd after designated animals have been cleared for competition.
7. No horses in the trailer at any time.
8. Time will stop when the designated cattle are trailered and trailer doors are closed.
9. Ropes may be carried, but no rope may be used at any time.

TEAM SORTING

1. Team will consist of four cowboys who will be horseback.
2. A herd of numbered cattle will be settled behind a line at the end of the arena.
3. Time starts and animal number will be announced when the first rider crosses the line.
4. All riders may cross the line, however, only the cutter may make a cut. If a herd holder makes a cut, the team will be disqualified.
5. Without **loping or** running into the herd the team has two and one-half (2 ½) minutes to sort five (5) numbered cattle out of the herd in a specific numerical order. Example, if "6" is called, the team will sort out 6, 7, 8, 9, 0, in order.
6. Cattle do not need to have daylight between them when they cross the line, but they must cross in numerical order.
7. Time stops when all cattle are sorted from the herd in order or when an animal crosses the line out of order or when a previously sorted animal recrosses the line back into the herd.
8. The team with the fastest time and most cattle wins.

PASTURE DOCTORING

1. Team will consist of four horseback. Any combination of team members across the line is acceptable, but only one designated cutter may be in the herd.
2. Cattle in the herd will be numbered. Each team will be drawn a number.
3. Time will start and animal number will be called when first member crosses the line.
4. Numbered animal will be cut from the herd. **Any** undesignated head across the line will result in a no time.
5. Animal must be across the line before it can be roped. Team is not responsible for herd after designated animal has been cleared for competition.
6. If the designated animal is sorted and crosses back over the line then the animal must be sorted again according to Event Rule #4, **and entire herd must be moved back across the line BEFORE designated animal can be sorted.**
7. Must have a legal catch as defined in general rule #16(a). If not a legal catch, rope must be free from horse before next loop is thrown. Animal must also be heeled, with a 5 second penalty for one hind leg. The animal's head must be roped first.
8. Ropers must stay mounted.
9. Once animal has been roped – both head and heels, the remaining team members must mug the animal to its side. The animal does not have to be day-lighted. While the animal is down they must chalk a mark on the forehead and strip the ropes from the animal.
10. Time will stop when ropes are off and the animal has been marked.

RSNC Ranch Sorting Competition

Sunday, March 9

7 a.m. Ranch Sorting

Monday, March 10

7 a.m. Ranch Sorting

Tuesday, March 11

7 a.m. Ranch Sorting

General Rules

1. This is a Ranch Sorting National Championships – sanctioned competition. For information regarding entries and specific class schedule, please go to www.ranchsorting.com. Entries will be taken through the RSNC office.
2. Please refer to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo General Horse Show Rules and Regulations published in this Horse Show Exhibitor Handbook on pages 9 – 12.
3. The following Ranch Sorting classes will be offered: Western Heritage All Levels w/ 6 Inc HC, All Levels HC, #9 HC Gold Shootout, #8HC, #18 Rated Youth HC, #2 Beginner, #12 HC, #13 Gold Shootout, Rookie #11 HC 2 cap on sorter, Masters #10 HC, #6/#4 HC Inc.

Awards

- ❖ \$20,000 added money
- ❖ Awards will be given through 3rd place in each class. Buckles will be awarded to first place in all classes.

Thank you to the following donors for their generous contribution to the Ranch Sorting Committee.

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Ranch Horse Show

Judges: Doug Allen – Scottsdale, AZ
Todd Bailey - Burnet, TX
Sandy Jirkovsky – Whitesboro, TX

Wednesday, March 12

8 a.m. Ranch Rail Pleasure, Ranch Riding, Ranch Reining

Thursday, March 13

8 a.m. Ranch Trail, Ranch Conformation

Friday, March 14

8 a.m. Ranch Horse Challenge

Special Rules – Ranch Horse Show

All entries and awards in this division will be subject to the General Horse Show Rules and Regulations published in this Horse Show Exhibitor Handbook on pages 10 - 13. The most recent information can be obtained from our Web site at www.rodeohouston.com.

All classes in this show will be judged in accordance with the current handbook of the American Quarter Horse Association, and any amendments adopted subsequent thereto. AQHA ownership, eligibility and equipment rules will be in effect. Every exhibitor should obtain a copy of the AQHA Official Handbook and amendments and should be thoroughly familiar with same.

1. Horse Eligibility: Any registered horse is eligible to be exhibited in this event.
2. Exhibitor Eligibility: Exhibitors must meet the eligibility requirements as outlined in the AQHA Official Handbook. Amateur exhibitors must provide a current amateur status card from a recognized equine breed association. Youth exhibitors must provide a current youth status card from a recognized equine breed association, or a copy of birth certificate.
3. Ownership Requirements: AQHA ownership requirements must be met for the amateur and youth divisions.
4. An owner may enter an unlimited number of horses per class. Exhibitors may ride a maximum of two (2) horses per class.
5. To make up the purse in each performance class, the total added prize money will be included with 50% of class fees:

Class	Added Money
Open Division	\$1,000 per class
Amateur Division	\$1,000 per class
Youth Division	\$500 per class

Entry Fees	
Open & Amateur Performance	\$40
Open & Amateur Conformation	\$30
Youth Performance	\$20
Youth Conformation	\$10

6. Conformation class premiums will be paid to the top four placings: \$200 - \$150 - \$100 - \$50

7. Premium money will be mailed to the owner listed on the entry form. Monies will be paid as follows based on the number of horses shown in a class.

# Horses Shown	1-2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-15	16-20	21-25	26-30	31-35	36-40	41-45	46 & Up
# Places Paid	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

Ranch Horse Show - Class Schedule

Wednesday, March 12 – 8 a.m.

1. Open Ranch Rail Pleasure
2. Amateur Ranch Rail Pleasure
3. Youth Ranch Rail Pleasure 18 & Under
4. Open Ranch Riding
5. Amateur Ranch Riding
6. Youth Ranch Riding 18 & Under
7. Open Ranch Reining
8. Amateur Ranch Reining
9. Youth Ranch Reining 18 & Under

Thursday, March 13 – 8 a.m.

10. Open Ranch Trail
11. Amateur Ranch Trail
12. Youth Ranch Trail 18 & Under
13. Open Ranch Conformation
14. Amateur Ranch Conformation
15. Youth Ranch Conformation 18 & Under

Special Awards

Open High Point - Points will be earned on a one-horse, multiple rider combination. A portable evaporative cooler and \$500 cash will be awarded by the Ranch Horse Committee. The classes that will count for this award are 1, 4, 7, 10, and 13.

