Youth Horse Show

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Brazoria County Fair Grounds Arena - Saturday September 18, 2021

Entry Fee: $15 per class

Registration: Day of the show

Performance -books open 6:30 am/ close 7:30 am,
Speed events – books open 10:30 am/ close 11:30 am
Show Times: Halter / Performance starts at 8 am Speed will follow performance,
but will not begin before 12 noon

A. Eligibility

Ages for the event will be determined as of January 1, 2021. Contestants must be enrolled in a state accredited School or a graduate of the current year and must be 19 years of age or under. Contestants must have a copy of their birth certificate. Contestants must not be married. Minor's release will be required and must be signed by at least one parent or legal guardian.

There will be four age group divisions as follows:
6 yrs. & under Leadline (Straight barrels only)
8 yrs. & under Sub-Jr
9 yrs.- 13 yrs. Juniors
14 yrs.- 18 yrs. Seniors

B. Show Classes

Performance Classes:
#1 Registered Mares 5 years and over,
#2 Registered Mares under 5 years,
#3 Grade Mares, Grand Champion Mar*e* / Reserve Champion Mare,
#4 Registered Geldings 5 years and over,
#5 Registered Geldings under 5 years,
#6 Grade Geldings, Grand Champion Geldings / Reserve Champion Gelding,
#7 Showmanship at halter (8 years and under),
#8 Showmanship at halter (9-13 years),
#9 Showmanship at halter (14-18 years), BREAK (Tack change / *w*arm up),
#10 Walk / Trot Western Pleasure (8 years and under),
#11 Western Pleasure (9-13 years),
#12 Western Pleasure (14-18 years),

#13 Walk / Trot Western Horsemanship (8 years and under),
#14 Western Horsemanship (9-13 years),
#15 Western Horsemanship (14-18 years)

Speed classes:
#16 Leadline (6 years and under), straight barrels only,
#17 Straightaway Barrels (8 and under),
#18 Straightaway Barrels (9 - 13),
#19 Straightaway Barrels (14 - 18),
#20 Cloverleaf Barrels (8 and under),
#21 Cloverleaf Barrels (9 - 13),
#22 Cloverleaf Barrels (14 - 18),
#23 Poles (8 and under),
#24 Poles (9 - 13),
#25 Poles (14 - 18)

C. Awards

Accumulative points will be used for the overall awards. There will be no dropped times or placings. A contestant must have accumulated points to receive an award. Points will be awarded for the top 10 winners in each class. Points will be totaled and winners announced at each show, performance and speed, upon completion of each show.

Points will be based on the number of entries. If there are 10 or more entries in an event then the following example shows how the points are awarded for each class, any number under 10 will start placings at that number of participants (i.e.: 6 participants then 1st place gets 60 points, 2nd gets 50, etc.):

1st Place - 100 points, 2nd Place - 90 points, 3rd Place - 80 points, 4th Place - 70 points, 5th Place - 60 points 6th Place - 50 points, 7th Place - 40 points, 8th Place - 30 points, 9th Place - 20 points, 10th Place - 10 points

In case of a tie in overall points, the contestant with the most 1st, 2nd and 3rd, etc. will be the winner.

High point awards:

Buckles: Overall High Point Buckles in each age group (8 and under; 9-13; 14-18)

Ribbons: 1st thru 5th place in each class

Other Awards:

• Grand Champion Mare/ Reserve Mare (Performance only)-Does not count towards high point

awards.
• Grand Champion Gelding / Reserve Gelding (Performance only)-Does not count towards high point awards.
• High Point awards given for 2nd and 3rd place (8 and Under; 9-13; 14-18)

D. Show Volunteers

Volunteers for assistance with the gates and in the arena are always welcome. There is no mandatory requirement for work points, however events must have volunteers to man the gates and set barrels and poles in order for the classes to run. Only adults, and senior contestants, are allowed to work gates / arena. Sign-up sheets for volunteers will be upstairs in the announcer's booth.

