



2022 AQHA RANCHING HERITAGE CHALLENGE

Barrel Race Classes:

Metra Park, First Interstate Arena

8 a.m. Saturday, October 15th

All Other Classes:

Miller's Horse Palace

8 a.m. Monday, October 17th

7 a.m. Tuesday, October 18th

Entries Due: 5 p.m. October 1, 2022

MUST be received in the NILE office by 5 p.m.

Late fee applied to entries received after 10/1/2022.
Late entries NOT ALLOWED in Working Ranch Horse classes.

Submit Entries one of three ways:

Online: <https://www.saddlebook.com/events/2203>

Mail: NILE Attn: Bonnie

P.O. Box 1981, Billings, MT 59103

E-mail: bonnie@thenile.org



\$17,000 Added + Jackpot

Judge: Jan Larsen, Kalispell, MT

Announcer: Jace McPherson

Show Secretary: Paige Schneider, (608) 225-9700

Show Manager: Bonnie DeVerniero, (406) 256-2497

Must Submit These Items for Complete Entry:

- Completed Entry Form
- Payment for Entry Fees
- Copy of Horse's Registration Papers
- Copy of AQHA Membership Card (rider & owner)
- W-9 (from person who gets winnings)

See rules for division qualifications

CLASSES OFFERED

Barrel Racing
 Ranch Cutting
 Team Roping
 Ranch Riding
 Working Ranch Horse
 Limited Working Ranch Horse

DIVISIONS OFFERED

Open
 Limited Open
 Cowboy
 Amateur
 Youth
 Level 1 Amateur & Youth

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**Exhibitor Breakfast brought to you by Friez Insurance Agency
Tuesday, October 18th 6:30 – 8:30 AM – Food provided by Miller's Horse Palace**

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NILE RANCHING HERITAGE CHALLENGE RULES

GENERAL RULES

- ❖ The Ranching Heritage Challenge shows may consist of six different classes:
 - Working Ranch Horse – reining and cow work
 - Limited Working Ranch Horse – reining and cow work (Box-Drive-Box-Drive; amateur and youth only)
 - Ranch Riding
 - Ranch Cutting
 - Team Roping
 - Barrel Racing
- ❖ These classes should exemplify the reining ability, cow sense and roping ability of the ranch horse.
- ❖ These classes are available exclusively to horses bred by AQHA Ranching Heritage Breeders and whose Ranching Heritage Nomination fees are current.
- ❖ Equipment, tack, and exhibitor attire should reflect the ranching traditions of the working ranch horse classes.
- ❖ No horse may be exhibited in both the open and limited open classes by different riders.
- ❖ Limited Open classes run within the corresponding Open class and require a separate entry fee.
- ❖ Level 1 classes run within the corresponding Amateur or Youth class and require a separate entry fee.
- ❖ All exhibitors must be AQHA (or AQHYA for youth) members in good standing.
- ❖ Accuracy of eligibility is the responsibility of the exhibitor.
- ❖ Late Fee applies to new entries received after October 1st. Absolutely NO LATE ENTRIES into any cattle work classes. Non-cattle classes or classes that run within another may be added to an existing entry after October 1st without late fee. Additional classes must be added a minimum of five classes before the desired class is called to the arena.
- ❖ There will be NO ROUGHING OF THE CATTLE. Contestants that run a cow into the fence intentionally will be disqualified for that run in that class.