Open Reserve High Point - Points will be earned on a one-horse, multiple rider combination. A portable evaporative cooler and \$500 cash will be awarded by the Ranch Horse Committee.

Amateur High Point - Points will be earned on a one-horse, one-rider combination. A portable evaporative cooler and \$500 cash will be awarded by the Ranch Horse Committee. The classes that will count for this award are 2, 5, 8, 11, and 14.

Amateur Reserve High Point - Points will be earned on a one-horse, one-rider combination. A portable evaporative cooler and \$500 cash will be awarded by the Ranch Horse Committee.

Youth High Point - Points will be earned on a one-horse, one-rider combination. A portable evaporative cooler and \$500 cash will be awarded by the Ranch Horse Committee. The classes that will count for this award are 3, 6, 9, 12, and 15.

Youth Reserve High Point - Points will be earned on a one-horse, one-rider combination. A portable evaporative cooler and \$500 cash will be awarded by the Ranch Horse Committee.

*Conformation classes are not required for high point.
Any points earned in a conformation class will be included in high point calculations.*

We appreciate the donations made by our Ranch Horse Committee members and supporters.

Special Rules –Ranch Horse Challenge

Friday, March 14, 2025

*****\$25,000 in total prize money*****

1. All contestants in the Ranch Horse Challenge will be under the supervision of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and all General Rules and Regulations published in the 2025 Horse Show Exhibitor Handbook will apply unless otherwise stated in the special rules of the Ranch Horse Challenge. Any contestant violating any General or Special Rule will be disqualified on all entries and will be subject to forfeiting any premium money won. The interpretation of the Rules by the Show Management will be final.
2. All events will be judged in accordance with the 2025 American Quarter Horse Association rulebook. Ranch Reining, Ranch Cow Work and Ranch Trail will follow AQHA Versatility Ranch Horse rules, Ranch Riding will follow AQHA rule SHW416, and Ranch Pleasure will follow AQHA rule SHW425. AQHA ownership, eligibility and equipment rules will apply.
3. An owner may enter only one horse per division (open, amateur and youth). A rider may ride no more than two horses per division.
4. Horses must be registered with a recognized breed association – both sire and dam of horse must be registered.
5. Amateur division contestants must provide proof of amateur division eligibility. Youth division contestants must provide proof of youth division eligibility.
6. Each division will be limited to 12 entries.
7. Entry fee for the event will be as follows: \$1,000 in open division * \$1,000 in amateur division * \$500 in youth division.
8. Horses must compete in all five (5) events of the Ranch Horse Challenge. These events include ranch riding, ranch reining, ranch trail, ranch pleasure and ranch cow work. Failure to compete in all events could result in forfeiture of all fees and premiums. Should a horse become injured and unable to compete in all events, written documentation from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo veterinarian will be required.
9. Horses entered in the Ranch Horse Challenge are not required to compete in the corresponding Ranch Horse Show.
10. Horses will be placed in each event as well as the aggregate.
11. One place will be paid in each event of a division. Three places will be paid in the aggregate of each division.
12. Added money will be divided as follows: \$10,000 to open division * \$10,000 to amateur division * \$5,000 to youth division.

Paint Horse Show

Judges:

Doug Allen – Scottsdale, AZ
Jason Contreras – Sanger, CA
Becky George – Hockley, TX

Saturday, March 15

8 am Ranch and Trail Events

Sunday, March 16

8 am Halter, Showmanship, and English Performance Events

Monday, March 17

8 am Western Performance Events

Special Rules - Paint Horse Show

All entries and awards in this division will be subject to the General Horse Show Rules and Regulations published in this Horse Show Exhibitor Handbook on pages 10 - 13. The most recent information can be obtained from our website at www.rodeohouston.com.

1. All horses entered in the Paint Horse Show Division must be registered with the American Paint Horse Association, Fort Worth, Texas. This show is approved by the American Paint Horse Association and will be governed by their latest rule book and amendments thereto. This show is also approved by the Gulf Coast Paint Horse Club for year-end awards.

**DEADLINE
Feb. 1**

2. Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Awards

High Point Open Performance	Classes Halter and Color* + 27, 88, 92, & 109 only
High Point Amateur	Classes Halter* + 26, 32, 81, 87, 90, 97, 108 only
High Point Novice Amateur	Classes Halter* + 23, 29, 78, 83, 94 & 105 only
High Point Novice Youth	Classes Halter* + 21, 28, 77, 82, 93 & 103 only
High Point Youth 13 & Under	Classes Halter* + 24, 30, 79, 85, 95, 106 only
High Point Youth 18 & Under	Classes Halter* + 25, 31, 80, 86, 91, 96, 107 only
High Point Youth Walk/Trot	Classes Halter* + 19, 33, 74, 75, 99 & 100 only
High Point Amateur Walk/Trot	Classes Halter* + 20, 34, 73, 76, 98 & 102 only
High Point Open Ranch Horse	Classes 1, 2, 7, 10, 13 & 16 only
High Point Amateur Ranch Horse	Classes 3, 4, 8, 11, 14 & 17 only
High Point Youth Ranch Horse	Classes 5, 6, 9, 12, 15 & 18 only
High Point English Performance Horse	Classes 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87 & 88
High Point Western Performance Horse	Classes 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108 and 109

**Halter and Color not required for these awards, but will count if entered*

3. Special Awards Rules: In Youth and Amateur classes points will be kept on a one horse, one rider team. Halter plus all Performance classes in each division will count and at least three (3) performance events must be entered and shown. In the Open classes, points will be kept on the horse. Halter plus all performance events will count and at least three (3) open performance events must be entered and shown. Points earned toward each award must be earned in the classes in that division only. For instance, the Youth Halter points will only count toward the Youth award. Ties, if any, will be broken by number of first places, then by number of second places, third, places, etc. until the tie is broken.

4. Performance Class Premiums: Premium money will be mailed to the owner. Fifty percent of entry fees in the Open and Amateur Classes will be added to \$50 per class premium money provided by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and \$300 per class premium money provided by special donations. Monies will be paid as follows based on the number of horses shown in a class.

# Horses Shown	1-2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-15	16-20	21-25	26-30	31-35	36-40	41-45	46 & Up
# Places Paid	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

Open, amateur and youth performance and halter classes will receive a buckle for first place, with rosettes through sixth place. Lead-Line classes will have special ribbons and awards for all participants.

