

PCHA Classic Ranch Riding Equitation Horsemanship Class

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The same horse must be ridden through all phases of the competition. However, due to illness or injury of the horse a rider may petition to ride a substitute horse. This petition must be submitted, along with a Veterinary certification and approved by the PCHA Western Committee.

Rider Horse, Owner and Trainer must be current members of PCHA prior to riding in this class for any points to count.

Final placings will be first to tenth. The rider with the highest total combined score (Ranch Riding and Equitation) will be the champion. If a tie occurs at the Finals, a tie breaking designated judge will be picked before the start of the finals.

Section 8. PCHA Classic Ranch Riding Horsemanship Class

A. General

This class is open to junior and amateur riders of any age who are current PCHA members riding currently registered PCHA horses. Trainers of the riders must also be current PCHA members.

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B. Qualifying

In order to qualify for the championship, you must ride in this class at three (3) horse show prior to the championship show. Points will **NOT** be used for qualifying purposes.

C. Show Approval

Permission to hold this class be obtained from the PCHA office. The fee to hold this class is \$25. The show management shall not charge an entry fee greater than that charged for any other class with no prize money plus \$10.

At non-PCHA shows, a \$50 per show fee will be charged in addition to the \$25.00 per class fee. Non-PCHA shows which offer PCHA Classic Ranch Riding Horsemanship qualifying classes only are exempt from the \$5.00 PCHA horse fee. (Refer to Rule IX, Part I, Sect 6, page 33.) Management is responsible for turning in \$10 per horse/rider combination fee to PCHA. 70% of these fees will be used to help fund the Classic Ranch Riding Horsemanship Class

D. Finals

Upon riding in a qualifying class at three (3) horse show, prior to the championship show, the horse/rider combination is qualified for the Finals at which time the rider, horse, owner and trainer must be PCHA members.

Finals will be held once a year at a PCHA-designated horse show.

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1. Enter arena in center facing down the arena
2. Walk 2 horse lengths
3. Extend trot to center of arena, Stop
4. Perform 1 ¼ turn to right
5. Pick up right lead and perform one circle right
6. At center of circle break to a regular trot to rail, Turn left
7. Pick up left lead
8. At top of arena, extend lope
9. Before reaching center, slow to regular lope
10. Change leads (Simple or Flying) Lope right lead
11. At bottom of arena break to trot around corner
12. Trot poles
13. Stop and Back

