

Oklahoma Horse Show Association Handbook

General Rules

The Oklahoma Horse Show Association, whose official abbreviation is OkHSA, is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to promote good horsemanship, horse husbandry, and sportsmanship through horse shows, trail rides, and other events. OkHSA will uphold its Articles of Constitution, By Laws, and Rules to its absolute best ability.

- OkHSA and the OkHSA Show Committee will not be held responsible for any loss, injury, damage, or debts in connection with any show or event.
- Exhibitors must be an OkHSA Member to compete for Show High Point Awards and Year End Awards. Points accumulated by an exhibitor before their membership is filed will not count towards any awards.
- Horses Are Not required to be registered with any breed association to show or participate at any OkHSA shows or events.
- Any breeds and types of horses can show and participate in all OkHSA shows and events.
- Current Negative Coggins of all horses at the event facility must be presented to the Show Office Staff immediately upon arrival at every show.
- Upon check-in, you must leave an open check, or pay your show bill in full. Entries that are not accompanied with an open check, or paid in full will not be included in the class lists on the gate sheets.
- OkHSA will follow the most recent AQHA Handbook rules on all illegal equipment, V10204.13.
- OkHSA will follow the most recent AQHA Handbook rules on Western and English Show Equipment.
- OkHSA will follow the most recent AQHA Handbook rule of Prohibited Medication, Drug, and Substance.
 - If the OkHSA Show Committee or any OkHSA Officer or Board Member suspects a horse of the above violation, those officials will meet with the rest of the OkHSA Show Committee, Officers, and Board Members present at the event to discuss horse in question. If deemed necessary OkHSA has the right to have a licensed veterinarian take a blood sample of the horse in question for lab work. This lab work will be at the expense of the horse owner.
 - If the horse's in question lab work shows a positive result of the above violation, the owner and the exhibitor of that horse will be banned from all OkHSA events and lose any and all points the horse, owner, or exhibitor may have earned.
- OkHSA will follow the most recent AQHA Handbook rule of Conditionally Permitted Therapeutic Medication.
- All Dogs must be on leashes while at the Show and event Facility.
- A Youth Exhibitor's age is determined by their age as of January 1 of the current year.
- Stallions of any age must have a handler of 19 years of age or older. Youth exhibitors 18 years of age and younger are not allowed to handle or ride a stallion of any age.
- OkHSA Flashy Coat Class is open to every horse.

- Not one coat pattern or color of coat is superior to another. Horses with white markings are not superior to horses with no white markings, or solid horses.
- The Flashy Coat Class is strictly placed on the judge's own personal preference of coat color and coat pattern.
- The Flashy Coat Class Does Not count towards any Show High Point Awards, or Year End All Around Award. The Open Flashy Coat Class will have a Class Year End Award only.
- Horses can show in Western Pleasure, Ranch Pleasure and Ranch Riding.
 - Silver tack, hoof polish, and banded manes are allowed BUT discouraged against in Ranch Riding.
- Exhibitors are responsible for ensuring they are registered in the correct division for Show High Point calculations. You must be a current member of OkHSA to be eligible for High Point.
- Exhibitor numbers will be assigned for every horse/rider combination. A new number will be assigned at each show. All points will be tracked by horse/rider combination.
- Adding classes: Exhibitors may add classes at the gate, if they have an open show bill. If their show bill has been closed, they must go to the office to add any more classes and provide payment.
- Scratching classes: Exhibitors must scratch any class before that class has started entering the ring. Scratches are accepted in the office, or at the gate. Any classes not properly scratched will still be charged.
- OkHSA WILL NOT REFUND ANY CLASSES ONCE THE SHOW BILL HAS BEEN PAID, unless substantial situation approved by the OkHSA President. (Ex. Injury or illness to horse or exhibitor)
- Exhibitors who pre-enter via online entries must check in at the show office, prior to their first class, to review and sign their entry form, provide proof of negative current coggins, and either leave an open check, or pay their bill.
- Exhibitors who do not close out their show bill properly by the end of the show will be charged an additional \$10 office fee.
- When a Walk Trot Youth, Walk Trot Amateur, Novice Youth, or Novice Amateur OkHSA Member wins a Year End All Around High Point, that exhibitor will be required to move up a division, unless an exemption is made by the OkHSA Show Committee, Officers, and Board Members.

Division Qualifications & Rules

- Divisions are based solely on the rider's skill level, not the horse. OkHSA Operates on the Honesty System. When choosing your division please be honest about your riding skill level.
 - If at any time during the show season the OkHSA Show Committee, Officers, and Board Members have decided that an exhibitor has chosen a division that is lower than their riding or showing skills, that exhibitor will be moved into the correct division. Unless an exemption has been made by the OkHSA Show Committee, Officers, and Board Members.
 - If an exhibitor must be moved into a higher division, that exhibitor will lose all points they have earned in the division they are being removed from.
- OkHSA offers 10 divisions. Walk Trot Youth, Walk Trot Amateur, Novice Youth, Novice Amateur, Youth, Amateur, Open, Youth Ranch, Amateur Ranch and Open Ranch.