Class	Class Fee (per entry)	Miscellaneous Fee
Halter & Showmanship	\$39	
Color Class	\$39	
Performance	\$49	
Youth Class Fee	\$19	

Paint Horse Show - Class Schedule

Saturday, March 15 - 8 a.m.

1. Open Ranch Trail
2. Open Ranch Pleasure
3. Amateur Ranch Trail
4. Amateur Ranch Pleasure
5. Youth Ranch Trail
6. Youth Ranch Pleasure
7. Open Ranch Riding
8. Amateur Ranch Riding
9. Youth Ranch Riding
10. Open Ranch Rail Pleasure
11. Amateur Ranch Rail Pleasure
12. Youth Ranch Rail Pleasure
13. Open Ranch Reining
14. Amateur Ranch Reining
15. Youth Ranch Reining
16. Open Ranch Conformation
17. Amateur Ranch Conformation
18. Youth Ranch Conformation
19. Youth Walk/Trot Trail – 5-10
20. Amateur Walk/Trot Trail
21. Novice Youth Trail
22. Green Trail
23. Novice Amateur Trail
24. Youth Trail – 13 & Under
25. Youth Trail – 18 & Under
26. Amateur Trail
27. Trail (All Ages)

Sunday, March 16 - 8 a.m.

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
28. Novice Youth Showmanship at Halter				
29. Novice Amateur Showmanship at Halter				
30. Youth Showmanship at Halter – 13 & Under				
31. Youth Showmanship at Halter - 18 & Under				
32. Amateur Showmanship at Halter				
33. Youth Walk-Trot Showmanship – 5-10				
34. Amateur W/T Showmanship at Halter				
35. Youth Halter Mares				
36. Youth Performance Halter Mares				
37. Grand & Reserve Champion Youth Mares				
38. Amateur Mares Two & Under (foaled 2023 or later)	40	30	20	10
39. Amateur Mares Three & Over (foaled 2022 or before)	40	30	20	10
40. Amateur Performance Halter Mares	40	30	20	10
41. Grand & Reserve Amateur Mares				
42. Yearling Mares (foaled 2024)	40	30	20	10
43. Two Year Old Mares (foaled 2023)	40	30	20	10
44. Three Year Old Mares (foaled 2022)	40	30	20	10
45. Four Year Old & Older Mares (foaled 2021 or before)	40	30	20	10
46. Performance Halter Mares	40	30	20	10
47. Grand & Reserve Champion Mares				
48. Youth Geldings				
49. Youth Performance Halter Geldings				
50. Grand & Reserve Champion Youth Geldings				
51. Amateur Geldings Two & Under (foaled 2023 or later)	40	30	20	10
52. Amateur Geldings Three & Over (foaled 2022 or before)	40	30	20	10
53. Amateur Performance Halter Geldings	40	30	20	10
54. Grand & Reserve Amateur Geldings				
55. Yearling Geldings (foaled 2024)	40	30	20	10
56. Two Year Old Geldings (foaled 2023)	40	30	20	10
57. Three Year Old Geldings (foaled 2022)	40	30	20	10
58. Four Year Old & Older Geldings (foaled 2021 or before)	40	30	20	10
59. Performance Halter Geldings	40	30	20	10
60. Grand & Reserve Champion Geldings				
61. Amateur Stallions Two & Under (foaled 2023 or later)	40	30	20	10
62. Amateur Stallions Three & Over (foaled 2022 or before)	40	30	20	10
63. Amateur Performance Halter Stallions	40	30	20	10
64. Grand & Reserve Amateur Stallions				
65. Yearling Stallions (foaled 2024)	40	30	20	10
66. Two Year Old Stallions (foaled 2023)	40	30	20	10
67. Three Year Old Stallions (foaled 2022)	40	30	20	10
68. Four Year Old & Older Stallions (foaled 2021 or before)	40	30	20	10
69. Performance Halter Stallions	40	30	20	10
70. Grand & Reserve Champion Stallions				
71. Tobiano Color	40	30	20	10
72. Overo Color	40	30	20	10
73. Amateur Walk/Trot Hunt Seat Equitation				
74. Youth Walk/Trot Hunt Seat Equitation – 5-10				
75. Youth Walk/Trot Hunter Under Saddle – 5-10				
76. Amateur Walk/Trot Hunter Under Saddle				
77. Novice Youth Hunt Seat Equitation				
78. Novice Amateur Hunt Seat Equitation				
79. Youth Hunt Seat Equitation – 13 & Under				
80. Youth Hunt Seat Equitation – 18 & Under				
81. Amateur Hunt Seat Equitation				
82. Novice Youth Hunter Under Saddle				
83. Novice Amateur Hunter Under Saddle				

84. Green Hunter Under Saddle
85. Youth Hunter Under Saddle – 13 & Under
86. Youth Hunter Under Saddle – 18 & Under
87. Amateur Hunter Under Saddle
88. Hunter Under Saddle (All Ages)

Monday, March 17 - 8 a.m.

89. Green Western Riding
90. Amateur Western Riding
91. Youth Western Riding – 18 & Under
92. Western Riding
93. Novice Youth Horsemanship
94. Novice Amateur Horsemanship
95. Youth Horsemanship – 13 & Under
96. Youth Horsemanship – 18 & Under
97. Amateur Horsemanship
98. Amateur Walk/Trot Western Horsemanship
99. Youth Walk/Trot Western Horsemanship – 5-10
100. Youth Walk/Trot Western Pleasure – 5-10
101. Youth Leadline 3-8
102. Amateur Walk/Trot Western Pleasure
103. Novice Youth Western Pleasure
104. Green Western Pleasure
105. Novice Amateur Western Pleasure
106. Youth Western Pleasure – 13 & Under
107. Youth Western Pleasure – 18 & Under
108. Amateur Western Pleasure
109. Western Pleasure (All Ages)

Special Awards – Paint Horse Show

High Point Youth 13 & Under – An award jacket and \$200 cash award will be presented.

Reserve High Point Youth 13 & Under – An award vest and \$150 cash award will be presented.

High Point 18 & Under – An award jacket and \$200 cash award will be presented.

Reserve High Point 18 & Under – An award vest and \$150 cash award will be presented.

High Point Novice Youth – An award jacket and \$200 cash award will be presented.

Reserve High Point Novice Youth – An award vest and \$150 cash award will be presented.

High Point Novice Amateur Performance – An award jacket and \$200 cash award will be presented.

Reserve High Point Novice Amateur Performance – An award vest and \$150 cash award will be presented.

High Point Amateur Performance – An award jacket and \$200 cash award will be presented.

Reserve High Point Amateur Performance – An award vest and \$150 cash award will be presented.

