

Sierra Foothills Horseman's Association

OPEN ALL BREED SCHOOLING HORSE SHOW

DATE: **Friday, Sept. 25, 2026** - GYMKHANA (rain date Oct 2)
Saturday, Sept. 26, 2026 - ENGLISH (rain date Oct 3)
Sunday, Sept. 27, 2026 - WESTERN (rain date Oct 4)

TIME: 4:00 p.m. start for Gymkhana
8:00 a.m. start for English
7:00 a.m. start for Western

*Entry booth opens at 3:00 p.m. on Friday,
7:00 a.m. on Saturday, and
6:30 a.m. on Sunday
(and will stay open during the show).*

LOCATION: Orangevale Park Horse Arena

7301 Filbert Avenue, Orangevale (near Hazel Avenue & Oak Avenue) **LARGE PARKING AREA!**

Directions: When traveling north or south on Sierra College Blvd / Hazel Avenue, turn onto Oak Avenue (go east). At the stop sign, turn right onto Filbert Avenue. Just past the Green Oaks School will be a driveway on the right hand side. Turn right. This driveway will take you to the Orangevale Park Horse Arena.

ENTRY FEE: \$5.00 per class
\$4.50 per class: SFHA, 4-H, FFA, Pony Club members

**No extra fees of
any kind!**

NO pre-entries.
All entries taken day of horse show.

APPROVED WITH:

ApHC (Appaloosa) ACAAP

AHA (Arabian) OEIP

AMHA (Morgan) OCP

APHA (Paint) PAC

PtHA (Pinto) OCAP

JUDGES: Saturday - English: TBD Sunday - Western: TBD

Trail: Sunday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm - to be judged in a separate area.

AWARDS: To 1st place in every class (go to the prize table and pick what you want).

RIBBONS: 1st - 6th place in every class. 1st - 10th place in every youth class.

21 HIGH POINT AWARDS: 4 for Gymkhana, 5 for English, 6 for Western, 6 for 4-H

300' x 200' sand show arena plus a smaller fenced warm-up arena.

A TACO TRUCK will be at the horse show for the weekend. Great food, cold drinks!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION: Call Kim Cristoni at 916-276-3033
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SFHA WEBSITE: www.thesfha.org**

HIGH POINT AWARDS

**15 separate "end of the day"
High Point Awards will be given.**

Classes to Count for HIGH POINT AWARDS (same horse/same rider combination):

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2026 CLASS SHEET:

- Gymkhana 8 years & under: 1, 5, 9, 13, 17, 21
- Gymkhana 9 to 12 years: 2, 6, 10, 14, 18, 22
- Gymkhana 13 to 17 years: 3, 7, 11, 15, 19, 23
- Gymkhana 18 years & over: 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24

PLUS 4-H High Point Awards

- **Gymkhana**
- **English**
- **Western**

Two 4-H High Point Awards each day:
* 9 to 12 years
* 13 to 17 years

Same horse/same rider combination.

Must be currently enrolled in a 4-H Horse Project (any county).

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026 CLASS SHEET:

- English Halter Horse: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
- English 12 years & under: 6, 8, 9, 10, 13, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34, 38, 39, 42, 43, 46
- English 13 to 17 years: 6, 8, 9, 10, 13, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 35, 38, 40, 42, 44, 47
- English 18 years & over: 7A, 7B, 9, 10, 13, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 36, 38, 41, 42, 45, 48
- Hunter Horse: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 31, 32, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48

← *must enter and compete in a minimum of 5 of these classes to be eligible for the high point*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026 CLASS SHEET:

- Western Halter Horse: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15
- Western 12 years & under: 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 24, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 35, 36, 37, 38, 40, 44, 45, 48, 49, 50, 53, 54, 55, 56
- Western 13 to 17 years: 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 35, 36, 37, 38, 41, 44, 46, 48, 49, 51, 53, 54, 55, 56
- Western 18 years & over: 17, 18, 19, 22, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 42, 44, 47, 48, 49, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56
- Ranch Horse: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
- Trail Horse: 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56

← *must enter and compete in a minimum of 4 of these 5 classes*

← *must enter and compete in a minimum of 3 of these classes listed to be eligible for the high point*

HIGH POINT PLACING CHART:

