



ETI CORRAL 37
HORSE SHOW SERIES
2023 RULES

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2023 RANCH HORSE SHOWS

April 23, 2023

June 11, 2023 - Double Judged

September 10, 2023

October 1, 2023 - Double Judged

PLEASE KEEP THESE RULES HANDY FOR REFERENCE DURING THE SHOW SEASON. RULES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT WWW.ETICORRAL37.ORG AND A COPY WILL BE ON HAND AT THE HORSE SHOWS.

ETI Corral 37 Show Series follows ETI Rules, USEF rules & AQHA Rules, except where ETI Corral 37 rules supersede.

GENERAL RULES

1. All California equine drug laws apply.
2. Our insurance carrier requires all riders, handlers, owners, lessees or lessors to be members of Equestrian Trails, Inc. (ETI). Single day non-memberships will suffice. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
3. An "ETI - Liability Waiver and Release" form must be signed at each event by every exhibitor and/or person handling horses. A parent or guardian/representative must sign the waiver and release for exhibitors under 18 years of age.
4. Proper attire is required - **Ranch:** long sleeve shirt with collar, pants, belt, boots, western hat or ASTM/SEI approved helmet. Chaps or chinks optional.
5. **No Refunds will be issued to those scratching or switching classes, even with an open check.** However, if you wish to switch a class, it must be done no later than 2 classes prior, with the approval of the show manager. Refunds will be issued only in the case (a) the class is canceled, or (b) an ETI Board member certifies that the horse is lame or injured. No refunds will be issued regarding Membership or Sponsorships fees. ***Refunds will be mailed within 14 days after approval of the show management unless rider paid fees in cash.***
6. If you pre-enter by the stated deadline, you will receive the pre-entry price. If you add classes the day of the show, post-entry prices will apply. All other fees remain as stated on the entry form. Payment for pre-entries must be made when you check-in with the office. Show numbers will be issued upon payment of entries. If you leave an open check, the Office will close your check at the conclusion of your classes. **No Exceptions.**
7. A bank charge of \$35.00 will be added to each returned check. **Thereafter, that person will be on a cash only payment basis. NO EXCEPTIONS. In the event of a returned check all points from that event will be forfeited.**
8. Adding classes must be done at least 2 classes in advance in the office; **there can be no adding classes at the gate.**
9. ETI Corral 37 reserves the right to cancel or combine any class. This includes any classes that do not consistently have 3 or more entries after the 2nd show of the season. When and if classes are combined, points will be awarded to corresponding age breaks or divisions where applicable.
10. Tack changes are limited to three (3) minutes and must be scheduled through the office 2 classes in advance.
11. Age of a rider is as of January 1, 2023. No stallions are to be handled by anyone under the age of 18.
12. All dogs must be on a leash and leash must be in owners' hands as per Ventura County leash law.
13. Walk Jog/Trot exhibitors may NOT cross enter into any loping/cantering classes. However, rider may enter loping/cantering classes on a different horse with a different number.
14. Walk Jog/Trot exhibitors may not lope/canter at other ETI Corral 37 events i.e. Gymkhanas, with the same horse/rider combination. However, a rider may choose to ride different horses for different disciplines.

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15. Any horse may be shown in a snaffle, hackamore or bit at the discretion of the rider at any time. Regardless of bit all riders can choose to ride with two hands ie ported mouthpiece.
16. Riders will not be disqualified for riding with two hands for the duration of the ENTIRE class ie start to finish.
17. Order of go in individual work classes will be determined at random. If you require a certain order of go for you and your horse, you must notify the office when signing up to enter the class.
18. All 2023 shows are sanctioned by the West Coast Ranch Horse association. To be eligible for WCRH year-end awards riders must be a member of WCRH and submit their nomination for declared divisions prior to the shows. Membership and nomination cannot be backdated For any questions regarding WCRH please visit their website:
<https://www.westcoastranchhorse.com>

INCLEMENT WEATHER

1. 'Rain dates' are used when the arena condition becomes unusable or hazardous due to rain & unsafe conditions. The show management will make that determination on Saturday or Sunday morning. Once the show has started there is no stopping the show unless the Show Office Manager & the Judge deems it is unsafe to continue. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

SCORING

1. Scoring for High Point of the Day and Year-End Awards will be the same and are as follows:

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
6	5	4	3	2	1

Example: In a class with only 5 exhibitors, placing 1,2,3,4,5, you will receive 6,5,4,3,2 points. In a class with 3 exhibitors you will receive 6,5,4 points and so on...