High Point Open Performance Horse - An award jacket and \$200 cash award will be presented.

Reserve High Point Open Performance Horse – An award vest and \$150 cash award will be presented.

High Point Youth Walk/Trot - An award jacket and \$200 cash award will be presented.

Reserve High Point Youth Walk/Trot – An award vest and \$150 cash award will be presented.

High Point Amateur Walk/Trot - An award jacket and \$200 cash award will be presented.

Reserve High Point Amateur Walk/Trot – An award vest and \$150 cash award will be presented.

High Point Open Ranch Horse – An award jacket and \$200 cash award will be presented.

Reserve High Point Open Ranch Horse – An award vest and \$150 cash award will be presented.

High Point Amateur Ranch Horse – An award jacket and \$200 cash award will be presented.

Reserve High Point Amateur Ranch Horse – An award vest and \$150 cash award will be presented.

High Point Youth Ranch Horse – An award jacket and \$200 cash award will be presented.

Reserve High Point Youth Ranch Horse - An award vest and \$150 cash award will be presented.

High Point English Performance Horse – A Perri's Leather Halter will be presented.

High Point Western Performance Horse – A Perri's Leather Halter will be presented.

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Youth Horse Show

Judges:

Doug Allen – Scottsdale, AZ
Jason Contreras – Sanger, CA
Delena Doyle – Stephenville, TX

Tuesday, March 18

8 a.m. Western Performance Events

Wednesday, March 19

8 a.m. Halter, Showmanship and English Performance Events

Thursday, March 20

8 a.m. AQHA & Junior Invitational Speed Events

Friday, March 21

8 a.m. AQHA Calf Roping & Team Roping

Special Rules – Youth Horse Show

All entries and awards in this division will be subject to the General Horse Show Rules and Regulations published in this Horse Show Exhibitor Handbook on pages 10 - 13. The most recent information can be obtained from our website at www.rodeohouston.com.

All classes in this show will be judged in accordance with the current handbook of the American Quarter Horse Association, and any amendments adopted subsequent thereto. Every exhibitor should obtain a copy of the AQHA Official Handbook and Amendments, and should be thoroughly familiar with same. **Special rules apply with regard to ranch classes.**

1. **Horse Eligibility:** Any registered horse is eligible to be exhibited in All Breed classes. Only unregistered horses or any mule will be eligible to compete in the Grade classes. Unregistered horses may not compete in the AQHA or All Breed classes. Any horse registered with the American Quarter Horse Association is eligible to be exhibited in the AQHA classes. Stallions may **not** be shown in any class.
2. **Ownership requirements for AQHA classes** must be met as outlined in the AQHA Official Handbook. Exhibitor or immediate family member need not own the horse for eligibility in the All-Breed or Grade classes.
3. For All Breed classes, a horse may **not** be shown in more than one age division of an event. For example, a horse shown in the 13 & Under Western Pleasure may not also be shown in the 14-18 Western Pleasure. Horses may be shown in the Novice division and one age division of an event.
4. **Exhibitor Eligibility:** Exhibitors must meet the eligibility requirements as outlined in the AQHA Official Handbook.
5. **Ranch Classes:** Ranch classes will be judged in accordance with the current AQHA Ranch Horse Rules. Exhibitors may **not** enter both performance and ranch classes with the same horse (no crossover). Ranch classes are open to any horse, whether registered or grade.
6. **Class Premiums:** Premium money will be paid in all youth classes. Premiums will be paid to four places and will be divided \$60 - \$45 - \$30 - \$15 regardless of the number of entries. Premium money will be mailed to the owner listed on the entry form.
7. **Walk/Trot Classes:** Walk/Trot Classes are open to any exhibitor age 5-10. Exhibitors may not exhibit in any class that requires a lope/canter if participating in the Walk/Trot category. Exhibitors may not show in two age divisions (i.e. Walk/Trot Showmanship and 13 & Under Showmanship). Any horse (AQHA, All Breed or Grade) or mule may be shown in walk/trot classes.

8. All classes, with the exception of grand and reserve champion, will receive a buckle for first place, with rosettes through sixth place. Lead-Line classes will have special ribbons and awards for all participants.

Class	Class Fee (per Entry)	Miscellaneous Fee
Youth Halter and Performance	\$10	
AQHA Fee (per horse)		\$30/horse

Youth Horse Show - Class Schedule

Tuesday, March 18 - 8 a.m.

1. Walk/Trot Trail – 5–10 years of age (any horse)
2. All Breed Trail 18 & Under
3. Grade Trail 18 & Under
4. AQHA Novice Youth Trail
5. AQHA Trail 13 & Under
6. AQHA Trail 14-18
7. Ranch Trail 18 & Under
8. Leadline – 6 & Under (any horse)
9. Walk/Trot Western Pleasure – 5–10 years of age (any horse)
10. All Breed Western Pleasure 13 & Under
11. All Breed Western Pleasure 14-18
12. Grade Western Pleasure 18 & Under
13. AQHA Novice Youth Western Pleasure
14. AQHA Western Pleasure 13 & Under
15. AQHA Western Pleasure 14-18
16. Walk/Trot Western Horsemanship – 5–10 years of age (any horse)
17. All Breed Western Horsemanship 13 & Under
18. All Breed Western Horsemanship 14-18
19. Grade Western Horsemanship 18 & Under
20. AQHA Novice Youth Western Horsemanship
21. AQHA Western Horsemanship 13 & Under
22. AQHA Western Horsemanship 14-18
23. Ranch Rail Pleasure
24. Ranch Riding
25. Ranch Reining

Wednesday, March 19 - 8 a.m.