POINTS EARNED BY EXHIBITOR

# of entries in class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
1	1	---	---	---	---	---
2	2	1	---	---	---	---
3	3	2	1	---	---	---
4	4	3	2	1	---	---
5	5	4	3	2	1	---
6	6	5	4	3	2	1
7-12	8	7	6	5	4	3
13-18	10	9	8	7	6	5
19-24	12	11	10	9	8	7
25+	14	13	12	11	10	9

1. Single Stake, 8 years and under
2. Single Stake, 9 to 12 years
3. Single Stake, 13 to 17 years
4. Single Stake, 18 years and over

5. Speed Barrels, 8 years and under
6. Speed Barrels, 9 to 12 years
7. Speed Barrels, 13 to 17 years
8. Speed Barrels, 18 years and over

9. Texas Flag, 8 years and under
10. Texas Flag, 9 to 12 years
11. Texas Flag, 13 to 17 years
12. Texas Flag, 18 years and over

13. Cloverleaf Barrels, 8 years and under
14. Cloverleaf Barrels, 9 to 12 years
15. Cloverleaf Barrels, 13 to 17 years
16. Cloverleaf Barrels, 18 years and over

17. Pole Bending, 8 years and under
18. Pole Bending, 9 to 12 years
19. Pole Bending, 13 to 17 years
20. Pole Bending, 18 years and over

***IF TIME ALLOWS, WE WILL
HAVE A MYSTERY CLASS
(will not be held if it is dark)***

21. Mystery Class, 8 years and under
22. Mystery Class, 9 to 12 years
23. Mystery Class, 13 to 17 years
24. Mystery Class, 18 years and over

CLASS DIVISION RULES:

For all classes: age of rider is based on how old the rider was as of: January 1, 2026.

Age division 8 years and under may be led or assisted through the patterns. Rider will be considered assisted if the ground person goes past the start/finish line with the rider. For consideration of High Point Award 8 Years and Under: No points will be awarded for riders who have ground assistance (this is based on a “per each class” basis). There will be a separate High Point Leadline Award.

HIGH POINT AWARDS: Points are earned in each class throughout the day based on “Same Horse/Same Rider” combination. The horse/rider with the highest number of points at the end of the day will be awarded the high point award.

PLEASE NOTE: There are NO arena lights at the arena.

We will need to start the Gymkhana Show on time – promptly at 4:00 p.m. Please arrive early and get signed up at the entry booth as quick as you can (we will be ready to start taking entries by 3:00 p.m.)

If you will not be able to start competing by 4:00 p.m., show up when you can and then you can sign up for the remaining classes or the later classes.

One minute gate rule will be strictly enforced. All riders should be fully prepared to go when called, be in proper dress, have equipment in good shape, and horses warmed up ready to compete.

***** LAST YEAR *** SFHA rented portable lights for the arena and we were able to complete all of the gymkhana classes. We are planning on renting lights again for this year’s gymkhana show!**

ONCE CLASS IS ENTERED AT ENTRY BOOTH, NO REFUNDS GIVEN EXCEPT FOR OBVIOUS INJURY OR ILLNESS TO HORSE OR RIDER. IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN ONCE THE HORSE SHOW HAS STARTED – AT THAT POINT, SHOW WILL CONTINUE PER RAIN OR SHINE.

**BE SURE TO READ ALL OF THE CLASS DESCRIPTIONS ON THE
“RULES, NOTES, and CLASS DESCRIPTION” PAGES.**

HALTER and HUNTER IN HAND (starts at 8:00 a.m.)

1. Halter Hunter Type – Two Year Olds & Younger (*foals of 2024 - 2026*)
2. Halter Hunter Type – Three Year Olds & Older (*foals of 2023 & older*)
3. Halter Hunter Type – Fillies and Mares Only
4. Halter Hunter Type – Colts, Stallions, and Geldings Only
5. Halter Hunter Type – Open
6. Youth Halter Class – Exhibitors 17 years and under (*Fillies, Mares, and Geldings Only*)
- 7A. Hunter In Hand on the Triangle - 18 years and over - Colts, Stallions, and Geldings Only
- 7B. Hunter In Hand on the Triangle - 18 years and over - Fillies and Mares Only
8. Hunter In Hand on the Triangle - 17 years and under - Fillies, Mares, and Geldings Only

BAREBACK EQUITATION (not to start before 9:00 a.m.)

