

# CHECKLIST FOR ENTERING AND COMPETING AT AN AMERICAN COMPETITIVE MUSTANG CLUB OPEN SHOW

•	Reviewed competition rules and regulations
•	Reviewed Class descriptions
•	Reviewed Check in and competition dates
•	Signed and attached Entry Form
•	Signed and attached Humane Treatment Statement and Model Release/Social Media Statement
•	Signed and Attached "Assumption Of Risk And Waiver" for Western States Horse Expo
•	Mailed Check or sent fees via PayPal to Erikahunter@live.com

#### Bring to Show:

- Printed and signed pages 2, 3, 4
- Current Coggins and Health Certificate If from out of state.

All Entry Forms must be emailed to Erikahunter@live.com or be printed and mailed to 49960 W Mockingbird Lane, Maricopa AZ 85139

- Entries received prior to April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 are eligible for the reduced rate of \$15.00 per class.
- Entries received after April 11th are \$20 per class. No exceptions.
- NO Entries will be accepted after May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. No Exceptions.
- No refunds will be given unless due to an "Act of God" in which the show cannot take place.
- Show Location is: Murieta Equestrian Center- 7200 Lone Pine Dr, Rancho Murieta CA 95683
- Event Dates are May 7-10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Check-in will start at 8am Wednesday. All horses must be off the premises by 8pm on May 10th.
- Any questions? Contact Open Show Host Erika 619-964-0788 or Erikahunter@live.com
- This Event is a sanctioned ACMC event. You do not have to be a member to participate.
- Classes are subject to be added, dropped, combined or cancelled. Show management reserves the right to change the schedule at any time.
- Final Competition Schedule to be announced.
- All entries get 2 wristbands for entry to the Western States Horse Expo with Paid stall.

Entry Form	for ACMC C	pen	Show	during Weste	ern States Hor	se Expo. Pleas	se use one per	Entry.
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	Exchange Race	Hurr	-	Freestyle	Freestyle	Freestyle	Freestyle	Freestyle
	Pie Eating	Sing Stak			Horsemanship E/W	Horsemanship E/W	Horsemanship E/W	Horsemanship E/W
	Ride a Buck					Ranch Riding	Ranch Riding	Ranch Riding
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								Hunter Hack
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Pre-Registe	ered Classes		\$15 p	per class x	classes =			\$
Late Entry Classes \$20 per class x					classes =			\$
Stall Fee (facility fee)				\$120.00 for Wednesday- Sunday (shavings not included, but 2 wristbands to the horse expo are included) = \$120.00				
California Drug Test Fee \$8 (mandatory) =					<u> </u>		\$8.00	
Extreme Ja	ckpot Trail Cl	ass	\$50 e	entry for payou	t of a 40/20/10 <sup>o</sup>	% split Jackpot	=	\$
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#### PRINT AND SIGN THESE STATEMENTS:

#### **Humane Treatment Policy:**

Every Mustang and all animals shall, at all times, be treated humanely and with dignity, respect and compassion. Any participant using abusive or excessive training techniques or being inhumane to a Mustang in his/her care (determined excessive or abusive by a panel assigned by the Mustang Heritage Foundation and consisting of a panel of licensed equine veterinarian(s) and/or respected horse industry professionals) may be removed from the program and/or all future contests and training programs. If a participant's horse enters the contest or if the trainer/participant at any time presents a horse with questionable training/care related injuries (determined excessive or abusive by a panel assigned by the Mustang Heritage Foundation and consisting of a panel of licensed equine veterinarian(s) and/or respected horse industry professionals) the participant may be removed from the program and/or all future contests and training programs. The following list includes but is not limited to examples of unacceptable behavior and training techniques: • No horse appearing to be emaciated, drawn or injured may be exhibited. • Use of or evidence of inhumane training techniques or methods such as striking horse with objects, excessive spurring and/or excessive jerking of reins. • Any inhumane treatment that results in wounds. Additionally, the American Competitive Mustang Club and Hunter Horsemanship promotes and encourages the following examples of sound, compassionate, and successful training techniques and Mustang handling methods: • Horse and participant exhibiting solid relationship based on respect and understanding • A calm and willing partnership between horse and participant, regardless of the obstacle or environmental challenge during competition or training phases • Trainer maintains a credible level of dignity for the horse during all phases of training, competition, and repositioning if applicable. • Trainers are expected to seek and employ methods of horsemanship in order to promote and encourage the positive relationship between horse and participant. • Training techniques should demonstrate a strong bond between horse and trainer Through my signature below. I certify that I have read and understand the Humane Treatment policy, and agree to abide by these principles as a participant in this event. I also understand that should a determination be made (as outlined above) that I have violated any part of this policy, I may lose the privilege of participating at ACMC sponsored programs, and may also lose the privilege of any future adoptions of Mustang horses.

