



ECRA 2022 Class List and Show Guidelines

General Show Rules for ECRA Classes:

- **All reining classes will follow NRHA eligibility rules with the exception of Ladies & Gentlemens, Futures Leadline, and Intro to Reining as these classes are not offered at any NRHA shows.**
- Riders will be judged according to current NRHA judging rules.
- All riders must compete in proper western show attire.
- Per NYS law, all riders 18 and under MUST wear an ASTM certified riding helmet while mounted anywhere on the show grounds. No bicycle helmets are allowed. No exceptions.
- In order to be eligible for ECRA year-end awards, the horse and rider combination must have shown in at least 2 of the 3 ECRA shows within the point year.
- Rider does not have to be a member of ECRA to show but must be an ECRA member to be eligible for year-end awards.
- Rider does not have to own the horse, however the horse owner must be an ECRA member in order for any money and/or points earned by the rider to be eligible for ECRA year-end awards
- Any money and/or points earned by the rider are only eligible for ECRA year-end awards from the date of rider and owner(s) ECRA membership for the current point year. Money and/or point earnings are not eligible for ECRA year-end awards retroactively.
- Only one horse-one rider combinations are eligible for ECRA year-end awards. No exceptions will be permitted.
- Horse is not required to have an NRHA competition license unless entering in an NRHA class.
- Patterns will be posted prior the day of the first show, sooner where possible. Ranch Trail patterns will be posted no later than two (2) weeks prior to the show date.

****Please keep in mind NRHA Eligibility when choosing classes as one of 3 shows counting towards year-end awards WILL be NRHA Sanctioned and governed by NRHA rules.****

ECRA Futures Leadline

Riders must be age 8 and under as of January 1st of the current show season. Riders must have walker. An additional side walker or spotter is also allowed. Pattern can be ridden at a walk or jog. Riders entering leadline cannot enter any other class.

ECRA Intro to Reining

This class is open to first time reining class riders that have not shown in a reining class. It is designed to introduce riders to the sport of reining. Riders will be required to ride a modified reining pattern at a lope. Pattern maneuvers to include left and right circles at the lope, spins (360 degree turn), rollbacks (180 degree turn), and backing up. Class will be judged on riders ability to willingly guide a horse through a pattern, pattern placement, and proper horsemanship among other criteria. Non-reiners and non-reining horses are welcome to participate. Riders may ride with one or two hands, however they must remain one or two handed for the duration of the class. Traditional western tack and attire are required. After two consecutive years riding in this class, riders will automatically move up to the Green Class.* Introduction to Reining riders are allowed to cross enter into the Walk/Jog Ranch Division classes.*

Ranch Divisions

Walk Jog Ranch

This division is open to beginner riders that have never shown before in a class that requires rider to lope/canter in the arena in a group. Riders will perform at a walk and jog only. Maneuvers performed may include but are not limited to backing up, side passing, changing of directions, and speed transitions (within walk and jog gaits). Riders may ride with one or two hands. Traditional western tack and attire are required for all classes. Riders will be allowed to show in this division for a maximum of two years. After two consecutive years in this division, riders will automatically move up to the Amateur Ranch Division. *Walk/ Jog Ranch Division riders are allowed to cross enter into the Introduction to Reining class.*

Amateur Ranch

This division is open to riders who do not meet the requirements for the Walk/ Jog Ranch Division and are non professional horsemen. It is open to riders who have shown before where they are required to lope or canter in the arena in a group. Riders will perform at a walk, jog, and lope. Maneuvers performed may include but are not limited to backing up, side passing, changing of directions, and speed transitions (within all gaits). Riders are required to ride one handed in a curb bit. Traditional western tack and attire are required for all classes.

Open Ranch

Open to any rider who does not meet the qualifications for any other division, including trainers and instructors. Riders will perform at a walk, jog, and lope. Maneuvers performed may include but are not limited to backing up, side passing, changing of directions, and speed transitions (within all gaits). Riders are required to ride one handed in a curb bit. Traditional western tack and attire are required for all classes.

*Please note, if there are enough entries - divisions will be split into adult and youth divisions for Walk/ Jog and Amateur.

Ranch Classes

Ranch Rail

The Ranch Rail, also known as Ranch Rail Pleasure, is designed to showcase the horse's ability to be a pleasure to ride while performing as if it were working on a ranch. This class is ridden in a group of riders in the arena. Horses and riders will be asked to perform at all gaits while maintaining a natural and forward movement. Additional maneuvers may be asked to be executed such as backing, side passing, and gait extensions.

Ranch Riding

The Ranch Riding class is designed to measure a horse and rider's ability to perform tasks and maneuvers most commonly associated with working on a ranch. The horse and rider duo will ride a pattern which can include maneuvers such as changes of gait, gait extensions, lead changes, and crossing logs. All maneuvers are to be ridden as if the horse were performing on a ranch, all while being a pleasure to ride. Horses should demonstrate a higher level of training and performance.

Ranch Trail

The Ranch Trail class is designed to measure a horse and rider's ability to execute a designated pattern with obstacles that resemble those that would be encountered on a ranch. Patterns may include all gaits. Obstacles may include riding over obstacles (logs/ poles), passing through gates, riding over a bridge, side passing, dragging a log and more. The class will be judged on the natural ranch horse appearance, as well as on the smoothness, willingness, and efficiency taken to complete the pattern.