



## NPHA Ranch Versatility Show Feb 2025

Venue: Cobbitty Grounds, 315 Coates Park Rd, Cobbitty NSW

Sunday 9th February 2025

8am Start

AQHA, RHAA Approved, PHAA (pending approval)

All Classes except Youth \$20 per class

Youth \$12 per class

**Entries Close Wednesday 5.02.2025 (\$20 late fee if after this date)**

**Judge: Carol Elliot (AQHA)**



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#### Ranch Pleasure

- 1 Beginner Walk/Jog\*^
- 2 Australian Heritage (Snaffle Bit)
- 3 Any Handed\*^
- 4 Select Amateur
- 5 Amateur
- 6 Youth (7-18 Yrs)
- 7 All Age

#### Ranch Trail

- 8 Ranch prospect Yearling Led
- 9 Ranch prospect 2 Year Old Led
- 10 Ranch prospect 3 Year Led
- 11 Beginner Walk/Jog\*^
- 12 Australian Heritage (Snaffle Bit)
- 13 Any Handed\*^
- 14 Select Amateur
- 15 Amateur
- 16 Youth (7-18 Yrs)
- 17 All Age

#### Ranch Reining

- 18 Beginner Walk/Jog\*^
- 19 Australian Heritage (Snaffle Bit)
- 20 Any Handed\*^
- 21 Select Amateur
- 22 Amateur
- 23 Youth (7-18 Yrs)
- 24 All Age

#### Ranch Prospect Lunge Line

- 25 Ranch prospect Yearling Led
- 26 Ranch prospect 2 Year Old Led
- 27 Ranch prospect 3 Year Old Led

#### Working Western Rail

- 28 Beginner Walk/Jog\*^
- 29 Australian Heritage (Snaffle Bit)
- 30 Any Handed\*^
- 31 Select Amateur
- 32 Amateur
- 33 Youth (7-18 Yrs)
- 34 All Age

#### Ranch Conformation

- 35 Ranch prospect Yearling Led
- 36 Ranch prospect 2 Year Old Led
- 37 Ranch prospect 3 Old Led
- 38 Beginner Walk/Jog\*^
- 39 Australian Heritage (Snaffle Bit)
- 40 Any Handed\*
- 41 Select Amateur
- 42 Amateur
- 43 Youth (5-18 Yrs)
- 44 All Age

#### End of show

\* Non Point Scoring Event

### Guidelines for Entries into each division

**Australian Heritage (Snaffle Bit)** – Any Horse 3 years & over. Horse to be ridden 2 handed in a snaffle bit  
Equipment: Fender, stock saddle or half-breed saddle. (Western saddle not permitted)

If a horse is exhibited in this class, it cannot be exhibited in All Age Division

**Any Handed** - Horses must be 3YO or older. Can use any Snaffle, bosal/hackamore or Bridle. If riding in a bridle, you may change between one and two hands. May compete in any safe western, stock, english or fender staddle

\* This class is non-point scoring for all associations

^ Horse does not have to be registered to enter this class

Horse must be ridden in correct bit appropriate horse's age

**Beginner** - SRAC Club beginner rules to be observed. Can use any Snaffle, bosal/hackamore or Bridle  
May compete in any safe western, stock, english or fender staddle

\* This class is non-point scoring for all associations

^ Horse does not have to be registered to enter this class

**All Age** - Any Horse 3 years & over. Horse to be ridden in correct bit appropriate to horse's age

Horse must be registered with relevant breed society

### AQHA Performance Rules to observe

a) Each horse will work individually

0 to 100, with 70 denoting an average

b) Each manoeuvre will receive a score that

Excellent +1½; Very Good +1; Good +½;

c) The required manoeuvres will include the walk, trot, & lope both directions & the extended trot & extended

lope at least one direction; as well as stops, and back;

d) Three (3) optional manoeuvres may

flying), walk, trot or lope over a pole(s), or

reasonable for a ranch horse to perform

e) The manoeuvres may be arranged in

f) The overall cadence & performance of

with an emphasis on forward movement,

performed where designated, with

g) No time limit;

h) The use of natural logs is encouraged;

i) Posting at the extended jog is acceptable;

j) Touching or holding the saddle horn is acceptable;

k) It is acceptable to stand in the stirrups at the extended trot

### Equipment Guidelines

- Tendon Boots, splint boots, leg wraps and bandages are allowed in Ranch Riding & Versatility Ranch classes except for Ranch Conformation

- Optional Attire - Spurs, chinks & chaps in ridden classes. NB Western spurs are not to be used forward of the cinch.

