RAMONA SANTANA RIDERS

RULES AND DEFINITIONS 2018

The following RSR rules will supersede all others. If something is not covered here or in the RSR bylaws, AQHA and/or USEF rules will be used. Management reserves the right to split or combine classes as they see fit for the day and/or year end. All decisions made by the judge and/or management are final.

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<u>Helmets</u> All riders under the age of 18 on the current show day MUST wear an approved helmet per facility rules at all times while mounted. Adult riders must wear an approved helmet when jumping, and are welcome to wear a helmet, whether schooling or showing, in both English and Western classes.

<u>Schooling</u> Schooling entries are allowed to school in their appropriate age class only. Horses being schooled must NOT disrupt the class in progress- the gaits called for must be performed in an appropriate way. The rider must wear long pants and boots. Rider can wear long sleeved shirt or t-shirt, no tank tops. Number is to be worn upside down on back or saddle pad.

Age of Exhibitor Exhibitor's age as of January 1, 2018 is used throughout the year, regardless of when their birthday is.

Age of Horse The age of a horse shall be computed on the bases of calendar year starting January 1 of the year foaled. For example, a horse foaled in 2009 is 9 years old as of January 1, 2018, regardless of actual date of birth.

<u>Proper Attire</u> Horse **showing to be judged** must be properly attired for that event. Western and English attire and/or tack may not be mixed.

English Breeches, English shirt, hunt-type coat, English boots, helmet. Unrowelled spurs are optional. Coats may be removed *at the judge's discretion*.

<u>Western</u> Boots with heel, long pants (slacks, trousers, jeans, etc.), long sleeves and collar (band, standup, tuxedo, etc.), and western hat or helmet ARE required. Chaps and spurs are optional.

<u>Tack</u> All tack and bit specifications are listed by the AQHA and/or USEF rulebook.

<u>Stallions</u> Any male equine (of any age or type) which is unaltered, MAY NOT be shown or handled on the show grounds by handlers under the age of 18.

<u>Dogs</u> Must be on a leash at all times.

<u>Refunds</u> Refunds will be made in case of injury or illness to the horse or rider ONLY.

<u>Protests</u> Must be filed in writing by the end of the show day. Must be delivered to RSR Board member. Must be accompanied by a \$25 filing fee (cash only). Protests will not be considered without a filing fee.

<u>One Horse/One Rider</u> All points are tabulated on a one horse/one rider basis with the exception of Lead Line. Points will NOT be combined for persons showing multiple horses except in Equitation classes with a horse replacement form accompanied by a vet's note or bill of sale/loss of lease. Points will NOT be combined for horses being shown by multiple persons with the

exception of halter classes. This is true for both the Daily Division High Point Awards and Year-End Class and/or Division awards.

<u>Division High Point Awards</u> All points are tabulated on a one horse/one rider basis and follow all rules stated above regarding one horse/one rider rule. <u>Exhibitors must show in a minimum number of the classes that count toward each division in order to be eligible for awards, including one equitation rail class (English or western), one pleasure class (English or western), one halter class (2 & under, 3 & over, or Open, and one pattern class (showmanship, equitation, trail, horsemanship, ranch). Riders will accumulate points in all classes entered that count toward their division.</u>

Bounced Checks Any bounced checks must be paid in full including any bank fees before an exhibitor can show at future events, and for previous points to count.

YEAR END AWARDS

Classes that do not average at least 3 entries for the season may not receive year end awards unless that class is fully sponsored. Age specific classes may be split into additional age groups after the first show if entires warrant, and will stay that way for the remainder of the season.

To be eligible for year-end awards:

- 1) You must be a paid member. Points are accrued once membership is paid. POINTS ARE NOT RETROACTIVE.
- 2) You must use a declared point horse.
- 3) You must show under at least 4 of the 7 judges during the season.
- 4) The membership must fulfill the volunteer hour requirements or bring in a full class sponsorship. (Family 10 hours, single youth or adult 6 hours.)

CLASS SPECIFICATIONS

<u>Halter</u> Open to any equine. Judged on conformation standards of each horse's individual breed. Color class to be judged 75% color, 25% conformation. Color class open to spotted paints/pintos, spotted appaloosas, buckskins, duns/grullas, palominos, champagnes. Grey and roan as well as solid paints/pintos/appaloosas not eligible.

<u>Leadline</u> Rider must be no older than 8 as of January 1, 2018. Handler must be at least 18 years old as of the day of the show. Leadline exhibitors may not cross over into any other riding class at the open show. English or western attire is permissible. Leadline exhibitors are not required to use a declared point horse to be eligible for year-end awards. All leadliners who show under at least 4 of the 7 judges will receive an award at the year-end banquet.

10 & under Age 10 or under as of January 1, 2018. These classes are all walk and trot or jog only. Exhibitors in these classes may not enter into country pleasure, but may enter any walk/trot/jog only classes as well as all in hand classes.

<u>Walk/Trot/Jog Open</u> These classes are open to any exhibitor with no cross entry restrictions. <u>Country Pleasure</u> To be shown at a walk and favorite gait. Favorite gait must be the same both directions, walk does not qualify as a favorite gait. English or western attire is permissible. <u>Jack Benny</u> Open to riders age 35 & over as of the day of the show. To be judged 50% equitation, 50% pleasure. To be shown at a walk and favorite gait. Favorite gait must be the same both directions, walk does not qualify as a favorite gait. English or western attire is permissible. <u>Trail</u> Both English or western tack and attire are permissible in all trail classes.

<u>Michelle Grady Memorial Class</u> Age 17 & under. English equitation pattern class. Riders may be asked to perform rail work at the judge's discretion. The year-end award winner will have their name on the perpetual trophy in addition to an award they keep.

<u>Western Horsemanship</u> Western equitation pattern class. Riders may be asked to perform rail work at the judge's discretion.

Ranch Riding Ranch riding is a pattern class that judges the horses aptitude to be used as a working ranch horse. As our shows are not rated/sanctioned, riders may enter English and/or western pleasure as well as ranch riding classes.