HORSE SHOW EXHIBITOR HANDBOOK
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Horse Show Trailer Parking Location

All horses will check in at NRG Arena. After unloading, all horse trailers will park at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo property located at the intersection of Loop 610 and Kirby. Horse Trailers will enter the property via Kirby Dr. Exhibitor vehicles will park in the Horse Exhibitor parking lot.

For additional information, contact:

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Daily Show Schedule

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27
8 a.m. NCHA 4 Year Old – Open, Non Pro and Ltd Non Pro
NCHA $5,000 Novice Horse Cutting (Show A)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28
8 a.m. *Finals: 4 yr old Open/Ltd/NP*
NCHA Non Pro Cutting (Show A)
NCHA $50,000 Limit Amateur Cutting (Show A)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29
8 a.m. NCHA Youth - Sr Youth *followed by* Jr Youth (Show A)
NCHA $25,000 Novice Non Pro Cutting (Show A)
NCHA $35,000 Non Pro Cutting (Show A)

SUNDAY, MARCH 1
8 a.m. NCHA Youth - Sr Youth *followed by* Jr Youth (Show B)
NCHA $15,000 Limit Amateur Cutting (Show A)
NCHA Open Cutting (Show A)
*Finals: $35,000 Non Pro (Show A)*

MONDAY, MARCH 2
8 a.m. NCHA $5,000 Novice Non Pro Cutting (Show A)
NCHA $25,000 Novice Horse Cutting (Show A)
NCHA Non Pro Cutting (Show B)
*Finals: $15,000 Limit Amateur (Show A)*

TUESDAY, MARCH 3
8 a.m. NCHA $5,000 Novice Horse Cutting (Show B)
NCHA $35,000 Non Pro Cutting (Show B)
NCHA $50,000 Limit Amateur Cutting (Show B)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4
8 a.m. NCHA $25,000 Novice Non Pro Cutting (Show B)
NCHA $15,000 Limit Amateur Cutting (Show B)
NCHA Open Cutting (Show B)
*Finals: $35,000 Non Pro (Show B)*

THURSDAY, MARCH 5
8 a.m. NCHA $5,000 Novice Non Pro (Show B)
NCHA $25,000 Novice Horse (Show B)
*Finals: $15,000 Limit Amateur (Show B)*

FRIDAY, MARCH 6
9 a.m. Cowboy Mounted Shooting

SATURDAY, MARCH 7
9 a.m. Cowboy Mounted Shooting

SUNDAY, MARCH 8
7 a.m. Ranch Horse Event

MONDAY, MARCH 9
8 a.m. AQHA Calf Roping
All Breed Youth Calf Roping
3 p.m. *Tie Down Roping Challenge*
TUESDAY, MARCH 10
  8 a.m.  AQHA Team Roping
         All Breed Youth Team Roping
  3 p.m.  Team Roping Challenge

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11
  8 a.m.  AQHA Barrel Racing
          APHA Barrel Racing
          All Breed Youth Barrel Racing

THURSDAY, MARCH 12
  8 a.m.  AQHA Pole Bending
          APHA Pole Bending
          All Breed Youth Pole Bending

FRIDAY, MARCH 13
  11 a.m. Ranch Rodeo – Go Round One
  7 p.m.  Ranch Rodeo – Go Round Two

SATURDAY, MARCH 14
  11 a.m. Ranch Rodeo – Go Round Three
  8 p.m.  Ranch Rodeo - Finals

SUNDAY, MARCH 15
  7 a.m.  RSNC Ranch Sorting Events

MONDAY, MARCH 16
  7 a.m.  RSNC Ranch Sorting Events

TUESDAY, MARCH 17
  8 a.m.  Paint Horse English Performance, Trail and Ranch Events

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18
  8 a.m.  Paint Horse Halter, Showmanship, and Western Performance Events

THURSDAY, MARCH 19
  8 a.m.  Youth Horse Show Western Performance Events

FRIDAY, MARCH 20
  8 a.m.  Youth Horse Show Halter, Showmanship, and English Performance Events

SATURDAY, MARCH 21
  8 a.m.  Donkey and Mule Trail, Ranch Riding, Western Performance
  2 p.m.  Coon Mule Jump
  3 p.m.  Mule Pull

SUNDAY, MARCH 22
  8 a.m.  Donkey and Mule Halter, Showmanship, English Performance, Driving, and Speed Events
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 - 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, drug, 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, P.O. Box 20070, Houston, Texas 77225.

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 (faxes are acceptable; fax to 832-667-1140) 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,
P. O. Box 20070, Houston, Texas 77225-0070
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 arising from causes beyond the reasonable control of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and which delays or prevents performance by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo otherwise required by this agreement, 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, or rules issued by governmental authorities; (iv) judicial decrees or orders; (v) acts of God; (vi) animal diseases and/or quarantines; (vii) wars, riots or insurrections; (viii) civil disobediences, public demonstrations or sabotage; (ix) fires, floods, 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) other causes 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.

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. Unsportsmanlike Conduct: Unsportsmanlike conduct by any exhibitor, trainer or rider will not be tolerated and any violator will be excused from the arena. The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo cooperates fully with the drug testing programs currently in place within the APHA, AQHA, NCHA. 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 for the remainder of the Show.

3. 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.

Procedures for Entry

4. Dogs: Dogs are not allowed on Show grounds. (Exception: those dogs aiding the handicapped, or those dogs under contract with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo).

5. 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, P.O. Box 20070, Houston, Texas 77225. 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.

6. Acceptance of Entry: The management reserves the right to refuse, accept conditionally and/or to 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.

7. Entry Deadline Dates: Entries close Feb. 1. Post Office postmark will be accepted over meter when both are present.

8. Late Entries: Late entries will be accepted after the closing date of Feb. 1, but only under the following conditions: any entry postmarked after Feb. 1, but received in the Horse Show Office by Feb. 10 will be required to pay a late penalty as noted on the entry form. No new entries will be taken after Feb. 10.

9. Cancellations: Cancellations must be in the Horse Show Office by 5 p.m., Feb. 10. All cancellations must be in writing (fax acceptable to 832-667-1140 or 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, 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.

10. 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 (fax acceptable to 832-667-1140 or 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.

11. Additions: Classes may be added for any entry received in the Horse Show Office by the closing date of Feb. 10. Classes added after the regular entry deadline of Feb. 1 will be required to pay the appropriate late penalty. All additions must be in writing (fax acceptable to 832-667-1140 or e-mail to horseshow@rodeohouston.com). Changes or additions will be accepted until 4 p.m. the day before the class is held. Additions cannot be made to NCHA classes after the draw has been conducted.

12. 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.

13. Class Level: Junior Horses are 5 years of age and younger by their calendar year (foaled in 2015 or later) and Senior Horses are 6 years of age and older by their calendar year (foaled in 2014 or earlier).

14. 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 his class.

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. 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.

18. 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.

19. Protests: Any person wishing to protest an animal’s eligibility in any class may do so by submitting a protest in writing, to the management, stating the reasons and evidence in support of such claim. The protest 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, Show Manager or member of the Show Committee within 48 hours of the alleged violation. The protest must be accompanied by a deposit of $50 which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained. In the event the protest is sustained, the $50 will be refunded to the person making the protest. 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.

20. Special Awards: Awards will be presented following the conclusion of the show or as soon as points can be tabulated. Winners must be present to receive awards, as they cannot be mailed.
21. Ties: All ties affecting point earning places must be broken. In the event of a tie for first place, a work-off will be held to determine the winner. Ties for all other places will be determined by a coin toss. 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.

Feed and Stalling

22. 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.

23. 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.

24. 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 passes 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.

25. Stall Fees: All animals in every division must pay a stall fee for each animal entered. A $150 stall fee is required for each animal entered in the NCHA cutting division. A $75 stall fee is required for each animal entered in any other division. A $150 stall fee is required by Feb. 1 for turnback horses in the cutting division. A tack stall fee of $150 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 any other division. Tack stalls will be assigned only if they are available. If an animal is entered in more than one breed/division, a stall fee must be paid in each breed/division entered. Stall fees are non-refundable. Tack stall fees will be refunded if tack stalls are not available.

26. 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.

27. 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

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

29. 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.

30. 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.

31. 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

32. Exhibitor Parking and Passes: Each owner will be provided with a set number of exhibitor badges. These will be picked up on arrival at the Show. Exhibitor badges cannot be purchased; however, admission passes will be sold on arrival at the Show. Exhibitors caught abusing or transferring these badges 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

33. 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.

34. 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.

35. 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

36. 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 or equine identification card or equine go pass 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.

DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE 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 dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with a disability, dogs under contract with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo for demonstration and entertainment purposes, and dogs entered in the Sheepdog Trials. 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, and All Breed Youth Roping/Speed events) Youth entering open classes will pay the open class fee and these fees are not subject to this policy.

2. Late fees for each youth class will be double the entry fee. Exception to this is NCHA, which has a penalty of $200 per class for each late entry.

