

## ALL-AROUND HORSE CONTEST

The factors to be considered in judging will be:

1. Only one horse in both halter classes and riding classes per exhibitor. (Example: If you ride a certain horse, make sure you show the same horse in halter.)
2. The following point system will be used:  
**Four or more horses in class:** 1<sup>st</sup> place (10) points; 2<sup>nd</sup> place (8) points; 3<sup>rd</sup> place (6) points; 4<sup>th</sup> place (4) points; 5<sup>th</sup> place (2) points).  
**Three or less horses in class:** 1<sup>st</sup> place (6) points; 2<sup>nd</sup> place (4) points; 3<sup>rd</sup> place (2) points  
**Grand Champion Halter:** (4) points; **Reserve Grand Champion Halter:** (2) points  
No points for champions, reserves or from showmanship classes.
3. All classes (except showmanship classes and all novice division classes) will be considered in the contest.
4. Novice classes are not eligible in the All-Around Horse Contest.
5. The more classes entered the better chance to win.
6. Points will be counted and tallied by the horse division superintendent(s) or by a third party designated by the superintendent.

## ALL-AROUND WESTERN HORSEMAN CONTEST

The factors to be considered in judging will be:

1. This award is presented to the rider that displays the most skilled western horsemanship skills. It is our hope that during the show each rider keeps in mind that sportsmanship is another aspect of true horsemanship and that competition is kept on a very sportsmanlike level.
2. This award can only be won by one horse/one rider. No horse or rider changes will be allowed. **All** paperwork required by the horse superintendent/4-H office must be on file by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. **The horse must be in the possession of the rider at that time.** Only one horse in both showmanship classes and riding classes per exhibitor. (Example: If you ride a certain horse, make sure you show the same horse in showmanship to earn maximum points.)
3. Novice participants are not eligible to compete for the All – Around Western Horseman contest.
4. Providing they meet contest requirements, the Champion and Reserve Champion riders from the Junior, Intermediate, and, Senior age divisions will be invited to compete in the All-Around Horseman class following western performance classes and tabulation.
5. To qualify for this award, a junior rider must have their Level I Western card, and intermediate and senior riders must have their Level II Western card. These cards must be in hand by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Kit Carson County 4-H members currently enrolled and meeting all participation requirements of the Kit Carson County Fair are eligible to participate in the contest.
6. If the Intermediate and/or Senior champion and/or reserve champion riders do not have their Western Level II card, the right to compete in the All-Around Horseman class will move to

the next two highest ranked competitors from each division who hold their Level II card.

7. If there are not enough competing Intermediate and enough competing senior riders who hold at least a Level II Western Card, the vacant positions will then be filled first by the division champion and then the division reserve champion. However, the Intermediate and Senior competitors who do NOT hold at least their Level II Western card will be assessed a 5 point penalty on their final score.

8. No points will initially be given for halter or showmanship classes. All other classes will be used to calculate the points for award eligibility. Therefore, the more riding classes you enter, the better your chances to qualify to compete for All-Around Western Horseman.

9. Upon qualifying to compete in the All-Around Western Horseman class, each rider's accumulated points will reset to "0" thus allowing each rider to compete on an even playing field.

10. Eligible riders will be asked to ride a pattern of the superintendent(s)' choosing. This pattern may include a combination of different riding class maneuvers and will be scored by the show's judge using a score sheet. The pattern for this class will be made available to all 4-H Horse Contestants at the same time following the July 1<sup>st</sup> levels deadline.

11. Points will be counted and tallied by the horse division superintendent(s) or by a third party designated by the superintendent.

12. Upon completion of the class, competitors will be placed and receive the following points: 1<sup>st</sup> place (30) points; 2<sup>nd</sup> place (25) points; 3<sup>rd</sup> place (20) points; 4<sup>th</sup> place (15) points; 5<sup>th</sup> place (10) points; 6<sup>th</sup> place (5) points).

