

BANKS COUNTY HORSE ASSOCIATION

OPERATING RULES

BCHA (Banks County Horse Association) Rules are based on AQHA (American Quarter Horse Association) Rules. A copy of the BCHA Rules and the AQHA Rulebook are kept in the Entry Booth.

Membership Fees

Family Membership: a Family Membership is \$25.00 per family. A Family Membership is defined as a family member living in the household or stepchildren or grandchildren.

Individual Membership: an Individual Membership is \$10.00. An Individual Membership is for an adult 20 years and over.

Youth Membership: a Youth Membership is \$5.00. A Youth Membership is for someone who is 19 years and under.

Show Fees

Entry Fee for a class is \$6.00.

Daily Awards consist of either a ribbon or payback on \$5.00 60% (1st 50% - 2nd 30% - 3rd 20%)

Youth Exhibitor

A Youth is a person 19 years and under. A Youth cannot show a Stallion in any class.

Novice Exhibitor

A Novice Rider is a rider that is in their first two years of riding or you will not be considered a Novice Rider if you are a Year-End Champion.

Amateur Exhibitor

An Amateur exhibitor is a person 20 years and older that does not accept monies for training or showing a horse. Trainers are not qualified to be in Amateur classes.

Open Class Exhibitor

Open classes are for any ages or status of an exhibitor.

Jr. Western Pleasure Horse

A Junior (Jr.) Western Pleasure Horse is a horse 5 years and under.

Pony 50 Inches and Under Safety Rule for Riding

A Pony 50 Inches and under can only show in SPECIFIED PONY CLASSES. This rule is for the exhibitor and pony's safety in a riding class.

Beginner 9 and Under Walk-trot Lunge Line Class

Refer to **Exhibit 1** for the fundamentals of this class.

Beginner Youth Walk Only Class 12 and Under, Western/English

Refer to **Exhibit 2** for the fundamentals of this class.

Proper Attire

An exhibitor is required to wear proper attire for their discipline.

English and Over the Fences Exhibitors

English coats, breeches and high English heeled boots (for safety) are required.

Western Exhibitors

Western hats, long sleeve shirts with pants (slacks, jeans, trousers) and heeled boots (for safety) are required.

Running Exhibitors

Sleeved shirts, long pants and heeled boots (for safety) are required. There will be **no** shorts, tank tops, spaghetti strapped shorts or wearing tennis shoes without heels in the Running classes.

Please refer to AQHA Rule 445 for more complete definitions for English and Western events. Dress code is the Judge's discretion if adjustments are to be made.

Entries

Three entries are required in order to set up props for a class.

Classes may be combined; if this occurs the points will be tallied as separate classes.

A riding class with 20 entries or more will be split.

Qualifying for Year End Awards

You must be a member of the BCHA and show in a minimum of three shows to qualify for the Year End Awards. Please refer to **Exhibit 3** for a listing of the classes.

Points System

An exhibitor will be placed in each class shown and receive points as listed:

1 st place	7 points
2 nd place	6 points
3 rd place	5 points
4 th place	4 points
5 th place	3 points
6 th place	2 points

All other placings will receive one (1) participation point.

Point Horse in Running Events

An exhibitor's first horse will count for their points for the Year End Awards in each running class. The second or more horses that an exhibitor rides in each class will count those times for daily payback or ribbon for that class.

Patterns for Judged Classes

Patterns for judged classes will be based on AQHA patterns listed in the AQHA Rulebook (copy of book is located in the entry booth).

Patterns for Running Classes

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PAC Approved

All shows will be PAC approved with the American Paint Horse Association. This is a program for registered Paint Horses that allows the horse to earn Open Show points with the American Paint Horse Association.

Miscellaneous Rules

- All dogs must be on a controlled leash.
- The use of alcohol will not be tolerated at a BCHA function.
- A Negative Coggins is the responsibility of the horse owner/exhibitor.
- The Judge's decision is final. Rudeness from exhibitors and spectators will not be tolerated.

Rules Amendment

Any amendment to these rules will require thirty (30) days of notification to the Members and approved by a majority of the Members present at a Banks County Membership Meeting.

Exhibit 1

Beginner 9 and Under Walk-Trot Lunge Line

This class is for Beginner Riders age 9 and under that are not ready to ride without the handler present . The Riders will not participate in any other classes with the exception of Lead Line, Beginner Youth Walk-Only, In-Hand Trail, or Halter classes.

Fundamentals of the Class

One at a time the Handler with the Rider and their Horse or Pony on a Lunge Line will exhibit the exercise listed below in a timely manner. The Handler will execute the commands to the Rider to perform the following in a controlled manner.

1. Walk a Circle
2. Trot a Circle
3. Reverse
4. Walk a Circle
5. Trot a Circle
6. Handlers will Gather the Lunge Line and Walk their Riders to Line Up on the Rail. (If the Handler and Horse or Pony is being shared, the Handler needs to regroup for their next Rider. The Rider will need an adult with him or her at the rail.)