Name of Applicant:	Applicant's Signature:
Parent/Guardian Signature	Event Representative Signature
FILM/VIDEO MODEL RELEASE FOR MU	JSTANG EVENT:
acknowledged, give to the Mustang Herita successors, and all persons or corporation and/or use, and/or publish photographic p prints, or digital information pertaining to the Model may be included in whole or in part otherwise, made through any media in photographic and the may be applied. I further release PRODUC acting, from any claims for remuneration a associated with the proper commercial or reproduction was maliciously caused, proconspicuous ridicule, scandal, reproach, s session was conducted in a completely procession.	Model"), for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is ge Foundation ("PRODUCER") and ACMC, its legal representatives, as acting with its permission, unrestricted permission to copyright ortraits or pictures of the Model, and the negatives, transparencies, nem, in still, single, multiple, moving or video format, or in which the or composite, or distorted in form, or reproductions thereof, in color or otographer's studio or elsewhere for art, or any other lawful purpose. I inspect and approve the finished product or copy that may be used in generating Heritage Foundation has taken of the Model, or the use to which it DER, Mustang Heritage Foundation or others for whom PRODUCER is associated with any form of damage, foreseen or unforeseen, artistic use of these images unless it can be shown that said duced and published for the sole purpose of subjecting the Model to corn and indignity. I acknowledge that the videotaping/photography oper and highly professional manner, and this release was willingly not a minor, and if a minor, have permission from my parent or legal able to give such consent.
Models Signature	Date:

Parent Signature if Model is a minor:

#### PRINT THIS PAGE AND BRING TO THE EXPO

# Western States Horse Expo Murieta Equestrian Center Assumption Of Risk And Waiver

For valuable consideration and to induce permission to participate in equestrian activities held during the Western States Horse Expo held at Murieta Equestrian Center ("MEC") 7200 Lone Pine Drive, Rancho Murieta, CA 95683, each of the undersigned agrees to the following terms and makes the following warranties:

I acknowledge that participating in the equestrian activities, whether as a show participant or an audience member, is a HAZARDOUS RECREATION ACTIVITY with RISK of damage or PERSONAL INJURY, including PARALYSIS OR DEATH, to any person or property. Equines have the propensity to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, or death to persons on or around the equine; have unpredictable reactions to such things as sounds, sudden movement, and unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals; are susceptible to certain hazards such as surface or subsurface conditions, collisions with other equines or objects; propensities include kicking, biting, stamping, stumbling, rearing and others; tack equipment can fail resulting in falling or loss of control; and activities have the potential of the participant(s) to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to the injury of the participant or others, such as failing to maintain control over the equine or not acting within the participant's ability. Equine activities are INHERENTLY DANGEROUS. I understand this is not a complete description of all risks and that other unknown or unforeseeable hazards and risks of harm may occur.

With this in mind, I accept full responsibility for my own safety and EXPRESSLY ASSUME ALL RISKS OF HARM, whether foreseen or unforeseen while participating in equestrian activities during the Western States Horse Expo held at the Murieta Equestrian Center. I am physically fit and know of no medical or health reason why I should not participate in this activity.

I hereby RELEASE and agree to DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS HORSE EXPO INC., MEC, Consumnes Corporation, their shareholders, officers, employees, agents, instructors, equipment manufacturers, lessors, and insurers (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Parties Released"), from and against any liability, demand, claim, or right of action for any damage or injury, including paralysis or death, to further COVENANT NOT TO SUE or make any demand or claim against Horse Expo Inc., MEC or other Parties Released, for or by reason of any such damage or personal injury from my participation in equestrian activities at MED. I will pay all fees, damages, and costs, including attorney fees that Horse Expo Inc., MEC or other Parties Released may incur in the enforcement of this agreement.

A signed liability waiver is a condition to your participation in any event. Failure to sign will lead to your disqualification and removal from property. I have carefully read this document and fully understand its contents, which I adopt as a completely integrated and exclusive statement of the entire terms of agreement.

SIGNATURE ADDRESS

**TELEPHONE NUMBER** 

Guardian Representation:	
	EMAIL ADDRESS CITY STATE/ZIP CELLULAR TELEPHONE NUMBER
from and against any demand, claim, right of action, or suit the equestrian activities with Horse Expo Inc. at Murieta Equestria	ations and agree to the terms of this Assumption of Risk and e to assume responsibility for their safety. I further agree to PO INC., MEC, Consumnes Corp., and other Parties Released at may be brought on behalf of any such minor(s) arising from an Center. I will pay all fees, damages, and costs, including eased may incur in the enforcement of this agreement. My child they should not participate in this activity. I intend this

I have carefully read this document and fully understand its contents, which I adopt as completely integrated and exclusive statement of the entire terms of agreement.

and shall be interpreted and enforced under the laws of the State of California.

PRINT FULL NAME OF MINOR CHILD	PRINT PARENT/GUARDIAN FULL NAME	
MINOR CHILD DOB	ADDRESS CITY STATE/ZIP	
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE	DATE	

**EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS** 

#### ACMC Mustang and Burro OPEN SHOW 2020 RULES & REGULATIONS

By Not adhering to the Regulations and Competition Rules listed in this document may result in disqualification from current and/or future American Competitive Mustang Club competitions and programs.

<u>REGULATIONS:</u> Participation in this event is by application only; therefore, ACMC and its agents have the unqualified right to determine eligibility and can, at any time, remove an applicant or contestant from an ACMC program and/or competition for any reason or for no reason.