The following criteria are used to determine in which division the rider would qualify (AQHA Rulebook SHW559.2):

- ❖ **Open** - For any exhibitor with any horse regardless of ownership. Both the owner and the exhibitor must be members of AQHA in good standing.
- ❖ **Limited Open** – For any exhibitor with 25 or fewer AQHA or APHA points in open reining, cutting, or working cow horse within the previous 10 years and less than \$15,000 lifetime earnings in any of the following: NRHCA, NCHA, NRHA, ACHA, RHAA, ASHA, NRSNA, or SHTX, including earnings reported by Q Data, Equistat and other verifiable resources.
- ❖ **Amateur** – For any exhibitor meeting AQHA Amateur eligibility and ownership requirements and purchases or possess a current AQHA amateur card.
- ❖ **Level 1 Amateur** – For any amateur member meeting AQHA Level 1 eligibility requirements as described in Rule SHW245. A Level 1 Amateur must annually file a Level 1 application, available at aqha.com/level1.
- ❖ **Cowboy** - For working ranch cowboys who are full-time employees of a working ranch. The horse must be a Ranching Heritage-bred horse and 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.
- ❖ **Youth** – For any AQHYA member in good standing.
- ❖ **Level 1 Youth** – For any youth member meeting AQHA Level 1 eligibility requirements as described in Rule SHW245 of the AQHA Official Handbook of Rules and Regulations. A Level 1 youth must annually file a Level 1 application, available at aqha.com/level1.

AGE OF HORSES

- ❖ Age is determined as of January 1 of the competition year.
- ❖ 4 and 5-year-old horses are considered junior horses and may be shown according to AQHA junior horse equipment rules.
- ❖ 6-year-old and older horses are considered senior horses and must be shown according to AQHA senior horse equipment rules.

DESCRIPTION OF CLASSES

Ranch Riding – (AQHA SHW416) 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.

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Ranch Cutting – (AQHA SHW566) The Ranch Cutting class measures the horse’s ability to work a cow by separating it from the herd and holding it. A single cow is cut from the herd and the horse must demonstrate its ability to work the cow. The ideal ranch cutting horse should have a natural ranch horse appearance from head to tail in each maneuver. Objective will be to cut two cows from the herd and work each cow with the assistance of two turn-back riders and two herd holders. In all divisions there will be a two-minute time limit. Time will begin when a rider crosses a time line just prior to entering the herd. The announcer/timekeeper will give a warning when one minute has expired. Show management will have herd holders and turn back riders, or exhibitors may supply their own helpers. Herd holders and turn back riders **MUST** ride American Quarter Horses.

Working Ranch Horse & Limited Working Ranch Horse – (AQHA SHW562, SHW563, & SHW564) The class will be judged in two parts: reining followed by cow work. At the end of the performance, the scores for the two portions will be added together for the final score. Each contestant will perform individually, first in the reining pattern and then releasing one cow into the arena. 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.

Working Ranch Horse – Fence Class (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 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 Working Ranch Horse – Box-Drive-Box-Drive (SHW564): 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.

Team Roping – (AQHA SHW520 and SHW529) Preferably an electric eye would be used instead of a rope barrier. Ropers are each allowed two loops but must complete run in under one minute. Legal catches are required. The heading horse and the heeling horse are to be entered and scored individually, not as a team. If a contesting horse makes more than one run it must be designated ahead of time as to which run is to be judged. Each contestant will select the other member of his/her team, who may or may not be competing in this class or show. Helping horse must be an American Quarter Horse.

➤ **Judged/Timed Format:** The time on the run as well as the judge’s score combine to create a single score.

- 80 – time of run = (score) + Judge’s score = overall score
 - Example: 80 – 7 sec. run = 73 + judge score of 74 = 147
 - Example: 80 – 15 sec. run = 65 + judge score of 68 = 133

Barrel Racing – (AQHA SHW700) Barrel racing classes will run in conjunction with the NILE Runnin’ the Rims Barrel Race. If entered in both the Ranching Heritage Challenge Barrel Race and the NILE Runnin’ the Rims Barrel Race the horse will have the option to carry over their run time. If carryover option is taken, the run will be during the Ranching Heritage Challenge section and the run time will carry over to Runnin’ the Rims race. Knocking over a barrel carries a five-second penalty.



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.

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

PAYOUT: Payouts will be calculated using AQHA’s guidelines.