E. General Show Rules (applicable to both Performance and Speed Shows)

1. All event rules will be determined by the BCFA Youth Horse Show Committee.

2. Participants may show more than one horse, however, only one horse/rider team may accumulate points. Horse/rider team must be designated at the time of registration.

3. There will be a $250 cash protest fee for any discrepancies that cannot be resolved the day of the event to be brought before the BCFA Disciplinary Committee. This amount is not refundable. Each protest must be in writing and must state plainly the cause of the complaint and must be delivered to the BCF*A* Youth Horse show chair immediately after the occasion for such protest. Protest must be submitted by parent of competitor. The decision of the BCFA Disciplinary Committee is FINAL.

4. All arena judges' decisions will be final.

5. Show dress code
• Performance contestants must wear western attire for all classes: long sleeved show shirt (if it has buttons, it must be buttoned and tucked in if the style allows); jeans or long pants, western boots with heels**,** western hat or helmet. Shirts will have long sleeves and cannot be rolled up. Shirts will be tucked in. Contestants must wear long pants and heeled footwear.

• Speed will follow the same dress code as performance; however no hats, caps, visors or bandanas will be worn during the speed events. Helmets are allowed.

• Due to variable weather conditions during this competition, changes may be made by the chairperson.

• Failure to comply with dress code can result in a no time / disqualification.

6. The equipment must fit the horse and the rider for safety purposes.

7. Prompt entrance into arena will be required. **C**lasses will be called according to the schedule.

All horse/ competitor teams must enter the arena promptly. A competitor's number will called three times, after the third call the horse/competitor team will not be allowed to enter the arena.

8. NO alcoholic beverages are allowed on the grounds during the BCFA Youth Horse Show. Any adult with alcoholic beverages will be barred from the BCFA Youth Horse Show. Any youth caught with alcoholic beverages or other illegal substances will be asked to leave immediately.

9. Any child or parent that displays poor sportsmanship may be asked to leave. For example: excessive profanity, fighting, etc. All parents and contestants will sign a code of conduct agreement at registration.

10. No one other than contestants or workers are allowed in the arena during events or warm up.

11. No one other than the contestant on horseback, assisting parents, and workers are allowed in the alleyway during speed event runs. All side gates in the alley will remain closed while contestants are running.

12. Current NEGATIVE Coggins Paper must be presented on each horse before the contestant may register.

13. No stallions or colts will be allowed on the grounds.

14. Payment by cash or check accepted at the show. Please make checks payable to Brazoria County Fair Association (BCFA). There will be a fee charged for any returned checks. There will be no refunds once the books have closed for specific event.

15. Contestants may not be buckled, fastened, or tied in the saddle (i.e., magic seats) for any event due to safety concerns.

16. No domestic animals will be allowed under the covered arena or stands at any time during the Youth Horse Show events. This does include dogs, cats, pigs, goats, etc.

17. The official show announcer at any point in time may make announcements during a performance or speed event, including any changes, delays, sponsor recognition, or general announcements.

F. Performance Specific Show Rules The following rules are specific to the performance events only.

1. A horse/rider team may show in only (1) halter class.

2. No two contestants may ride the same horse in the same age group.

3. Exhibitors are responsible for informing the gateman of tack changes or any other delay that may cause the exhibitor to be late. A reasonable delay time will be at the discretion of the judge

or chairperson.

4. There will be a break for tack change and warm up between the halter classes and the western pleasure classes.

5. Competitor number must be worn in each performance class.

6. NO tie-downs; breast collars; leg wraps or boots; flank belts; bell boots; hackamores; nosebands.

7. Split reins only in riding classes.

G. Speed Specific Show Rules The following rules are specific to the speed events only.

1. The speed events will start after the completion of the Performance events but no earlier than 12 noon. Speed will begin with the Leadline class, followed by exhibitions, and then the remaining speed classes.