- No hoof Polish

- No braided or banded manes or tail extensions

- Trimming the bridle path, fetlocks and excessive (long) facial hair is allowed

- Equipment with silver will not count over a good working outfit. Silver on bridles & saddles is discouraged

- It is suggested that competitors use a breast collar & a rear cinch

- When exhibiting in a snaffle bit or hackamore, an exhibitor may switch between two hands & one hand on the reins at any time.

- Holding the saddle horn with either hand will not be penalised in any class;

- The use of two-rein is only allowed in Ranch Reining, Ranch Cow, Work and Limited Ranch Cow Work.

## Class Guidelines

### Versatility Ranch Pleasure

The purpose of the Ranch Pleasure class is to measure the ability of the horse to be a pleasure to ride while being used as a means of conveyance from performing one property horse task to another. The horse should reflect the versatility, attitude, & movement of a working horse riding outside the confines of an arena. The horse should be well-trained, relaxed, quiet, soft, & cadenced at all gaits. The ideal ranch horse will travel with forward movement & demonstrate an obvious lengthening of stride at extended gaits. The horse is to be ridden with light contact or on a relatively loose rein without requiring undue restraint, but not shown on a full drape of reins. Overall manners and responsiveness of the Ranch Pleasure horse to make timely transitions in a smooth and correct manner, as well as the quality of the movement are of primary considerations. The ideal Ranch Pleasure horse should have a natural head carriage at each gait.

### Versatility Ranch Trail

A Versatility Ranch Trail class should test the horse's ability to cope with situations encountered while being ridden through a pattern of obstacles generally found during everyday property work. The horse/rider team is judged on correctness, efficiency, & pattern accuracy with which the obstacles are negotiated, & the attitude & mannerisms exhibited by the horse. Judging emphasis is on identifying the well-broke, responsive, & well-mannered horse which can correctly navigate & negotiate the course.

### Versatility Ranch Reining

The Versatility Ranch Reining class measures the ability of the ranch horse to perform basic handling manoeuvres with a natural head carriage in a forward looking manner. Patterns may be chosen from any of the Ranch Reining patterns or the Judge may supply their own pattern if all aspects of these Rules are adhered to.

### Versatility Ranch Conformation

The purpose of Versatility Ranch conformation is to preserve the Quarter Horse type by selecting well-mannered horses in the order of their resemblance to the breed ideal & that are the most positive combination of balance, structural correctness, & movement with appropriate breed and sex characteristics & adequate muscling. The ideal Versatility Ranch conformation horse should have a natural ranch horse appearance from head to tail.

### Working Western Rail

The working western rail class measures the ability of the horse to be a pleasure to ride and should reflect the versatility, attitude, and movement of a working horse

The horse should be well-broke, relaxed, quiet, soft and cadenced at all gaits. The movement of the working western rail horse should simulate a horse needing to cover long

The overall manners and responsiveness of the horse and the horse's quality of movement are the primary considerations. Maximum credit should be given to the horse that has a natural flowing stride and consistent, ground covering gaits.

Transitions should be performed when requested, with smoothness and responsiveness.

The ideal working western rail horse should have a natural head carriage at each gait. The horse should be ridden on a relatively loose rein with light contact and without requiring responsive to the rider and making timely transitions in a smooth and correct manner. The horse should be soft in the bridle, yield to contact and shall not be shown on a full drape of to use adequate space given the extension of gaits required. This class should show the horse's ability to work at a forward, working pace while under control by the rider. The horse shall be balanced and appear willing and a pleasure to ride in a group

## NPHA Show Rules

\* NB: No pending registrations will be accepted

\* All Horses competing in approved classes must be registered with the Australian Quarter Horse Association, Paint Horse Association or their respective breed association

**\* If a competitor is not an AQHA member, but you are an SRAC current financial member, we will grant you a FREE temporary NPHA membership for the day.**

**\* This show will be counted towards the SRAC Ranch High Points, so get in touch with the SRAC Committee if you are currently financial with them to be eligible**

\* All Stabling/Camping is to be booked through Event Secretary, with your entries. Link will be posted soon

\* Once entries are closed through Nominat, late entries for all events may be accepted and will incur a late office fee.

\* No refund of entry fees will be made after 5th February 2025 except in the event of the death of a horse.

\* In the case of outbreak of any contagious or infectious disease amongst horses, the NPHA nor the sponsors or show organisers will be liable for any damage or loss that may occur to any person or animal.

\* Dogs must be kept on a leash always. No dogs are allowed in the stands at the indoor arena.

\* Random drug testing may be done at this show. Please refer to the AQHA Official Rule Book for further rules relating to Drugs and Surgical Procedures. All horses are subject to random drug testing & all owners agree that by making their entry, they will submit their horses to be drug tested if/when requested.

\* Competitors realise that horse related competition has an inherent risk & as such compete at their own risk. The AQHA, NPHA or show organisers will accept no liability for accident, loss or injury. This applies to all competitors, their connections, horses and spectators.