2. **Exceptions:** In classes with 10 or more entries, 1 extra point will be given to the 1st place winner.
3. Ribbons will be given through 5th place with points given through 6th place.
4. Exhibitors riding and not placing in an ETI Corral 37 class will receive ½ **point** for participating in the class for Hi Point of the day & Year End awards.
5. **Tiebreakers:** Ties will be broken as follows:
 - Year End Awards will be based on the rider receiving the most 1st place ribbons in that class, then the most 2nd place ribbons and so forth (to 6th place), until the tie is broken. If a tie still exists, then the rider who showed the most times will be the winner.
 - Day End Highpoint will be based on whichever rider placed higher in Ranch Trail.
6. **Double Judged shows will count as two separate shows for year-end requirements and will follow the single point numbers for high point calculation.**
7. Judges' scorecards will be used to settle all disputes in any scoring issue that may arise. The judge's decision is the **FINAL** decision.
8. In the event a rider must change horses during the year, all points in Ranch Riding, Ranch

Trail and Ranch Reining will be carried over to the new horse. In case of Death or Loss of use for the remainder of the show year, exhibitor must show reasonable proof to the Board of Directors in order to substitute another horse for the remainder of the show year. Only one substitution per exhibitor/per show year – **No Exceptions.**

PROTESTS

1. Protests may be made to ETI Corral 37 by an exhibitor, agent, trainer or parent of a junior exhibitor for any violation of the rules. The protest must be:

- A. In writing
- B. Signed by the protestor
- C. Addressed to the Board of Directors of the Association
- D. Accompanied by a non-refundable fee of \$50.00
- E. Received by the Board of Directors within 48 hours of the alleged violation.

2. A protest must state the full name and address of the accused or the name, entry number and the date of the show at which the violation occurred. It must contain a complete and definite statement of the act(s), which constituted the alleged violation. Precise details regarding the violation of the rules are necessary. The protest must include substantiation of the protest by personal testimony or by sworn statements, witnesses and/or other evidence, which will be presented to the Board of Directors at a hearing. A protest against a show recognized by the Association must be referred to the Board of Directors

HORSE SHOW ETIQUETTE

1. Be ready to enter the arena. **ETI Corral 37 reserves the right to disqualify anyone who delays a class. Maximum time allowed for gate call is 1 minute.**
2. If you are asked to leave the arena for any reason, such as 3 refusals, unsportsmanlike conduct, abuse of an animal, unsafe horse/rider or any reason deemed by judge or show management you must leave immediately. **DO NOT** jump any other fence(s) or attempt any other obstacle(s). Failure to comply disqualifies that horse from all other classes and forfeits all fees paid for that show that day. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
3. **If you wish to ask a judge a question, please do so at the end of the day through the office. Do not approach the judge without show management approval. Thank you.**

DEFINITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

1. **RECOGNIZED SHOW:** A recognized show shall be defined as any show recognized by an Association giving year-end awards.
2. **OPEN:** Open to all riders that walk/trot/lope.
3. **AMATEUR:** Any person who after their 19th birthday has not received monetary compensation for the following: shown, judged, instructed another person in riding, trained or assisted in training a horse for remuneration, monetary or otherwise either directly or

indirectly as per AQHA rules. Payment of entry fees and/or expenses by anyone other than the amateur or their “immediate family” shall be considered remuneration. Exhibitors may regain amateur status if there has been a minimum of 3 years since receiving monetary compensation or remuneration either directly or indirectly for prior listed services.

4. **SILVER AMATEUR 50+:** Open to riders whose age is 50 or older as of January 1, 2023. Any person who has not received monetary compensation for the following: shown, judged, instructed another person in riding, trained or assisted in training a horse for remuneration, monetary or otherwise either directly or indirectly as per AQHA rules. Payment of entry fees and/or expenses by anyone other than the amateur or their “immediate family” shall be considered remuneration. Exhibitors may regain amateur status if there has been a minimum of 3 years since receiving monetary compensation or remuneration either directly or indirectly for prior listed services.

5. **18 & UNDER:** Open to riders whose age is 18 or younger as of January 1, 2023.

6. **WALK/TROT:** Must maintain trot status, no loping! Horse/Rider combination may NOT cross over into other ETI Corral 37 events in anything other than a Walk/ Trot Division ie Gymkhanas.

7. **WALK/TROT SHORT STIRRUP:** Open to riders age 12 or younger as of January 1, 2023. Must maintain trot status, no loping! Horse/Rider combination may NOT cross over into other ETI Corral 37 events in anything other than a Walk/ Trot Division ie Gymkhanas.

8. **MULE:** Open to all age riders. Equine ridden must be a mule.

9. **Schooling** in all individual work classes is allowed. However, you will be last to ride, with no number on your back or your number turned upside down. Full class price will be charged and you must use the same course that is being used for that class. Riders may not add obstacles to the existing course.

10. You must be a member of ETI. (See General Rules, pg. 1)

11. Horse must be registered with the same rider name/horse name that will be used throughout the entire season for points to count.

REQUIREMENTS FOR YEAR-END DIVISION AND AGE BREAK AWARDS

1. Anyone who is interested in Year End High Point program needs to fill out the required paperwork and submit payment no later than the second show, June 11, 2023. Those who do not submit all required documents by that date will not be eligible for any Year End High Point award. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

2. **YEAR END AWARD PROGRAM:** Must designate your division and submit completed year-end sign up by June 11, 2023. Must compete in designated division(s), minimum of 4 classes per division at all 4 shows to be eligible. Awards are based on a one-horse/one-rider team.