9. Bareback Equitation, Walk/Trot Only, Open
10. Bareback Equitation, Walk/Trot/Canter, Open

*****BREAK (main arena will be opened up for exhibitors to warm-up their horses)*****

LEADLINE CLASS AND WALK ONLY CLASS (to be held in the small warm-up arena)

- * 11. Leadline Equitation, 7 years & under - ENGLISH or WESTERN (see Note #11)
- * 12. Walk Only Equitation, 12 years & under - ENGLISH or WESTERN (see Note #12)

ENGLISH PLEASURE – WALK/TROT

13. Walk/Trot Pleasure, Warm-Up, Open
- * 14. Walk/Trot Pleasure, 9 years and under
15. Walk/Trot Pleasure, 12 years and under
16. Walk/Trot Pleasure, 13 to 17 years
17. Walk/Trot Pleasure, 18 years and over
- * 18. Walk/Trot Pleasure, 1st & 2nd Year Green Horse, Open
19. Walk/Trot Pleasure, Color, Open
20. Walk/Trot Pleasure, Non-Color, Open
21. Walk/Trot Pleasure, Junior Horse (5 years & younger)
22. Walk/Trot Pleasure, Senior Horse (6 years & older)

ENGLISH PLEASURE – WALK/TROT/CANTER

23. English Pleasure, Warm-Up, Open
24. English Pleasure, 12 years and under
25. English Pleasure, 13 to 17 years
26. English Pleasure, 18 years and over
27. English Pleasure, Color, Open
28. English Pleasure, Non-Color, Open

ENGLISH HORSEMANSHIP (riding pattern)

- 29. English Horsemanship, Walk/Trot Only, Open
- 30. English Horsemanship, Walk/Trot/Canter, Open

HUNTER UNDER SADDLE (rail class – walk/trot/canter)

- 31. Hunter Under Saddle, 17 years and under
- 32. Hunter Under Saddle, 18 years and over

ENGLISH EQUITATION – WALK/TROT

- * 33. Walk/Trot Equitation, 9 years and under
- 34. Walk/Trot Equitation, 12 years and under
- 35. Walk/Trot Equitation, 13 to 17 years
- 36. Walk/Trot Equitation, 18 years and over
- * 37. Walk/Trot Equitation, 1st & 2nd Year Green Rider, Open
- 38. Walk/Trot Equitation, Open

ENGLISH EQUITATION – WALK/TROT/CANTER

- 39. English Equitation, 12 years and under
- 40. English Equitation, 13 to 17 years
- 41. English Equitation, 18 years and over
- 42. English Equitation, Open

HUNTER HACK (not to start before 1:00 p.m.)

- 43. Hunter Hack, Walk/Trot Only, 12 years and under
- 44. Hunter Hack, Walk/Trot Only, 13 to 17 years
- 45. Hunter Hack, Walk/Trot Only, 18 years & over

- 46. Hunter Hack, Walk/Trot/Canter, 12 years and under
- 47. Hunter Hack, Walk/Trot/Canter, 13 to 17 years
- 48. Hunter Hack, Walk/Trot/Canter, 18 years & over



**Two Cross-Bar
Jumps set at 18”**

* CLASS DOES NOT COUNT FOR ANY HIGH POINT AWARD.

**BE SURE TO READ THE CLASS
DESCRIPTIONS ON THE “RULES,
NOTES, CLASS DESCRIPTION” PAGES.**

WESTERN CLASSES – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

RANCH HORSE CLASSES (Class #1 and #2 BOTH START at 7:00 am)

- ✘ 1. Ranch Horse - Trail, Walk/Jog, Open (***SEPARATE JUDGE***)
- ✘ 2. Ranch Horse - Reining, Open
- ✘ 3. Ranch Horse - Riding Pattern Class, Walk/Jog/Lope, Open
- ✘ 4. Ranch Horse - Riding Rail Class, Walk/Jog/Lope, Open
- ✘ 5. Ranch Horse - Conformation Class, Open

✘ RANCH HORSE
CLASSES:
1, 2, 3, 4, 5
COUNT FOR
**RANCH HORSE
HIGH POINT**

HALTER and SHOWMANSHIP (not to start before 9:00 a.m.)