- All participants must complete and submit the entry form by the pre registration date for discounted entry fees. Participants can add or drop classes during the show. No refunds will be issued for any reason, however you can change horses if needed.
- 2. Youth must wear a helmet when mounted. Youth Highpoint will be for participants ages 5-17 on the day of the show. Youth can participate in any classes.
- Any applicant or selected participant may be removed from the competition at any time if found to have any alleged history of cruelty to animals or humans. Removal of any trainer/handler from the application process or competition is at the discretion of the Mustang Heritage Foundation, ACMC and/or Stewards of the show.
- 4. Mustang training/schooling must be humane and compassionate. "Least resistance" techniques are encouraged. At all times, the humane care and best interest of the horse are paramount. For TIP challenge, ACMC Open events and Mustang Heritage Foundation programs, the trainer/Handler is responsible for the well-being and humane treatment of any Mustang entrusted to their care.
- 5. Participants are required to submit a signed release with their entry so that all photos and filming may be used to promote the event and/or future events and will be the property of the Mustang Heritage Foundation and ACMC.
- 6. The purpose of this event is to showcase the talent and trainability of Mustangs and to provide an opportunity for trainers and horses to engage in safe competition for prize money and/or awards. Therefore, all horses entered into the competition should be gentle and safe to maneuver through the show grounds. Upon entry onto the show grounds, should a mustang or burro be deemed unsafe by MHF and/or ACMC, that horse may be excused or uninvited to participate in the competition, and will not be issued a refund.
- 7. Upon entry onto the show grounds, competing Mustang and burro freeze-marks will be verified by a BLM or MHF representative to determine the horse's eligibility. For legibility reasons, the trainer may need to shave the hair around the freeze-mark ahead of time. The ACMC allows non-BLM wild horses to compete with a "Wild horse addendum" signed and approved prior to the show start.
- 8. Upon entry onto the show grounds, all out of state trainers must provide a current Health Certificate and negative Coggins paperwork for their animals.
- 9. Upon entry onto the show grounds, competing Mustangs will be examined by a veterinarian or knowledgeable individual to determine the health and condition of the horse. Should a Mustang be deemed in poor condition by a veterinarian OR by a knowledgeable individual that Mustang may be excused or uninvited to participate in the competition.
- 10. Stall Shavings will not be provided. You must bed your stall with some sort of bedding material and clean it out at the end of the show. It is required to have a stall. Stall fees are paid to the Western States Horse Expo. To reserve your stall, send payment along with entry fee. We will try to accommodate groups who wish to be together. Please indicate if you wish to be stalled next to a specific person(s).
- 11. There will be no free tack stalls. You must either pay for an additional stall or make accommodations to haul tack and feed from your trailer each day. Securing all of your belongings is your responsibility.
- 12. Trainers/competitors are not allowed to place locks on horse stalls (paid tack stalls this is allowed).
- 13. Final Competition schedule to be announced one week before but may change based on entries, weather, etc.
- 14. Class Winners will be announced immediately following the conclusion of the class.
- 15. Highpoint Winners will be announced following the competition at the awards ceremony.

16. Conduct shall be orderly, responsible, sportsmanlike and humane in the treatment of Mustangs, such as to promote the implementation of the event and fair competition. This includes, but is not limited to: conduct while trainers have Mustangs in their possession; conduct on the show grounds; conduct while trainers are wearing TIP Challenge or Hunter Horsemanship logo or ACMC logo on or off the show grounds; and includes the conduct of individuals traveling with trainers, spectators or event managers and all other persons being present on show grounds. Any alleged unsportsmanlike or irresponsible conduct or any form of misconduct, such as illegal, indecent or profane, and inhumane treatment of horses are prohibited and shall be grounds for the disciplinary action against offending individuals. Further, event management may immediately expel offenders from the competition or show grounds in order to preserve the decorum of the show.

#### **COMPETITION RULES:**

- 1. STEWARDS: ACMC may (at any event) designate one or more individuals as a Steward to support the efforts of show officials. The Steward's responsibilities may include but are not limited to: 1) Monitor show grounds for any inhumane treatment of horses and unsportsmanlike conduct; 2) Investigate complaints and issue warnings; and 3) Assist show officials and trustees in any capacity.
- 2. Competitors must fulfill all requirements related to hauling, stable facilities, care and training.
- 3. Mustangs may be exhibited in English, Western or other appropriate equine styles and equipment. Exhibitors are asked to wear appropriate attire and head gear, which reflects the style of their riding. Silver on your saddles or sequins on your shirts will not earn you any extra points. However, looking polished and having clean attire and groomed horse is expected.
- 4. If being ridden during the rail or pattern classes, horses must be saddled and bridled in appropriate tack/gear.
- 5. ILLEGAL equipment that will result in automatic disqualification from the class in which equipment was used in (regardless of discipline) includes: Snaffle bits with mouthpieces smaller than 5/16" and bosals made of anything but rawhide, leather or rope with a flexible core (no metal of any kind). Use of any bit or equipment determined severe by the judges will not be allowed and will result in disqualification from the class in which it was used. Tie downs, martingales, mechanical hackamores, Western Cavessons, corrective type bits are strongly discouraged and will be judged accordingly with use. The judge or steward may prohibit or mark down points for the use of any bit or equipment they consider inhumane or would tend to give a horse/rider an unfair advantage. The diameter of mouthpieces, length of shanks and use of curb straps or chains must comply with MHF rules. National Snaffle Bit Association and American Quarter Horse Association rules are resources for preferred equipment including the diameter of mouthpieces, length of shanks and use of curb straps or chains.
- 6. Mustangs may be shown with two hands in a snaffle bit or bosal. Showing a Mustang with two hands when using a curb or shank-type bit is strongly discouraged during any point of the competition (including the freestyles) and will result in an automatic disqualification.
- 7. Training aides (whips, sticks, treats, martingales, western cavessons, the tail end of lead rope, etc.) will not be restricted, although trainers should realize that horses shown with the use of training aides will be judged accordingly. Any excessive use of a training aid (including striking the horse) will result in an automatic 10 point deduction from each judge in that class.
- 8. Excessive spurring or jerking on the reins or lead line during the competition will result in an automatic 10 point deduction from each judge off the overall class score.
- 9. No person shall alter, change or attempt to hide the natural marking and/or rubbed or raw skin of a horse by surgery, dye, powder or in any other manner. Trainers may clip/trim horses, or leave mane, tail, ears, muzzle and fetlocks natural. Use of false tails or extensions on the mane or tail are allowed during the open show but will not earn you additional points. Costume-related tail/mane decorations will be allowed during the freestyle performance. Alteration of tail function (tail blocking, dead tails, etc.) is prohibited at any and all points during the competition and will result in disqualification
- 10. Drugs: No person shall administer drugs internally or externally to a Mustang or burro, either before or during any ACMC competition. Any medication which could affect or enhance the Mustang's performance or appearance at the event is prohibited. If a Mustang is receiving medication for therapeutic purposes, the trainer/handler must submit a letter from their veterinarian to the event manager as to the reason for the medication and the prescribed amount. THE MANAGEMENT and