- Each exhibitor must complete an 'Exhibitor Registration Form' to specify which division(s) they are competing in for that year. This form will also serve as the 'Membership Form', if an exhibitor also wishes to become a member to be eligible for points/awards.

Walk Trot (W/T) Youth & Walk Trot (W/T) Amateur

- The W/T classes are offered to youth 18 years of age, as of January 1 of the current year, and younger and amateur exhibitors. These classes are for the beginner/green exhibitor who is not comfortable or has gained the skills necessary to ride a horse at the lope. Exhibitors may not cross between walk/trot and walk/trot/lope/canter divisions at the same show. Once they have moved up to a walk/trot/lope division, they may not return to a walk/trot division.
- There are Open W/T classes available that allow for 'schooling' or practice for exhibitors that are not in the W/T divisions. These classes are open to everyone and do not count towards any division awards.

Novice Youth & Novice Amateur

- The novice classes are offered to youth 18 years of age, as of January 1 of the current year, and younger, and amateur exhibitors. These classes are walk trot lope/canter classes. The Novice classes are for exhibitors that have just began to show at the lope, and/or are not a seasoned/accomplished exhibitor. Exhibitors in novice divisions may also show in Youth, Amateur, or Open, however, if they win a High Point title in the upper division at a show, they may not continue showing in Novice from that point forward.

Youth

- The youth division is for exhibitors 18 years of age, as of January 1 of the current year, and younger. These classes are for the youth exhibitor who is a seasoned/accomplished rider or showman. Exhibitors in this division may also compete in the Open division.

Amateur

- The amateur division is offered to adults 19 years of age, as of January 1 of the current year, and older, and has not accepted compensation for showing, judging, training, or assistant training of a horse within the last 3 years. OkHSA will follow the most recent AQHA Handbook on Amateur Eligibility Rules. The Amateur classes are for the amateur exhibitor who is a seasoned/accomplished rider or showman. Exhibitors in this division may also compete in the Open division.

Open

- The Open Classes are the ONLY classes a Trainer or Judge can enter. An exhibitor is considered a "Trainer" when they have accepted compensation for the training of, or the assistant training of, a horse within the last 3 years. An exhibitor is considered a "Judge" when they have accepted compensation for judging any show within the past 3 years. Youth, Amateur, Novice Youth, and Novice Amateur exhibitors can also enter the Open Classes.
- Points will be tracked all year in the division(s) chosen by the exhibitor that is declared on their 'Exhibitor Registration Form'.
 - All Youth Classes are 18 Year of Age and Under, as of January 1 of the current year.
 - Trainers can compete in Flashy Coat and Open Classes.

	Divisions*									
	Open	Amateur	Novice Amateur	W/T Amateur	Youth	Novice Youth	W/T Youth	Open Ranch	Amateur Ranch	Youth Ranch
Open Classes	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Amateur Classes		✓	✓						✓	
Novice Amateur Classes			✓							
W/T Amateur Classes				✓						
Youth Classes					✓	✓				✓
Novice Youth Classes						✓				
W/T Youth Classes							✓			
Open Ranch Classes	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Amateur Ranch Classes		✓	✓						✓	
Youth Ranch Classes					✓	✓				✓

**This graph only represents the classes that an exhibitor can enter, based on their division. For a list of which classes apply to the highpoint award in each division, please see the [Year End Award Qualifications](#) section in this handbook.*

- Exhibitors that qualify for and compete in more than one division will be eligible for individual Show High Point Awards and Year End Awards in all of the divisions they compete in.
- Youth and Amateur Halter classes will be combined into the same class for the purpose of individual Show High Point Awards and Year End All Around Championships. The combined halter classes will count towards each division accordingly.
 - For example, points earned by Novice Youth Exhibitors in the Youth Halter classes, will go towards the Novice Youth Show High Point Award and the Year End Novice Youth All Around, and the points received by Youth Exhibitors in the same class will go towards the Youth Show High Point Award and the Year End Youth All Around.
 - In the event that a Novice Youth or Novice Amateur Exhibitor also qualifies for and is also competing in the Youth or Amateur Division Classes, the points earned by these exhibitors will be awarded to them in both divisions for Show High Point Awards and Year End All Around.
 - These classes will not have an individual class Year End Award for both divisions. For the purpose of Year End Awards these classes are considered one class therefore receiving year-end points for that one class alone.

