

## **SB205 Class Descriptions**

1. **THREE-GAITED SADDLE PONY.** To be shown at a walk, trot and canter. Judged on manners, performance, presence, quality and conformation.
2. **FIVE-GAITED SADDLE PONY.** To be shown at a walk, trot, slow gait, rack and canter. Judged on manners, performance, presence, quality and conformation.
3. **FINE HARNESS PONY.** To be shown at an animated park trot, (speed to be penalized) and at an animated walk; to stand quietly. Judged on manners, performance, presence, quality and conformation. To be shown to a suitable four wheeled vehicle with appropriate light harness with martingale, a bridle with square blinkers, snaffle bit and overcheck are required. Overcheck bit is optional.
4. **THREE-GAITED COUNTRY PLEASURE PONY.** (English Equipment, Western Equipment). To be shown at a walk, trot or jog-trot, extended trot (for English Equipment) and canter or lope. Must stand quietly both on the rail and while lined up and back readily. Judged 75% on manners, performance, presence and quality; 25% on conformation and neatness of attire.
5. **COUNTRY PLEASURE DRIVING PONY.** To be shown to a suitable two wheeled vehicle with appropriate harness with martingale and blinkers. Drivers under 14 years of age may be accompanied by an adult. To be shown at a flat walk, trot and extended trot (speed to be penalized). Must stand quietly both on the rail and while lined up and back readily. Quarter boots are prohibited. Judged on manners, performance, presence, quality and conformation.
6. **THREE-GAITED SHOW PLEASURE PONY.** To be shown at a flat walk, trot and canter. Entries must stand quietly and back readily in the line-up. To be judged on manners, performance, presence, quality and conformation.

## **SUBCHAPTER SB-22 RANCH RIDING**

Ranch Riding classes held in the Saddlebred Division to be conducted in accordance with SUBCHAPTER WS-6 RANCH SECTION, except as stated herein:

1. Hoof black is discouraged but will not be penalized.
2. Tongue Ties are permitted
3. For Saddlebred Ranch Riding, patterns found on the ASHBA website are preferred
4. Tail extensions are permitted and must not be penalized *BOD 6/20/22 Effective 12/1/22*

## **SUBCHAPTER SB-23 RANCH RAIL PLEASURE**

Ranch Horse Rail Pleasure classes held in the Saddlebred Division to be conducted in accordance with SUBCHAPTER WS-6 RANCH SECTION, except as stated herein:

1. In addition to the Gaits rules found under WS138, for the walk, a horse should display a natural head carriage.
2. Saddlebred Ranch Horse Rail Pleasure will apply both Minor and Major penalties as seen below:
  - a. Minor Penalties are as follows:
    1. Too slow at any gait.
    2. Over-bridled/ behind the bit.
    3. Break of gait.
    4. Wrong lead
    5. Out of Frame
    6. Wrong lead, out of lead, or cross-cantering
    7. Draped Reins
    8. Trotting more than two strides when taking lead
  - b. Major Penalties are as follows:
    9. Blatant disobedience
    10. Kick out, buck, rear

- 11. Major disobedience or schooling by rider
  - 12. Failure to flat walk or halt.
  - 13. Schooling
  - 14. Spurring in front of cinch
- c. Disqualification
    - 1. Use of either hand to install fear
    - 2. Lameness
3. In addition to the Tack/Equipment rules as seen in WS138.1, the following rules will apply for Saddlebred Ranch Horse Rail Pleasure:
- a. Attire and tack should be clean and presentable.
  - b. Working tack is encouraged.
  - c. Hoof polish is not prohibited but is discouraged.
  - d. Split or **romal** reins are permitted.
  - e. Scarves or wild rags are allowed.
  - f. **Tongue ties are permitted.**
  - g. Only one hand may be used on the reins, except for junior horses shown two-handed in a snaffle bit or hackamore/bosal. Hands must not be changed. For split reins, rider may place index finger between the reins. **Romal** reins shall be held with fingers around the reins, no fingers between the reins. Posting or standing at the extended trot is acceptable. Holding the saddle horn at any extended gait is permitted.
  - h. **Tail extensions are permitted.**
4. For Saddlebred Ranch Horse Rail Pleasure class specification, point "a" below will replace WS141.3a, WS141.3b-e still apply.
- a. The class must enter the ring at the trot. Class shall work both ways of the ring at all requested gaits. The class will be required to work at least one direction at one extended gait (trot or lope) and may be asked to extend gaits in both directions. Horses may be asked to halt as a maneuver during the rail portion of the class but it is not required. Horses may reverse to or away from the rail. Horses are required to back in **the** line up. **BOD 6/20/22 Effective 12/1/22**