State of California RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DRUG TEST ANY MUSTANG IN THE COMPETITION. Positive tests will result in removal from the event, removal of reimbursement and prize money. In regard to herbal/natural supplements, trainers are cautioned against the use of medicinal preparations, tonics, pastes and products of any kind, the ingredients and quantitative analysis of which are not specifically known, as many of them may contain a forbidden substance.

- 11. Trainers/ Exhibitors will be given specific competition patterns at the event. Trainers will have an opportunity to "walk through" the patterns with the judges, without their Mustang, prior to the class
- 12. Class awards will be presented immediately following the conclusion of the class. Any class ties will be broken by the score from a predetermined element in the class. The tiebreaker element will be determined prior to the start of the event. In case of further ties, a tiebreaker judge may be used. The tiebreaker judge will be appointed prior to the start of the event.

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#### **OPEN SHOW FREESTYLE RULES:**

For the freestyle performance, exhibitors will have 6 minutes TOTAL. You can use this time to set the stage and perform your routine. Exhibitors must provide their own props and assistance for arena set up and tear down - it is the exhibitors responsibility to make sure all props are cleared from the arena immediately following the conclusion of their freestyle performance, including hay, confetti, etc.

- 1. \* **NEW\* FREESTYLES MUST INCLUDE** the following Elements: Pivot/Haunch turn each direction, 1 circle left, 1 circle right, 2 different speeds and a back up.
- 2. All props must be freestanding. Nothing may be driven into the ground (i.e. rebar, stakes, etc.), and doing so will result in disqualification
- 3. Exhibitors may promote personal businesses/sponsors on props used during the freestyle performance.
- 4. Props of pyrotechnic nature including fireworks, flares, firecrackers, rings of fire, etc. are not allowed and will result in disqualification
- 5. Shooting of blanks will not be allowed. Nor will projectiles of any kind. Toy cap guns are ok.
- 6. Exhibitors will have 6 minutes total to set the stage and complete their freestyle performance- time will start the moment the Prior exhibitor finishes and will be announced as "Time starts NOW" The music will start after Exhibitor nods that they are ready and simultaneously when the horse enters the arena. Live "voice-overs" and/or commentary from the trainer and/or trainer representative are not allowed during the performance and will result in disqualification
- 7. Music is a required component of the freestyle performance if the trainer does not turn in music at the event, management may select music for him/her. Music must be submitted as one single track either on a CD or as an mp3 file or on Spotify.
- 8. Cattle will not be provided or allowed during the freestyle performance.
- 9. Additional animals (except other horses) will not be allowed in the arena during the performance for any reason and will result in disqualification Other people will be allowed in the arena during the freestyle if used to enhance the performance. Other people are allowed to act as props, or come in contact with the horse/exhibitor during the performance but cannot ride the horse being shown. Other people may hand props to the trainer from outside the arena.
- 10. Mustangs or burros are not allowed to trot or lope onto or into any moving or covered vehicles/trailers/props of any kind and will result in disqualification
- 11. The Exhibitor is NOT allowed to stand, kneel, etc. on top of a horse that does not have all four feet on the arena floor and doing so will result in disqualification Additionally, exhibitors cannot stand on, or ride, or pull with any animals less that 3 years old.
- 12. Trainers must wear appropriate footwear during the freestyle performance bare feet are not allowed and will result in disqualification
- 13. Judges and/or ACMC staff may stop any performance deemed unsafe, dangerous or otherwise inappropriate.
- 14. Ties will be broken by the WOW factor score. In case of further ties, a tiebreaker judge may be used.

Management reserves the right to use a "ride off" as a tie breaker for first place.