2. In barrels and poles, NO LEADING OF HORSES IS ALLOWED past starting line or will result in no time. Contestants requiring leading through the pattern must participate in the lead line event.

3. Horses will run through the center alley for speed events. The back gate of the alley will remain open during the run unless a special request has been made by the parents or senior contestant. The entry gate will remain open unless contestant or parent asks to close the gate during the run. This gate will be closed if the contestant unmounts during their event.

Leadline

Contestants: 6 & under, Leadline will be held at the start of the speed events. Participation prize will be awarded to each Leadline contestant.

1. Contestants cannot compete in any other class.

2. Contestants MUST stay on lead at all times.

3. Contestants MUST be led by someone 14 & over.

Exhibitions Cloverleaf barrels and pole exhibitions will be held immediately after Leadline. Exhibitions will run for 30 minutes on each pattern and will be $5 per run, payable at registration. If multiple runs are purchased per pattern, the rider must exit the arena and go to the end of the line after each run. There will be a limited number of tickets sold per pattern to remain within the time limit. For speed exhibitions you will be given a 1-minute time limit to enter the arena once the announcer calls for the next rider, due to the limited time available for exhibitions.

Cloverleaf Barrels Barrels:

1. The barrels may be placed by the management at distances that confirm WITH THE ARENA CONDITIONS AS DECIDED BY CHAIRMEN AND ARENA DIRECTOR, but not closer than TWENTY (20) feet from the arena walls.

2. All barrels are to be INSIDE of stake.

Pattern:

1. Contestants will start from behind the starting line, run around barrel number one, around barrel number two and around barrel number three finishing by crossing the starting line. This pattern may be altered by starting with number two barrel then proceeding to number one barrel. ALL FORWARD MOTION.

2. The time starts when contestant crosses starting line and stops when he/she crosses in on the way back after running the pattern.

3. No re-runs or restarts for a broken pattern

Penalties: THERE WILL BE A FIVE (5) SECOND PENALTY for each barrel knocked over. If a contestant knocks over a barrel and it stands up again on its other end, it will be the same as knocking it over. Disqualification and “No Time" if:

1. Contestant commits any offense listed in rules.

2. Contestant breaks pattern or stops forward motion.

3. Contestant does not remain mounted for entire run.

4. Contestant crosses the starting line during the run.

Straight Barrels Barrels:

1. Barrels are set sixty (60) feet apart, with the third (3rd) barrel twenty-five (25) feet off the back wall.

2. No barrel may be closer than ten (10) feet from any arena fence.

3. Location must be permanently marked for the entire speed portion of the rodeo.

4. All barrels are to be INSIDE of stake.

Pattern:

1. Contestants will start from behind the starting line, run to the left or the right of the first barrel,

and then continue the figure eight (8) pattern. ALL FORWARD MOTION. 2. The time starts when contestant crosses starting line and stops when he/she crosses it on the way back after running the pattern. 3. If the contestant backs up, it is considered a broken pattern.

4. No re-runs or restarts for a broken pattern.

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2. Contestant breaks pattern or stops forward motion.

3. Contestant does not remain mounted for entire run.

4. Contestant crosses the starting line during the run.

Pole Bending Poles:

1. The first pole is to be twenty-one (21) feet from the starting line and each of the six (6) poles shall be twenty-one (21) feet apart.

2. Poles must be mounted on a flexible base.

3. Poles are to be to the side of the stake.

4. Poles must be six (6) feet from base to the top of pole.

Pattern:

1. Contestants may start either to the right or to the left of the first pole and then run the remainder of the pattern accordingly. ALL FORWARD MOTION.

2. If the contestant backs up it is considered a broken pattern.

3. No re-runs or restarts for a broken pattern.

Penalties:

THERE WILL BE A FIVE (5) SECOND PENALTY for each pole knocked over.

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1. Contestant commits any offense listed in rules.

2. Contestant breaks pattern or stops forward motion.

3. Contestant does not remain mounted for entire run.

4. Contestant crosses the starting line during the run.