

Scottsdale Saddle Club

Western Class Descriptions 2012

Halter - Halter classes are divided by sex. Horses are shown in halter and are traveled before judges so that lameness and quality of movement can be evaluated. Horses are judged on balance, structural correctness, breed and sex characteristics and degree of muscling. 2012 Year End Points will be based on the horse and a horse must be shown in a minimum of 3 shows by a SSC member to qualify for year end points.

Showmanship - Judges evaluate the grooming and fitting of the horse and expertise of the exhibitor in presenting the horse. Each exhibitor is required to perform a pattern with emphasis on preciseness of pattern and degree of confidence exhibited by the showman.

Western Pleasure – Will be judged primarily on the horse. Horses will be asked to perform all gaits required (either walk, jog, or lope) per class/division both directions on the rail. Western Pleasure horses should lope with forward motion. Horses are judged on their manners, performance, quality and conformation. The horse is to give the impression of being a pleasure to ride. Riders may also be asked to halt and backup.

Western Horsemanship – Will be judged primarily on the rider. Riders will be asked to perform all gaits required of their class/division one or both directions of the rail. Riders will be judged on position in the saddle and horsemanship skills. There will be a basic pattern to be performed after the rail work is complete.

Ranch Horse - Our ranch horse division will demonstrate the versatility of the working horse in four categories as follows:

Ranch Conformation - Horses are shown in a nylon or rope halter and are traveled before judges so that lameness and quality of movement can be evaluated. Horses are judged on balance, structural correctness. No Banding or hair/ tail extensions are permitted in the Ranch classes.

Ranch Horsemanship judges the horse on movements, mastery of a prescribed maneuver and attitude as he is guided through a pattern. The horse is required to perform a number of stops, spins, rollbacks, lead changes and circles at a lope. The horse should be willing to be guided with little or no resistance. This is a pattern class only no rail work is required.

Ranch Riding Horses are judged on their manners, performance of requested gates and attitude. The horse is to give the impression of being a horse that one could ride on a “working” ranch. Riders may also be asked to stop, back, change leads, rollback, extended jog and or extended lope at the judges discretion.

Ranch Trail See Trail description usually to include 1 additional “ranch work” obstacle such as throw a rope, carry a slicker, ground tie, etc.