- 15. All items/props are subject to final review and approval by event manager.
- 16. Freestyle will be scored on the following:
  - a) **Overall Horsemanship/Handling**; Communication/partnership between horse and rider and the horse's overall willingness to perform and execute maneuvers correctly in a controlled, relaxed and confident manner.
  - b) **Incorporation of maneuvers and their degree of difficulty;** These maneuvers could include sidepass, two tracking either direction, pulling or dragging, jumping, serpentines, rollbacks, roping, lead changes, circles with variance in size and speed, stops, etc.
  - c) "WOW" Factor; level of originality and the overall entertainment value
  - d) **Required Elements:** Pivot/Haunch turn each direction, 1 circle left, 1 circle right, 2 different speeds and a back up.
  - e) **Components of Choreography;** the composition and arrangement of the ride in relation to the music and its rhythm, as well as the use of maneuvers, costumes, and/or props to enhance the performance, The

#### DEFINITION OF DIVISIONS, CLASS DESCRIPTIONS & SCORING:

Fun	Speed	Burro	In-hand	WHTC	Walk Trot	Open

-TIP Challenge Classes-

ONLY for selected Trainers who are competing in the 2020 Sacramento TIP Training Challenge. These trainers can also enter the Open In-hand division, and/or the Wild Horse Training Challenge.

TIP Challenge Horse Classes: TIP Challenge Trail, TIP Challenge Handling and Conditioning, and TIP Challenge Freestyle.

#### -----FUN CLASSES------

Anyone can enter with ANY horse/burro. Does not count toward High Point. Fun Classes include: Costume Class, Lead-line Class, Exchange Race, Pie Eating Contest and "Ride a buck."

<u>Fun Costume Class-</u> Judged on the creativity, details, work and thought put into costume as well as "fun factor" and Crowd pleasing features. You can ride or hand walk, all entries will enter together and walk on the rail. 10 finalists will be asked to stay in the arena and show off the costume and any tricks incorporated with it. Placed 1-6<sup>th</sup>. Crowd favorite or special awards may also be given.

<u>Fun Lead-line Class</u>- This is where someone knowledgeable leads someone who is a novice. We will have a Jr Lead-line class for young children to be led by their parents or older siblings. Jr Lead-line contestants will be asked to walk, stop, turn and back only. Jr riders may hold the reins or on the saddle horn. They must always have a handler with a lead rope in hand. Parent lead-line class where youth contestants can lead their parents. This is a funny class where we will make the parents do some hilarious tasks that are amusing to the crowd but safe to do, like mounting, trotting, riding with child length stirrups, riding blindfolded (someone is leading) and other entertaining fun things. Placed 1-6<sup>th</sup> with participation awards given. Crowd Favorite or special awards may also be given.

<u>Fun Exchange Race</u>- this is a fun team speed based event where one participant waits at the end of the arena, and the second rides the horse/burro to them. One rider must dismount and the second rider mounts and races to the finish line. Placed 1-6<sup>th</sup> based on time completion.

<u>Fun Pie Eating Contest-</u> This is a fun team speed based event where one participant runs to the end of the arena and must eat a slice of pie as fast as possible. When they are done, they run back and tag hand with the horse/human team. Then the horse/human team races down to eat a second slice or apple pie. If the horse does not eat the pie- then the second human must! The first team to devour two slices of pie and cross the finish line

win a special award.

<u>Fun Ride a Buck-</u> This is a fun riding class. All riders will be given a \$5 bill to be placed under their thigh when riding bareback. Riders will be asked to perform a variety of rail maneuvers including walking, trotting, extensions, stopping, backing and cantering (as a tie beaker). The last contestant with a \$5 under their leg will get to keep all the money lost.

# -----Speed Events-----

ANY branded mustang can compete with ANY level rider. Participants will be timed and can ride/run at any level they deem safe. Ok to cross enter into performance classes at any level. Can be ridden or shown in hand. Riders under 18 years old must wear a helmet when mounted.

<u>Classes Eligible for Speed Events Highpoint include: Poles, Barrels and Hurry Scurry, Single Stake.</u>

<u>Poles-</u> This is the classic Poles pattern in which you run a straight line down, then weave down and back through 6 poles, and then straight back. Disqualification if a pole is knocked down or horse goes off pattern. We may run two lanes at a time depending on entries. Placed 1-6<sup>th</sup> place, the best time wins.

<u>Barrels-</u> This is the classic cloverleaf barrel pattern. Disqualification if a barrel is knocked down or horse goes off pattern. Placed 1-6<sup>th</sup> place, the best times win.

<u>Hurry Scurry-</u> This is an event where you race down, going over one small jump, around a pole and then over the small jump again. Disqualification if a jump is knocked down or horse goes off pattern. Placed 1-6<sup>th</sup> place, the best times win.

<u>Single stake-</u> This is an event where you run down and make a full circle around a pole and then race back across the finish line. Disqualification if a pole is knocked down or horse goes off pattern. Placed 1-6<sup>th</sup> place, the best times win.

# -----Open Burro Classes-----

You can ride or lead your burro. Burros will be asked to walk, trot and perform daily tasks. Burros are also allowed to cross enter into any horse classes/divisions, and will be judged to a "burro standard."

Burro classes are open to any BLM branded burro. Burros over the age of 3 may be ridden or pull a cart if desired. All burros are allowed to have a saddle or pack on during classes (except showmanship) if desired. Burro participants can choose to ride or lead their adult burro though the entire class or partially during the class, or not ride at all.