26. Ranch Conformation – Geldings & Mares
27. All Breed Mares 2 & Under
28. All Breed Mares 3 & Over
29. Grand & Reserve Champion All Breed Mares
30. Grade Mares 2 & Under
31. Grade Mares 3 & Over
32. Grand & Reserve Champion Grade Mares
33. AQHA Yearling Mares
34. AQHA 2 Yr Old Mares
35. AQHA 3 Yr Old Mares
36. AQHA Aged Mares
37. AQHA Performance Halter Mares

38. AQHA Grand & Reserve Champion Mares
39. All Breed Geldings 2 & Under
40. All Breed Geldings 3 & Over
41. Grand & Reserve Champion All Breed Geldings
42. Grade Geldings 2 & Under
43. Grade Geldings 3 & Over
44. Grand & Reserve Champion Grade Geldings
45. AQHA Yearling Geldings
46. AQHA 2 Yr Old Geldings
47. AQHA 3 Yr Old Geldings
48. AQHA Aged Geldings
49. AQHA Performance Halter Geldings
50. AQHA Grand & Reserve Champion Geldings
51. Walk/Trot Showmanship 5–10 years of age (any horse)
52. All Breed Showmanship 13 & Under
53. All Breed Showmanship 14-18
54. Grade Showmanship 18 & Under
55. AQHA Novice Youth Showmanship
56. AQHA Showmanship 13 & Under
57. AQHA Showmanship 14-18
58. Walk/Trot Hunter Under Saddle – 5–10 years of age (any horse)
59. All Breed Hunter Under Saddle 13 & Under
60. All Breed Hunter Under Saddle 14-18
61. Grade Hunter Under Saddle 18 & Under
62. AQHA Novice Youth Hunter Under Saddle
63. AQHA Hunter Under Saddle 13 & Under
64. AQHA Hunter Under Saddle 14-18
65. Walk/Trot Hunt Seat Equitation – 5–10 years of age (any horse)
66. All Breed Hunt Seat Equitation 13 & Under
67. All Breed Hunt Seat Equitation 14-18
68. Grade Hunt Seat Equitation 18 & Under
69. AQHA Novice Youth Hunt Seat Equitation
70. AQHA Hunt Seat Equitation 13 & Under
71. AQHA Hunt Seat Equitation 14-18

Special Awards Youth Horse Show

High Point Novice – AQHA: An award vest and \$250 cash award will be presented to the highest scoring contestant in the AQHA Novice Division.

Reserve High Point Novice – AQHA: An award vest and \$150 cash award will be presented to the second highest scoring contestant in the AQHA Novice Division.

High Point 13 & Under – AQHA: An award vest and \$250 cash award will be presented to the highest scoring contestant in the AQHA 13 & Under Division.

Reserve High Point 13 & Under – AQHA: An award vest and \$150 cash award will be presented to the second highest scoring contestant in the AQHA 13 & Under Division.

High Point 14-18 – AQHA: An award vest and \$250 cash award will be presented to the highest scoring contestant in the AQHA 14-18 Division.

Reserve High Point 14-18 – AQHA: An award vest and \$150 cash award will be presented to the second highest scoring contestant in the AQHA 14-18 Division.

High Point – Grade: An award vest and \$250 cash award will be presented to the highest scoring contestant in the Grade 18 & Under Division.

Reserve High Point – Grade: An award vest and \$150 cash award will be presented to the second highest scoring contestant in the Grade 18 & Under Division.

High Point 13 & Under – All Breed: An award vest and \$250 cash award will be presented to the highest scoring contestant in the All Breed 13 & Under Division.

Reserve High Point 13 & Under – All Breed: An award vest and \$150 cash award will be presented to the second highest scoring contestant in the All Breed 13 & Under Division.

High Point 14-18 – All Breed: An award vest and \$250 cash award will be presented to the highest scoring contestant in the All Breed 14-18 Division.

Reserve High Point 14-18 – All Breed: An award vest and \$150 cash award will be presented to the second highest scoring contestant in the All Breed 14-18 Division.

High Point Walk/Trot: An award vest and \$250 cash award will be presented to the highest scoring contestant in the Walk/Trot Division.

Reserve High Point Walk/Trot: An award vest and \$150 cash award will be presented to the highest scoring contestant in the Walk/Trot Division.

High Point Speed Exhibitor: An award vest and \$250 cash award will be presented to the highest scoring contestant in the Youth Speed Events (AQHA Speed classes 4, 5, 9, 10).

Reserve High Point Speed Exhibitor: An award vest and \$150 cash award will be presented to the second highest scoring contestant in the AQHA Speed Events (AQHA Speed classes 4, 5, 9, 10).

High Point Roper: An award vest and \$250 cash award will be presented to the highest scoring contestant in the Youth Roping Events (AQHA Roping classes 14, 18, 25, 26).

Reserve High Point Roper: An award vest and \$150 cash award will be presented to the second highest scoring contestant in the Youth Roping Events (AQHA Roping classes 14, 18, 25, 26).

High Point Ranch Exhibitor: An award vest and \$250 cash award will be presented to the highest scoring contestant in the Youth Ranch Events (includes classes 7, 23, 24, 25 26).

Reserve High Point Ranch Exhibitor: An award vest and \$150 cash award will be presented to the second highest scoring contestant in the Youth Ranch Events (includes classes 7, 23, 24, 25, 26).

TOP 5: Custom hammock chairs will be presented to the top 5 exhibitors overall who did not win a specific high point or reserve high point award. High Point and Reserve High Point winners in each division and category are not eligible to receive a Top 5 award. Top 5 exhibitors are based on a one horse/one exhibitor combination by division (AQHA, All Breed or Grade). Points will **not** be combined for exhibitors showing in multiple divisions or on multiple horses.

Youth Show divisions are Walk/Trot, Novice, 13 & Under and 14-18. Only Walk/Trot classes will count toward the Walk/Trot High Point award, only Novice classes will count toward the Novice High Point Awards, only 13 & Under classes will count toward the 13 & Under High Point Award and only 14-18 classes will count toward the 14-18 High Point Awards. Halter, including Grand and Reserve, will count toward high point awards; however, you do not have to show halter to be eligible for high point awards. Leadline classes do **not** count toward any high point award. Speed event, roping and ranch classes will only count toward their respective high point awards.

For classes of six or more animals, first place will receive 6 points, with the remaining places receiving one less point in descending order. For classes of less than six animals, first place will receive points equal to the number in the class, with the remaining places receiving one less point in descending order.

Ties: In case of a tie for a high point and/or reserve high point award, the tie will be broken by the number of first places, number of second places, then by the flip of a coin by an appointed representative of the Youth Horse Show Committee.

***** Trainer Award *****

A \$250 cash award will be presented to the trainer that has the most exhibitors register them on the exhibitor entry form by the late registration deadline of February 10. Changes to the trainer information after February 10 will not be counted.

Ties: In case of a tie, the award will be divided equally between the winners.

We sincerely appreciate the donations made by our many Youth Horse Show supporters and committee members! Without your help this show would not be possible.

