



American Ranch Horse Association, The Premier Ranch Horse Show

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‘Ranch Horse’ is one of the fastest growing trends of the equine industry. ‘Ranch’ Horse Shows are popping up across the map but some of these aren’t ‘American Ranch Horse Association’ Approved shows. Well, why does this matter you may ask? What benefits does showing at an ARHA Approved show hold?

Below you will find a list of reasons why showing at an ARHA Approved show is more valuable than showing at an Open Ranch Horse Show. Now while we encourage you to attend ARHA Approved shows we still encourage our exhibitors to show and support the industry where you can. Its what keeps the horse show world alive and growing!

ARHA approved shows are easy to find! If your show is ARHA approved, it will be posted on the Events Calendar of the ARHA webpage along with a show bill. Show bills will also be posted on the Official ARHA Facebook Page. If you are an Approved ARHA Charter your information will be listed on the Charter page of the ARHA website along with information and a link to your Charter Website! Monthly newsletters will also be sent out with upcoming show dates and information to all the members in our Email Database (Over 5,000!) For every ARHA Approved show you receive 1 Eblast to our members. Just send us the information you want sent out and we do the work! We will formulate an Eblast to our members that highlights your show and send it to them at NO CHARGE!

Charter or Sanctioned ARHA Shows are sent to the main ARHA Office. Here your show results will be posted on the web for you to view! See class placings and points earned for each class you entered. ARHA also recognizes Regional Award winners for each division Open, Amateur, Youth, Novice Amateur, and Novice Youth. There are 5 Regions with at least 2 charters in each region. You can attend shows in your Region to run for ARHA Regional Awards. Belt buckles are presented to each Region Division Champion and awards are given to the Regional Division Reserve Champion! As well as Regional Awards ARHA also recognizes National High Point Champions in Open, Amateur, Youth 14-18, Youth 13 & Under, Novice Amateur, and Novice Youth. The Champions in each of these divisions are presented a saddle at the Year End Awards Banquet held in January of each year. ARHA will also award the Top 5 in each Overall High Point Division a Jacket/Vest at the banquet. On top of this lets talk about Ranch Horse of the Year! Ranch Horse of the Year is the top point earning horse in each division and class. Ex. Ranch Horse of the Year Open Two & Under Stallions, Ranch Horse of the Year Novice Amateur Ranch Riding. Each winner will be presented an award at the Awards Banquet.

If points aren't your thing, we still have something for you! Charters are asked to nominate both a YOUTH and AMATEUR Top Sportsman and Most Improved to be awarded at the Banquet in January!

Not only does ARHA keep record of yearly points & awards. ARHA also keeps track of lifetime points and awards. You don't have to do anything but attend an ARHA show to be eligible for Lifetime Awards! Register of Merit's are earned when a horse or horse/rider earn a minimum of 75 Points in a division/class. Not only do we send your Register of Merit we also present several other Lifetime Awards. ARHA Champion, Ranch Horse Champion, Performance Versatility Award, Super Ranch Horse, Superior Event Horse, and more! You can also call or email the office to receive your horses Lifetime Achievement and Point Record at any time. We have a goal in the next two years to have a database online that allows you to look up these points with just the click of a button!

Charter programs! We have already discussed the Amateur and Youth Nominations asked from each charter for Amateur and Youth Top Sportsman and Most Improved but ARHA also offers Charter Sponsorship! Applications for sponsorship can be found on the ARHA website on the forms page. ARHA has also updated to a new National and Show Program that will allow show secretaries to download all ARHA Members and Horses in our database! This will help eliminate time at the show entry office. We at ARHA are trying our best to make ARHA shows run as easy and smoothly as possible. Sanctioned shows can also take your memberships and registrations at the show, when this happens the exhibitor pays a \$10 Rush fee per application. As long as the show results and applications are sent in correctly and on time the charter will receive \$5 of every \$10 Rush Fee back at the end of the year! Talk about paying out!

Youth programs! Youth that are involved in ARHA are encouraged to apply for the Youth Scholarship Program by December 31st of each year. ARHA awards 2 National Scholarships to applicants every year. On top of the ARHA Youth Scholarship Fund the ARHA hosts the National Youth Team Tournament at the World Show. We encourage Charters, Barns, Friends, to put together a Youth Team for the World Show. Its fun, competitive, and there is something for everyone! JJ Carpenter is our National Youth Director and has some very exciting and fun ideas for our Youth this year! Look for information regarding our Youth Boot Camp coming up this year at the World Show!

Professional Programs! ARHA encourages all our Trainers, Clinics, etc to join the ARHA Professionals program. We will include their information on our webpage as well as a flyer/banner that links to their website. Charters who host clinics with ARHA Professionals are advertised on the ARHA Website Calendar and ARHA Facebook page. This is a great way to get news out!

ARHA Rulebook & Judges. As exhibitors we all new consistency is key. While have an ARHA sanctioned show the Rulebook offers a set of guidelines and class procedures as well as common and basic rules for a fair playing field for everyone. ARHA offers over 100 classes each charter has the option of choosing from Conformation to Working Cow Horse. ARHA also

prides itself on its judges. We hold 2 seminars a year that are open to all of our members to attend, we have a vigorous testing system and only want to send you the best judges.

You have a say! Every two years a new ARHA Rulebook is printed. If you feel like a rule needs changed please submit a Rule Change Proposal. Form. Rule Change Proposals are voted on in the Summer/Fall before a new Rulebook is printed. We ask each charter send delegates to vote as they see fit for their charter needs.

What is the cost? ARHA Memberships are \$35 and run calendar year, Certificate of Eligibility (Horse Registrations) are \$35 and good for the lifetime of the horse. ARHA Show Fees are a one time per show fee of \$7/horse/judge. Any other fees associated with the Charter show are used for the Charter to pay expenses and for awards.

We at the American Ranch Horse Association are striving to be the most premier ranch horse organization in the world. Please give ARHA a try, you owe it to yourself and your horse. To become part of the ARHA Nation you can contact the office by phone 606-271-2963 or by email arhacontact@aol.com