- ◆ 6. Weanlings, Open (*foals of 2026*)
- ◆ 7. Yearlings & Two Year Olds (*foals of 2025 & 2024*)
- ◆ 8. Three Year Olds & Older (*foals of 2023 & older*)
- ◆ 9. Quarter Horse Type, Open (*Quarter, Paint, Appaloosa, etc.*)
- ◆ 10. Non-Quarter Horse Type, Open (*Arabian, Morgan, Thoroughbred, Saddlebred, Friesian, Draft, etc.*)
- ◆ 11. Miniature Horses and Ponies Only
- ◆ 12. Color, Open (*Paint colored, Appaloosa colored, Palomino, Buckskin, Dun, Grulla, Cremello, Roan, Grey*)
- ◆ 13. Non-Color, Open (*Solids: Sorrel, Chestnut, Brown, Black, Bay, etc.; solid Paint and solid Appaloosa*)
- ◆ 14. Colts, Stallions, and Geldings Only
- ◆ 15. Fillies and Mares Only
- 16. Youth Halter Class – Exhibitors 17 years and under (*Fillies, Mares, and Geldings Only*)
- 17. Showmanship, Open

◆ HALTER CLASSES # 6 - 15
ONLY COUNT TOWARDS
HALTER HIGH POINT AWARD.

BAREBACK EQUITATION (not to start before 10:30 a.m.)

- 18. Bareback Equitation, Walk/Jog Only, Open
- 19. Bareback Equitation, Walk/Jog/Lope, Open

***** BREAK (main arena will be opened up for exhibitors to warm-up their horses) *****

LEADLINE CLASS AND WALK ONLY CLASS (to be held in the small warm-up arena)

- * 20. Leadline Equitation, 7 years & under - ENGLISH or WESTERN (see Note #11)
- * 21. Walk Only Equitation, 12 years & under - ENGLISH or WESTERN (see Note #12)

WESTERN PLEASURE - WALK/JOG

- 22. Walk/Jog Pleasure, Warm-Up, Open
- * 23. Walk/Jog Pleasure, 9 years and under
- 24. Walk/Jog Pleasure, 12 years and under
- 25. Walk/Jog Pleasure, 13 to 17 years
- 26. Walk/Jog Pleasure, 18 years and over
- * 27. Walk/Jog Pleasure, 1st & 2nd Year Green Horse, Open
- 28. Walk/Jog Pleasure, Color, Open
- 29. Walk/Jog Pleasure, Non-Color, Open
- 30. Walk/Jog Pleasure, Junior Horse (5 years & younger)
- 31. Walk/Jog Pleasure, Senior Horse (6 years & older)

WESTERN PLEASURE - WALK/JOG/LOPE

32. Western Pleasure, 12 years and under
33. Western Pleasure, 13 to 17 years
34. Western Pleasure, 18 years and over
35. Western Pleasure, Color, Open
36. Western Pleasure, Non-Color, Open

WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP (riding pattern)

37. Western Horsemanship, Walk/Jog Only, Open
38. Western Horsemanship, Walk/Jog/Lope, Open

WESTERN EQUITATION – WALK/JOG

- * 39. Walk/Jog Equitation, 9 years and under
40. Walk/Jog Equitation, 12 years and under
41. Walk/Jog Equitation, 13 to 17 years
42. Walk/Jog Equitation, 18 years and over
- * 43. Walk/Jog Equitation, 1st & 2nd Year Green Rider, Open
44. Walk/Jog Equitation, Open

WESTERN EQUITATION – WALK/JOG/LOPE

45. Western Equitation, 12 years and under
46. Western Equitation, 13 to 17 years
47. Western Equitation, 18 years and over
48. Western Equitation, Open

TRAIL CLASSES - separate trail area – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at your own leisure

49. Trail, Walk/Jog, Warm-Up, Open
50. Trail, Walk Only, 12 years & under
51. Trail, Walk/Jog, 13 to 17 years
52. Trail, Walk/Jog, 18 years & over
53. Trail, Walk/Jog, Junior Horse (5 years & younger)
54. Trail, Walk/Jog, Senior Horse (6 years & older)
55. Trail, Walk/Jog, Color, Open
56. Trail, Walk/Jog, Non-Color, Open
- * 57. Trail, Walk Only, Leadline Riders, 7 years & under - English or Western
- * 58. Trail, Walk/Jog, 1st & 2nd Year Green Horse and/or Green Rider, Open
- * 59. Trail, Walk/Jog, In-Hand, Open (open to any age of Miniature Horse, pony, or any breed of horse; to be led; can be saddled or not saddled; no rider)

**CLASSES THAT COUNT FOR
TRAIL HIGH POINT AWARD:**

Class #'s:

49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56.