## **SUBCHAPTER SB-24 RANCH TRAIL SECTION**

Ranch Trail Section classes held in the Saddlebred Division to be conducted in accordance with SUBCHAPTER WS-6 RANCH SECTION, except as stated herein:

### **1. Mandatory Obstacles and Maneuvers**

- a. Walk-overs. No more than 5 rails **or logs** per obstacle, no more than 10 inches high and spacing of 28- 32 inches. **The formation may be straight, curved, zig-zagged, or raised.**
- b. Trot-overs. Trot over no more than 5 rails per obstacle, no more than 10 inches high. The space between the rails should be 38-42 inches. **The formation may be straight, curved, zig-zagged, or raised.**
- c. Lope-overs: Lope over no more than 5 rails **or logs** per obstacle, no more than 10 inches high. The space between logs should be 6-7 feet. **The formation may be straight, curved, zig-zagged, or raised.**
- d. Backing obstacle: Backing obstacles are to be spaced at a minimum of 36 inches. If elevated, spacing should be wider than the minimum. Suggested obstacles: Back through or around 3 markers, back an "L", "V", or "U" ,or back an elevated chute (no more than 24 inches high)

- 2. Optional obstacles: **In addition to the optional obstacles listed in the WS Chapter Ranch Trail rules, the obstacles listed below are to be considered optional obstacles for Saddlebred Ranch Trail classes. The below obstacles will take precedence over similarly listed obstacles in the WS chapter.**
  - a. A jump obstacle whose center height is not less than 12 inches and not more than 18 inches.
  - b. Drag an object. Object being dragged should be of a reasonable size and weight to challenge the horse but not so heavy as to not be manageable by all riders. Dally is required. Dally is defined as at least half a wrap around the saddle horn.

c. Lead horse through a gate

3. Attire and tack should be clean and presentable. Working tack is encouraged.
4. Hoof polish is not prohibited but is discouraged.
5. Split or romal reins are permitted.
6. Tongue ties are permitted
7. Scarves or wild rags are permitted.
8. Tail extensions are permitted.
9. Saddlebred Ranch Trail classes do not comply with the WS142.2b language "Trot must cover at least 35 feet and be scored with the approaching obstacle. Lope must be lead-specific in the pattern, at least 50 feet and scored with approaching obstacle."
10. Penalties
  - a. In addition to the 3 Point Penalties listed in the WS Chapter Ranch Rules, break of gait at lope, except when correcting an incorrect lead is to be considered 3 point penalties for Saddlebred Ranch Trail classes;
  - b. In addition to the 10 point penalties listed in the WS Chapter Ranch Trail rules, the penalty listed below is to be considered a 10 point penalty for Saddlebred Ranch Trail classes. The below penalty will take precedence over similarly listed penalties in the WS chapter.
    1. Unnatural ranch horse appearance
  - c. In addition to the Off Pattern Penalties listed in the WS Chapter Ranch Trail rules, Incomplete maneuver eliminating or adding a maneuver are to be considered Off Pattern penalties for Saddlebred Ranch Trail classes.
  - d. In Saddlebred Ranch Trail classes, use of two hands (except junior horses shown in a snaffle bit/hackamore); more than one finger between split reins or any fingers between romal reins; failure to open and close gate, must be considered Off Pattern penalties rather than zero score or ten point penalties as listed in the WS Chapter Ranch Trail rules. *BOD 6/20/22 Effective 12/1/22*

## **SUBCHAPTER SB-25 RANCHMANSHIP**

### **SB221 General**

1. The purpose of this class is to bring forth the versatility in both the ranch horse and exhibitor, while performing the designated pattern constructed using both Ranch Trail obstacles and Ranch Riding maneuvers. Obstacles and maneuvers will be judged to the standards written in Ranch Trail and Ranch Riding in each part of the patterns that pertains to these classes (See SB 210, SB 217-218).

2. Each horse will work individually performing the pattern designated by the judge. The judge may submit a pattern or select one of the four (4) suggested patterns offered on the relevant Recognized Affiliate website, as well as the USEF website under the breed applicable page as the designated pattern for the class. Horses will be scored on a basis of 0-100, with 70 denoting an average performance.

3. There will be no time limit.

### **SB222 Eligibility**

This class is open to all horses 3 years of age and older. Classes can be held for Open, Amateur, and Youth Riders as entries warrant and at the discretion of competition management.