At that time, the following additional points will be added or deducted:

- Riders holding their Level II Western card – 5 points
- Riders holding their Level III Western card – 10 points

Showmanship Class Points will be included as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> place (30) points; 2<sup>nd</sup> place (25) points; 3<sup>rd</sup> place (20) points; 4<sup>th</sup> place (15) points; 5<sup>th</sup> place (10) points; 6<sup>th</sup> place (5) points.

If you choose NOT to show in showmanship class and then qualify for the All-Around Horseman class, 30 points will be deducted from your final score. If you choose to show a different horse in showmanship than the horse you ride, your showmanship class placing will not count and you will instead receive a penalty equivalent to your showmanship placing. Overall Champion Horse Showman (5) points; Overall Reserve Champion Horse Showman (3) points.

Points will not be added for champion or reserve champion showmanship in each age division.

Individual Written Test Score – included in final tally (0-30 points).

In the case of a tie, the highest written test score will be used. If still a tie, the second tie-breaker will be which rider accumulated the fewest penalty points on the All-Around Horseman class pattern. If two riders are still tied, the third tie breaker will be which rider holds the highest western level card. The fourth tie breaker will be oral question(s) from the judge. The final tie breaker will be a coin toss.

Any protests must be filed in accordance to the county protest rule.

## **ALL-AROUND NOVICE WESTERN HORSEMAN CONTEST**

The factors to be considered in judging will be:

1. This award is presented to the first year novice horse showman that displays the most skilled western horsemanship skills. It is our hope that during the show each rider keeps in mind that sportsmanship is another aspect of true horsemanship and that competition is kept on a very sportsmanlike level.

2. This award can only be won by one horse/one rider. No horse or rider changes will be allowed. All paperwork required by the horse superintendent/4-H office must be on file by May 1, 2023. ***The horse must be in the possession of the rider at that time.*** Only one horse in both showmanship classes and riding classes per exhibitor. (Example: If you ride a certain horse, make sure you show the same horse in showmanship to earn maximum points.)

3. Only Novice participants are eligible to compete for the All-Around Novice Western Horseman award.

4. To qualify for the award, a novice exhibitor must have their Level I Western card.

5. Points will be counted and tallied by the horse division superintendent(s) or by a third party designated by the superintendent.

6. Points from all Novice Classes (Showmanship, Trail, Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Ranch Horse Horsemanship, Western Riding, and Western Reining) will be tabulated according to regular point system (see Department C – Horse, Rule F). Individual Written Test Score will also be included in final tally. No points from Halter classes will be included.

In the case of a tie, the highest written test score will be used. If still a tie, the second tie-breaker will be oral question(s) from the judge. The final tie breaker will be a coin toss.

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## **RANCH HORSE TOP HAND CONTEST**

The factors to be considered in judging will be:

1. This award is presented to the rider that displays the most consistent Ranch Horse division skills. It is our hope that during the show each rider keeps in mind that sportsmanship is another aspect of true horsemanship and that competition is kept on a very sportsmanlike level.

2. This award can only be won by one horse/one rider. No horse or rider changes will be allowed. ***All*** paperwork required by the horse superintendent/4-H office must be on file by May 1, 2023. ***The horse must be in the possession of the rider at that time.*** Only one horse in both Ranch Horse Conformation and Ranch Horse riding classes per exhibitor. (Example: If you ride a certain horse, make sure you show the same horse conformation to earn maximum points.)

3. To qualify for this award, the exhibitor must have their Level I Ranch Horse card.

4. Points will be counted and tallied by the horse division superintendent(s) or by a third party designated by the superintendent.

5. Points from all Ranch Horse Division Classes (Conformation, Ranch Trail, Ranch Horsemanship, and Ranch Riding) will be tabulated according to regular point system (see Department C – Horse, Rule F). Individual Written Test Score will also be included in final tally.

In the case of a tie, the highest written test score will be used. If still a tie, the second tie-breaker will be oral question(s) from the judge. The final tie breaker will be a coin toss.

Any protests must be filed in accordance to the county protest rule.