3. 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 All Breed Youth Roping/Speed events) *. 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 9, Page 10, 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.

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

5. 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.

6. 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 - Lamar, CO  
Seth Kirchner - Clarinda, IA  
Foster Johnston - Purcell, OK

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27
8 a.m.  NCHA 4 Year Old – Open, Non Pro and Ltd Non Pro  
NCHA $5,000 Novice Horse Cutting (Show A)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28
8 a.m.  Final: 4 Yr Old Open/Ltd/NP  
NCHA Non Pro Cutting (Show A)  
NCHA $50,000 Limit Amateur Cutting (Show A)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29
8 a.m.  NCHA Youth - Sr Youth followed by Jr Youth (Show A)  
NCHA $25,000 Novice Non Pro Cutting (Show A)  
NCHA $35,000 Non Pro Cutting (Show A)

SUNDAY, MARCH 1
8 a.m.  NCHA Youth - Sr Youth followed by Jr Youth (Show B)  
NCHA $15,000 Limit Amateur Cutting (Show A)  
NCHA Open Cutting (Show A)  
Finals: $35,000 Non Pro (Show A)

MONDAY, MARCH 2
8 a.m.  NCHA $5,000 Novice Non Pro Cutting (Show A)  
NCHA $25,000 Novice Horse Cutting (Show A)  
NCHA Non Pro Cutting (Show B)  
Finals: $15,000 Limit Amateur (Show A)

TUESDAY, MARCH 3
8 a.m.  NCHA $5,000 Novice Non Pro Cutting (Show B)  
NCHA $35,000 Non Pro Cutting (Show B)  
NCHA $50,000 Limit Amateur Cutting (Show B)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4
8 a.m.  NCHA $25,000 Novice Non Pro Cutting (Show B)  
NCHA $15,000 Limit Amateur Cutting (Show B)  
NCHA Open Cutting (Show B)  
Finals: $35,000 Non Pro (Show B)

THURSDAY, MARCH 5
8 a.m.  NCHA $5,000 Novice Non Pro (Show B)  
NCHA $25,000 Novice Horse (Show B)  
Finals: $15,000 Limit Amateur (Show B)
To make up the purse in each class the added money will be added to class fees as follows:

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**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 Web site 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. 1. Entries made after Feb. 1 will be considered late entries and will be taken only with a penalty of $200 per class. Late entries will be taken and must be in the Horse Show office by 5 p.m. Feb. 10. These must be in writing (fax acceptable to 832-667-1140). No late entries will be taken after Feb. 10. 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, with the exception of the 4 Year Old Open/Non Pro/Ltd Non Pro, $15,000 Limit Amateur and $35,000 Non Pro, will be one go round only.

7. Three horses may be ridden in the 4 year old open class. Two horses may be ridden in the 4 year old non pro and ltd non pro 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. A maximum of 12 horses will be taken to the finals in the 4 Year Old Open/Non Pro/Ltd Non Pro, $15,000 Limit Amateur and $35,000 Non Pro. If more than 12 horses qualify for the finals due to ties in the 12th place, contestants tied for 12th place will go to the finals. 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. At the discretion of the Show management, additional cattle may be added to the finals’ cattle.

13. The go-round score will determine the finalists for the 4 Year Old Open/Non Pro/Ltd Non Pro, $15,000 Limit Amateur and $35,000 Non-Pro. Finals purse will be paid based on the score for the Finals Round. Champions in these classes will be determined by the finals score. In the event of a tie for first place, the winner of the awards will be determined by a coin toss and the purse will be distributed as per the NCHA Rules (exception: youth classes). Ties for all other places will be determined by a coin toss and the purse will be distributed as per the NCHA Rules based on the number of entries in each contest. In the event of a tie for first place in the junior or senior youth classes, a saddle will be awarded to all first place winners. All other prizes will be split equally. For ties in all other placings in the junior or senior youth classes, a coin toss will determine the winner of the prizes and the purse will be distributed as per the NCHA Rules based on the number of entries in each contest.
# Fees Per Show

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NCHA Cutting Awards

Champions of $15,000 Limit Amateur, $35,000 Non Pro, Jr Youth, Sr Youth Will Be Awarded:

- Custom Saddle
- Custom Buckle
- Champion Halter and Lead Rope

Reserve Champions of $15,000 Limit Amateur, $35,000 Non Pro, Jr Youth, Sr Youth Will Be Awarded:

- Custom Buckle
- Reserve Champion Halter and Lead Rope

Champions of 4 Year Old Open, Non Pro, Ltd Non Pro Will Be Awarded:

- Custom Buckle
- Champion Halter and Lead Rope

Reserve Champions of 4 Year Old Open, Non Pro, Ltd Non Pro Will Be Awarded:

- Custom Buckle
- Reserve Champion Halter and Lead Rope

Additional Youth Awards (Jr Youth and Sr Youth):

- Cowhide Duffle Bag to First Place
- Custom award tumbler to Second Place
- Trophy Spurs and Cooler Sheet to Third Place
- Cutting Horse Jacket

All Other Classes Will Be Awarded:

- Custom Buckle to Champion
- Cutting Horse Vest to Top 5
- Halter & Lead Rope to Top 5

All Finalists from $15,000 Limit Amateur, $35,000 Non Pro, 4 Year Old Classes will receive a Cutting Horse Vest. All award winners will be determined by Finals score only.
Thanks to the following donors for their generous contribution to the Cutting Horse Committee

Curtis & Terri Jones
Scot & Trisha Hillman Phillip
Wells Fargo
22 Ranch, David and Erin Gorka
Clearwater Utilities/Clear Pave
Justin Boots
Southern American Insurance Agency
Autumn Hugo
Schlumberger
Charles Hughes
Harold Reese Jewelry
Mark Johnson
Becky & Steve Drake
David Cravens
Brenda and Lyndel Berry
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Mike Rutherford
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JoAnn Coats
Ty Tipton
Triple Crown Resources
Gretchen Ferreira
Thomas Gotliboski
Stephanie Gusmeri
Kevin Holmes
Susan M. Maddox
Ranch Horse Competition

Judge: Richard Spinks – Cypress, TX

Sunday, March 8

7 a.m. Ranch Horse Competition

Special Rules – Ranch Horse Competition

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All classes in this show will be conducted strictly in full 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.

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 classes.

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:

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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.

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Ranch Horse Competition - Class Schedule

Sunday, March 8 – 7 a.m.

1. Open Ranch Trail
2. Amateur Ranch Trail
3. Youth Ranch Trail 18 & Under
4. Open Ranch Rail Pleasure
5. Amateur Ranch Rail Pleasure
6. Youth Ranch Rail Pleasure 18 & Under
7. Open Ranch Riding
8. Amateur Ranch Riding
9. Youth Ranch Riding 18 & Under
10. Open Ranch Conformation
11. Amateur Ranch Conformation
12. Youth Ranch Conformation 18 & Under

Special Awards

Open High Point - Points will be earned on a one-horse, multiple rider combination. A trophy saddle will be awarded by the Ranch Horse Committee. The classes that will count for this award are 1, 4, 7, and 10.

Open Reserve High Point - Points will be earned on a one-horse, multiple rider combination. A trophy bronc halter 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 trophy saddle will be awarded by the Ranch Horse Committee. The classes that will count for this award are 2, 5, 8, and 11.

Amateur Reserve High Point - Points will be earned on a one-horse, one-rider combination. A trophy bronc halter 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 trophy saddle will be awarded by the Ranch Horse Committee. The classes that will count for this award are 3, 6, 9, and 12.

Youth Reserve High Point - Points will be earned on a one-horse, one-rider combination. A trophy bronc halter 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.

Without your help, this show would not be possible.
Quarter Horse Show

Judges: Rick Chayer – Sperry, OK - Roping  
Delena Doyle – Azle, TX – Roping and Speed Events  
Kenny Hall – Conroe, TX – Speed Events  
Richard Spinks – Cypress, TX - Roping  
Sharon Wellman – Conroe, TX – Speed Events

Monday, March 9
8 a.m. Breakaway and Tie Down Roping Events, including Youth

Tuesday, March 10
8 a.m. Heading and Heeling Events, including Youth

Wednesday, March 11
8 a.m. Barrel Racing, including Youth

Thursday, March 12
8 a.m. Pole Bending, Including Youth

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**

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Special Rules - Quarter Horse Show

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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 as follows based on the number of horses shown in a class.

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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%).

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Quarter Horse Show - Class Schedule

Monday, March 9 – 8 a.m.

1. AQHA Amateur Breakaway Roping
2. AQHA Youth Breakaway Roping
3. All Breed Youth Breakaway Roping
4. AQHA Junior Tie Down Roping
5. AQHA Amateur Tie Down Roping
6. AQHA Senior Tie Down Roping
7. AQHA Youth Tie Down Roping
8. All Breed Youth Tie Down Roping

Tuesday, March 10 – 8 a.m.