* CLASS DOES NOT COUNT FOR ANY HIGH POINT AWARD.

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DESCRIPTIONS ON THE
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DESCRIPTION" PAGES.**

HORSE SHOW RULES, NOTES, and CLASS DESCRIPTIONS:

1. Show management reserves the right to combine or cancel classes with less than five entries.
2. West Coast Horse Show Rules apply. Judge's decisions are absolutely final.
3. For all age division classes, the age of the exhibitor as of **January 1, 2026**, will be the age to show under.
4. Stallions/stud colts not to be handled or ridden by anyone 17 years or younger (exception: stud colt foals of 2026 can be shown by 17 years & younger in halter classes). Stallions and stud colts not to be left unattended.
5. Ponies allowed in all classes, any age division. Miniature Horses allowed in all halter classes & In Hand Trail.
6. **Halter Classes:** Horse is shown in halter (for English halter classes, horse may be shown in the bridle or in the halter) and the conformation of the horse will be evaluated in relation to the breed of that horse. Horse will be led at a walk to the judge, jogged past the judge to the line-up so that lameness and quality of movement can be evaluated. Horse judged on balance, structural correctness, breed/sex characteristics, and degree of muscling.
7. **Color Classes:** Paint colored, Appaloosa colored, palomino, buckskin, dun, grulla, cremello, roan, gray, etc.
8. **Non-Color Classes:** Solids – sorrel, chestnut, brown, black, bay, etc., also solid Paint and solid Appaloosa.
9. **Hunter In Hand on the Triangle Classes:** Led at a walk and trot (triangle pattern set up with cones) in an English bridle (two year olds/under can be shown in a halter). Exhibitor may show more than one horse in a class with a helper to assist by holding horses. Scoring: 60% movement, 30% conformation, 10% temperament.
10. **Bareback Equitation Class:** Rider may **not** wear shotgun chaps or chaps of any type in these classes. Horse is bridled only. **No** bareback pads, saddle blankets, etc. allowed.
11. **Leadline Riders:** Must have lead ropes attached to halters that are either over or under the bridle. *The only other riding classes that can be entered are Walk Only (Saturday Class #12 and Sunday Class #21) and the Leadline Trail Class (Sunday Class #57) and Trail Walk Only 12 years and under class (Sunday Class #50).*
12. **Walk-Only Class:** For very inexperienced riders. Cannot enter any other class which requires loping or cantering. Entering walk/trot or walk/jog classes is okay.
13. **Horsemanship (English and Western):** Tests the horsemanship abilities of rider while following a pattern (will be posted). Judging focuses on the rider's body position, seat in the saddle, and ability to control the horse.
14. **Hunter Under Saddle:** Judged on performance (80%), condition (10%), and conformation (10%). Horses that are well-balanced, smooth, free-moving, and good temperament should be given maximum credit.
15. **Hunter Hack:** A transitional English class between hunter under saddle and working hunter. Horses will be put on the rail to walk/trot or walk/trot/canter both directions. Horse will then jump two fences. Emphasis is on manner and way of going on the flat and style over fences. Scoring: Jumps = 70%; Flat Work = 30%.
16. **Miniature Horse and Pony Halter Class (Western Halter Class #11):** Must be a pony 14.1 hands or smaller (and look like a pony). Full-blooded and/or registered Quarter Horses, Arabians, Morgans, Appaloosas, Paints, etc. that are definitely 100% horse but happen to be 14.1 hands or smaller **will not** be allowed in this class. Miniature Horses and Miniature Horse/Pony crosses are allowed (14.1 hands or smaller).
17. **Showmanship:** Exhibitor is judged on skills/ability to fit/present a horse at halter to a judge. The conformation of the horse is not judged (horse is used to show the ability of the handler). The exhibitor must demonstrate: (1) skill at handling the horse from the ground, and (2) pre-show preparation. Horse will be led at a walk & jog (pattern will be posted) with emphasis on preciseness of pattern & degree of confidence exhibited by the handler.
18. **Pleasure:** Horse is judged on functional correctness, quality of movement, attitude, and manners. The horse should perform with a flowing, balanced, and willing attitude appearing to be a true pleasure to ride.
19. **Equitation:** Exhibitor is judged on ability to ride a horse functionally and correctly using various aids to cause the horse to perform required basic maneuvers. The performance of the horse is not judged per se, but a poorly performing horse is considered to reflect the ability of the rider.
20. **Trail:** This class tests the maneuverability of a horse through an obstacle course. Scoring is based on the horse's willingness, ease, and grace in negotiating the course. May include: open, pass through, and close a gate; riding over logs or poles; sidepassing; backing; walking over a bridge; etc.
21. **Ranch Horse Conformation Class:** Horse to be shown in a good working halter (*plain leather, nylon, or rope – no silver*) and not saddled. Judge will evaluate the condition/physical characteristics of a good working ranch horse - a horse that carries enough flesh/muscle to perform the work that is required of him/her. Conformation should be such that it lends itself to performing under saddle and putting in a good day's work on the ranch. Because class is being held right after the ranch riding classes, judge will not penalize for sweat, dirt, grime.