#### Classes Eligible for Burro High Point include:

#### Open Burro Trail, Open Burro Showmanship, Open Burro Freestyle

Open Burro Show Trail- a set pattern will be given on an outdoor set of obstacles that may include: waking, trotting, a bridge, trot poles, loading in a trailer, tying, backing, side passing, pivots and other spooky type obstacles. Judged on the confidence and poise of the handler as well as the precision and completion of maneuvers in a timely manner. This class may be completed while in hand or riding or driving. Riding may be bareback or with a saddle. Burros shown in hand are allowed to have a pack or saddle on.

<u>Open Burro Freestyle-</u> anything goes! This class may be completed while in hand or riding. Riding may be bareback or with a saddle. Burros shown in hand are allowed to have a pack or saddle on. - see freestyle rules for more information.

Open Burro Showmanship- this class is done entirely in hand. A pattern will be posted that may include the following elements: walk, trot, back, pivot on haunch or forehand, side-pass and set up for inspection. All burro will enter together and complete the pattern one at a time. Judged on the confidence and poise of the handler as well as the precision and completion of maneuvers.

#### -----In Hand Classes-----

ANY branded mustang can compete with ANY handler. These are non-riding classes. Your horse/burro is allowed to be tacked up or in driving gear for any class except showmanship. Boots/protective footwear is required in all classes. Exhibitors can compete in English or Western Attire. It is allowed to cross enter into riding or Wild Horse Training Challenge classes, however; exhibitors will only be eligible for one highpoint.

#### Classes eligible for In-hand Highpoint include: Showmanship, Horsemanship, Show Trail, and Freestyle

<u>In Hand Horsemanship-</u> shows the judge your horse handling skills and safety. Handlers will be asked to perform some of the following skills with their horse: lunging, leading, catching, picking up feet, disengagement of hips and shoulders, backing horse, opening and closing gates, tying horse and loading in a trailer, etc. Judged on the ability to assess the horse and work through skills on the fly. A pattern with 5-10 elements will be provided before the event. Competitors will enter one at a time and complete the pattern. Horses/ burros can be tacked up, ground driven or shown in only a halter.

<u>In Hand Showmanship</u> this class is done entirely in hand. A pattern will be posted that may include the following elements: walk, trot, back, pivot on haunch or forehand, side-pass and set up for inspection. All horses will enter together and complete the pattern one at a time. Judged on the confidence and poise of the handler as well as the precision and completion of maneuvers, as well as fitness and presentation of the horse. This class is done in only a halter.

<u>In Hand Show Trail-</u> a set pattern will be given on an outdoor set of obstacles that may include: bridge, trot poles, loading in a trailer, tying, backing, side passing, pivots and other spooky type obstacles. Judged on the confidence and poise of the handler as well as the precision and completion of maneuvers in a timely manner. There will be a set time to compete maneuvers. Competitors will enter one at a time and complete the pattern. Horses/ burros can be tacked up, ground driven or shown in only a halter.

<u>In Hand Freestyle-</u> anything goes as long as it is in hand! Competitors will enter one at a time. Horses/ burros can be tacked up, ground driven, have a costume or shown in only a halter or at liberty. See freestyle rules below for more details.

#### -----Wild Horse Training Challenge-----

Open to BLM mustang adopted/purchased between May 1, 2019 and May 1, 2020. Must have proof of adoption/sale or foster date from the BLM (PCAMA). Participants will be asked to handle their horse on the ground and while riding at a walk, jog, lope and through a variety of tasks. WHTC horses can cross enter into other divisions that corresponds to the level they are competing at. Trainers will be asked to show the horse to the best and safest of their ability. All patterns will be able to be completed in hand, however a horse being ridden will likely score high due to the more difficult nature.

# The classes that are eligible for the WHTC Highpoint are: WHTC Showmanship, WHTC Trail, WHTC Maneuvers, WHTC Ranch Riding, and WHTC Freestyle.

The terms "Jog" and "Trot" may be used interchangeably in the descriptions below. When riding Western, horses are expected to Jog: meaning a slower, more collected and cadenced 2 beat gait. When riding English, horses are expected to trot: meaning a brisker, more extended and cadenced 2 beat gait. The terms "lope" and "canter" may be used interchangeably in the descriptions below. When riding Western, horses are expected to lope: meaning a slower, more collected and cadenced 3 beat gait. When riding English, horses are expected to canter: meaning a brisker, more extended and cadenced 3 beat gait.

<u>WHTC Showmanship-</u> this class is done entirely in hand. A pattern will be posted that may include the following elements: walk, trot, back, pivot on haunch or forehand, side-pass and set up for inspection. All horses will enter together and complete the pattern one at a time. Judged on the confidence and poise of the handler as well as the precision and completion of maneuvers

WHTC Show Trail- a set pattern will be given on an outdoor set of obstacles that may include: waking, trotting, cantering, a bridge, trot poles, loading in a trailer, tying, backing, side passing, pivots and other spooky type obstacles. Judged on the confidence and poise of the handler as well as the precision and completion of maneuvers in a timely manner. Can be shown Western or English tack. Rider should be in clean and presentable Western or English Attire.

<u>WHTC Ranch Riding-</u> participants will be asked to complete a number of tasks that would typically be needed to complete chores on a ranch. The pattern may call for a walk, extend the walk, collect the walk, jog, collect the jog, extend the jog, reverse, back, rollbacks, pivots, jog over poles, load in a trailer, open and close gates, mount and dismount, bridle and unbridle. Judged on the overall calmness, movement and responsiveness of the horse as well as the rider's equitation and ability to guide the horse through the class. Will take place in an arena. This is a western event, riders should be in western attire with western tack.