Quarter Horse Show

Judges:

Doug Allen – Scottsdale, AZ – Speed and Roping Events
Jason Contreras – Sanger, CA – Speed Events
Delena Doyle – Stephenville, TX – Speed and Roping Events
Justin Johnson – Casper, WY – Roping Events

Thursday, March 20

8 a.m. Barrel Racing and Pole Bending Events

Friday, March 21

8 a.m. Breakaway, Tie Down and Team Roping Events

To make up the purse in each Open and Amateur Speed and Roping Class, the total added prize money will be included with 50% of class fees:

ADDED PRIZE MONEY

Class	Show	Committee	Total Added
Open & Amateur Speed Events	\$200	\$1,500	\$1,700
Youth Speed Events	\$200	\$600	\$800
Open & Amateur Roping	\$200	\$1,500	\$1,700
Youth Roping	\$200	\$600	\$800

Special Rules - Quarter Horse Show

All entries and awards in this division will be subject to the General Horse Show Rules and Regulations published in this Horse Show Exhibitor Handbook on pages 10 - 13. The most recent information can be obtained from our website at www.rodeohouston.com.

1. This show will be conducted strictly in full accordance with the “Official Show and Contest Rules and Regulations” of the American Quarter Horse Association as per the latest edition, and any amendments adopted subsequent thereto. Every exhibitor should obtain a copy of the AQHA Official Handbook and Amendments and should be thoroughly familiar with same.

2. Open and Amateur Performance Class Premiums: Premium money will be mailed to the owner listed on the entry form. Monies will be paid based on the overall judge placings in a class. Monies will be paid based on the number of horses shown in a class.

# Horses Shown	1-2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-15	16-20	21-25	26-30	31-35	36-40	41-45	46 & Up
# Places Paid	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

3. AQHA Youth Class Premiums: (Roping & Speed Events): Premium money will be mailed to the owner listed on the entry form. Four monies will be paid in each class, regardless of the number of entries (40%-30%-20%-10%).

Class	Class Fee (per Entry)	Miscellaneous Fee
Performance – Open & Amateur (not cattle)	\$40	
Youth Performance (including cattle)	\$10	
Calf Roping	\$50	
Calf Roping Cattle Fee (including youth)		\$35/entry
Steer Roping	\$70	
Steer Roping Cattle Fee (including youth)		\$35/entry
AQHA Fee (per horse)		\$30/horse

Quarter Horse Show - Class Schedule

Thursday, March 20 – 8 a.m.

1. AQHA Junior Pole Bending
2. AQHA Amateur Pole Bending
3. AQHA Senior Pole Bending
4. AQHA Youth Pole Bending 13 & Under
5. AQHA Youth Pole Bending 14-18
6. AQHA Junior Barrel Race
7. AQHA Amateur Barrel Race
8. AQHA Senior Barrel Race
9. AQHA Youth Barrel Race 13 & Under
10. AQHA Youth Barrel Race 14-18

Friday, March 21 – 8 a.m.

11. AQHA Junior Breakaway Roping
12. AQHA Amateur Breakaway Roping
13. AQHA Senior Breakaway Roping
14. AQHA Youth Breakaway Roping
15. AQHA Junior Tie Down Roping
16. AQHA Amateur Tie Down Roping
17. AQHA Senior Tie Down Roping
18. AQHA Youth Tie Down Roping
19. AQHA Junior Heading
20. AQHA Junior Heeling
21. AQHA Amateur Heading
22. AQHA Amateur Heeling
23. AQHA Senior Heading
24. AQHA Senior Heeling
25. AQHA Youth Heading
26. AQHA Youth Heeling

Special Awards – Quarter Horse Show

High Point Open Speed Horse: Points will be earned on a one-horse, multiple rider combination. A \$500 cash award will be awarded by the Quarter Horse Committee to the owner of the horse. The classes that will count for this award are 1, 3, 6, and 8.

High Point Amateur Speed Horse: Points will be earned on a one-horse, one rider combination. A \$500 cash award will be awarded by the Quarter Horse Committee to the owner of the horse. The classes that will count for this award are 2 and 7.

High Point Open Roping Horse: Points will be earned on a one-horse, multiple rider combination. A \$500 cash award will be awarded by the Quarter Horse Committee to the owner of the horse. The classes that will count for this award are 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 20, 23, and 24.

High Point Amateur Roping Horse: Points will be earned on a one-horse, one rider combination. A \$500 cash award will be awarded by the Quarter Horse Committee to the owner of the horse. The classes that will count for this award are 12, 16, 21, and 22.

Points for High Point will be awarded on the AQHA point system for number of horses in a class. Open high point awards are determined on a one horse/multiple rider basis. Amateur high point awards are determined on a one horse/one rider basis.

***Thank You Donors
for your continued support of the
Quarter Horse Show***

QUARTER HORSE ROPING CLASSES

March 21, 2025

**Junior, Senior and Amateur Roping \$1,700 added to half of class entry fees
Youth Roping \$800 total purse**

Junior, Senior, Amateur and Youth Roping

Entries close Feb. 1. Late entries accepted, with penalty, through Feb. 10.

For information and entry forms, contact: Horse Show Department, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo
3 NRG Park • Houston, Texas 77054 • 832-667-1012 • horseshow@rodeohouston.com

Quarter Horse Open, Amateur & Youth Barrel Racing & Pole Bending

March 20, 2025

**Junior, Senior and Amateur Barrel Racing and Pole Bending
\$1,700 added to half of class entry fees**

**Youth Barrel Racing and Pole Bending
\$800 total purse**

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Junior Invitational

Thursday, March 20

8 a.m. Barrel Racing

Saturday, March 22

8 a.m. Breakaway and Tie Down Roping

Sunday, March 23

9 a.m. Team Roping

Event Rules Barrel Racing, Breakaway, Tie Down and Team Roping

1. All contestants in the Junior Invitational Barrel Racing, Breakaway, Tie Down and Team Roping Events will be under the supervision of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and all General Rules and Regulations published in the 2025 Horse Show Exhibitor Handbook will apply unless otherwise stated in the special rules of the Junior Invitational Barrel Racing, Breakaway, Tie Down and Team Roping Event. Any contestant violating any General or Special Rule will be disqualified on all entries and will be subject to forfeiting any premium money won. The interpretation of the Rules by the Show Management will be final, and no protests will be permitted.
2. Entry into the event is by qualification only. 25 contestants will qualify in each age division/event for the barrel racing, breakaway and tie down roping. A maximum of 140 entered teams will qualify for the team roping.
3. The Junior Invitational Breakaway and Tie Down Roping Event will be two full go rounds and a short round, with prize money awarded as follows: fast time will be paid in each of the 3 rounds of the event, with the remaining purse will be distributed to the top 4 places in the average – 40%, 30%, 20%, 10%. Prizes will be awarded 1st – 4th place. The top 10 contestants in the breakaway and tie down roping events will return for the short round. Those 10 contestants will be determined by the cumulative time of the two go rounds. Those contestants with qualified times in both go rounds will be placed above those with a no time. Should there not be 10 contestants with 2 qualified times, the remaining short round spots will be determined by the fastest time on 1 go round, until all 10 positions are filled.
4. The Junior Invitational Barrel Racing Event will be one go round. The purse distributed to the top 4 placings in the average – 40%, 30%, 20%, 10%. Prizes will be awarded 1st – 4th place.
5. The Junior Invitational Team Roping will be four go rounds, progressive after one, with prize money awarded as follows: fast time will be paid in each of the 4 rounds of the event, with the remaining purse distributed to the top 5 places in the average and top 3 places in the incentive average. Prizes will be awarded 1st – 5th place in the average and 1st – 3rd place in the incentive average. The short round will be run in a slow back format.
6. Humane treatment of animals must be exercised at all times by all exhibitors and their family members.
7. For the barrel racing, breakaway or tie down roping, an exhibitor may enter each age division of an event only one time.
8. A horse may only be entered in each age division one time.