COWHORSE, RANCH RIDING, & RANCH CUTTING PAYOUT SCHEDULE:

# of Horses Shown	1-2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-15	16-20	21-25	26-30	
# of Places Paid	1	100%	60%	50%	40%	30%	30%	28%	25%
	2	-----	40%	30%	30%	25%	24%	22%	20%
	3	-----	-----	20%	20%	20%	18%	17%	15%
	4	-----	-----	-----	10%	15%	12%	12%	12%
	5	-----	-----	-----	-----	10%	9%	9%	10%
	6	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	7%	7%	8%
	7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	5%	6%
	8	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	4%

TEAM ROPING & BARREL RACING PAYOUT SCHEDULE:

# of Horses Shown	1-6	7-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45 or more	
# of Places Paid	1	100%	60%	50%	40%	40%	40%
	2	-----	40%	30%	30%	25%	23%
	3	-----	-----	20%	20%	15%	15%
	4	-----	-----	-----	10%	12%	10%
	5	-----	-----	-----	-----	8%	7%
	6	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	5%

Show Schedule:

****MULTIPLE LOCATIONS****

Saturday, October 15th @ Metra Park – First Interstate Arena

RHC Barrel Race will be held during Runnin’ the Rims Barrel Race

Monday, October 17th @ Miller’s Horse Palace

Show Start Time 8:00 AM – Cutting, Team Roping, Ranching Riding

BARN PARTY – drinks, music, and games at Miller’s Horse Palace – COME HANG OUT & HAVE SOME FUN!!

Tuesday, October 18th @ Miller’s Horse Palace

Exhibitor Breakfast – 6:30 - 8:30 AM – Sponsored by Friez Insurance Agency, Inc.

Show Start Time 7:00 AM –Working Ranch Horse & Limited Working Ranch Horse

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Mail: NILE Attn: Bonnie, P.O. Box 1981 Billings, MT 59103

E-mail: bonnie@thenile.org

NEW ENTER ONLINE through SaddleBook <https://www.saddlebook.com/events/2203>

The following items MUST accompany the entry: Payment for Fees, Copy of Horse Registration Papers (front & back), Copy of AQHA ID Card (rider & owner), and current W-9 (for person who receives winnings).

Horse Name: _____ Horse Foal Date: ____/____/____

Color: _____ Sex: Mare Stallion Gelding

AQHA Registration Number: _____

AQHA Ranching Heritage Enrollment fees have been paid? Yes Not Yet (Contact AQHA at (806) 376-4811)

Exhibitor Name: _____ Exhibitor Date of Birth: ____/____/____
Name must match AQHA Membership EXACTLY *DOB Required for Amateur & Youth Exhibitors*

Exhibitor Membership ID Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Exhibitor Address: _____ Exhibitor Phone (____) ____ - ____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Exhibitor e-mail: _____

Exhibitor Signature: _____ *I have read and agree to the NILE Ranching Heritage Challenge Rules. I understand it is my responsibility to know all eligibility rules. If exhibitor is under the age of 18 a parent or legal guardian must sign.*

Owner Name: _____ AQHA ID Number: _____

Owner Address: _____ Owner Phone (____) ____ - ____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Relationship to Exhibitor: _____

Winnings paid to: (select one)
Current W-9 must be in NILE office before winnings can be paid.

- Owner
- Exhibitor

Is this horse consigned to the NILE Gold Buckle Select Performance Horse Sale?

- Yes
- No

Stalling Request: (If you want to be next to someone, or on a corner, etc.) A combination of Indoor and Outdoor-Covered stalls are available at Miller's Horse Palace. *Please indicate preference on entry form.* Stall assignments will be made by NILE. *Stalling requests cannot be guaranteed but every effort will be made to honor request.*

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****One entry form per horse and rider combination****

Horse Name: _____ Exhibitor Name: _____

All Cattle Fees are INCLUDED within entry fees

* Class will run concurrently with class listed above. Requires separate entry fee but will make only one run.