22. **Ranch Reining:** Horse and rider are to perform a pattern (will be posted and will include: loping circles, changing leads, stops, roll backs, spins, and backing). Horse will be judged on the neatness, dispatch, ease, calmness, and speed with which it performs the pattern. Horse should rein and handle easily, fluently, and effortlessly and with reasonable speed through the pattern.
23. **Ranch Riding Classes (pattern and rail):** Horse is judged on ability to move at a working speed with a rider. Horses will be shown at three gaits: walk, jog, lope. Horse will be asked to reverse away from the rail, to stop and back. The judge and/or pattern will ask for an extended jog and extended lope at least one direction of the arena. A horse will be given credit for traveling with his head held in a normal position, ears alert, moving at a natural speed for the gait requested, for making a smooth transition between the gaits, for keeping the correct lead, for maintaining the gait requested until the judge requests a change, and/or for staying on pattern.
24. **Ranch Trail Class:** This class contains a course that will have a minimum of six obstacles and is designed to show a horse's ability and willingness to perform several tasks that might be asked of him during the course of a normal day's ranch work. (Examples: open/close gate, log drag, cross water, ground tie, walk across bridge, pick up/carry/set down obstacle, ride over logs, back, sidepass, rider dismounts and picks up all four of the horse's feet, etc.) Horse to be shown at a ground-covering walk and working trot. The horse should perform with a reasonably loose rein that maintains contact with the horse. A five-point penalty will be assessed for first refusal, balk, or attempting to evade an obstacle by shying or backing more than two strides away. An additional five-point penalty will be assessed for second refusal, balk, or attempting to evade an obstacle.
25. RIDING APPAREL: **English** (classes 1-8): should wear breeches or trousers, long or short sleeve collared shirt or collared polo shirt, riding/paddock boots or running shoes. English hard hat or riding helmet not required. **English** (classes 9-48): should wear long or short sleeve collared shirt (not sleeveless), breeches, boots, belt, English hard hat or riding helmet. **Western** (classes 1-59): must wear boots, belt, long sleeve shirt with collar, western hat or riding helmet. Exceptions: Sat. class #11 & #12: if leadline/walk only rider entered as Western, must wear appropriate western attire. Sun. class #20, #21, & #50, #57: if leadline/walk only rider entered as English, must wear appropriate English attire.
26. Tack: English bridles and English saddles required for English show. Western bridles (bosal hackamores and snaffle bits will also be allowed in all classes) and Western saddles required for Western show. Mechanical hackamores, tie-downs, cavesson type nosebands, martingales, draw reins, etc. are not allowed. Silver not to count in any class. Ranch classes - horse to be shown in good working tack (no silver).
27. Two minute gate rule will be strictly enforced unless requested tack change on file with entry booth prior to start of class. If you miss your class, class fees are forfeited (no refund will be given). NOTE: P.A. system is not loud.
28. Non-competitive riders may enter any class at regular class entry fee, entry number to be worn upside down.
29. Any and all dogs must be on a leash at all times.
30. Show management will not be responsible for any injury or loss that may occur at the show. Owners, exhibitors/riders, agents, managers, coaches, trainers, etc. shall hold the show management, Sierra Foothills Horseman's Association (SFHA), and Orangevale Recreation and Park District harmless and indemnify them against any proceedings arising from such injury/loss.
31. Show management reserves the right to prohibit any person or horse from showing or attending any horse in the show ring, and to remove any person or horse from the grounds without being liable for compensation. Show management reserves the right to refuse any entry at any time because of disrespect for the rules, unsportsmanlike behavior, rough treatment of animals, or any other reason officials may deem reasonable cause.
32. There will be an additional \$20.00 charge for a check returned for any reason.
33. **ONCE CLASS IS ENTERED AT ENTRY BOOTH, NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN EXCEPT FOR OBVIOUS INJURY OR ILLNESS TO HORSE OR RIDER.** IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN ONCE THE HORSE SHOW HAS STARTED – AT THAT POINT, SHOW WILL CONTINUE PER RAIN OR SHINE. **OPEN CHECKS:** THIS MEANS THAT AN EXHIBITOR IS ADDING CLASSES AS THE HORSE SHOW DAY PROGRESSES - - - THIS DOES NOT MEAN AN EXHIBITOR HAS ENTERED A LOT OF CLASSES AND THEN AT SOME POINT DECIDES HE/SHE IS DONE AND WANTS TO SCRATCH THE REMAINING CLASSES AND GET A REFUND FOR THE CLASSES HE/SHE DID NOT GO IN. **PLEASE** – ADD CLASSES AS THE DAY PROGRESSES – ENTER THOSE CLASSES THAT YOU WILL EXHIBIT IN.