9. During all roping events, a Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo representative will ensure that no person stands close enough to the barrier or barrier equipment to tamper with same.
10. Roping contestants shall start from behind a barrier. If the barrier fails to work but a time is recorded, the contestant will receive that time. Barrier penalty will be waived unless flagman determines barrier is obviously beaten by contestant. If timer fails to work, contestant will receive a re-run.
11. No contestant may be in the arena during events except for the contestant actively involved in the current run.
12. No more than two (2) people may stand in the roping box during timed events. Flagman and HLSR management and staff have the authority to stop the competition to remove extra people from the roping box or the arena floor.
13. If a calf/steer is injured during competition (the injury must be obvious to the flagman) the run will immediately stop (signaled by the flagman flagging the contestant out and the timer sounding the horn upon the flagman flagging the contestant to stop the run). The contestant will be required to maintain control of the calf/steer until the flagman or the Show Veterinarian excuses him. The injured animal will immediately be removed from the arena for assessment and treatment.
14. If the flagman flags the contestant out due to animal injury, the contestant will be granted a re-run whether the animal was actually injured or not.
15. If an animal escapes from the arena, the flagman will drop his flag and all watches will be stopped. Contestant will receive a new animal with lap-and-tap start. Time already accumulated will be added to time used to complete the qualifying run. If time is not recorded, the contestant will receive a 10 second penalty for any loop used. Contestant must make an effort at a second loop or be flagged out automatically. Once a contestant has been flagged out, he will receive no stock back.
16. In all events, the contestant must compete in the drawn working order.
17. A roping contestant may not have someone rattle the chute for them.
18. Only the horses needed during the actual competition in the event will be allowed in the boxes during any roping event and/or noncompetitive runs.
19. There shall be at least two timers.
20. All roping contestants must compete from the same box designated for their event. Tie-down and Breakaway roping – right box must be used.
21. In all roping events, it is contestant's responsibility to determine if arena is as they want it prior to calling for their calf/steer. If any arena personnel (flagman, announcer, show management, etc) interfere with a run, the contestant may, at the discretion of the flagman, receive a rerun providing contestant has made a qualified run up to the point of interference.
22. In all roping events, the flagman will have the final decision in all re-runs, no times, etc.

BREAKAWAY ROPING

1. Horse will start behind a barrier. Ten (10) second penalty for breaking the barrier.
2. One loop will be permitted. Rope is to be tied to the saddle horn by a heavy string, in such a manner as to allow the rope to be released from the horn when the calf reaches the end of the rope. A visible cloth or flag must be attached to the end of the rope tied to the horn to make it easier for the flagger to see it break free. A legal catch is a loop that passes over the head of the calf and then holds on any part of the calf to cause the string to break away from the saddle horn. Roping the calf without releasing the loop from the hand is not permitted.
3. Should a roper break the rope from the horn by hand or touch the rope or string after the catch is made, they will receive a "no time". If the rope dallies or will not break free when the calf reaches the end of it, the roper will receive a "no time".

4. Any attempt by a contestant to position their horse behind the barrier, enabling them to rope the calf without leaving the box, shall be considered a disqualification.
5. Rope may not pass through bridle, tie-down, neck rope or any other device.
6. Contestants must follow tack/equipment rules as listed in the 2025 American Quarter Horse Association rulebook. Equipment deemed ineligible by the rulebook will not be allowed and those using ineligible equipment will be disqualified from the event. All contestants should have equipment checked by judge prior to making their first run.
7. All prize monies will be paid to the owner of the horse as noted on the official entry form.

TIE DOWN ROPING

1. Horse will start behind a barrier. Ten (10) second penalty for breaking the barrier.
2. Contestant must rope calf, dismount, throw calf by hand and cross and tie any three legs. To qualify as legal tie, there shall be at least one wrap around all three legs and a half-hitch. If calf is down when roper reaches it, the calf must be let up to his feet and be thrown by hand. If roper's hand is on the calf when the calf falls, calf is considered thrown by hand. Rope must hold calf until roper gets hand on calf. Three legs must remain crossed and tied from six seconds, as timed by the flagman, from the time the rope horse takes his first step forward after the roper has remounted, until approved by the flagman. Roper must not touch calf after signaling that he is finished until after the flagman has completed his examination. Rope must remain slack until flagman approves the tie. Unless instructed to do so by the flagman, roper will be disqualified for removing rope from calf after signaling for time, until the tie has been passed on by the flagman. In the event a contestant's catch rope is off a calf after completion of tie, the six-second time period is to start when roper clears calf. Flagman must watch calf during the six second period and will stop watch when a calf kicks free, using the time shown on the watch to determine whether calf was tied long enough to qualify. If tie becomes illegal by calf kicking, or calf gets to his feet before tie has been approved by the judge, the roper will be marked a "no time".
3. One loop will be permitted, catch-as-catch-can, and should the roper miss with both, he must retire and will be marked "no time". Roping the calf without releasing the loop from the hand is not permitted.
4. There will be a 30 second elapsed time limit in the tie-down roping. A whistle indicating "no time" shall be blown by the timer at the end of the 30 second span. This rule shall not apply to legal ties completed in less than 30 seconds but which, due to a penalty, are recorded as having taken more than 30 seconds
5. A neck rope must be used on the horse, and contestant must adjust rope and reins in a manner that will prevent horse from dragging calf. Contestant must receive no assistance of any kind from outside. If the horse drags the calf at least five feet, flagman may stop horse. Intentional dragging of calf, as determined by flagman, will be grounds for disqualification.
6. **No Jerk Down.** If a tie-down animal is jerked down (straight over backwards, landing on its head or back) the contestant will be disqualified.
7. Contestants must follow tack/equipment rules as listed in the 2025 American Quarter Horse Association rulebook. Equipment deemed ineligible by the rulebook will not be allowed and those using ineligible equipment will be disqualified from the event. All contestants should have equipment checked by judge prior to making their first run.
8. All prize monies will be paid to the owner of the horse as noted on the official entry form.