WHTC Horsemanship (English/Western)- shows the judge your horse handling skills. Participants will be given a pattern or list of tasks that may include walking, trotting, cantering, side-passing, backing, spinning and

mounting/dismounting and bridling/unbridling horse. Will be judged on the fluidity of the pattern/tasks and ability to guide horse in a relaxed and confident manner. Can be shown Western or English tack. Rider should be in clean and presentable Western or English Attire.

<u>WHTC Freestyle-</u> anything goes! Judged on creativity and overall difficulty. Participants can do anything they want. See freestyle rules for more details.

#### -----Walk-Jog or Walk-Trot Classes-----

ANY branded mustang can compete with ANY rider. These classes will only require the participant to walk and jog. Boots/protective footwear is required in all classes. Helmets required for riders under the age of 18. It is allowed to cross enter into other division classes, however; exhibitors will only be eligible for one highpoint.

Classes eligible for Walk Trot Highpoint include: Showmanship, Horsemanship, Show Trail, Dressage, Freestyle, and Ranch Riding

The terms "Jog" and "Trot" may be used interchangeably in the descriptions below. When riding Western, horses are expected to Jog: meaning a slower, more collected and cadenced 2 beat gait. When riding English, horses are expected to trot: meaning a brisker, more extended and cadenced 2 beat gait.

<u>Walk Trot Showmanship</u>- this class is done entirely in hand. A pattern will be posted that may include the following elements: walk, trot, back, pivot on haunch or forehand, side-pass and set up for inspection. All horses will enter together and complete the pattern one at a time. Judged on the confidence and poise of the handler as well as the precision and completion of maneuvers, as well as fitness and presentation of the horse. This class is done in only a halter.

<u>Walk Trot Dressage Maneuvers-</u>This is a pattern class, patterns and order of go will be posted the morning of the event. Maneuvers that may be asked may include, walk, walk on free rein, halt, trot, extended trot, collected trot, circles in both direction of various sizes, serpentines and half passing at the walk or trot. The pattern will be 5-10 elements long. Riders have 4 minutes to complete the pattern. This class can be completed in Western or English Attire.

<u>Walk Trot Horsemanship-</u> This is a pattern class, patterns and order of go will be posted the morning of the event. This class shows the judge your horse handling skills in ways that may include walking, trotting, extensions, collections, side-passing, backing, spinning and mounting/dismounting and bridling/unbridling horse. Will be judged on the fluidity of the pattern and ability to guide horse in a relaxed and confident manner. Can be shown Western or English attire.

<u>Walk trot Show Trail-</u> This is a pattern class, patterns and order of go will be posted the morning of the event. This class may include: waking, trotting, a bridge, trot poles, loading in a trailer, tying, backing, side passing, pivots and other spooky type obstacles, mounting, dismounting, bridling and unbridling, tying, etc. Judged on the confidence and poise of the handler as well as the precision and completion of maneuvers in a timely manner. Can be shown Western or English attire.

<u>Walk Trot Freestyle-</u> anything goes! Judged on creativity and overall difficulty. Participants and do anything they want except for lope. Competitors will enter one at a time. Horses/ burros can be tacked up, ground driven, have a costume or shown in only a halter or at liberty. See freestyle rules below for more details. See freestyle rules for more details.

<u>Walk Trot Ranch Riding-</u> this a pattern class and participants enter one at a time. The pattern may call for a walk, extend the walk, collect the walk, jog, collect the jog, extend the jog, reverse, back, rollbacks, pivots, jog over poles, load in a trailer, open and close gates, mount and dismount, bridle and unbridle. Judged on the overall calmness, movement and responsiveness of the horse as well as the riders equitation and ability to guide the horse through the class. Riders will be in western attire with western tack.

#### -----Open Horse Classes-----

ANY branded mustang can compete with ANY rider. Participants will be asked to walk/trot/canter. Boots/protective footwear is required in all classes. Helmets required for riders under the age of 18. It is allowed to cross enter into other division classes, however; exhibitors will only be eligible for one highpoint.

Classes eligible for Open Highpoint include: Showmanship, Horsemanship, Show Trail, Dressage, Reining, Freestyle, Hunter Hack, Discipline Rail, Versatility and Ranch Riding.

The terms "Jog" and "Trot" may be used interchangeably in the descriptions below. When riding Western, horses are expected to Jog: meaning a slower, more collected and cadenced 2 beat gait. When riding English, horses are expected to trot: meaning a brisker, more extended and cadenced 2 beat gait.

The terms "lope" and "canter" may be used interchangeably in the descriptions below. When riding Western, horses are expected to lope: meaning a slower, more collected and cadenced 3 beat gait. When riding English, horses are expected to canter: meaning a brisker, more extended and cadenced 3 beat gait.

Open Showmanship- this class is done entirely in hand. A pattern will be posted that may include the following elements: walk, trot, back, pivot on haunch or forehand, side-pass and set up for inspection. All horses will enter together and complete the pattern one at a time. Judged on the confidence and poise of the handler as well as the precision and completion of maneuvers, as well as fitness and presentation of the horse. This class is done in only a halter.

