

The Arabian Working Western Alliance

Ranch Horse Challenge

General Description



There will be two new Working Western classes added to the 2023 AHA U.S. Nationals show schedule thus expanding AWWA-supported prize money programs. The classes are:

AWWA Arabian Ranch Horse Challenge

HA/AA Ranch Horse Challenge

AWWA Ranch Horse Challenge Class Guidelines:

The AWWA Ranch Horse Challenge will be held each year at the U.S. National Arabian Show. The Ranch Horse Challenge is open to any registered Arabian or HA/AA horse 5 years & over that has completed the AWWA entry form along with the AHA U.S. National entry form and paid appropriate fees. Each horse is presented individually riding the AWWA-designated pattern in accordance with class specifications set forth in the Arabian Division of the USEF Rule Book section for Ranch Horse competition. The AWWA pattern will be available on the first day that the U.S. Nationals Show Office opens. A random order of go will be posted no later than one hour prior to start of class.

The AWWA Ranch Horse Challenge pattern will consist of at least six, but not more than eight maneuvers that are associated with the disciplines of reining, trail, ranch riding, and/or reined cow horse. Examples of possible maneuvers include, but are not limited to:

Walk over obstacle	Extended Trot	Picking up feet
Trot over obstacle	Hand gallop	Pick-up & carry an item
Lope over obstacle	Drag an object	Serpentine
Sidepass	Ground tie	Bridge
Change of lead	Turn on the hind	Load into a trailer
Back through or around	Open & close gate	Rope a steer head
Roll back	Walk through cattle pen	

Maneuvers will test and display the versatility and athletic capabilities of a horse able to perform in multiple disciplines. The course is not designed to trick or trap any horse. Judges will walk the course to confirm safety and suitability of course. Exhibitors will be allowed to walk the course prior to competition.

A Ranch Horse Challenge Futurity Cup for Arabians & HA/AA's will run concurrently. Futurity Cup entries are four years of age and must be sired by enrolled stallions. Finalists in the Futurity Cup will be asked to show in a conformation phase before final placings. By 2028, all Futurity Cup entries must be sired by an enrolled stallion and have a mare nomination form on file with AWWA.

A five-judge scoring system will be employed where one high and one low score is eliminated. The remaining three scores will be totaled to determine the placings in the class.

Prize money is determined by AWWA. AHA will award a National Champion, Reserve National Champion, and 8 Top 10's in the AWWA Ranch Horse Challenge for each class. The AWWA is responsible for distribution of prize money. It is estimated to have \$2,500 in each of the Ranch Horse Challenge classes for 2023. Futurity Cup prize money is based on number of nominations.

A rider may show up to three (3) horses in each Division of the Ranch Horse Challenge (i.e. 3 Arabian and 3 HA/AA and one (1) horse in each of the Futurity Cup classes (i.e. 1 Arabian and 1 HA/AA).