Exhibitor Conduct

- OkHSA has a Zero Tolerance Policy for disrespectful or un-sportsman like behavior towards or from any exhibitor, member, judge, or spectator.
- At any time while at the show or event facility, an OkHSA Officer, Board Member, or Show Committee Member sees any disrespectful or un-sportsman like behavior from anyone, that official will meet with the rest of the OkHSA Show Committee, Officers, and Board Members present at the event to discuss person in question. If deemed necessary OkHSA has the right to have that person removed from the facility.

- If the person being removed from the facility is an exhibitor in the show, that exhibitor MUST pay their entire show bill in full for that entire show even if they are removed before they have shown in all their classes entered. This exhibitor will not be awarded any points they may have earned at that show.
- If a person other than an OkHSA Officer, Board Member, or Show Committee Member sees any disrespectful or un-sportsman like behavior, that person must inform an OkHSA Officer, Board Member, or Show Committee Member so these officials can handle the situation as needed.
- Under No Circumstances may an exhibitor talk to the judge during the show about their class placing, ride and/or pattern, or anything else.
- If an exhibitor approaches and talks to the judge before, during, or after a class, that exhibitor will be disqualified from that class. If an exhibitor is disqualified from more than two classes for talking to the judge before, during, or after their class/classes that exhibitor will be disqualified from that entire show and will not be awarded any points they may have earned.
- If an exhibitor is disqualified from the show, that exhibitor MUST pay their entire show bill including the classes they have entered after their point of disqualification.
 - An exhibitor can talk to the judge if they have completed showing in the classes they have entered at that show, and have paid their show bill in full. Once that exhibitor has spoken to the judge they cannot enter any more classes.
 - The judge, at any time, may approach an exhibitor to give them pointers or suggestions. This must be the judge's own doing and not at the motion of an exhibitor.
 - If an exhibitor has a concern about the judge, that exhibitor will need to find an OkHSA Show Committee Member, Officer, or Board Member to express their concern. That officer or Board Member will handle the situation as needed.
- OkHSA has a Zero Tolerance Policy towards any inhumane treatment of animals.
 - OkHSA abides by the Inhumane Treatment Section of the most recent AQHA Handbook.
 - If at any time while at the show or event facility, an OkHSA Officer, Board Member, or Show Committee Member sees any inhumane treatment from anyone, that official will meet with the rest of the OkHSA Show Committee, Officers, and Board Members present at the event to discuss person in question. If deemed necessary OkHSA has the right to have that person removed from the facility. That person will also be banned from all OkHSA events.
 - If the person being removed from the facility is an exhibitor in the show, that exhibitor MUST pay their entire show bill in full for that entire show even if they are removed before they have shown in all their classes entered. This exhibitor will not be awarded any points they may have earned at that show.
 - If a person other than an OkHSA Officer, Board Member, or Show Committee Member sees any inhumane treatment that person must inform an OkHSA Officer, Board Member, or Show Committee Member so these officials can handle the situation as needed.

Special Shows/Classes

- Each year the acting OkHSA Board may decide to do a 'Specialty Show'. This could include any of the following:

- T-Shirt Show
 - Exhibitors will be allowed to show in the current OkHSA t-shirt, along with the standard show attire. If they choose not to show in the t-shirt, regular show attire rules will apply. Exhibitors showing in a t-shirt other than the current OkHSA t-shirt will be considered in illegal show attire.
- Double Pointed Show
 - A double pointed show is a single show where all the points are simply doubled. It is optional to elect for double points, but it must be designated on your show bill at check in. If you elect for double points, you will get credit for 2 shows for year end. The only additional charge is for the second set of class fees, including a 20% discount.
 - Example: All day class fee: \$75
 Office Fee: \$10
 Stall: \$30
 Double Point Fee: \$75 x 20% discount = \$60
 Total: \$175
- Buckle Series
 - OkHSA may designate a set of shows to be part of a buckle series. No additional fees will apply, however exhibitors must show in every show that is deemed part of the buckle series to be eligible. Points will be combined for the set shows, and a buckle will be awarded to the winner of each division for that series.
- Jackpot Classes
 - OkHSA may elect to do random jackpot classes at a show. Unless otherwise specified, these classes would coincide with a class on the regular show bill. An additional entry fee would be required to participate in the jackpot, and payout/awards for the jackpot will be announced.

Points & Awards

- You must be an Oklahoma Horse Show Association member to qualify for and receive any awards.
- Points accumulated prior to being a current OKHSA member will not count towards any awards. Current membership must be filed prior to competing in any classes to receive those point.
- All points are calculated on an exhibitor/horse combination.

Point Calculation for Show High Points

- Every entry will be awarded 1 participation point. That point will be added to the points earned for each placing.

