



## Ranch Pleasure

**Divisions:** *Open, Non-Pro, Youth 18 & Under, Green Rider, Green Horse, Green Rider/Horse W/T; Ultimate Ranch Challenge, Walk/Trot Ultimate Ranch Challenge*

### Brief rules:

- Exhibitors off pattern but they will not place higher than exhibitors who perform the pattern correctly.
- No hoof black, tail extensions, cavesons, tie-downs or martingales.
- Long sleeve shirt/jacket and boots are strongly suggested. Chaps and cowboy hat/helmet are optional.
- Banding is allowed.
- Exhibitors are allowed to show **2 hands** in ALL Green Horse/Rider & Ultimate Ranch Challenge classes if they use a snaffle bit, bosal or hackamore.
- Please judge the exhibitor even if the camera placement is different than what was requested. All we can ask is that you do your best to judge the exhibitors fairly.
- Faults not to be considered disqualification but should be scored according to severity for ALL Ranch Classes:
  - Crooked backs & stops
  - Anticipating stops
  - Uncontrollable speed
  - Wringing of tail
  - Knocking over markers
  - Failure to run pattern within marker
  - Opening mouth, raising head on stops and turns

### Terminology of the Gaits:

- Walk- The walk is a natural, flat-footed, four-beat gait. The gait shall be rhythmic and ground covering. As in all gaits, the horse should display a natural head carriage with a bright, attentive expression.
- Trot- The trot is a natural two-beat gait demonstrating more forward movement than the Western pleasure jog.

- Extended trot- The extended trot is an obvious lengthening of the stride with a definite increase in pace. The horse should be moving in a manner as if it were covering a large area on a ranch.
- Lope- The lope is a three-beat gait. The lope should be relaxed and smooth with a forward moving stride.
- Extended lope- The extended lope is not a run or a race but should be an obvious lengthening of the stride, demonstrating a forward working speed.

The Videographer should film in the center of the arena and may act as Announcer, asking the exhibitors for transactions according to the time frame specified on the pattern.