9. AQHA Junior Heading
10. AQHA Junior Heeling
11. AQHA Amateur Heading
12. AQHA Amateur Heeling
13. AQHA Senior Heading
14. AQHA Senior Heeling
15. AQHA Youth Heading
16. All Breed Youth Heading
17. AQHA Youth Heeling
18. All Breed Youth Heeling

Wednesday, March 11 – 8 a.m.

19. AQHA Junior Barrel Race
20. AQHA Amateur Barrel Race
21. AQHA Senior Barrel Race
22. AQHA Youth Barrel Race 13 & Under
23. AQHA Youth Barrel Race 14-18
24. All Breed Youth Barrel Race 18 & Under

Thursday, March 12 – 8 a.m.

25. AQHA Junior Pole Bending
26. AQHA Amateur Pole Bending
27. AQHA Senior Pole Bending
28. AQHA Youth Pole Bending 13 & Under
29. AQHA Youth Pole Bending 14-18
30. All Breed Youth Pole Bending 18 & Under
Special Awards – Quarter Horse Show
***Attention ALL Exhibitors***

**High Point Open Speed Horse:** Points will be earned on a one-horse, multiple rider combination. A $1,000 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 19, 21, 25, and 27.

**High Point Amateur Speed Horse:** Points will be earned on a one-horse, one rider combination. A $1,000 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 20 and 26.

**High Point Open Roping Horse:** Points will be earned on a one-horse, multiple rider combination. A $1,000 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 4, 6, 9, 10, 13, and 14.

**High Point Amateur Roping Horse:** Points will be earned on a one-horse, one rider combination. A $1,000 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, 5, 11, and 12.

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.
Thanks to the Following Who Have Supported
The Quarter Horse Show Through Their Donations

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QUARTER HORSE ROPING CLASSES

March 9-10, 2020

Junior, Senior and Amateur Roping $2,000 added to half of class entry fees
Youth Roping $800 total purse

Junior, Senior, Amateur and Youth Roping

Entries close Feb. 1.
(see General Rule #8 for late fee schedule)

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March 11, 2020

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Roping Challenge Rules
March 9-10, 2020

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

1. All contestants in the Roping Challenge will be under the supervision of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and all General Rules and Regulations published in the 2020 Horse Show Exhibitor Handbook will apply unless otherwise stated in the special rules of the Roping 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 and no protests will be permitted.

2. The roping challenge will include the top 25 ropers/teams from the AQHA tie down roping, heading and heeling events. No entry is needed for the Roping Challenge. Horses entered in the AQHA roping events are automatically eligible for the Roping Challenge.

3. Tie Down Roping – requires an entry in AQHA Junior Tie Down, Senior Tie Down, or Amateur Tie Down. The top 25 times of these three AQHA classes combined will compete for a purse of $12,500 to be distributed to the top 5 as follows:

   30% - 25% - 20% - 15% - 10%

4. Team Roping – requires an entry in AQHA Junior Heading, Junior Heeling, Amateur Heading, Amateur Heeling, Senior Heading, or Senior Heeling. The top 25 times of these six AQHA classes will compete for a purse of $12,500 to be distributed to the top 5 as follows:

   30% - 25% - 20% - 15% - 10%

5. The AQHA roping events will be judged and AQHA points will be awarded accordingly. While these classes are being judged, times will also be recorded and the horses recording the fastest times from the class combinations listed above will qualify for the Roping Challenge. **If a horse receives a no score while being judged in the AQHA roping events, the time will be recorded as a no time.**

6. A horse may qualify for more than one of the top positions in either the AQHA tie down roping or team roping. For example a horse entered in the senior tie down and amateur tie down may record two of the fastest times. In this case, the horse will make two runs in the Roping Challenge and will be eligible for two placings.

7. In the team roping, a horse that records one of the fastest times while entered in the heading events must compete in the Roping Challenge as a head horse. A horse that records one of the fastest times while entered in the heeling events must compete as a heel horse.

8. **The Roping Challenge will be a one go round event with prize money awarded as listed above. The time recorded in the qualifying AQHA classes WILL BE added to the Roping Challenge time for an average time on two head.**

9. American Quarter Horse Association Rules will govern the AQHA roping events, and Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Roping Challenge event rules will govern the Roping Challenge.

10. Humane treatment of animals must be exercised at all times by all exhibitors and their employees.
11. Any contestant found ineligible for the AQHA class for which they qualified for the Roping Challenge will be disqualified from the Roping Challenge. Premium checks will be held pending verification of eligibility for the AQHA classes.

12. **The horse and rider combination judged in the AQHA roping classes must remain the same in the Roping Challenge. No substitutions will be allowed. Team Ropers may NOT change partners for the Roping Challenge.**

13. 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.

14. Contestants shall start from behind a barrier. A 10 second penalty shall be assessed for breaking the barrier. If the barrier fails to work but a time is recorded, the contestant or team will receive that time. Barrier penalty will be waived unless flagman determines barrier is obviously beaten by contestant. If timer fails to work, contestant or team will receive a re-run.

15. No contestant or contestant teams may be in the arena during events except for the contestant(s) actively involved in the current run.

16. 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.

17. Flagman shall position himself for tie-down roping at the end of the arena, allowing him to come toward the roper. For team roping, flagman shall place himself on the right hand side of the timed-event box when facing box.

18. If a calf or 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 or team 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 or steer until the flagman or the Show Veterinarian excuses him. The injured animal will immediately be removed from the arena for assessment and treatment.

19. If the flagman flags the contestant or team out due to animal injury, the contestant or team will be granted a re-run whether the animal was actually injured or not.

20. 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 jump or any loop used. Contestant must make an effort at a second loop or jump or be flagged out automatically. Once a contestant has been flagged out, he will receive no stock back.

21. In all events, the contestant or team must compete in the drawn working order.

22. There shall be no consecutive runs on the same horse.

23. A contestant or team may not have someone rattle the chute for him.

24. Only the horses needed during the actual competition in the event will be allowed in the boxes during any timed event and/or noncompetitive runs.

25. There shall be at least two timers.

26. All timed event contestants must compete from the same box designated for their event. Team Roping – header must start from the left box (as viewed from the box facing the arena); Heeler must start from right box. Tie-down roping – right box must be used.
27. 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.

TIE DOWN ROPING

1. 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”.

2. Two loops 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. If roper intends to use two loops, he must carry two ropes and must use second rope for second loop. If a second rope is used, the first rope must first be released from either the saddle or the calf. Violation of this rule could result in a “no time”.

3. There will be a 25 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 25 second span. This rule shall not apply to legal ties completed in less than 25 seconds but which, due to a penalty, are recorded as having taken more than 25 seconds

4. 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.

5. **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.

6. Contestants must follow tack/equipment rules as listed in the 2020 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 roping challenge.

7. All prize monies will be paid to the owner of the horse as noted on the official entry form.

DALLY TEAM ROPING

1. Each contestant will be allowed to carry only one rope. Each team will be allowed TWO loops total (one loop at each end). Roping steers without turning loose of the loop will be considered no catch. Roper must rope, dally and change direction of steer. Any heeler 50 years of age or older may tie hard and fast. 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. All headers shall start from behind a barrier. A 10 second penalty will be added for breaking or beating a barrier. There shall be no heel barrier; however, if heeler, in the opinion of the flagman, pushes the steer to the left, no rerun shall be given.
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: Around the horns, half a head, or 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. In the team roping, if in the opinion of the flagman, the steer falls before it crosses the scoreline, the contestants shall be entitled to a rerun. There will be no penalty added to the rerun if, in the opinion of the flagman, the contestants did not deliberately beat the barrier.

11. If a steer falls when turned by the header, the team may be entitled to a rerun if, in the opinion of the flagman, the fall was not caused by the ropers. Steers must be standing up when roped by head and heels.

12. Contestants must follow tack/equipment rules as listed in the 2020 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 roping challenge.

13. All prize monies will be paid to the owner of the horse which qualified for the Roping Challenge.
Ranch Rodeo

Friday, March 13

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

Saturday, March 14

11:00 a.m. Ranch Rodeo – Go Round Three
8:00 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 be accepted
   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, 2020.

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 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.

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, 2020.**
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 discretion 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.

10. **SCORING, TIME LIMITS, PENALTIES, GENERAL EVENT RULES**

11. **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.

12. **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.

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 three (3) 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 a spent rope from saddle and horse. (Coiled 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 Performances**

   1) Sorting
   2) Pasture Doctoring
   3) Ranch Bronc Riding

   **Working Order – Finals Performance**

   1) Sorting
   2) Pasture Doctoring
   3) Ranch Bronc Riding
   4) Mugging
   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 cow 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 cattle 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 three (3) 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.

MUGGING
1. Team will consist of four or five cowboys 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 starts when the first rider crosses the line.
4. Correct cattle number will be cut from the herd. Any undesignated head across the line will result in a no time.
5. Cattle must be across the line before it can be roped. Team is not responsible for herd after designated cattle has been cleared for competition.
6. 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.