1st Place = 6 Points

2nd Place = 5 Points

3rd Place = 4 Points

4th Place = 3 Points

5th Place = 2 Points

6th Place = 1 Points

- Ties will be resolved by 1.) Most 1st Place wins, 2.) Most 1st and 2nd Place wins, 3.) Most classes entered.

Point Calculation for Year End Awards

- Points will be kept track of in each class according to the Point Calculation for Show High Point. These points will be added together to determine the winner of each individual class, as well as the Year End High Point awards.
- Ties will be resolved by 1.) Most 1st Place wins, 2.) Most 1st and 2nd Place wins, 3.) Most classes entered (for all around year end champion), 4.) Most times shown in that class (for individual year end award winners).

Year End Award Qualifications

- You must show at 50% + 1 of the shows during the year.
 - For the purposes of year end qualifications, any double pointed shows do NOT count as 2 separate shows. They are simply an opportunity to acquire additional points.
- When a Walk Trot Youth, Walk Trot Amateur, Novice Youth, or Novice Amateur OkHSA Member wins a Year End All Around Championship, that exhibitor will be required to move up a division, unless an exemption is made by the OkHSA Show Committee, Officers, and Board Members.

All-Around High Point & Reserve Awards will be awarded in the following divisions:

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| ▪ Open | ▪ Youth | ▪ Youth Ranch |
| ▪ Amateur | ▪ Novice Youth | ▪ Amateur Ranch |
| ▪ Novice Amateur | ▪ Walk Trot (W/T) Youth | ▪ Open Ranch |
| ▪ Walk Trot (W/T) Amateur | | |

Classes included in each division are as follows:

Open

1. Open Halter
7. Open Showmanship
15. Open Hunter Under Saddle
22. Open Equitation
31. Open Western Pleasure
38. Open Horsemanship
45. Open Reining
49. Open Trail

Novice Amateur

2. Amateur Halter Geldings
3. Amateur Halter Mares
9. Novice Amateur Showmanship
17. Novice Amateur Hunter Under Saddle
24. Novice Amateur Equitation
33. Novice Amateur Western Pleasure
40. Novice Amateur Horsemanship
46. Novice Amateur Reining
50. Novice Amateur Trail

Amateur

2. Amateur Halter Geldings
3. Amateur Halter Mares
8. Amateur Showmanship
16. Amateur Hunter Under Saddle
23. Amateur Equitation
32. Amateur Western Pleasure
39. Amateur Horsemanship
46. Amateur Reining
50. Amateur Trail

W/T Amateur

2. Amateur Halter Geldings
3. Amateur Halter Mares
10. W/T Amateur Showmanship
18. W/T Amateur Hunter Under Saddle
25. W/T Amateur Equitation
34. W/T Amateur Western Pleasure
41. W/T Amateur Horsemanship
51. W/T Amateur Trail

Youth

- 4. Youth Halter Geldings
- 5. Youth Halter Mares
- 11. Youth Showmanship
- 19. Youth Hunter Under Saddle
- 26. Youth Equitation
- 35. Youth Western Pleasure
- 42. Youth Horsemanship
- 47. Youth Reining
- 52. Youth Trail

Novice Youth

- 4. Youth Halter Geldings
- 5. Youth Halter Mares
- 12. Novice Youth Showmanship
- 20. Novice Youth Hunter Under Saddle
- 27. Novice Youth Equitation
- 36. Novice Youth Western Pleasure
- 43. Novice Youth Horsemanship
- 47. Novice Youth Reining
- 52. Novice Youth Trail

W/T Youth

- 4. Youth Halter Geldings
- 5. Youth Halter Mares
- 13. W/T Youth Showmanship
- 21. W/T Youth Hunter Under Saddle
- 28. W/T Youth Equitation
- 37. W/T Youth Western Pleasure
- 44. W/T Youth Horsemanship
- 53. W/T Youth Trail

Open Ranch

- 1. Open Ranch Halter
- 7. Open Ranch Pleasure
- 13. Open Ranch Riding
- 20. Open Ranch Trail

Amateur Ranch

- 2. Amateur Ranch Halter Geldings
- 3. Amateur Ranch Halter Mares
- 10. Amateur Ranch Pleasure
- 16. Amateur Ranch Riding
- 23. Amateur Ranch Trail

Youth Ranch

- 4. Youth Ranch Halter Geldings
- 5. Youth Ranch Halter Mares
- 11. Youth Ranch Pleasure
- 17. Youth Ranch Riding
- 24. Youth Ranch Trail

Individual Class Awards

- Each individual class will have a year-end award presented to the winner and reserve.

All-Around Exhibitor

- An All-Around Exhibitor Award will be given to the exhibitors who compete at every show.
 - If you are competing for this award you must show in at least 4 classes at every show.
This can be with one horse or with multiple horses.