

# New England Quarter Horse Association

'A' Versatility Ranch and 'B' Western  
Performance Shows



15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Armidale Exhibition Centre

Judge: Peter Simpson

All participants must be a member of the AQHA or a full or day member of the NEQHA to compete. Only horses entered in a class are permitted to be on the grounds.

All competitors agree to abide by the AQHA/RHAA rules. It is the responsibility of the competitor to understand the rules and conditions prior to entering.

Entry Fees/Class: Classes \$15.00, Youth \$10.00  
Stabling: Enclosed \$20, Open \$15, Yards \$6  
Powered Camping: \$30 per night  
Unpowered camping: \$25 per night

All entries are through Nominate. Scratching prior to close of entries incurs a fee from Nominate. Scratching after close of entries requires a vet or medical certificate to be provided.

## End Of Year High Points

To qualify for club end of year high point awards, you must be a financial member of NEQHA and ride at a minimum of 2 shows in the 2024/2025 membership year.

NEQHA beginner members = RHAA Intermediate Rider

Classes marked with an \* are awarded AQHA "A" points. Classes marked with # attract AQHA "B" points. All other Versatility Ranch classes attract RHAA points for financial members.

## Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February 8am start

### Versatility Ranch Pleasure

1. Heritage Snaffle Bit\*
2. Junior Horse#
3. Senior Horse#
4. Amateur\*
5. Select Amateur\*
6. Youth (7-18yrs)\*
7. Green Horse
8. Intermediate Horse
9. Green Rider
10. Intermediate Rider
11. Intermediate Youth (7-18yrs)
12. All Age\*

### Versatility Ranch Working Rail

13. Heritage Snaffle Bit\*
14. Junior Horse#
15. Senior Horse#
16. Amateur\*
17. Select Amateur\*
18. Youth (7-18yrs)\*
19. Green Horse
20. Intermediate Horse
21. Green Rider
22. Intermediate Rider
23. Intermediate Youth (7-18yrs)
24. All Age\*

### Versatility Ranch Reining

25. Heritage Snaffle Bit\*
26. Junior Horse#
27. Senior Horse#
28. Amateur\*
29. Select Amateur\*
30. Youth (7-18yrs)\*
31. Green Horse
32. Intermediate Horse
33. Green Rider
34. Intermediate Rider
35. Intermediate Youth (7-18yrs)
36. All Age\*

### Ranch Prospect Lunge Line

37. Yearling
38. 2yr old
39. 3yr old

### Ranch Prospect Trail

40. Yearling
41. Led 2yr old
42. Led 3yr old

### Ranch Prospect Conformation

43. Yearling
44. 2yr old
45. 3yr old

### Versatility Ranch Trail

46. Heritage Snaffle Bit\*
47. Junior Horse#
48. Senior Horse#
49. Amateur\*
50. Select Amateur\*
51. Youth (7-18yrs)\*
52. Green Horse
53. Intermediate Horse
54. Green Rider
55. Intermediate Rider
56. Intermediate Youth (7-18yrs)
57. All Age\*

### Versatility Ranch Conformation

58. Heritage Snaffle Bit\*
59. Junior Horse#
60. Senior Horse#
61. Amateur\*
62. Select Amateur\*
63. Youth (7-18 Yrs)\*
64. Green Horse
65. Intermediate Horse
66. Green Rider
67. Intermediate Rider
68. Intermediate Youth (7 to 18 Yrs)
69. All Age\*

## Versatility Ranch Rules and Guidelines

Unregistered horses must have an aged vet certificate provided via email to [admin@neqha.com.au](mailto:admin@neqha.com.au) to enter Amateur, Select, Masters, Junior, Senior Horse or All Age Classes.

**Green Rider** A class for inexperienced adult riders. Open riders are NOT eligible for this class. Riders will be required to show their horses at the walk & trot only. The purpose of this class is to encourage those new to riding and/or new to showing. Those entered in this class are ineligible for any INTERMEDIATE or OPEN classes.

- Any age horse may be ridden two handed in a Snaffle Bit or hackamore. (No curb/shank bits)
- Any 'safe' saddle; English, Western, stock, fender or half breed saddles with the exclusion of bareback pads
- Ownership of horse not required – a borrowed horse may be used (owner of the horse must be a financial member)

**Green Horse** Open to all riders wanting to bring inexperienced horses (3yrs and over) into the show arena. Horses will be required to show at the walk, trot & lope.

- Horse may be ridden one or two handed in any legal headgear (see RHAA rules 'Gear')
- Rider must not swap from one to two hands or visa versa during the class
- Any 'safe' saddle; English, Western, stock, fender or half breed saddles with the exclusion of bareback pads
- Ownership of horse not required - a borrowed horse may be used (owner of the horse must be a financial member)

**Intermediate Rider** A class for nonprofessional adult riders with some previous show experience. Riders will be required to show their horses at the walk, trot & lope. Riders can ride in a snaffle, hackamore or a curb bit with split reins or a romal.

**Intermediate Horse** Open to all riders either professional or nonprofessional. Horses with previous show experience may be shown in this class. Horses will be required to show at the walk, trot & lope.

**Intermediate Youth** A class for Youth riders with some previous show experience. Open to Youth riders, 7 to 18 years as at 1st August. Riders will be required to show their horses at the walk, trot & lope. Youth competitors are required to wear an approved safety helmet whilst mounted. Youth must not ride or handle a stallion at any time.

**Amateur/Select Amateur** Person must be a financial member of an association and hold a current Amateur Permit. Select Amateur classes are for those who have attained the age of 50 years and been endorsed as such by their association. Select Amateurs must choose which class they wish to enter at a show, if the show offers Amateur, Select Amateur and Novice Amateur (if eligible).

**Junior Horse, Senior Horse, All Age** Horses must be registered with their breed association or have provided a vet certificate verifying the age of the horse. Horses must be ridden in the correct head gear in a western saddle as per AQHA/RHAA rules.

- Junior Horse is 3 – 5 years old
- Senior Horse is 6 years and older

**Heritage Snaffle Bit** Rider may be on a horse of any age that must be shown in a snaffle bit and stock/fender saddle. Those entered in this division if eligible, can cross enter Amateur, Select Amateur, Intermediate Rider, Green Rider and Youth classes.

### **WESTERN ATTIRE IS MANDATORY;** (All divisions)

- long sleeved, collared, button-up shirt
- western hat (the hat must be on the rider's head when the exhibitor enters the arena) or ASS approved safety helmet
- western pants/jeans
- western boots

Optional Attire – necktie, scarf, spurs, chinks and chaps in ridden classes.

### **Versatility Ranch Rules**

- No horse under 3 years of age may be entered in ridden classes
- No hoof polish/black
- No braided or banded manes/tails or tail extensions
- Trimming inside ears is discouraged. Trimming bridle path is allowed, also trimming of fetlocks or excessive (long) facial hair
- Equipment with silver should not count over a good working outfit. Silver on bridles and saddles is discouraged
- Holding the saddle horn with either hand will not be penalised in any class
- Posting or standing in stirrups at extended trot is acceptable
- When exhibiting in a snaffle bit or hackamore, an exhibitor may switch between two hands and one hand on the reins at any time
- No drag allowed in Green level, Intermediate Level, Heritage Snaffle Bit or Youth classes.
- Intermediate horse/rider cannot have won more than 10 cumulative points per class/division

**Please note -** Judges score sheets will only be available for viewing at the end of each day.