7. If the designated cow is sorted and crosses back over the line then the cow must be sorted again according to Event Rule # 4, and entire herd must be moved back across the line BEFORE designated cow can be sorted.

8. If cattle are jerked down, cattle must be let up before being flanked and tied.

9. All members can mug and anyone can tie. Time will stop when any three legs are tied and the rope is removed. Cattle must stay tied for six (6) seconds after time stops.

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

- $149,500 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
- $92,500 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)

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RSNC Ranch Sorting Competition

Sunday, March 15
7 a.m. Ranch Sorting

Monday, March 16
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: All Levels, Western Heritage - #3 and Under, Western Heritage - #4 and Over, #14 Ranch Hand, #13 Mixed, #11 Ranch Hand, #11 Rookie, #10 Beginner Ranch Hand, #10 Masters, #8, #6 (4 incentive), Youth.

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 all who have supported Team Penning and Ranch Sorting through their generous donations.
Paint Horse Show

Judges: Delena Doyle – Azle, TX – Speed Events  
Tanya Green – Aubrey, TX – Halter and Performance  
Kenny Hall – Conroe, TX – Speed Events  
Sharon Wellmann – Conroe, TX – Halter, Performance and Speed Events  
Daren Wright – Chillicothe, OH – Halter and Performance

Wednesday, March 11  
8 a.m. Barrel Racing

Thursday, March 12  
8 a.m. Pole Bending

Tuesday, March 17  
8 a.m. English Performance, Trail, and Ranch

Wednesday, March 18  
8 a.m. Halter, Showmanship, and Western Performance

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 Web site 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.

2. Awards

| High Point Open Performance | Classes Halter + 20, 34, 37, 40, 96 & 114 |
| High Point Amateur         | Per APHA Rule AM-100                     |
| High Point Novice Amateur  | Per APHA Rule AM-100 Classes 10, 14, 29, 42, 98 & 109 |
| High Point Novice Youth    | Per APHA YP-095 Classes 9, 13, 27, 41, 97 & 107 |
| High Point Youth           | Per APHA YP-095                         |
| High Point Youth Walk/Trot | Classes 22, 23, 25, 46, 103 & 104 only |
| High Point Amateur Walk/Trot | Classes 21, 24, 26, 47, 102 & 106 only |
| High Point Solid Paint Bred | Classes Halter + 4, 8, 19, 33 & 113     |

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.

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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.

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Paint Horse Show - Class Schedule

Wednesday, March 11 - 8 a.m.

1. Youth Barrel Race – 18 & Under
2. Amateur Barrel Race
3. Barrel Race (All Ages)
4. SPB Barrel Race

Thursday, March 12 - 8 a.m.

5. Youth Pole Bending - 18 & Under
6. Amateur Pole Bending
7. Pole Bending (All Ages)
8. SPB Pole Bending
### Tuesday, March 17 - 8 a.m.

***Practice Hunter Under Saddle (Not Judged) -- $5 at the Gate***

9. Novice Youth Hunt Seat Equitation  
10. Novice Amateur Hunt Seat Equitation  
11. Youth Hunt Seat Equitation – 18 & Under  
12. Amateur Hunt Seat Equitation  
13. Novice Youth Hunter Under Saddle  
14. Novice Amateur Hunter Under Saddle  
15. Green Hunter Under Saddle  
17. Youth Hunter Under Saddle – 18 & Under  
18. Amateur Hunter Under Saddle  
19. SPB Hunter Under Saddle  
20. Hunter Under Saddle (All Ages)  
21. Amateur Walk/Trot Hunt Seat Equitation  
22. Youth Walk/Trot Hunt Seat Equitation – 5-10  
23. Youth Walk/Trot Hunter Under Saddle – 5-10  
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31. Youth Trail – 18 & Under  
32. Amateur Trail  
33. SPB Trail  
34. Trail (All Ages)  
35. Youth Ranch Reining  
36. Amateur Ranch Reining  
37. Open Ranch Reining  
38. Youth Ranch Riding  
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Special Awards – Paint Horse Show

High Point Youth 13 & Under – A cooler sheet and $300 cash award will be presented.

Reserve High Point Youth 13 & Under – A cooler sheet and $250 cash award will be presented.

High Point 18 & Under – A cooler sheet and $300 cash award will be presented.

Reserve High Point 18 & Under – A cooler sheet and $250 cash award will be presented.

High Point Novice Youth – A cooler sheet and $300 cash award will be presented.

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High Point Novice Amateur Performance – A cooler sheet and $300 cash award will be presented.

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High Point Amateur Performance – A cooler sheet and $300 cash award will be presented.

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High Point Open Performance Horse - A cooler sheet and $300 cash award will be presented.

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High Point Youth Walk/Trot – A $300 cash award will be presented.

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High Point Amateur Walk/Trot - A $300 cash award will be presented.

Reserve High Point Amateur Walk/Trot – A $250 cash award will be presented.

High Point Solid Paint Bred – A $300 cash award will be presented.

Reserve High Point Solid Paint Bred – A $250 cash award will be presented.

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

Special Thanks To Our Early Horse Show Donors

Marchal Stevenson Elevator/Debi Yerex
William Folger

Kim & Alan Folger
Sally & Maggie Griffin/Jimmie Green Properties
Youth Horse Show

Judges: Tanya Green – Aubrey, TX  
       Michael Ochetto – Belcher, LA  
       Carly Veldman Parks – Sabina, OH

Monday, March 9  
  8 a.m.  AQHA and All Breed Youth Calf Roping

Tuesday, March 10  
  8 a.m.  AQHA and All Breed Youth Team Roping

Wednesday, March 11  
  8 a.m.  AQHA and All Breed Youth Barrel Racing

Thursday, March 12  
  8 a.m.  AQHA and All Breed Youth Pole Bending

Thursday, March 19  
  8 a.m.  Western Performance Events

Friday, March 20  
  8 a.m.  Halter, Showmanship, and English Performance Events

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 Web site at www.rodeohouston.com.

All classes in this show will be conducted strictly in full 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.

1. Horse Eligibility: Any registered horse is eligible to be exhibited in All Breed classes. Any unregistered horse will be eligible to compete in the Grade classes only. Any horse registered with the American Quarter Horse Association is eligible to be exhibited in the AQHA classes.

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 Handbooks.
5. Ranch Classes: Ranch classes will be conducted in accordance with the current AQHA Versatility Ranch Horse Rules.

6. Class Premiums: Premium money will be paid in all youth classes (see specific payout rules for All Breed Youth Roping and Speed Events). 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 5-9. 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) may be shown in this class.

8. The Youth Roping Challenge will follow the Open Roping Challenge each day. See specific guidelines for this event.

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See Special Rules for All Breed Roping and Speed Events

Monday, March 9

1. All Breed Breakaway Roping – 18 & Under
2. All Breed Tie Down Roping – 18 & Under

Tuesday, March 10

3. All Breed Heading – 18 & Under
4. All Breed Heeling – 18 & Under

Wednesday, March 11

5. All Breed Barrel Racing – 18 & Under

Thursday, March 12

6. All Breed Pole Bending – 18 & Under
Youth Horse Show - Class Schedule

Thursday, March 19- 6 a.m.

***Trail Clinic – free to all youth horse show exhibitors***

Thursday, March 19 – 8 a.m.

7. Walk/Trot Trail – 5 – 9 years of age (any horse)
8. All Breed Trail 18 & Under
9. Grade Trail 18 & Under
10. AQHA Novice Youth Trail
11. AQHA Trail 13 & Under
12. AQHA Trail 14-18
13. Leadline – 6 & Under (any horse)
14. Walk/Trot Western Pleasure – 5 – 9 years of age (any horse)
15. All Breed Western Pleasure 13 & Under
16. All Breed Western Pleasure 14-18
17. Grade Western Pleasure 18 & Under
18. AQHA Novice Youth Western Pleasure
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21. Walk/Trot Western Horsemanship – 5 – 9 years of age (any horse)
22. All Breed Western Horsemanship 13 & Under
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24. Grade Western Horsemanship 18 & Under
25. AQHA Novice Youth Western Horsemanship
26. AQHA Western Horsemanship 13 & Under
27. AQHA Western Horsemanship 14-18
28. All Breed Ranch Riding
29. All Breed Reining
30. Grade Reining
31. AQHA Reining
32. All Breed Ranch Reining
Friday, March 20 - 6 a.m.

