

NPHA Western Division Rules 2009 – 2010

Lead Line Western – Open to western riders seven (7) years of age or under. Western attire must be worn. Judged on suitability of mount and presentation. May be asked to jog.

Must consist of: Lead Line 7 years and under
 Off Lead – Handler to stay next to horse or pony.

Beginner Western Rider – Open to riders 18 years of age and under in their first or second year of showing who have never loped or cantered in any horse show division. This is a walk/jog division.

Must consist of: Beginner Western Showmanship
 Beginner Western Horsemanship (pattern at judge's discretion)
 Beginner Western Pleasure
 Beginner Western Trail (optional for show management)

In Trail, a minimum of four (4) obstacles must be used. These obstacles must be safe and maneuverable by a child. The rider must jog in the class but not through or over an obstacle. The following obstacles are suggested: bridge, mailbox, back-up logs, or weave around cones. Prohibited obstacles are jump, side pass, gate, and dragging item.

Adult Beginner Western Rider – Open to riders 19 years of age and older in their first or second year of showing who have never loped or cantered in any horse show division. This is a walk/jog division. May not enter into Jack Benny Lope Class.

Must consist of: Adult Beginner Western Showmanship
 Adult Beginner Western Horsemanship (pattern at judge's discretion)
 Adult Beginner Western Pleasure
 Adult Beginner Western Trail (optional for show management)

12 and Under Youth – Open to children 12 years of age and under. This is a walk/jog division.

Must consist of: 12 and Under Youth Showmanship W/J
 12 and Under Youth Horsemanship W/J (pattern at judge's discretion)
 12 and Under Youth Pleasure W/J
 12 and Under Youth Trail (optional for show management)

Open Gymkhana – Open to English and Western riders of any age. Riders must wear proper attire, (Western and English riders must wear long-sleeved shirts: chaps are optional). Junior riders are required to wear SEI approved safety helmets. Points are on the rider. Pattern rules/requirements will be available from each western show manager.

Must consist of: Cloverleaf Barrels
 Pole Bending
 Keyhole

Senior Western Rider – Open to riders nineteen (19) and over. Riders may cross enter into any other eligible divisions. Points will be awarded to the rider.

Must consist of:

- Senior Rider Showmanship
- Senior Rider Horsemanship (pattern at judge's discretion)
- Senior Rider Pleasure
- Senior Rider Trail (optional for show management)

Open Western – Open to riders of any age on any age horse or pony. Points on the horse or pony. Must show in three (3) other classes to be eligible for the Stake Class.

Must consist of at least four of the following classes.

- Open Walk/Jog
- Open Showmanship (pattern at judge's discretion)
- Open Horsemanship
- Open Western Riding (simple changes acceptable)
- Open Trail
- Open Western Pleasure Stake
- Green Reining

Jack Benny Western – Open to riders thirty-five (35) years and over. Schooling attire will not be penalized. Show attire not mandated, but only riders with proper attire may cross enter into other eligible divisions. Points are on the rider only.

Must consist of:

- Jack Benny Showmanship
- Jack Benny Pleasure – W/J
- Jack Benny-W/J/L
- Jack Benny Horsemanship – W/J
- Jack Benny Trail (optional for show management)

Halter – This division will award each subdivision a champion, reserve and 3rd through 6th place ribbons. The Halter Division must offer all three (3) subdivisions. The top two horses in sections A, B, and C will return for a championship class at each NPHA event.

Section A Open to fillies and mares of all breeds

Section B Open to geldings and stallions of all breeds. Handlers of stallions must be over 18.

Section C: Two-years-old (as of Jan1), Open to mares, geldings, stallions without exception to height, breed.

*In addition the 1st and 2nd place horse in the Championship Class will be awarded the following points: 1st - 2 points
2nd - 1 point.*

Open Driving – This division is open to any breed of horse or pony, including draft horses. The division is open to exhibitors of any age and is a two-wheel cart class. Racing sulkies, jog carts, and chariots are prohibited. Drivers under eighteen (18) years of age must wear a safety helmet and be accompanied by a adult attendant. Exhibitors must be neatly attired. **For points to count, participants must be entered in two (2) of the three (3) classes.**

Open Pleasure Driving – To be shown both ways of the ring at a flat walk, park gait, and a road gait. May be asked to halt and back. Exhibitors will be asked to reverse on the diagonal across the ring at the direction of the ring steward.

Reinsmanship – This is an equitation class to be shown both ways of the ring at a flat walk, park gait, and a road gait. May be asked to halt and back. Exhibitors will be asked to reverse on the diagonal across the ring at the direction of the ring steward.

Obstacle Driving – A pattern will be posted one (1) hour before the start of the division. Obstacles will include such things as mailbox, cones, traps, (or other materials to cross over), and a walk –in and back–out with poles or white lines as markers.