3. **HI-POINT RANCH AGE BREAK YEAR END AWARDS:** One award in each age break in each division Open, 18 & Under, Amateur, Silver amateur 50+, Walk/Trot Open, Walk/Trot Short Stirrup, Mule. All age break classes listed on the premium will count toward year-end hi-point age break awards. To be eligible you must show in all 4 approved classes at a minimum of 4 shows. All Hi-Point division classes listed on the premium will count toward the high point total no matter how many times shown. Awards are based on one horse/one rider team.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Overall Champion

Presented in recognition of the Ranch Equine/Rider combination with the most overall points in the Association during the show year. Awards are based on the financial status of the club and may vary from year to year!

Sponsorships welcome!

Sportsmanship Award

Presented in recognition of the exhibitor who displayed the most exemplary sportsmanship during the show year. An exhibitor who always competed strongly and fairly, won graciously, did not complain in defeat, assisted and encouraged fellow competitors and respected their horse. Your horse show peers vote this on award! THIS AWARD WILL NOT BE GIVEN IF NO ONE DISPLAYED THE DESIRED LEVEL OF SPORTSMANSHIP

All Awards will be presented at the Year End Banquet.

RANCH HORSE RULES AND DEFINITIONS

RANCH RIDING & RANCH RAIL: The purpose of the ranch riding 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 ranch task to another. The horse should reflect the versatility, attitude and movement of a working ranch horse riding outside the confines of an arena. The horse should be well-trained, relaxed, quiet, soft and cadenced at all gaits. The ideal ranch horse will travel with forward movement and demonstrate an obvious lengthening of stride at extended gaits. The horse can be ridden with light contact or on a relatively loose rein without requiring undue restraint, but not shown on a full drape of reins. The overall manners and responsiveness of the ranch riding 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 riding horse should have a natural ranch horse appearance from head to tail in each maneuver.

RANCH TRAIL: The 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 the course of everyday ranch work. The horse/rider team is judged on the correctness, efficiency and pattern accuracy with which the obstacles are negotiated and the attitude and mannerisms exhibited by the horse. Judging emphasis is on identifying the well broke, responsive and well-mannered horse which can correctly navigate and negotiate the course. The ideal ranch trail horse should have a natural ranch horse appearance from head to tail in each maneuver.

RANCH CONFORMATION: The purpose of ranch conformation is to preserve American Quarter Horse type selecting well-mannered individuals in the order of their resemblance to the breed ideal and that are the most positive combination of balance, structural correctness, and movement with appropriate breed and sex characteristics and adequate

muscling. The ideal ranch conformation horse should have a natural ranch horse appearance from head to tail.

CLASS REQUIREMENTS

Ranch Riding: Pattern will be chosen from one of the patterns in the AQHA rulebook and posted to our website approximately one week prior to the show date.

Ranch Rail:

- Horses will be shown individually at three gaits; walk, trot and lope in each direction of the arena. Two gaits for respective walk/trot classes.
- Horses will also be asked to reverse, stop and back.
- The judge must ask for an extended trot and extended lope at least one direction of the ring.

Ranch Trail:

- No less than six and no more than nine obstacles
- Obstacles and/or maneuvers may include but are not limited to:
 - o Ride over obstacles on the ground (at least one)
 - Walk-overs: 26"-30" in distance
 - Trot-overs: 36"-42" in distance
 - Lope-overs: 6'-7' in distance
 - o Gate
 - o Wooden bridge
 - o Backing: minimum 28" apart
 - o Side-pass obstacle
 - o 360 degree or less spin or pivot
 - o Drag a log or other object (Open and Amateur classes ONLY)
 - o Carry object from one part of the arena to another
 - o Swing rope or throw rope at a dummy steer head
 - o Trot through cones or poles: minimum 6' apart
 - o Ground tying
 - o Picking up horse's feet
 - o Opening and closing a mailbox
 - o Walk, trot and/or lope

Ranch Conformation

- Horses are to be shown in a good working halter: rope, braided, nylon or plain leather. Any horse shown in the ranch horse conformation class may not be shown with an allowed lip cord, however a lead shank with an attached chain may be used under the chin or over the nose.

RANCH HORSE APPAREL AND EQUIPMENT

- Trimming inside ears is discouraged.
- Trimming bridle path is allowed, also trimming of fetlocks or excessive (long) facial hair.
- Traditional donkey trimming is allowed.
- Equipment with silver should not count as a good working outfit. Silver on bridles and saddles is discouraged; a penalty may be given by the judge for non-removal.
- Holding the saddle horn with either hand will not be penalized in any class,
- Posting at the extended trot is acceptable.
- Romal reins are allowed in all ranch classes. When riding with a romal, a get down rope may be used.
- Protective boots, leg wraps and bandages are allowed in all ranch horse classes as long they do not distract from judging (ie bright colored boots or leg wraps)