***Equitation Clinic – free to all youth horse show exhibitors***

Friday, March 20 - 8 a.m.

| 33. | All Breed Mares 2 & Under                  |
| 34. | All Breed Mares 3 & Over                   |
| 35. | Grand & Reserve Champion All Breed Mare    |
| 36. | Grade Mares 2 & Under                      |
| 37. | Grade Mares 3 & Over                       |
| 38. | Grand & Reserve Champion Grade Mare        |
| 39. | AQHA Yearling Mares                        |
| 40. | AQHA 2 Yr Old Mares                        |
| 41. | AQHA 3 Yr Old Mares                        |
| 42. | AQHA Aged Mares                            |
| 43. | AQHA Performance Halter Mares              |
| 44. | AQHA Grand & Reserve Champion Mare          |
| 45. | All Breed Geldings 2 & Under                |
| 46. | All Breed Geldings 3 & Over                 |
| 47. | Grand & Reserve Champion All Breed Gelding  |
| 48. | Grade Geldings 2 & Under                    |
| 49. | Grade Geldings 3 & Over                     |
| 50. | Grand & Reserve Champion Grade Gelding      |
| 51. | AQHA Yearling Geldings                     |
| 52. | AQHA 2 Yr Old Geldings                     |
| 53. | AQHA 3 Yr Old Geldings                     |
| 54. | AQHA Aged Geldings                         |
| 55. | AQHA Performance Halter Geldings           |
| 56. | AQHA Grand & Reserve Champion Gelding       |
| 57. | Ranch Conformation – Geldings & Mares      |
| 58. | Walk/Trot Showmanship 5 – 9 years of age (any horse) |
| 59. | All Breed Showmanship 13 & Under           |
| 60. | All Breed Showmanship 14-18                |
| 61. | Grade Showmanship 18 & Under               |
| 62. | AQHA Novice Youth Showmanship              |
| 63. | AQHA Showmanship 13 & Under                |
| 64. | AQHA Showmanship 14-18                     |
| 65. | Walk/Trot Hunter Under Saddle – 5 – 9 years of age (any horse) |
| 66. | All Breed Hunter Under Saddle 13 & Under    |
| 67. | All Breed Hunter Under Saddle 14-18        |
| 68. | Grade Hunter Under Saddle 18 & Under        |
| 69. | AQHA Novice Youth Hunter Under Saddle      |
| 70. | AQHA Hunter Under Saddle 13 & Under        |
| 71. | AQHA Hunter Under Saddle 14-18             |
| 72. | Walk/Trot Hunt Seat Equitation – 5 – 9 years of age (any horse) |
| 73. | All Breed Hunt Seat Equitation 13 & Under   |
| 74. | All Breed Hunt Seat Equitation 14-18       |
| 75. | Grade Hunt Seat Equitation 18 & Under       |
| 76. | AQHA Novice Youth Hunt Seat Equitation     |
| 77. | AQHA Hunt Seat Equitation 13 & Under       |
| 78. | AQHA Hunt Seat Equitation 14-18            |
All Breed Youth Roping and Speed Events
Event Rules

1. All contestants in the All Breed Youth Roping and Speed Events will be under the supervision of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and all General Rules and Regulations published in the 2020 Horse Show Exhibitor Handbook will apply unless otherwise stated in the special rules of the All Breed Youth Roping and Speed Events. 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. The All Breed Youth Roping and Speed Events will be one go round with prize money awarded as follows: $1,000 added money per class will be added to 50% of entry fee and will be paid to the top five (5) places as follows: 30% - 25% - 20% - 15% - 10%.

3. Humane treatment of animals must be exercised at all times by all exhibitors and their family members.

4. An exhibitor may enter each event only one time.

5. A horse may only be entered in an event one time.

6. Horse must be owned by exhibitor or immediate family member as defined in the AQHA Handbook. For grade horses, an ownership verification form must be completed at time of entry. Ownership verification forms may be obtained by contacting the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Horse Show Office.

7. 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.

8. Roping contestants shall start from behind a barrier. A 10 second penalty shall be assessed for breaking the barrier. If the barrier fails to work but a time is recorded, the contestant or team will receive that time. Barrier penalty will be waived unless flagman determines barrier is obviously beaten by contestant. If timer fails to work, contestant or team will receive a re-run.

9. No contestant or contestant teams may be in the arena during events except for the contestant(s) actively involved in the current run.

10. 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.

11. If a calf or 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 or team 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 or steer until the flagman or the Show Veterinarian excuses him. The injured animal will immediately be removed from the arena for assessment and treatment.

12. If the flagman flags the contestant or team out due to animal injury, the contestant or team will be granted a re-run whether the animal was actually injured or not.

13. 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 jump or any loop used. Contestant must make an effort at a second loop or jump or be flagged out automatically. Once a contestant has been flagged out, he will receive no stock back.

14. In all events, the contestant or team must compete in the drawn working order.

15. A contestant or team may not have someone rattle the chute for them.
16. Only the horses needed during the actual competition in the event will be allowed in the boxes during any timed event and/or noncompetitive runs.

17. There shall be at least two timers.

18. All timed event contestants must compete from the same box designated for their event. Team Roping – header must start from the left box (as viewed from the box facing the arena); Heeler must start from right box. Tie-down and Breakaway roping – right box must be used.

19. 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.

20. 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. Two loops will be permitted. One or two ropes are 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. If roper is carrying one rope and desires to use a second loop, they may recoil provided the rope is still tied by a string to the saddle horn. If the rope is no longer attached to the saddle horn with the string after the roper has thrown the first loop, it cannot be rebuilt for a second throw. If the roper is carrying two loops they may use the second loop provided it is still attached to the saddle horn with a string. If the second loop falls loose, it cannot be rebuilt.

4. Contestant has the option to free the first rope from the horn after a miss, before getting second loop ready.

5. 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”.

6. 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.

7. Rope may not pass through bridle, tie-down, neck rope or any other device.

8. Contestants must follow tack/equipment rules as listed in the 2020 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.

9. All prize monies will be paid to the owner of the horse as noted on the official entry form.

TIE DOWN ROPING

1. 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”.

2. Two loops 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. If roper intends to use two loops, he must carry two ropes and must use second rope for second loop. If a second rope is used, the first rope must first be released from either the saddle or the calf. Violation of this rule could result in a “no time”.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. **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.

6. Contestants must follow tack/equipment rules as listed in the 2020 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.

7. All prize monies will be paid to the owner of the horse as noted on the official entry form.

**DALLY TEAM ROPING**

1. Each contestant will be allowed to carry only one rope. Each team will be allowed THREE 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. All headers shall start from behind a barrier. A 10 second penalty will be added for breaking or beating a barrier. There shall be no heel barrier; however, if heeler, in the opinion of the flagman, pushes the steer to the left, no rerun shall be given.

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. In the team roping, if in the opinion of the flagman, the steer falls before it crosses the scoreline, the contestants shall be entitled to a rerun. There will be no penalty added to the rerun if, in the opinion of the flagman, the contestants did not deliberately beat the barrier.

11. If a steer falls when turned by the header, the team may be entitled to a rerun if, in the opinion of the flagman, the fall was not caused by the ropers. Steers must be standing up when roped by head and heels.

12. Contestants must follow tack/equipment rules as listed in the 2020 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. Contestants are responsible for finding their partner for the team roping event. Both members of the team must meet age and eligibility requirements.

14. All prize monies will be paid to the owner of the horse as noted on the official entry form.

**BARREL RACING and POLE BENDING**

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 for barrels and a standard 6 pole pattern for poles and may begin to either the left or right.

4. Knocking over a barrel or pole 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 or pole with his or her hands.

7. 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.

8. A whip may not exceed two feet in length excluding over and unders which must be attached to the saddle.

9. Contestants may be disqualified for excessive use of a whip, rope, crop, bat or reins anywhere on the horse.

10. Contestants must follow tack/equipment rules as listed in the 2020 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.

11. All prize monies will be paid to the owner of the horse as noted on the official entry form.
Youth Roping Challenge Rules
March 9-10, 2020

***$5,000 in prize money***

1. All contestants in the Youth Roping Challenge will be under the supervision of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and all General Rules and Regulations published in the 2020 Horse Show Exhibitor Handbook will apply unless otherwise stated in the special rules of the Youth Roping 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 and no protests will be permitted.

2. The youth roping challenge will include the top 10 ropers/teams from the AQHA youth tie down roping, youth heading and youth heeling events. No entry is needed for the Youth Roping Challenge. Horses entered in the AQHA youth roping events are automatically eligible for the Youth Roping Challenge.

3. Tie Down Roping – requires an entry in AQHA Youth Tie Down Roping. The top 10 times of this AQHA class will compete for a purse of $2,500 to be distributed to the top 3 as follows:
   
   50% - 30% - 20%

4. Team Roping – requires an entry in AQHA Youth Heading or Youth Heeling. The top 10 times of these two AQHA classes will compete for a purse of $2,500 to be distributed to the top 3 as follows:
   
   50% - 30% - 20%

5. The AQHA roping events will be judged and AQHA points will be awarded accordingly. While these classes are being judged, times will also be recorded and the horses recording the fastest times from the class combinations listed above will qualify for the Youth Roping Challenge. If a horse receives a no score while being judged in the AQHA roping events, the time will be recorded as a no time.

6. A horse may qualify for more than one of the top positions in the AQHA team roping. For example a horse entered in the youth heading and youth heeling may record two of the fastest times. In this case, the horse will make two runs in the Youth Roping Challenge and will be eligible for two placings.

