

Rules and Eligibility:

1. Wood County Horse and Pony Clubs or any clubs represented are not responsible for any accidents, theft, or health issues.
2. All Breeds are eligible and welcome
3. For age specific classes, age will be considered as of January 1st
4. Judge's decision is final and non-disputable
5. Humane treatment of equine is expected at all times.
6. We reserve the right to close the entry booth or refuse entry at any time
7. All horses are subject to random drug testing
8. No one under 18 years old can show a stallion
9. If a person decides to scratch from a class, no money will be refunded.
10. Attire Requirements
 - a. a four (4) inch sleeve shirt with a collar for Contesting, buttoned and tucked
 - b. Helmets are optional for all-aged riders (including 18 years old and under).
 - c. No baseball caps
 - d. Performance show is any show attire
11. Stalls will be available for \$15. Stall forms are mandatory. Only Stalling in Middle Barn.
12. Electrical hookup and water (\$50) will also be available through the entry booth.
13. Class splits and drags will be determined by the judge and/or show committee.
14. One or more equine will constitute a class.
15. Spotters are welcome for the Equestrian with Disabilities classes and 8 & Under classes (for both contesting and performance).
16. Payback will be awarded to fourth (4th) place at 70% of class fee minus \$1 for organization fee 17. Minimum entries for payback is 6 entries for \$5 classes and 10 entries for \$10/\$12 classes to fill. 18. Contesting
 - a. If a rider knocks a Contesting obstacle, the penalty is +5 seconds per obstacle knocked.
 - b. No contact in front of the cinch
 - c. Enter at center gate chute, exit at side gate (no running out)
19. Two different riders cannot show the same horse in the same class, except in Generation Gap.
20. Horse/rider combo cannot cross enter between Western and Ranch classes.
 - a. Cannot Cross Enter These: Showmanship, Trail, Horsemanship, Pleasures
 - b. Can Cross Enter: 1 pattern to 1 rail (i.e. western horsemanship and ranch pleasure)
21. Generation Gap
 - a. The age gap is at least 10 years.
 - b. The \$10 entry fee covers both riders.
 - c. For contesting, the younger rider goes 1st
 - d. For performance, the older rider goes 1st
 - e. The class will be judged off of horsemanship/equitation at the walk and trot only.
 - f. Not eligible for points
22. Rider/horse combo can only enter one jumping class.
23. Rider/horse combo can only enter one trail class/course (trail/trail-in-hand/ranch trail)
24. All Exhibitors in 8 & Under, EWD, and Walk-Trot classes 22 and 27 are not eligible for any other Walk-Trot-Canter class.
25. Riders are eligible to 'Age Up' divisions based on experience. Those that 'Age Up' must stay in the division chosen for the entire series, there is no allowance for changing divisions once entered into the first show attended. (example: WT aged riders, can 'Age Up' to 9-13 WTC classes)
26. The Belt Buckle Series will follow 4-H rules, unless otherwise stated.
27. Show updates will be posted on the WCHPC Facebook page and the WCHPC Buckle Series Facebook page.

Points:

1. Memberships are due each year for award eligibility. One membership is good for each Horse and Rider pair for one (1) specific division for contesting or performance.
2. A rider can have more than one membership.
3. A membership form must be completed to be eligible
4. Membership is not required for payback, only for Series points.
5. Awards will be split between Contesting events and Performance events
 - a. Contesting Awards: 8 & Under, 9-13, 14-18, Open
 - b. Performance Buckles: Western/English 8 & Under, Western English 9-13, Western/English 14-18, Western/English Open, Ranch Open, Ranch 9-13, Ranch 14-18, and Equestrian with Disabilities
6. Each Membership due is \$20
7. There is not minimum to fill any class for points, only to fill for payback
8. Points will be tallied once the membership is purchased from the show day forward. Points prior to the show day will not be counted.
9. Points will be awarded in reverse order, i.e. First place will receive 8 points, Second will receive 7 points, ... Eighth will receive 1 point. This will apply to all classes including those with less than 6.
10. In the event of a tie in points, the higher place will go to the contestant with the greater number of higher placings.
11. 3-D Open Contesting: The top 6 times of the class will be counted towards points, not divisions.
12. Eligible Classes for Points Towards Buckle
 - a. Contesting Awards:
 - i. 8 & Under- Class #: 1, 5, 9, 13
 - ii. 9-13- Class #: 2, 6, 10, 14
 - iii. 14-18- Class #: 3, 7, 11, 15
 - iv. Open- Class #: 4, 8, 12, 17
 - v. Class # 17 & 18 Timed Event placings will count towards membership division points for horse/rider combo. (See rule 11 for class 17)
 - b. Performance Buckles:
 - i. Western/English 8 & Under- Class #: 2, 23, and 25
 - ii. Western/English 9-13- Class #: 4, 10, 13, 32, and 38
 - iii. Western/English 14-18- Class #: 5, 11, 14, 33, and 39
 - iv. Western/English Open- Class #: 1, 9, 12, 31, and 37
 - v. Equestrian with Disabilities- Class #: 3, 24, and 26
 - vi. Ranch 9-13 - Class #: 7, 29, 35, and 41
 - vii. Ranch 14-18 - Class #: 8, 30, 36, and 42
 - viii. Ranch Open- Class #: 6, 28, 34, and 40
 - ix. Specialty Classes #17, 19, 44, and 45 will count towards ranch division and specialty classes # 15,16,17,18, 44,45 will count towards all around division points.
13. Accumulated points will be posted at the beginning of each show at the announcer's stand.