TEAM ROPING

1. Each contestant will be allowed to carry only one rope. Each team will be allowed TWO loops total. Roping steers without turning loose of the loop will be considered no catch. Header must rope, dally and change direction of steer. Flagman shall drop flag when steer is roped by its head and heels, and both horses are facing steer in line with ropes dallied and tight. Horses' front feet must be on ground, ropers must have a full dally, and ropers must be mounted for flag to drop.
2. Headers and heelers shall start from behind a barrier. A 5 second penalty will be added for breaking or beating a barrier.
3. **Crossfire.** The direction of the steer's body must be changed before the heel loop can be thrown. However, if the steer stops, it must only be moving forward for the heel loop to be legal. Any heel loop thrown before the completion of the initial switch will be considered a crossfire and team will receive a "no time".
4. If steer is roped by one horn, roper is not allowed to use his hands to remove loop or put loop over other horn or head.
5. If the heeler ropes a front foot or feet in the heel loop, this is a foul catch. Neither contestant may remove the front foot or feet from the loop by hand. However, should the front foot or feet come out of the heel loop by the time the flagman drops his flag, time will be official.
6. There will be only three legal head catches: A) Around the horns. B) Half a head. C) Around the neck.
7. Any heel catch behind both shoulders is legal if rope goes up heels. Roping only one hind foot will receive a 5 second penalty.
8. Any questions as to catches in this contest will be decided by the flagman. If a flagman tells the header to hold the steer so that he may inspect the head catch, and the header does not do so, the team may receive a "no time".
9. There will be a 30 second elapsed time limit in the team roping. A whistle indicating "no time" shall be blown by the timer at the end of the 30 second span. This rule shall not apply to legal catches completed in less than 30 seconds, but which, due to a penalty, are recorded as having taken more than 30 seconds.
10. Any reruns will be at the discretion of the flagman. The decision of the flagman is final.
11. Contestants may enter two times, for a total of 4 runs. Contestants will enter with the partner they qualified with and draw a second partner. Should a contestant have their classification number raised and become ineligible to compete, or be unable to attend the Junior Invitational Team Roping, their partner may select another eligible partner per show guidelines. The new partner must meet age and eligibility requirements. Contestants will be required to provide a 2025 membership card from Fire It Up at time of event. The team roping event will be formatted at a #9.5 with a #7.5 incentive, capped at a #5.5.
12. Contestants must follow tack/equipment rules as listed in the 2025 American Quarter Horse Association rulebook. Equipment deemed ineligible by the rulebook will not be allowed and those using ineligible equipment will be disqualified from the event.
13. All prize monies will be paid to the owner of the horse as noted on the official entry form.

BARREL RACING

1. Contestant must not begin their run until they reach the designated area within the alley.
2. Contestants will run on a closed gate.
3. Contestant will run a standard cloverleaf pattern and may begin to either the left or right.
4. Knocking over a barrel will carry a 5 second penalty.
5. Failure to follow the course/pattern will result in a disqualification.
6. A contestant may touch the barrel with his or her hands.
7. If a contestant is qualified in more than one age division, they may roll their time to all age divisions. This must be declared prior to contestant making the first run.
8. All age divisions will run together.
9. Contestants have the option of using one rubber band per foot (maximum width of ¼ inch), but may not be tied, buckled or fastened by any other means during competition.
10. A whip may not exceed two feet in length excluding over and unders which must be attached to the saddle.
11. Contestants may be disqualified for excessive use of a whip, rope, crop, bat or reins anywhere on the horse.
12. Contestants must follow tack/equipment rules as listed in the 2025 American Quarter Horse Association rulebook. Equipment deemed ineligible by the rulebook will not be allowed and those using ineligible equipment will be disqualified from the event.
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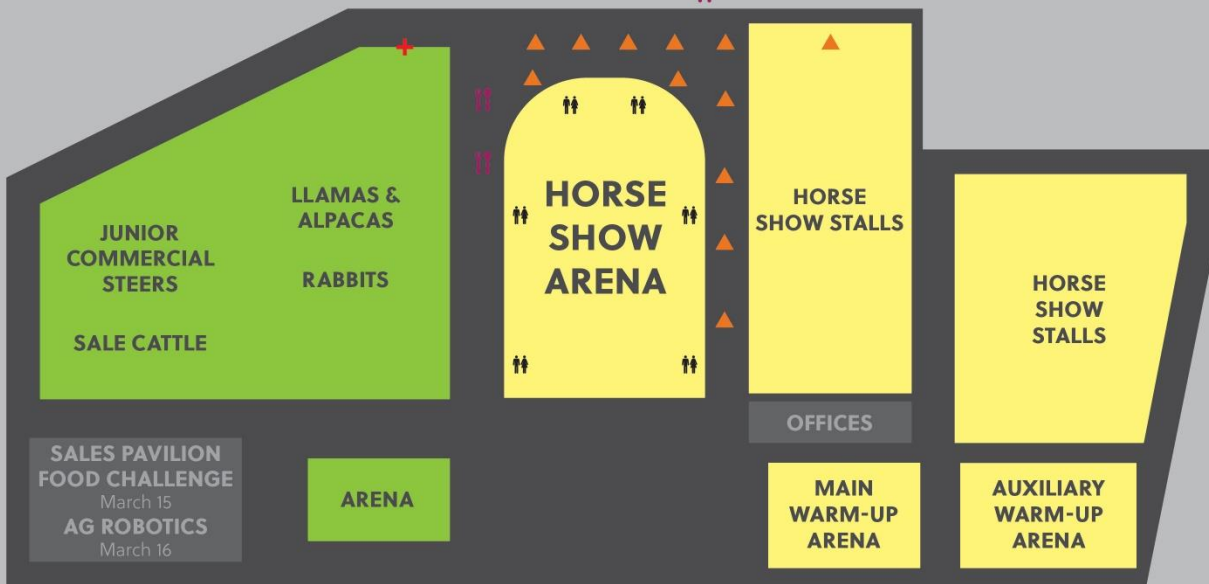
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