7. In the team roping, a horse that records one of the fastest times while entered in the heading events must compete in the Youth Roping Challenge as a head horse. A horse that records one of the fastest times while entered in the heeling events must compete as a heel horse.

8. The Youth Roping Challenge will be a one go round event with prize money awarded as listed above. The time recorded in the qualifying AQHA class WILL BE added to the Youth Roping Challenge time for an average time on two head.

9. American Quarter Horse Association Rules will govern the AQHA roping events, and Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Youth Roping Challenge event rules will govern the Youth Roping Challenge.

10. Humane treatment of animals must be exercised at all times by all exhibitors and their employees.

11. Any contestant found ineligible for the AQHA class for which they qualified for the Youth Roping Challenge will be disqualified from the Youth Roping Challenge. Premium checks will be held pending verification of eligibility for the AQHA classes.
12. The horse and rider combination judged in the AQHA roping classes is not required to remain the same in the Youth Roping Challenge. For the Youth Team Roping Challenge, both members of the team must have competed in the AQHA Youth Heading or Heeling. No person over the age of 18 may compete in the Youth Roping Challenge.

13. 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.

14. Contestants shall start from behind a barrier. A 10 second penalty shall be assessed for breaking the barrier. If the barrier fails to work but a time is recorded, the contestant or team will receive that time. Barrier penalty will be waived unless flagman determines barrier is obviously beaten by contestant. If timer fails to work, contestant or team will receive a re-run.

15. No contestant or contestant teams may be in the arena during events except for the contestant(s) actively involved in the current run.

16. 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.

17. Flagman shall position himself for tie-down roping at the end of the arena, allowing him to come toward the roper. For team roping, flagman shall place himself on the right hand side of the timed-event box when facing box.

18. If a calf or 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 or team 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 or steer until the flagman or the Show Veterinarian excuses him. The injured animal will immediately be removed from the arena for assessment and treatment.

19. If the flagman flags the contestant or team out due to animal injury, the contestant or team will be granted a re-run whether the animal was actually injured or not.

20. 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 jump or any loop used. Contestant must make an effort at a second loop or jump or be flagged out automatically. Once a contestant has been flagged out, he will receive no stock back.

21. In all events, the contestant or team must compete in the drawn working order.

22. There shall be no consecutive runs on the same horse.

23. A contestant or team may not have someone rattle the chute for him.

24. Only the horses needed during the actual competition in the event will be allowed in the boxes during any timed event and/or noncompetitive runs.

25. There shall be at least two timers.

26. All timed event contestants must compete from the same box designated for their event. Team Roping – header must start from the left box (as viewed from the box facing the arena); Heeler must start from right box. Tie-down roping – right box must be used.

27. 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.
TIE DOWN ROPING

1. 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”.

2. Two loops 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. If roper intends to use two loops, he must carry two ropes and must use second rope for second loop. If a second rope is used, the first rope must first be released from either the saddle or the calf. Violation of this rule could result in a “no time”.

3. There will be a 25 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 25 second span. This rule shall not apply to legal ties completed in less than 25 seconds but which, due to a penalty, are recorded as having taken more than 25 seconds.

4. 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.

5. **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.

6. Contestants must follow tack/equipment rules as listed in the 2020 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 roping challenge.

7. All prize monies will be paid to the owner of the horse as noted on the official entry form.

DALLY TEAM ROPING

1. Each contestant will be allowed to carry only one rope. Each team will be allowed TWO loops total (one loop at each end). Roping steers without turning loose of the loop will be considered no catch. Roper 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. All headers shall start from behind a barrier. A 10 second penalty will be added for breaking or beating a barrier. There shall be no heel barrier; however, if heeler, in the opinion of the flagman, pushes the steer to the left, no rerun shall be given.

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”.

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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: Around the horns, half a head, or 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. In the team roping, if in the opinion of the flagman, the steer falls before it crosses the scoreline, the contestants shall be entitled to a rerun. There will be no penalty added to the rerun if, in the opinion of the flagman, the contestants did not deliberately beat the barrier.

11. If a steer falls when turned by the header, the team may be entitled to a rerun if, in the opinion of the flagman, the fall was not caused by the ropers. Steers must be standing up when roped by head and heels.

12. Contestants must follow tack/equipment rules as listed in the 2020 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 roping challenge.

13. All prize monies will be paid to the owner of the horse which qualified for the Youth Roping Challenge.
Special Awards Youth Horse Show

High Point Novice – AQHA: A custom buckle cup and $250 cash award will be presented to the highest scoring contestant in the AQHA Novice Division.

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

High Point 13 & Under – AQHA: A custom buckle cup and $250 cash award will be presented to the highest scoring contestant in the AQHA 13 & Under Division.

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

High Point 14-18 – AQHA: A custom buckle cup and $250 cash award will be presented to the highest scoring contestant in the AQHA 14-18 Division.

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

High Point – Grade: A custom buckle cup and $250 cash award will be presented to the highest scoring contestant in the Grade 18 & Under Division.

Reserve High Point – Grade: A custom sheet 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: A custom buckle cup 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: A custom sheet 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: A custom buckle cup 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: A custom sheet and $150 cash award will be presented to the second highest scoring contestant in the All Breed 14-18 Division.

High Point Walk/Trot: A custom buckle cup and $125 cash award will be presented to the highest scoring contestant in the Walk/Trot Division.

High Point Speed Exhibitor: A custom buckle cup and $250 cash award will be presented to the highest scoring contestant in the Youth Speed Events (AQHA Speed classes 22, 23, 28, 29 and All Breed speed classes 24 and 30).

Reserve High Point Speed Exhibitor: A custom sheet and $150 cash award will be presented to the second highest scoring contestant in the AQHA Speed Events (AQHA Speed classes 22, 23, 28, 29 and All Breed speed classes 24 and 30).

High Point Roper: A custom buckle cup and $250 cash award will be presented to the highest scoring contestant in the Youth Roping Events (AQHA Roping classes 2, 7, 15, 17 and All Breed Roping classes 3, 8, 16, 18).

Reserve High Point Roper: A custom sheet and $150 cash award will be presented to the second highest scoring contestant in the Youth Roping Events (AQHA Roping classes 2, 7, 15, 17 and All Breed Roping classes 3, 8, 16, 18).

High Point Ranch Exhibitor: A custom buckle cup and $250 cash award will be presented to the highest scoring contestant in the Youth Ranch Events (includes classes 28, 32, 57).
**Reserve High Point Ranch Exhibitor:** A custom sheet and $150 cash award will be presented to the second highest scoring contestant in the Youth Ranch Events (includes classes: 28, 32, 57).

**TOP 5:** Halter 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.

An exhibitor can only win high point awards in one division. Points are awarded on a 6 point system and are based on a one horse/one exhibitor combination. Division high point awards will be awarded in the following order: AQHA Novice, AQHA 13 & Under, AQHA 14-18, All Breed 13 & Under, All Breed 14-18, Grade 18 & Under, Ranch, and Walk/Trot.

High Point Computation: 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 Awards ***

**Furthest Distance Traveled:** A $250 cash award will be presented to the trainer that travels the furthest distance, has at least 2 exhibitors register them on the exhibitor entry form by the late registration deadline of February 10 and completes a Trainer Profile Form by noon on Friday, March 20. Changes to the trainer information after February 10 will not be counted. The distance will be calculated from the trainer’s stable address to 3 NRG Park, Houston, TX.

**Most Exhibitors:** 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.

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Donkey & Mule Show

Judge: Darrell Bilke – Bethany, OK

Saturday, March 21

7 a.m. Pull Team Weigh-In – Stall Area (Must be weighed in by 7:30 a.m.)
8 a.m. Trail, Ranch Riding, Western Performance
10 a.m. Driver’s Meeting - Stall Area
2 p.m. Coon Mule Jump
3 p.m. Mule Pull

Sunday, March 22

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

Special Rules - Donkey & Mule 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.

1. The Donkey and Mule Show will be conducted in strict accordance with the Texas Donkey & Mule Association Rule Book (Texas Rule Book). The show is sanctioned by the Gulf Coast Donkey & Mule Association.

2. Pair Entry: Pairs of animals entered in the Mull Pull will be allowed to be stalled together and pay a single Stall Fee of $60. No more than two animals will be allowed to be stalled together under any circumstances. In the case of a four-up hitch, two stall fees would be required but only one Performance Class Fee of $20. Any animal stalled as a pair entry can also be shown as a single entry since each animal will be assigned an identification number.

3. Youth Classes: Exhibitors 18 years of age and younger as of January 1 will be considered eligible for youth classes. Jacks may not be shown by youth exhibitors and are excluded from all youth designated classes. Proof of exhibitor’s age must be available the day of the Show.

4. Walk-Trot Classes: Exhibitors 5 - 10 years of age as of January 1 will be considered eligible for walk-trot classes. Once an exhibitor has been judged in any 5 – 10 year old Showmanship or Walk-Trot class, he/she cannot exhibit in any other youth division or cantering class for the duration of the show (with the exception of halter classes). Child may not be restrained to the saddle in any way. An adult representative dressed in appropriate class attire must remain in a designated area within the arena. Adult may not lead animal or walk beside. Jacks are excluded from all youth classes. Proof of exhibitor’s age must be available the day of the Show.