\* All buildings are NO SMOKING ZONES so please observe this ruling.

\* Every horse entered for competition shall be under the control of the Show Manager or such person/s he appoints to act on his/her behalf.

\* Only contestants in the specific classes and Show Officials will be allowed in the competition arena or marshalling area during the judging.

\* The Show Manager or such person he/she appoints shall have discretion to eject any exhibitor from the said area for inhumane treatment and/or training of any horse or the failure to observe the Rules and Regulations of the competition and the Rules and Regulations of the AQHA or any reasonable request. Your co-operation is expected.

\* Show management may exclude horses from competition should there be any unnecessary or embarrassing delay on the part of the exhibitor in bringing the horse into the competition arena. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to present themselves at the competition arena gate when called. Failure to report on final call will result in disqualification from the class. If a horse is excluded from entry, all entry fees and charges for the class are forfeited without Liability to the show organisers/committee.

\* Show management reserve the right to change the order of classes before or during the show. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to be aware of any changes, which will be announced. Every endeavour will be made to give one hour's notice of any changes to the running order of events; however, every endeavour will be made to avoid changes.

\* Any exhibitor or rider who refuses to obey the request of the Judge, Show Manager or any show official will be automatically disqualified from further competition at the show and forfeits all previous winnings together with all entry fees and other charges. At the discretion of the Show Manager or show committee, the offending individual and his/her entire exhibit may be removed from the grounds.

\* All horses must be serviceably sound. In case of suspected unsoundness, the Judge and/or Show Management, may, if he/she so desires have the animal examined by a Show Veterinarian if available and his/her decision shall be final.

\* Riders and handlers must be correctly attired always, including western hat/helmet and riding boots. No singlets. Any person not correctly attired will not be allowed into the Marshalling arenas.

\* Youth ages will be as at 1st August, 2024, and all youth competitors must have the written permission of a parent or legal guardian to compete.

\* If a horse is vetted out, and it has been entered for competition in a Youth event, then that youth can use a replacement horse if the replacement horse has been previously entered in the show. It should be noted that once this has taken place the horse that was vetted out is not allowed to compete in the rest of the show.

\* In an amateur class, if the amateur horse is vetted out they will be permitted to use a replacement horse for that class if the replacement horse has been previously entered in the show. The replacement horse must be eligible according to the AQHA amateur rules. It should be noted that once this has taken place the horse that was vetted out is not allowed to compete in the rest of the show.

\* Competitors/participants at any event run by NPHA have a responsibility to ensure the welfare of their horses always and to treat their horses humanely and with dignity, respect and compassion.

\* Competitors/participants are to conduct themselves in a professional manner and act with integrity in all dealings with the affiliate and other competitors, to uphold the rules and regulations of the NPHA and the AQHA at all times.

\* Competitors/participants are to demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times, showing respect for your fellow competitors and officials, following the rules and to treat people the way you yourself wish to be treated.

\* All youth competing or taking part in an AQHA approved event, must have written permission from their parent/guardian to be at that event as a contestant or participant and in the case of a contestant, the parent/guardian must also sign the entry form. All youth competing or taking part in an AQHA approved event must be in the care of a responsible adult who is in attendance for the duration of that event, whilst the youth is in attendance at that event.

\* No alcohol is allowed in, or can be consumed, in the marshalling areas, working arenas or show pen/contest areas.

\* Jackpot prize money (IF APPLICABLE) will be paid out as the entry pool less 40%, 1st 50%, 2nd 30% & 3rd 20%.

### Beginners

A beginner Youth or Adult is a competitor that satisfies the following criteria –

\* Has not won ANY performance event in an Open Amateur or Youth class at any A or AA Class NPHA/SQHA/SRAC or equivalent show where there were three or more entrants in a class per category.

E.g. If a competitor wins open or amateur halter at an approved show they will still be eligible to compete in beginner ridden classes.

\* Has not won three times in that particular beginner event where there were three or more competitors. After a competitor has obtained three wins they are no longer eligible to participate in that particular beginners' class.

\* Has not won a beginner Youth or Adult Annual High Point award.

\* After a beginner has obtained wins as above they are no longer eligible to participate in beginner classes in subsequent years. The competitor may continue to show in Beginner classes until the end of the points year.

\* Notwithstanding the above NPHA Committee reserves the right to use their discretion in determining the beginner status of any competitor.

\* Beginner Riders can ride 'two handed' regardless of the age of the horse or the type of bit used.

\* Beginner Riders are not to compete on colts or stallions

\* The NPHA committee highly recommend that all beginner competitors wear a helmet at all times when riding, in both the arena events and warm up areas, for both Adult and Youth riders.