



## **ECRA HIGHWIND FARM SHOW TEAM (HFST) CLASS RULES**

### **ECRA HFST Class Descriptions:**

#### **Ranch Riding**

Open class, no eligibility restrictions to enter. Class description and follow the AQHA Rule Book, however AQHA membership is not required.

#### **Youth Classes**

All riders entering any HFST Youth Class must be age 18 or under as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current show season.

#### **Western Walk/Jog and Western Walk/Jog/Lope**

Open Class(s), no eligibility restrictions to enter. To be judged on correctness and ability of the rider and the riders control of the horse. Exhibitors may be asked to lope as a group or individually. Exhibitors may be asked to back 3 steps.

#### **English Walk/Trot and Walk/Trot/Canter Riders**

Open Class(s), no eligibility restrictions to enter. To be judged on correctness and ability of the rider and the riders control of the horse. Exhibitors may be asked to canter as a group or individually. Exhibitors may be asked to back 3 steps.

#### **Leadline**

Riders must be age 10 and under as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current show season. Riders must have a walker. An additional walker or spotter is also allowed.

**Riders entering HFST leadline cannot enter into any other ECRA or HFST classes EXCEPT for ECRA Futures Leadline.**

## **General Rules for Highwind Farm Show Team Classes:**

- All riders must compete in proper show attire for their discipline. Proper show attire for western classes includes long pants, long sleeved collared shirt, and boots with a heel. Chaps are allowed, but are not required. Proper show attire for English classes includes britches and boots or jodphers, collared shirt, hunt coat and a helmet.
- No standing or running martingales are permitted for any English equitation classes.
- Horses are not required to be braided for any English classes.
- All riders 18 and under, **or** entered into any English classes, **MUST** wear an ASTM certified riding helmet while mounted anywhere on the show grounds. No bicycle helmets are allowed. **No exceptions.**
- Each Highwind Farm Show Team class will award a year end high-point rider and reserve high point rider award. In order to be eligible for Highwind Farm Show Team year-end high point awards, the rider must have shown in at least 2 of the 3 ECRA shows within the point year. In the event that there are less or more than 3 ECRA shows, the horse and rider combination must compete in at least 50% of the ECRA shows offered within that point year in order to be eligible for ECRA year-end awards. Year-end eligibility is based solely on the rider participation, not on the horse or horse and rider combination.
- Management reserves the right to combine or cancel classes with less than 3 riders. If cancelled, entry money for the class will be refunded. With the exception of leadline, Western and English classes cannot be combined.
- Rider does not have to be a member of NRHA, ECRA or HFST but **MUST** be an HFST member to be eligible for year-end awards in the HFST classes.
- Any money and/or point earning by the rider are only eligible for HFST year-end awards from the date of **riders** HFST membership for the current point year. Money and/or point earnings are **not** eligible for HFST year-end awards retroactively.
- Horse(s) is not required to have an NRHA competition license.
- The pattern for Ranch Riding will be posted the day of the show, sooner when possible.