



AQHA and All Breed Versatility Ranch Horse Competition

4 p.m. Monday, October 18th, 2021
7 a.m. Tuesday, October 19th, 2021
7 a.m. Wednesday, October 20th, 2021

Late fee applied to entries received after 10/1/2021.
Late entries NOT ALLOWED in cattle work classes.
Entries may be limited to fit time constraints.

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\$20 from every entry added to purse.
Will follow NRCHA Payout Schedule.

Submit Entries one of three ways:

Online: www.saddlebook.com/events/1941

Mail: NILE Attn: Bonnie

P.O. Box 1981

Billings, MT 59103

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Show Location:
Billings, MT



Entries Due: 5 p.m. October 1, 2021
MUST be received in the NILE office by 5 p.m.

Must Submit These Items for Complete Entry:

- Completed Entry Form
- Payment for Fees
- Copy of Horse's AQHA Registration Papers
- Copy of Exhibitor's AQHA Card (the rider)
- W-9 for payor (person who gets winnings)

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Exhibitor Breakfast brought to you by Friez Insurance Agency
Tuesday, October 19th 6:30 AM – Food provided by Miller's Horse Palace

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AQHA and All Breed Versatility Ranch Horse RULES

All-Breed division will follow AQHA RULES – *Exhibitor cannot enter both Ranch Cow Work and Limited Ranch Cow Work with the same horse.*

Explanation of Divisions (AQHA SHW552)

- **All Breed Open** - For any exhibitor of any age with any horse of any breed regardless of ownership. Allowed to show up to three (3) horses in each class.
- **All Breed Youth** - For any exhibitor 18-years-old or younger with any horse of any breed regardless of ownership. Allowed to show up to three (3) horses in each class. Youth division cannot show stallions (SHW114.5).
- **AQHA Open** - For any exhibitor with any horse regardless of ownership. Both the owner and the exhibitor must be members of AQHA in good standing. Allowed to show up to four (4) horses in each class.
 - Only junior horses 5-year-old and younger may exhibit in junior classes. (SHW112.6)
 - Only senior horses 6-year-old and older may exhibit in senior classes. (SHW112.7)
- **AQHA Cowboy** - For working ranch cowboys who are full-time employees of a working ranch. The horse must be owned by a family member or the full-time employee of the ranch. Employees must have been employed for a minimum of 90 days prior to competing in the Ranching Heritage Challenge. The rider must have less than \$15,000 lifetime earnings in any of the following: NRCHA, NCHA, NRHA, ACHA, RHAA, ASHA, NRSNA, or SHTX or less than 25 AQHA or APHA Open Points in Reining, Cutting, Working Cow Horse or Versatility Ranch Horse within the previous 10 years. No exhibitor can have earned more than \$15,000 in any individual association. Allowed to show up to three (3) horses in each class.
- **AQHA Amateur** - For any exhibitor meeting AQHA Amateur eligibility and ownership requirements and holding a current AQHA Amateur card. Exhibitor must be 19 years of age or older on or before January 1 of the current year and no longer eligible to compete in AQHA Youth classes. Exhibitor must have not shown, judged, trained or assisted in training a horse (whether or not a registered American Quarter Horse) for remuneration, monetary or otherwise, either directly or indirectly, nor received remuneration for instructing another person in riding, driving, training or showing a horse for three calendar years previous to application for amateur membership (see AQHA Rule SHW225 for details). Any horse exhibited in the amateur division must be solely owned by the contestant showing the horse or the contestant's immediate family (see AQHA Rule SHW220 for details). Allowed to show up to three (3) horses in each class.
- **AQHA Youth** - For any AQHYA member in good standing. Every person competing in a youth class at any AQHA-approved show must hold a youth membership and be 18 years of age or younger on or before January 1 of the current year. Any horse exhibited in the youth division must be solely owned by the contestant showing the horse or the contestant's immediate family (see AQHA Rule SHW220 for details). Allowed to show up to three (3) horses in each class. Youth division cannot show stallions (SHW114.5).
- **AQHA Rookie (Amateur and Youth)** – Rookie eligibility is based on lifetime achievement of exhibitor and horse. For a horse and exhibitor to be eligible in a rookie level class, the exhibitor must have earned fewer than ten (10) lifetime points in that class in any division. The exhibitor may also not have won \$500 or more in any equine organization or association by class. The horse must have earned fewer than fifty (50) lifetime points in that class in any division. The horse may also not have won \$1,000 or more in any equine organization or association by class (see AQHA Rule SHW252 for details). Rookie division cannot show stallions (SHW114.5).



Class Participation Rules (AQHA SHW556)

- No horses less than 3 years of age may be exhibited.
- No hoof polish.
- No braided or banded manes/tails or tail extensions, except in any VRH class where roping is involved, the horse's mane may be braided for a distance of 12"-16" in front of the saddle pad. No ribbons or other kind of ornamentation will be allowed.
- Trimming inside ears is discouraged.
- Trimming bridle path is allowed.
- Equipment with excessive silver should not count over a good working outfit. Excessive silver is discouraged.
- 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 and a get down rope may be used. When ground-tying with split reins, one or both reins may be dropped, romal reins may be loosely draped over the horse when used with or without a get-down rope. Hobbles are allowed.
- The use of two-rein equipment is allowed in working cow horse, boxing, and ranch riding, but for one year only.
- When exhibiting in a snaffle bit or hackamore, an exhibitor may switch between two hands and one hand.