5. Dress Code: In all classes, with the exception of the Mule Pull, appropriate English, Western or Driving attire must be worn as outlined in the Texas Rule Book. The hat must be on the exhibitor’s head when entering the arena. Youth exhibitors showing over fences or in any youth English class are required to wear a safety helmet with attached chin strap or harness. Spurs and chaps are optional. In the Mule Pull, bib overalls, caps and work boots or shoes are acceptable, but no tennis shoes.

6. Ring Steward: The Ring Steward may assist an exhibitor when asked to trot in a halter class without any point deduction.
7. Bits: To prevent abusive or illegal bits in the arena, bits will be subject to check by the judge during each class (pull animals will be checked at NRG Arena gate). Refer to current Texas Rule Book to cover Western and English classes. The following is a list of illegal bits for driving, pulling and any other division: bicycle chain bits; prongs inside or outside; snaffle with high port; curb with shanks longer than 8-1/2”; welding to or changing bit surface from smooth to bumpy or sharp; wire wrapped bit. No blood will be tolerated inside or outside the mouth.

8. Drugs: All animals are subject to drug testing. No person shall cause to be administered internally or externally to any animal, either before or during an event, any medication, drug, mechanical device or artificial appliance which is of such character as could affect its performance or appearance in that event.

9. Working Order: Exhibitors will work in their posted working order.

10. Ties: In case of a tie in a timed class, there will be a run-off. In case of a tie in a timed division, tie will be broken by the lowest total amount of time for each animal for all classes in that division. High-point ties, except in timed divisions, will be broken by points earned in the greatest number of classes, then by most first places, then by most points in performance events.

11. High Point Computation: 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. In the case of paired entries, both animals receive the same points individually. Model classes are excluded in the tabulation of high point awards.

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12. Performance Class Premiums: Prize money will be mailed to the owner. Fifty percent of entry fees in the Adult Classes will be added to $50 per class premium money provided by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and $100 per class, except Coon Hunters Jumping, which will be $200 per class, provided by special donation. Monies will be paid as follows based on the number of animals shown in a class (exception Championship Mule Pull).

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In all classes, a buckle will be awarded for first place with rosettes through sixth place.

13. Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Championship Mule Pull Jackpot: $20 of each entry fee will be added to $2,000 to form the jackpot for each weight division. Four places will be paid in each weight division. Jackpot will be split 40%, 30%, 20%, 10% in each weight division, regardless of the number of entries. Team must make a successful pull in order to place or receive prize money.

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CHAMPIONSHIP MULE PULL

Four Weight Divisions

Payoff to 4 Places in Each Weight Division

40% - 30% - 20% - 10%
Mule Pull Special Rules

1. Mules only are allowed. A team consists of two mules.

2. All teams will be weighed on scales provided by the Houston Livestock Show, between 7 a.m. and 7:30 a.m., prior to the Pull on Saturday, March 21. Order of Pull is determined by combined weight of team in a light to heavy graduation.

3. Any changing of individual team animals after weigh-in will be cause for disqualification.

4. ANY MISCONDUCT BY DRIVERS OR HANDLERS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AND WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.

5. Exhibitors must have reached their 19th birthday by January 1, 2020, to be eligible to compete.

6. Teams will be weighed in and divided into four (4) weight classes. Final weight breaks will be determined after all teams have been weighed in and weights reviewed by show management. There must be at least four (4) teams in each weight division or division will be (at the discretion of management) combined with the next lighter weight division.

7. Teams will pull a percentage of their combined weights progressively starting at a minimum of 125% or above. Two hundred pounds will be added per round as needed to determine the winner in the light weight division, three hundred pounds will be added per round in the medium weight division, four hundred pounds will be added per round in the heavy weight division, and five hundred pounds will be added per round in the super heavy weight division. Driver has the option to pass at his turn at any weight on first attempt.

8. Each exhibitor must furnish own harness, traces, etc. Teams must use some type of quick connector from double tree to sled. Two minutes will be allowed for hook-up. Team must hook-up or pass within two (2) minute limit or it will be considered an attempt. Sixty seconds will be allowed after hook-up to complete pull. Cone must lay flat on ground for a successful pull. If Driver and Holder are pulling teams back-to-back, they will be allowed five (5) minutes between pulls.

9. Distance of pull will be 10 feet. Pull must be continued in the same direction as last pull unless mule’s nose touches end line. A ten foot alley will be used for the light and medium weight divisions, and a twelve foot alley for the heavy and super heavy weight divisions. Crossing outside alley lines will result in a foul and will be considered an attempt. An additional 10 foot lane off of the pulling alley will be used only by officials, headers or helpers. Controlled swinging of the sled will be allowed. If sled is pulled at an angle, the sled must be straightened (to the Judges satisfaction) by the same team before the next attempt, be it theirs or the next team.

10. Teams will be allowed only one driver, one header and one hooker. If hooker is used, their only actions may include: carrying the double tree to and from the pull alley, hooking and unhooking. When in pull alley, hooker must be positioned on the opposite side of double tree from driver, must set double tree, hook, then immediately leave pulling alley. If header is used, he must stand outside pull alley behind double-tree during pull. Hooker may not speak or in any way encourage or communicate with team. Driver cannot cross double tree during pull and must drive from behind the double tree. Crossing double-tree during pull will be a disqualification. Driver, header or hooker must not obstruct Line Judge’s view. Obstruction, after one warning, will be considered an attempt.

11. No whips or other pieces of equipment other than driving lines will be allowed to coax team into pulling. It is permissible for driver or header to whistle, yell or jump up and down. Touching team after pull commences will automatically be a disqualification and team will be ruled out at last successful pull.

12. Mules must not “jump into the collars.” (Judges will have to rule on teams that are hard to handle.) The first warning will be considered an attempt. The second warning will result in disqualification. A disqualified team will be ruled out at the last successful pull.

13. Double tree must be off ground before pull commences. After pull commences, the pull will be considered over if double tree touches the ground with the option at that time to take the measurement, or (if first attempt at that weight) pull again right away or come back to pull same weight at the end of the round for that particular weight.

14. Team will be allowed two attempts to complete pull at each weight. If a foul is committed on the first attempt, driver has option to pull for their second attempt at that time or unhook after first attempt and come back at end of that weight for final attempt. If that team is the only team remaining, they will be allowed five (5) minutes before their final attempt.
15. Winner will be determined on last successful pull plus measurement. Any attempt may be measured but that attempt will be considered final. The final measured attempt must immediately follow a successful pull. If a foul occurs on the final attempt, the last successful pull will be used. Measurements will be taken only when requested by the team or when time expires during a final attempt.

16. Equipment failures will be considered an attempt after team has hooked. If team has an equipment failure, contestant may try to repair equipment and pull again as long as weight remains the same. If weight has been added to the sled before repairs can be made, team may not pull again. All equipment failures will be measured in the event team cannot come back. Last weight successfully pulled will be used in final standings.

17. No abusive bits or abusive use of bits will be allowed. Teams will be checked upon entrance to the arena. See Special Rules - Donkey and Mule Show for bit descriptions. Judges will rule on presence of blood and/or abuse which may result in disqualification.

18. All teams will be subject to blood and/or urine testing. Presence of stimulants or depressants will be grounds for complete disqualification.

19. The jackpot money will be divided 40%, 30%, 20%, 10% among the first four place winners in each weight division, regardless of the number of entries. Team must make a successful pull in order to place or receive prize money.
Calling All Youth Exhibitors

Sign up for the “Most Versatile Youth Exhibitor” Contest

No Fee required to participate!!

