

## 2026 BHA OPEN SHOW RULES & GUIDELINES

- BHA Horse of the Year Points will be allotted (chart below)
- **NOTE TO WESTERN RIDERS:** Points from Classes 23 thru 58 will be added to points accumulated at the Western Show to determine year end awards in Halter, Leadline, Walk, Beginner, Novice, Green Horse, Open & Ranch Horse Divisions plus the Perpetual Pleasure Horse Trophy Class to be awarded at our Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet in November.
- No points will be allotted to the BHA Hunter Divisions Year End Awards.
- Up to 6 placings in each class
- See Prize List for Division Qualifying Classes for each division  
Please follow the listed guidelines for eligibility in Divisions
- PLEASE SEE DIVISION DESCRIPTION BEFORE ENTERING.
- Divisions are set on experience and your cooperation is appreciated
- Large classes of 10 or more will be split for canter/lope and/or hand gallop
- Patterns will be Posted

**LEADLINE:** All riders must be a minimum of 2 years of age. NO GREEN HORSES

**BEGINNER DIVISIONS:** all classes are walk/Trot/Jog only. All riders are limited to walk/trot/jog classes only. *BEGINNERS MAY NOT ENTER GREEN HORSE CLASSES OR ANY CLASS REQUIRING A CANTER/LOPE. NO GREEN HORSES!*

**GREEN HORSE DIVISION:** All classes pointed for day-end awards will be 3 Gaits; walk/jog-trot/lope-canter. A horse is considered green if it is in its first 2 years of showing or inexperienced. **NO BEGINNER, OR NOVICE RIDERS PLEASE.** Green horses may be shown in a snaffle regardless of age.

**NOVICE DIVISION:** No age limit for novice riders. A novice rider should be competent at a walk jog/trot and lope/canter and inexperienced performing away from home. NO GREEN HORSES

**OPEN DIVISIONS:** No age limit. All classes require a Canter/Lope and may include a hand gallop

**RANCH HORSE DIVISION (W/J):** All classes are Walk/Jog. May be entered by all riders above Beginner Level.

**RANCH HORSE DIVISION (W/J/L):** All classes are Walk/Jog/Lope. May be entered by all riders NOVICE Level or above.

Points will be awarded as follows:

### Placing

1 <sup>st</sup>	7 Points	2 <sup>n</sup>	5 Points	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 Points
4 <sup>th</sup>	3 points	5 <sup>th</sup>	2 Points	6 <sup>th</sup>	1 Point