

## **Division and Class Clarifications:**

1. Grand and Reserve Halter – will apply to the top 2 horses in Mare and Gelding Halter. Top 2 will automatically be entered into this class. Grand will receive two extra points, and reserve will receive one extra point (see #2 below) for weekend and year-end awards.
2. Halter and Ranch Conformation classes are not required to be eligible for weekend division high point awards, but the halter points are included in shown in all division weekend high point awards that the exhibitor shows that weekend.
  - This also applies to year-end division awards, but for year-end, halter points will only be awarded to the primary division that the exhibitor requests at the time of nomination.
3. A horse may only be shown by one exhibitor per class.
4. Tack changes between classes will be given 2 minutes. All tack changes must be declared at registration.
5. In Leadline, handler must be at least 16 years of age (excludes Specialty Class Daddy Leadline).
6. Cross entry is allowed between pleasure and ranch divisions.
7. In ranch classes, riders will not be marked down or disqualified for banded/braided manes, clipping, hoof polish, false tails, silver on tack and bling on clothes/outfit.
8. In ranch classes, riders will be allowed to hold the horn during extended trot ONLY.
9. In ranch trail, we do not allow hobble for ground tying, and if the rider has romel reins, a “get-down” rope is required for ground tying.
10. In trail and ranch trail, you have THREE attempts for an obstacle, and then you must move on to the next obstacle in the pattern.
11. In-hand trail cannot cross enter into riding classes until after July 1<sup>st</sup> of two-year old year. However, they can cross enter into Halter, Ranch Conformation and Showmanship at any time.
12. To be eligible for year-end awards, each rider must purchase a full MRSC membership and must obtain the required nomination per horse and rider combination prior to accumulating points. Points earned before membership/nomination is paid will not count towards year end awards. See Bylaws for details.

- Exhibitor may nominate for more than one division, but a primary division must be selected for halter points to be added for year-end division high point awards.

## **Divisions:**

**Please see Article 11 and Appendix 1 in the 2024 MRSC Bylaws for a more complete description of each division and what classes qualify for for both weekend and year-end division high points awards.**

**2024 MRSC Bylaws can be found in this binder and on our website at [www.midriverssaddleclub.com](http://www.midriverssaddleclub.com).**

- A. **Lead Line – Riders age 7 & under as of January 1st of current year. Handler must be age 16 or over.**
  - Riders may cross enter into the Walk Division, Halter and Ranch Conformation, and specialty classes (if applicable).
- B. **Walk – Riders 10 years and under as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.** Entry into Walk classes and Halter will not affect Beginner Eligibility if rider does not cross enter into other divisions. Special consideration will be given to those with disabilities who are older than 10 years.
  - Riders are eligible to cross-enter into Beginner (if rider meets Beginner eligibility requirements) and Small Fry Divisions.
- C. **Small Fry Walk Trot–Riders 10 years and under as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.**
  - Riders may cross enter into Walk, Beginner (if rider meets Beginner eligibility requirements), Youth 13 and Under, and Youth 18 & Under Ranch Walk Trot Divisions.

- D. Youth 13 & Under Walk Trot – Riders age 13 and under as of January 1st of current year.
- Riders are eligible to cross-enter into the following divisions **where age appropriate:** Small Fry, Youth 18 & Under, Beginner (if rider meets Beginner eligibility requirements), Youth 18 & Under Ranch W/T, and Youth 18 & Under W/T/C Divisions.
  - Excludes crossing into Leadline and Walk.
- E. Youth 14 + /Adult Walk Trot – Riders age 14 and over as of January 1st of current year.
- Riders are eligible to cross enter into the following divisions **where age appropriate:** Youth 18 & Under, Select, Adult, Beginner (if meets Beginner requirements), Youth 18 & Under Ranch W/T, Youth 18 & Under Ranch W/T/C, Adult Ranch W/T and Adult Ranch W/T/C Divisions.
  - Excludes crossing into Leadline, Walk, Small Fry, and Youth 13 & Under.
- F. Youth 18 & Under- Riders age 18 & under as of January 1st of current year.
- Riders are eligible to cross enter into the following divisions **where age appropriate:** Youth 13 & Under, Youth 14+ /Adult Walk Trot, Beginner (if meets Beginner requirements), Youth Ranch W/T, and Youth 18 and Under W/T/C Divisions.
  - Excludes crossing into Leadline, Walk, Small Fry, Select, and any adult divisions (barring Youth 14+/Adult W/T).
- G. Adult – Riders age 19 & over as of January 1st of current year.
- Riders are eligible to cross enter into the following divisions where age appropriate: Youth 14+/Adult, Select, Beginner (if meets Beginner requirements), Adult Ranch W/T and Adult Ranch W/T/C Divisions.
  - Excludes crossing into any youth divisions.
- F. Select – Riders 50 and over as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year.
- Riders are eligible to cross enter into the following divisions where age appropriate: Youth 14+/Adult, Adult, Beginner (if meets

Beginner requirements), Adult Ranch W/T and Adult Ranch W/T/C Divisions.

- Excludes crossing into any youth divisions.

G. Beginner – Rider of any age who meets the criteria as outlined in the Beginner Affidavit Form. Then, once approved, adults may ride in this division for one show season, and youth may ride in this division for two show seasons. Once the Year End Beginner High Point or Reserve High Point has been won, rider is no longer eligible to ride in the Beginner Division.

- Cross entry into **age appropriate** divisions –Small Fry, Youth 13 & Under, Youth 18 & Under, Youth 14+/Adult, or Adult Division will be allowed. Also eligible for age appropriate Ranch W/T and Ranch W/T/C divisions.
- Completed Beginner Affidavit to be reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors BEFORE showing in this class.

H. Youth 18 & Under Ranch Walk Trot - Riders age 18 & under as of January 1st of current year.

- Riders are eligible to cross enter into any other youth divisions **where age appropriate** and Beginner (if meets Beginner requirements).
- Excludes crossing into Leadline, Walk, Select, and any adult divisions (barring Youth 14+/Adult W/T).

I. Youth 18 & Under Ranch W/T/C - Riders age 18 & under as of January 1st of current year.

- Riders are eligible to cross enter into any other youth divisions **where age appropriate** and Beginner (if meets Beginner requirements).
- Excludes crossing into Leadline, Walk, Small Fry, Select, and any adult divisions (barring Youth 14+/Adult W/T).

J. Adult 19 & Over Ranch Walk Trot - Riders age 19 and over as of January 1st of current year.

- Riders are eligible to cross enter into any other adult divisions **where age appropriate** and Beginner (if meets Beginner requirements).
  - Excludes crossing into any youth classes.
- K. Adult 19 & Over Ranch W/T/C - Riders age 19 and over as of January 1st of current year.
- Riders are eligible to cross enter into any other adult divisions **where age appropriate** and Beginner (if meets Beginner requirements).
  - Excludes crossing into any youth divisions.
- L. Open Classes and Open Warmup Classes – open to riders of any age and any division.
- M. Halter and Ranch Conformation classes – open to riders of any age and any division.