ADDITIONAL GYMKHANA RULES, NOTES, and CLASS DESCRIPTIONS:

1. Show management may combine or cancel classes with less than five entries. All judge's decisions are final.
2. For all age division classes, the **age of the exhibitor as of January 1, 2026**, will be the age to show under.
3. Stallions not to be handled or ridden by anyone 17 years or younger. Stallions not to be left unattended.
4. Ponies are allowed in all classes, any age division.
5. An exhibitor may ride more than one horse in a class in the rider's specific age division. Example: Rider A, 13 to 17 year old division, rides Horse 1 and also rides Horse 2 in the single stake class. Both horses will get timed during that event and both horses will be placed separately in that class based on that time.
6. A horse can only be ridden by one rider in a class per a specific age division. Example: Speed Barrels, 18 years and over division, Horse 1 can be ridden by Rider A but not by Rider A and Rider B (one or the other but not both if both riders are within that age division - - - example in this case, both riders are 18 years and over).
7. A horse can be ridden by a rider in one age division and ridden by a different rider in a different age division. Example: Rider A, 8 years and under division, rides Horse 1 in Texas Flag. Then Rider B, 9 to 12 years old division, also rides Horse 1 in Texas Flag. Same horse but ridden in two different age divisions for that class.
8. One minute gate rule will be strictly enforced unless requested tack change on file with entry booth prior to start of class. All riders should be fully prepared to go when called, be in proper dress, have equipment in good shape and horses warmed up ready to compete.
9. A rider who remains mounted may be assisted through the gate.
10. The course must be run in accordance with the prescribed pattern (which will be posted at the horse show). A horse is on course when any part of the horse crosses the start/finish line. It remains on course as long as it is run in accordance with the prescribed pattern for the event being run until every part of the horse crosses the start/finish line. If a rider goes off course, but corrects the course and maintains forward motion, and completes the prescribed pattern, there will be no disqualification or penalty. Tripping the electronic timing eye (crossing over the start/finish line – the timing light - while still completing the pattern will automatically stop the time) will result in a “no time” and be an automatic disqualification.
11. After the course is completed, the horse must be brought under control before leaving the arena. The rider may circle to bring the horse under control.
12. The judge/show management may disqualify a contestant for: Failure to show control of the horse. Failure to enter the arena within one minute when called and/or begin the course within one minute after entering arena. Unruly horse if safety of rider is in jeopardy. Falling off horse while on course. Failure to complete a course.
13. A two second penalty is added to the exhibitor's time for each pole or barrel that is knocked down in a course.
14. RIDING APPAREL: **MUST WEAR BOOTS** and long pants; any shirt (long sleeve, short sleeve).
15. Any participant who wishes to receive PtHA OCAP points must wear proper show attire: long sleeve collared shirt, jeans or appropriate pants, and boots. Hats or helmet optional at exhibitor's discretion.
16. ***IT IS HIGHLY ENCOURAGED THAT ALL YOUTH RIDERS (17 YEARS AND UNDER) WEAR A RIDING HELMET WHILE COMPETING IN THE GYMKHANA CLASSES.***
17. TACK: Any humane Western and/or English equipment may be used with the following exception: the judge and/or show management may prohibit the use of bits or equipment he/she may consider severe or unsafe. Riders are permitted to use crops, quirts and spurs if used sparingly, so long as these aids do not result in abuse of the horse. A rider may use any part of the horse or saddle to maintain balance. Use of a tie down is permitted.
18. Spurring, striking or beating in any manner whatsoever forward of the cinch after entering the arena will result in immediate disqualification of the contestant. Contestants shall be warned for the following: Excessive spurring or jerking of the reins. Excessive use of bats or whips.
19. The judge and/or show management shall not allow any horse to participate when unsoundness or injury is sufficient to be considered an act of cruelty.
20. Show management reserves the right to prohibit any person/horse from showing and to remove any person/horse from the grounds without being liable for compensation, and reserves the right to refuse any entry at any time because of disrespect for the rules, unsportsmanlike behavior, rough treatment of animals, or any other reason officials may deem reasonable cause.
21. Any and all dogs must be on a leash at all times.
22. Show management will not be responsible for any injury or loss that may occur at the show. Owners, exhibitors/riders, agents, managers, coaches, trainers, etc. shall hold the show management, SFHA, and Orangevale Parks and Recreation harmless and indemnify them against any proceedings arising from such injury/loss.