### **SB223 Apparel and Equipment**

1. Attire and tack should be clean and presentable. Working tack is encouraged. Equipment with silver should not count over a good working outfit. Silver headstalls and saddles are discouraged.

- a. Hoof polish is not prohibited but is discouraged.
- b. No braiding or banding of manes, no switches or tail extensions.

- c. Trimming of bridle path, fetlocks, or whiskers is permitted. A horse left in a natural state is not to be penalized.
- d. Split or rommel reins are permitted.
- e. Riders shall wear long sleeved, collared shirt, cowboy hat or helmet and boots. Chaps or chinks are permitted. Scarves or wild rags are allowed

## **SB224 Class Maneuvers**

*Please see USEF Website for suggested patterns under applicable breed page.*

1. Class maneuvers may include a side pass, turns of 360 degrees or more, change of lead (simple or flying), walk, trot, or lope over a pole(s); or some combination of maneuvers to show the versatility of a ranch horse.
2. The judge may designate a pattern combining these maneuvers or may designate one of the suggested patterns offered on the USEF website as the pattern for this show. If the judge designates their own pattern, and does not use one of the suggested patterns, the pattern must include at least 6 maneuvers. If a judge uses one of their own patterns, it is recommended to not have the stop following an extended lope.
3. The use of natural logs is encouraged.
4. Posting or standing in the stirrups at the extended trot is permitted.
5. Touching or holding the saddle horn is permitted at extended gaits or during obstacles where rider safety is a concern.

## **SB225 Gaits**

1. The overall cadence and performance of the gaits should be with an emphasis on forward movement, free-flowing, and ground covering for all gaits. Transitions should be performed where designated, with smoothness and responsiveness.
2. A simple or flying lead change should be executed precisely in the specified number of strides and/or at the designated location. A simple lead change is performed by breaking to a walk or trot for one to five strides (before break of gait penalty applies). Flying lead changes should be simultaneous front to rear. All changes should be smooth and timely. Penalties will be incurred for halting or losing forward motion when changing leads.
3. This class will also be judged on quality of movement of the horse. The horse should reflect the versatility, attitude and movement of a working ranch horse riding outside the confines of an arena. The horse should be well-trained, relaxed, quiet, soft and cadenced at all gaits. The ideal ranch horse will travel with forward movement and demonstrate an obvious lengthening of stride at extended gaits. The horse can be ridden with light contact or on a relatively loose rein without requiring undue restraint, but not show on a full drape of reins. The overall manners and responsiveness of the ranch riding horse to make timely transitions in a smooth and correct manner, as well as the quality of the movement are of primary considerations. The ideal ranch riding horse shall have a natural head carriage for that individual horse at each gait.

## **SB226 Scoring**

1. The Ranchmanship class will be scored in ½ point increments from -1½ to +1½ on the score sheets on the overall quality of the horse's movement. The judge will score on all gaits, maneuvers, and obstacles performed at the end of the pattern on overall average of each gait. Transitions should be performed where designated, with smoothness and responsiveness. Posting or standing in the stirrups at extended trot is acceptable. Horn may be held at extended gaits or over obstacles where safety is a concern.
2. Riders will be judged on ability and decision making in the show pen. A rider that puts their horse in the correct positions and making the horse's job easier should receive credit. Riders will also be scored in ½ point increments from -1½ to + 1½ at the end of the pattern for overall performance. No penalties will be given in the quality of movement section of the scoresheet.

## **SB227 Penalties**

A rider shall be penalized should the following occur:

1. One (1) point penalties:
  - a. Too slow/per gait
  - b. Over-Bridled
  - c. Out of Frame
  - d. Break of gait at walk or jog for 2 strides or less
2. Three (3) point penalties:
  - a. Break of gait at walk or jog for more than 2 strides
  - b. Break of gait at lope;
  - c. Wrong lead or cross lead
  - d. Excessive draped reins
  - e. Severe disturbance of any obstacle
3. Five (5) point penalties:
  - a. Blatant disobedience (kick, bite, buck, rear, etc.)
  - b. For each refusal
4. Placed below horses performing all maneuvers:
  - a. Eliminates maneuver
  - b. Incomplete maneuver
5. Zero (0) score:
  - a. Illegal equipment
  - b. Willful abuse
  - c. Major disobedience or schooling
6. No specific penalties will be incurred for nicks/hits on logs but deduction may be made in maneuver score.
7. No specific penalties will be incurred for over/ under spins but deduction may be made in maneuver score.