

What is Ranch Riding?

The purpose of Ranch Horse Riding should reflect the versatility, attitude, and movement of a working horse. The horse's performance should simulate a horse working outside the confines of an arena and that of a working ranch horse. Light contact should be rewarded and horse shall not be shown on a full drape of reins. Each horse will individually complete a pattern which is scored from 0 to 100 with an average score of 70. Horses will receive +1 1/2 to -1 1/2 per maneuver, with 0 indicating average performance. There is no time limit.

Patterns may include walk, jog/trot, extended trot, lope, extended lope, lead changes, 360 turns, and walk or job over poles. In all gaits, movement of the Ranch Riding horse should simulate a horse needing to cover long distances, softly and quietly, like that of a working ranch horse, while maintaining a bright, attentive expression. Transitions should be performed where designated, with smoothness and responsiveness.

The following are examples of ranch riding patterns:

https://www.arabianhorses.org/.content/judges-stewards/js-docs/RH_Riding_Pattern_1.pdf

https://www.arabianhorses.org/.content/judges-stewards/js-docs/RH_Riding_Pattern_2.pdf

https://www.arabianhorses.org/.content/judges-stewards/js-docs/RH_Riding_Pattern_3.pdf



Join us at our Beat the Heat Show July 14th & 15th, 2018 in Melville, SK to give Ranch Riding a try!

Our goal at the PAWWSHA Beat the Heat show is for everyone to have fun and try something new! Other classes offered include Sport Horse in Hand, Western and English Dressage, Western Suitability Halter, Trail (Western, English, and In-Hand), Western Horsemanship, Reining, Western Riding, Sport Horse Under Saddle, Sport Horse Show Hack, and English Equitation.

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