Explanation of Classes

- **Ranch Conformation (AQHA SHW566)** - Horse must be shown in at least one riding class in that division the day of the show. All horses in each division will be shown together, as one class. Horses are to be shown in a good working halter: rope, braided, nylon, or plain leather. 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.
- **Ranch Riding (AQHA SHW560)** - 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. Horses will be shown individually at three gaits: walk, trot and lope in each direction of the arena. 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. The Ranch Riding pattern will be selected by NILE officials, will include AQHA approved elements, and will be posted prior to class.
- **Ranch Trail (AQHA SHW561)** - The Ranch Trail course will 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 Ranch Trail pattern will be selected by NILE officials, will include approved AQHA Ranch Trail obstacles (no less than 6 and no more than 9), and will be posted prior to the class.
- **Ranch Reining (AQHA SHW562)** - The Ranch Reining class measures the ability of the ranch horse to perform basic handling maneuvers with a natural head carriage in a forward-looking manner. The Ranch Reining pattern will be selected by NILE officials, will be an AQHA approved pattern, and will be posted prior to the class.
- **Ranch Cow Work (Fence) (AQHA SHW563)** - The Ranch Cow Work class measures the horse's ability to do cow work. The ideal ranch horse must also be a cow horse and should have a natural ranch horse appearance from head to tail in each maneuver. Exhibitors are allotted three minutes to complete the work. Time begins when the cow is turned into the arena. When there is one-minute left, the announcer will announce, "one-minute remaining". The Ranch Cow Work will consist of three parts: boxing, fence work, and roping or

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circling. ONLY Amateur and Youth exhibitors have the option of circling in lieu of roping. An amateur or youth exhibitor may circle or rope the cow but cannot combine the two to get credit for this portion of the run. Open and Cowboy exhibitors MUST rope the cow.

- **Limited Ranch Cow Work (Box-Drive-Box-Drive) (AQHA SHW564)** - AQHA Amateur, AQHA Youth, All-Breed Open, All-Breed Youth. Exhibitors in the Limited Ranch Cow Work cannot compete in both the ranch cow work and limited cow work class, at the same show with the same horse. The Limited Ranch Cow Work class measures the horse's ability to do cow work. The ideal ranch horse must also be a cow horse and should have a natural ranch horse appearance from head to tail in each maneuver. Exhibitors are allotted one minute and forty-five seconds to complete the work. Time begins when the cow is turned into the arena. When there is 50 seconds left, the announcer will announce, "50 seconds remaining". At one minute and forty-five seconds, the announcer will call for time. Exhibitors are not required to use all of the allotted time but must ride until the judge whistles the end of the run or time expires, whichever occurs first. The Limited Ranch Cow Work will consist of four parts: boxing the cow; setting up the cow and driving it down the fence to the opposite end of the arena; and boxing it at the opposite end of the arena, and then driving the cow past the middle marker again. There is no expectation that the exhibitor will make a 'fence turn', instead the drive down the fence demonstrates correct position and control around the corner.
- **Rookie Ranch Cow Work (Boxing) (AQHA SHW565)** - AQHA Amateur or AQHA Youth. Exhibitors in the rookie ranch cow work may only compete in one sub-division of VRH cow work, at the same show with the same horse. Horses, regardless of their age, may be ridden with one hand and a standard western bit as approved by AQHA equipment rules or with one or two hands and a snaffle bit or hackamore as described under AQHA equipment rules. Rookie ranch cow work exhibitors are allotted 50 seconds to complete the work. The rider shall ride into the arena, face the cattle entry gate, and signal for their cow to be turned into the arena. The cow shall be controlled on the entry end of the arena to demonstrate the horse's ability to hold the cow. If the cow does not immediately challenge the horse, the rider shall aggressively move in on the cow to demonstrate his horse's ability to drive and block the cow.
- ***If entering both Ranch Reining & Ranch Cow Work (including Limited or Rookie): Each contestant will perform individually, first in the reining pattern and then releasing one cow into the arena. Contestant will not exit the arena between reining pattern and cow work. The class will be judged in two parts: reining followed by cow work. Scores will be kept separate and apply only to their corresponding class.***

Versatility Ranch Horse Show will NOT run concurrently with Ranching Heritage Challenge classes

REFUND POLICY: A full refund will only be given if requested prior to the entry deadline of October 1st. After entry deadline a partial refund may be considered if a horse becomes severely injured, disabled, or deceased prior to the start of competition. Documentation, on official letterhead, from a licensed veterinarian stating the severity of the debilitating injury or illness is required. Drug, obstacle, and entry fees will be refunded; however, stall, office, and cattle charges will not be refunded after entry deadline of October 1st.

Show Schedule:

****NEW LOCATION: Miller's Horse Palace****

Monday, October 18th @ Miller's Horse Palace

Show Start Time 4:00 PM – Ranching Riding

Tuesday, October 19th @ Miller's Horse Palace

Exhibitor Breakfast – 6:30 AM – Sponsored by Friez Insurance Agency, Inc.

Show Start Time 7:00 AM – AQHA Ranching Heritage classes followed by Versatility Ranch Reining and Ranch Cow Work

Wednesday, October 20th @ Miller's Horse Palace

Show Start Time 7:00 AM – Ranch Trail and Ranch Conformation

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