Scoring based on the following:

Written Exam (16 points)
Oral Presentation (8 points)
Practical Exams (2 exams @ 6 points each)
Show (18 points)

Total Possible Points: 54
1. Trail – Miniature Donkey – 19 & Over
2. Trail – Miniature Donkey - Youth
3. Walk/Trot Trail – Donkey or Mule (5-10 years of age)
4. Trail – Donkey – 19 & Over
5. Trail – Donkey - Youth
6. Trail – Mule – 19 & Over
7. Trail – Mule – Youth
8. Trail – Mule – Amateur
9. Ranch Riding – Mule – Open
10. Reined Working Donkey - Open
11. Reining – Mule - Open
12. Western Pleasure – Donkey – 19 & Over
13. Western Pleasure – Donkey - Youth
14. Western Pleasure – Mule – 19 & Over
15. Western Pleasure – Mule – Youth
16. Western Pleasure – Mule – Amateur
17. Walk/Trot Western Pleasure – Donkey or Mule – (5-10 years of age)
18. Donkeymanship – 19 & Over
19. Donkeymanship - Youth
20. Mulemanship – 19 & Over
21. Mulemanship – Youth
22. Mulemanship – Amateur

**SATURDAY – MARCH 21 – 2:00 p.m.**

24. Coon Hunter Jumping – 36.01” – 48”
25. Coon Hunter Jumping – 48.01” & Over

**SATURDAY – MARCH 21 – 3:00 p.m.**

26. Championship Mule Pull
SUNDAY – MARCH 22 – 8:00 a.m.

1st  2nd  3rd  4th

27. Jennets at Halter – 36.01” & Over  30  25  20  15
28. Donkey Geldings at Halter – 36.01” & Over  30  25  20  15
29. Jacks at Halter – 36.01” & Over  30  25  20  15
30. Model Donkey  Trophy
31. Donkey Showmanship at Halter – 19 & Over
32. Donkey Showmanship at Halter – Youth
33. Miniature Donkey – Jennets at Halter – to 36” (2 yrs & Older)  30  25  20  15
34. Miniature Donkey – Geldings at Halter – to 36” (2 yrs & Older)  30  25  20  15
35. Miniature Donkey – Jacks at Halter – to 36” (2 yrs & Older)  30  25  20  15
36. Model Miniature Donkey  Trophy
37. Miniature Donkey Showmanship at Halter – 19 & Over
38. Miniature Donkey Showmanship at Halter – Youth
39. Mules at Halter – to 56”  30  25  20  15
40. Mules at Halter – 56.01” & Over  30  25  20  15
41. Model Mule  Trophy
42. Mule Showmanship at Halter – 19 & Over
43. Mule Showmanship at Halter – Youth
44. Mule Showmanship at Halter – Amateur
45. Sub-Youth Showmanship at Halter – Donkey or Mule (5-10 years of age)
46. Hunter Hack – Mule – 19 & Over
47. Hunter Hack – Mule – Youth
49. Hunter Under Saddle – Mule – Youth
50. Miniature Donkey Single Hitch Obstacle Driving – 19 & Over
51. Miniature Donkey Single Hitch Obstacle Driving - Youth
52. Donkey Single Hitch Obstacle Driving - Open
53. Mule Single Hitch Obstacle Driving - Open
54. Miniature Donkey Pleasure Driving – 19 & Over
55. Miniature Donkey Pleasure Driving – Youth
56. Mule Single Hitch Pleasure Driving – 19 & Over
57. Mule Single Hitch Pleasure Driving - Youth
58. Donkey Single Hitch Pleasure Driving – 19 & Over
59. Donkey Single Hitch Pleasure Driving - Youth
60. Cloverleaf Barrel Race – Mule – 19 & Over
61. Cloverleaf Barrel Race – Mule – Youth
62. Pole Bending – Mule – 19 & Over
63. Pole Bending – Mule – Youth
Special Awards – Donkey & Mule Show

An iPad will be awarded to the Most Versatile Youth Exhibitor for the most points in the following Youth Exhibitor classes: Single Hitch Pleasure Driving, Showmanship, Mulemanship, Donkeymanship and Trail. Mule and Donkey Youth Exhibitors will be judged together. Exhibitors must compete in 3 of the 4 classes. The three highest scores for each exhibitor will be used in determining high point. The normal 6 point system will be used for these classes (counted once). In addition, a test will be given (score to be counted twice) which may be comprised of written, practical and oral sections. Youth Exhibitors who wish to compete for this award must submit a request, in their own handwriting, and state the name of the animal they will be using to count for points for this award. A Youth Exhibitor who wins Most Versatile Youth may not enter the following year. Upon receipt of each letter and entry from a Youth Exhibitor, a packet of test criteria will be mailed (but not earlier than February 1st). If you do not receive a packet by February 15, please contact the Horse Show office. No additional entry fee is necessary for this contest. The iPad is donated by the Donkey and Mule Committee.

Reserve Most Versatile Youth Exhibitor – A custom folding chair and custom buckle cup will be presented to the Youth Exhibitor who is runner up to the Most Versatile Youth Exhibitor. Award donated by the Donkey and Mule Committee.

Model Mule/Donkey/Miniature Donkey - A custom buckle cup and $100 cash award will be presented to the winner of each, Model Mule, Model Donkey and Model Miniature Donkey. Award donated by the Donkey and Mule Committee.

Reserve Model Mule/Donkey/Miniature Donkey – A custom buckle cup and $50 cash award will be presented to the Reserve Model Mule, Model Donkey and Model Miniature Donkey. Award donated by the Donkey and Mule Committee.

Champion Mule - Adult - A trophy saddle will be presented to the mule who gains the most points in the 11 classes in this division: 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 39 or 40, 42, 46, 48, 53, and 56. Halter is not required for this award, but points will count toward the award. Award donated by the Donkey and Mule Committee.

Reserve Champion Mule - Adult – A pair of spurs and $150 cash award will be presented to the Reserve Champion High Point Mule – Adult. Award donated the Donkey and Mule Committee.

Champion Mule – Amateur – A trophy saddle will be presented to the mule who gains the most points in the 4 classes in this division: 8, 16, 22 and 44. Award donated by the Donkey and Mule Committee.

Reserve Champion Mule - Amateur – A pair of spurs and $150 cash award will be presented to the Reserve Champion High Point Mule – Amateur. Award donated by the Donkey and Mule Committee.

Champion Mule - Youth - A trophy saddle will be presented to the youth exhibitor who gains the most points in the 7 classes in this division: 7, 15, 21, 43, 47, 49 and 57. Points earned on a one animal, one rider combination only. Award donated by the Donkey and Mule Committee.

Reserve Champion Mule - Youth - A pair of spurs and $150 cash award will be presented to the Reserve Champion High Point Mule – Youth. Award donated by the Donkey and Mule Committee.
Special Awards – Donkey & Mule Show

Champion Gymkhana Mule - Adult – A pair of splint boots and $250 cash award will be presented to the mule who gains the most points in the 2 classes in this division: 60 and 62. Award donated by the Donkey and Mule Committee.

Champion Gymkhana Mule – Youth – A pair of splint boots and $250 cash award will be presented to the youth exhibitor gaining the most points in the 2 classes in this division: 61 and 63. Points earned on a one animal, one rider combination only. Award donated by the Donkey and Mule Committee.

Champion Miniature Donkey - Adult – A custom folding chair and custom buckle cup will be presented to the miniature donkey who gains the most points in the 5 classes in this division: 1, (33, 34, or 35 halter), 37, 50, and 54. Halter is not required for this award but points do count toward the award. Award donated by the Donkey and Mule Committee.

Reserve Champion Miniature Donkey - Adult – An arena bag and $150 cash award will be presented to the Reserve Champion Miniature Donkey. Award donated by the Donkey and Mule Committee.

Champion Miniature Donkey - Youth – A custom folding chair and custom buckle cup will be presented to the miniature donkey who gains the most points in the 4 classes in this division: 2, 38, 51, and 55. Points earned on a one animal, one exhibitor combination only. Award donated the Donkey and Mule Committee.

Reserve Champion Miniature Donkey - Youth - An arena bag and $150 cash award will be presented to the Reserve Champion Miniature Donkey – Youth. Award donated by the Donkey and Mule Committee.

Champion Donkey - Adult - A trophy saddle will be presented to the donkey who gains the most points in the 8 classes in this division: 4, 10, 12, 18, (27, 28 or 29 halter), 31, 52, and 58. Halter is not required for this award, but points to count toward the award. Award donated by the Donkey and Mule Committee.

Reserve Champion Donkey - Adult - A pair of spurs and $150 cash award will be presented to the Reserve Champion Donkey - Adult. Award donated by the Donkey and Mule Committee.

Champion Donkey - Youth – A trophy saddle will be presented to the youth exhibitor gaining the most points in the 5 classes in this division: 5, 13, 19, 32, and 59. Points earned on a one animal, one rider combination only. Award donated by the Donkey and Mule Committee.

Reserve Champion Donkey – Youth - A pair of spurs and $150 cash award will be presented to the Reserve Champion Donkey – Youth. Award donated by the Donkey and Mule Committee.

Champion Walk-Trot Exhibitor – An arena bag and $100 cash award will be presented to the Walk-Trot exhibitor gaining the most points in the 3 classes in this division: 3, 17, and 45. Points earned on a one animal, one exhibitor combination only. Award donated by the Donkey and Mule Committee.

Reserve Champion Walk-Trot Exhibitor – An arena bag and $75 cash award will be presented to the Reserve Champion Walk-Trot exhibitor. Award donated by the Donkey and Mule Committee.
Special Awards – Donkey & Mule Show

Champion Mule Pull Team - A buckle will be presented to the winners of each weight division. Trophy buckles donated by the Donkey and Mule Committee

Ear of The Year - A $100 cash award will be given to the exhibitor of the Miniature Donkey, Donkey, and Mule with the greatest measurable ear span. Exhibitors in this contest must register to have their animals measured before 2 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at the ASSformation Booth. Awards donated by Debbie Gates and The Donkey & Mule Public Relations Team in memory of Helen Hereford.

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# R.V. Park & Hotel Listing

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