Single Stake

One pole set 150' from start/finish line. Go through timing line to pole, turn pole in either direction, return across timing line.

Speed Barrels

Three barrels in a row. Go through timing line, pass first barrel on either side, pass the succeeding barrels on alternate sides, turn around last barrel, pass remaining barrels on alternate sides, go through timing line. Weave up, weave back. Timing line to 1st barrel is 30'. Distance between barrel 1 to barrel 2 is 60' and between barrel 2 to barrel 3 is 60'. Total distance is 150'.

Texas Flag

Three barrels (set up like Cloverleaf). Bucket of sand on barrel 1, bucket of sand on barrel 2. Flag will be sticking out of one of the buckets. Mounted rider goes to the barrel with the flag, picks up the flag, goes around the outside of barrel 3, and sticks the flag in the bucket on the other barrel. Disqualification if flag does not get put in bucket or falls and hits the ground.

Cloverleaf Barrels

Go through the timing line, go to either barrel # 1 first, making a right turn and then to barrels #2 and #3, making left turns; or to barrel #2 first, making a left turn and then to barrels #1 and #3, making right turns; then return through the timing line.

Pole Bending

Six poles set 21' feet from each other in a straight line (start/finish line to 1st pole is 21' plus 21' between each pole thereafter - - - overall distance is 126'). Go through starting line, go along either side of the poles to the last pole (run up), turn around last pole, pass successive poles on alternate sides (weave back), turn around first pole, continue to pass successive poles on alternate sides (weave up), turn around last pole and go along the side of the poles to the timing line (run back).

POLE BENDING NOTE: In case of time constraints, gymkhana show committee **MAY** make the decision to have the pole bending class ran only as “weave up, weave back” (no run up, no run back). If it becomes necessary to make this decision, exhibitors will be notified prior to the start of the class.

If Time Allows – we will have a MYSTERY CLASS. We will announce what the Mystery Class will be at the show. Could be any one of the following: Speed Ball, Hurry Scurry, Bi-Rangle Stake, Key Hole, Egg On Spoon, etc.

2-second penalty added to exhibitor's time for each pole or barrel knocked down in a course.