Rules:

- Riders can share a Horse or Pony.
- Riders can share a Handler.
- The Riders may show Western or English with proper attire.
- Handlers will perform this class in a timely manner.
- Handlers will be 18 years or over.
- The Judge will place the Riders.
- The Announcer will announce the Placings.

Exhibit 2

Beginner Youth Walk Only Class 12 and Under

This class is for Beginner Riders ages 12 and under that are not ready to jog their horses. The Riders will not participate in any other classes with the exception Lead Line, Walk-Trot Lunge Line, In-Hand Trail or Halter classes.

Fundamentals of the Class:

Riders will Walk in and line up on the rail and await instructions to exhibit the exercise listed below using half of the arena.

1. Walk along the Rail
2. Stop and Back up
3. Reverse
4. Walk along the Rail
5. Stop and Back up
6. Line up on the Ring Steward and/or Judge.

Rules:

- Only half of the arena will be used.
- There will be a Handler per each Rider.
- There will be extra Handlers in the arena for safety.
- A mounted Handler will be in the arena for safety.
- The Riders may show Western or English with proper attire.
- Handlers will be 18 years or over.
- The Judge will place the Riders.
- The Announcer will announce the Placings.

Exhibit 3

DIVISIONS FOR YEAR-END AWARDS in 2008

To Qualify You Must be a Member and Show in a Minimum of 3 Shows

<u>Stick Pony</u>	1	<u>Youth Western Pleasure Division</u>	
<u>Lead Line</u>	2	<u>Youth Walk-Trot Western (19 & U)</u>	30
<u>Beginner Youth Walk Only (12 & U)</u>	3	<u>Youth Western Pleasure (19 & U)</u>	35
<u>Beginner Walk-Trot Lunge Line (9 & U)</u>	4	<u>Youth/Pony Western Horsemanship (19 & U)</u>	44
<u>Pony Halter</u>	5		
<u>English Halter</u>	6	<u>Novice Walk-Trot (Western/English)</u>	32
<u>Youth Halter (9 & U)</u>	7A		
<u>Youth Halter (10-19)</u>	7B	<u>Amateur Western Division</u>	
<u>Halter 2 Yrs & Under (Horse)</u>	8	<u>Amateur Walk-Trot Western</u>	33
<u>Western Halter Stallions</u>	9	<u>Amateur Western Pleasure</u>	36
<u>Western Halter Mares</u>	10		
<u>Western Halter Geldings</u>	11	<u>Western Pleasure 20 & Over Division</u>	
<u>Color Halter</u>	12	<u>Walk-Trot (20 & O)</u>	31
<u>Youth/Pony Showmanship (19 & U)</u>	13	<u>Western Horsemanship (20 & O)</u>	45
<u>Showmanship (20 & O)</u>	14	<u>Mens OR Ladies Western Pleasure (20 & O)</u>	39 OR 40
<u>Lunge Line 2 Yrs & U (Horse)</u>	15		
<u>In-Hand Trail (20 & O)</u>	16	<u>Open Tag Team Western Pleasure</u>	41
<u>In-Hand Trail Youth/Pony (19 & U)</u>	17		
		<u>Junior Western Pleasure (Horses 5 & U)</u>	42
<u>Pony Pleasure Division</u>			
<u>Walk-Trot Pony</u>	18	<u>Youth/Pony Trail (19 & U)</u>	37
<u>Pony Pleasure</u>	20		
<u>Youth/Pony Western Horsemanship (19 & U)</u>	44	<u>Trail (20 & O)</u>	38
<u>Paso Fino Division</u>		<u>Reining</u>	46
<u>Paso Fino Pleasure</u>	19		
<u>Paso Fino Performance</u>	21	<u>Youth/Pony Cones (12 & U)</u>	48
		<u>Youth/Pony Polebending (12 & U)</u>	52
<u>English Youth 19 & Under Division</u>		<u>Youth/Pony Texas Barrels (12 & U)</u>	56
<u>Youth Walk-Trot English (19 & U)</u>	22	<u>Youth/Pony Arena (12 & U)</u>	60
<u>Youth English Pleasure (19 & U)</u>	24	<u>Youth/Pony Cloverleaf (12 & U)</u>	64
<u>Open English Equitation</u>	26		
		<u>Youth Cones (13-19)</u>	49
<u>English 20 & Over Division</u>		<u>Youth Polebending (13-19)</u>	53
<u>Walk-Trot Eng (20 & O)</u>	23	<u>Youth Texas Barrels (13-19)</u>	57
<u>English Pleasure (20 & O)</u>	25	<u>Youth Arena (13-19)</u>	61
<u>Open English Equitation</u>	26	<u>Youth Cloverleaf (13-19)</u>	65
<u>Open 18 Inches Cross Rail</u>	27	<u>Open Cones</u>	50
		<u>Open Polebending</u>	54
<u>Open Hunter Hack</u>	28	<u>Open Texas Barrels</u>	58
		<u>Open Arena</u>	62
<u>Open 2 Foot Over Fences</u>	29	<u>Open Cloverleaf</u>	66
<u>Gaited Division</u>			
<u>Open Gaited</u>	34		
<u>Style Gaited</u>	43		