Class Name	AQHA Class #	Entry Fee	✓
Ranch Cutting			
Open 4-year-old & up (\$500 added)	179600	\$225 (\$100 Jackpotted)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amateur 4-year-old & up (\$500 added)	279600	\$225 (\$100 Jackpotted)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth 4-year-old & up	479600	\$100 (\$25 Jackpotted)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Team Roping			
Open 4-year-old & up (\$500 added)	179400	\$200 (\$100 Jackpotted)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amateur 4-year-old & up (\$500 added)	279400	\$100 (\$50 Jackpotted)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth 4-year-old & up	479400	\$50 (\$25 Jackpotted)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ranch Riding			
Open 3-year-old & up (\$1,000 added)	178800	\$50 (\$25 Jackpotted)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amateur 3-year-old & up (\$1,000 added)	278800	\$50 (\$25 Jackpotted)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth 3-year-old & up	478800	\$35 (\$25 Jackpotted)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Working Ranch Horse (Ranch Reining + Fence)			
Open 4-year-old (\$2,500 added)	178100	\$250 (\$150 Jackpotted)	<input type="checkbox"/>
▲ Limited Open 4-year-old * (\$1,000 added)	178200	\$250 (\$150 Jackpotted)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Open 5 & 6-year-old (\$1,500 added)	179100	\$250 (\$150 Jackpotted)	<input type="checkbox"/>
▲ Limited Open 5 & 6-year-old * (\$1,000 added)	179200	\$250 (\$150 Jackpotted)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cowboy (\$1,500 added)	178500	\$250 (\$150 Jackpotted)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Open 7-year-old (\$1,500 added)	179500	\$250 (\$150 Jackpotted)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amateur 4-year-old & up (\$2,000 added)	278900	\$200 (\$100 Jackpotted)	<input type="checkbox"/>
▲ Level 1 Amateur 4-year-old & up *	278902	\$100 (\$50 Jackpotted)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth 4-year-old & up	478900	\$75 (\$25 Jackpotted)	<input type="checkbox"/>
▲ Level 1 Youth 4-year-old & up *	478902	\$50 (\$25 Jackpotted)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Limited Working Ranch Horse (Ranch Reining + Box-Drive-Box-Drive)			
Amateur 4-year-old & up (\$1,000 added)	279500	\$100 (\$50 Jackpotted)	<input type="checkbox"/>
▲ Level 1 Amateur 4-year-old & up *	279502	\$100 (\$50 Jackpotted)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth 4-year-old & up	479500	\$75 (\$25 Jackpotted)	<input type="checkbox"/>
▲ Level 1 Youth 4-year-old & up *	479502	\$50 (\$25 Jackpotted)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Barrel Racing—Concurrent with Runnin' the Rims, Saturday, October 15th at Metra Park - First Interstate Arena			
Open 4-year-old & up (\$500 added)	179300	\$50 (\$25 Jackpotted)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amateur 4-year-old & up (\$500 added)	279300	\$50 (\$25 Jackpotted)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth 4-year-old & up	479300	\$35 (\$25 Jackpotted)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Miller's Horse Palace Stall Info: <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor \$45/night <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor \$35/night <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday 10/16 <input type="checkbox"/> Monday 10/17 <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday 10/18 <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday 10/19	Office Charge (per horse)		\$10
	AQHA Drug Fee (per horse)		\$8
	Stall Fee (per night/per horse) # of Nights _____ x _____ fee = \$		
	LATE FEE (entries after October 1st) \$10		
Stalls are not available until 1 PM on Sunday		TOTAL	\$
Must be out of stalls at Miller's by 10 AM on Thursday 10/20			

Payment method: Cash Check Debit or Credit Card (4% convenience fee applies)

****Payment MUST be received in NILE office by October 1st to avoid late fee**

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ADDED MONEY PROVIDED BY AQHA and NILE Sponsors.

Awards—1st place winner in each class will receive an award sponsored by NILE.

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