



EVENT CATEGORY GUIDELINES

BEGINNER RIDER *(also classified as Improver)*

- Beginner classes are programmed for newcomers to the industry.
- Beginner classes are Walk / Jog AND Walk / Trot Classes only.
- Based on the rider's experience, regardless of the horse's education.
- Beginners can compete on Geldings and Mares only.
- Beginner classes combine youth and adult participants unless otherwise stated on the program.
- It is encouraged that all ADULT participants wear approved safety helmets.
- Youth (under the age of 18) MUST wear approved safety helmets.
- Beginners may ride two handed in a snaffle bit OR shank bit irrespective of the horses' age.
- If riding two handed, reins must be bridged.
- Events normally offered are Hunter Under Saddle, Trail, Western Pleasure, and Ranch Riding.
- Additional events may be included on a program, such as Hunt Seat Equitation, Western Horsemanship and Reining.
- A person who has previously competed, but had an extended break from showing, and believes they are suitable OR would benefit from entering Beginner classes must apply to PRAC for authority to enter this category.
- If a person believes they are not ready to progress, they may appeal to PRAC for consideration to remain in this category.

OPEN WALK / JOG AND WALK / TROT

- Programmed for all levels of riders.
- Programmed for any horse, irrespective of the horse's education.
- Programmed as a training event opportunity.
- Classes are Walk / Jog AND Walk / Trot Classes only.
- Open Walk / Jog and Walk / Trot classes combine youth and adult participants unless otherwise stated on the program.
- Riders may ride two handed in a snaffle bit OR shank bit irrespective of horses' age.
- If riding two handed, reins must be bridged.
- Events normally offered are Hunter Under Saddle, Trail, Western Pleasure, and Ranch Riding.
- Additional events may be included on a program, such as Hunt Seat Equitation and Western Horsemanship.

ANY HANDED ENCOURAGEMENT

- Programmed for all levels of riders.
- Programmed for any horse, irrespective of the horse's education.
- Can be programmed as a training event opportunity.
- Classes are Walk / Jog / Lope AND Walk / Trot / Canter
- Entrants may ride two handed in a snaffle bit OR shank bit irrespective of the horses' age.
- If riding two handed, reins must be bridged.
- Events normally offered are Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation, Trail, Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Reining and Ranch Riding.

GREEN HORSE

- A green horse is defined as a horse that has very limited exposure in ridden competition.
- Programmed as a training event opportunity.
- Green horse classes are Walk / Jog AND Walk / Trot Classes only.
- Based on the horse's competition experience, regardless of the Rider's education.
- Green Horse classes are available to Geldings, Mares, and Stallions.
- Entrants must conform to Junior and Senior Horse biting rules. Two handed snaffle bit or hackamore on junior horses and one handed on senior horses in a shank bit.
- Events normally offered are Hunter Under Saddle, Trail, Western Pleasure, and Ranch Riding.
- A green horse is eligible to compete in these events for one (1) show season only.
- If competitors believe they are not ready to progress, they may appeal to PRAC for consideration to remain in this category.

These guidelines are endorsed by other WA western breeds.