Open Horsemanship (English/Western)- shows the judge your horse handling skills. participants will be given a pattern that may include walking, trotting, cantering, side-passing, backing, spinning and mounting/dismounting and bridling/unbridling horse. Will be judged on the fluidity of the pattern and ability to guide horse in a relaxed and confident manner. Rider should be in clean and presentable Western or English Attire.

Open Show Trail- a set pattern will be given on an outdoor set of obstacles that may include: walking, trotting, cantering, a bridge, trot poles, loading in a trailer, tying, backing, side passing, pivots and other spooky type obstacles. Judged on the confidence and poise of the handler as well as the precision and completion of maneuvers in a timely manner. Rider should be in clean and presentable Western or English Attire.

Open Ranch Riding- participants will be asked to complete a number of tasks that would typically be needed to complete chores on a ranch. The pattern may call for a walk, extend the walk, collect the walk, jog, collect the jog, extend the jog, reverse, back, rollbacks, pivots, jog over poles, load in a trailer, open and close gates, mount and dismount, bridle and unbridle. Judged on the overall calmness, movement and responsiveness of the horse as well as the rider's equitation and ability to guide the horse through the class. Will take place in an arena. This is a western event, riders should be in western attire with western tack.

<u>Open Dressage Maneuvers (Western or English)</u>- participants will be asked to complete a number of tasks typically found on a dressage test. This includes walking, trotting, cantering, lead changes, extension and collection, stopping, serpentines, circles, and half passing. Rider should be in clean and presentable Western or Dressage Attire.

<u>Open Reining-</u> participants have a set pattern and will enter one at a time to complete the pattern. They will be asked to complete a number of tasks typically found on a reining pattern. This includes walking, trotting, loping, lead changes, extension and collection, stopping, circles, and backing. Rider should be in clean and presentable Western Attire.

<u>Open Versatility</u>- Participants will enter the arena all together in English attire and tack and perform on the rail at a walk, trot and canter each direction. They will then come into the center and have 5 minutes to switch to western tack and western attire. They will then perform on the rail at a walk, jog and lope in both directions.

Open Hunter Hack- Participants will enter the arena together in English attire and tack and perform flat work as a group including, walk, trot, extended trot, canter and hand gallop. They will then line up and one at a time complete a series of low jumps on the rail.

<u>Open Freestyle-</u> anything goes! Judged on creativity and overall difficulty Participants can ride western, english, bareback or at liberty. See freestyle rules for more details.

# -----Special Class-----

Extreme Jackpot Trail: This class does not count toward Highpoint but will have a cash payout. You can ride or lead through a series of extreme obstacles for a chance to win money. Jackpot based upon amount of entries. Payback will be 40% for 1st, 20% for 2nd and 10% for 3rd.

Extreme Jackpot Trail will be a timed and Point Based event in which a variety of easy to difficult obstacles will be set up. There will be no set pattern, rather each obstacle will have a point value assigned to it. The more difficult obstacles will have a higher point value than easier obstacles. Competitors have 4 minutes to earn as many points as possible and then race across the finish line. Each obstacle may be completed twice, but not back to back. Examples of obstacles include; mail box, bridge, side-pass, mount/dismount, cowboy curtain, "fishing", ground tie, backing, and much more. Ties will be broken by final time. Placed 1-3<sup>rd</sup> place. A custom buckle will be given if we have more than 10 entries.

#### **HIGH POINTS AND AWARDS:**

#### Rosette ribbons will be awarded for:

- 1-6th place for the Open Mustang and Burro show in all divisions

## Cash Prizes will be guaranteed for:

- -Ride a buck- \$5 per entry will be given to the overall winner
- Extreme Jackpot Trail- payback will be 40/20/10% of overall entry fees for that class

# High point awards will be given in the following categories:

- -In Hand High Point (All In hand Classes are eligible)
- Walk Trot High Point (All Walk trot Specific classes are eligible.)
- -Youth Overall HP (youth with the most points)
- -Open Reserve Overall High Point (all Open specific classes are eligible)
- -Open Overall High point (all Open specific Classes are eligible)
- -Burro overall High point (all burro open classes are eligible)
- -Wild Horse training Challenge High Point (all WHTC classes are eligible)
- -Speed Class High Point (all speed classes are eligible)
- -ACMC member overall highpoint (mos combined points at the show in any/all divisions)

If we have 1-5 pre-entries per division, a large rosette Ribbon will be awarded for Reserve HP and HP

If we have 6-10 pre-entries per division, neck ribbons will be given for the top 5 winners

if we have 10+ Pre-entries per division, neck ribbons will be given for the top 10 winners and a buckle will be given to the overall champion.

#### The More Sponsorships we receive- the bigger and better the prizes will be!

# We are seeking sponsors for this event! Sponsor Information: Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email:\_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: FB page:\_\_\_\_\_ Website: Please check one or more: Class Sponsorship: \$20- Your name/business will be announced at the start of the class and during awards announcement of the class. For example, "Open Ranch Riding Class sponsored by \_\_\_\_\_." Division Sponsorship: \$75- Your name/business will be announced at the start of each of the division classes and during awards. For example "Walk-Trot division sponsored by ..." Highpoint Sponsorship: \$150- Your name/business will appear on a certificate given to the Highpoint winners, be advertised all weekend at the prize table and pay for the HighPoint awards. You will present the winner the award (if desired) and get a picture and social media links after. Other gift/prize/Sponsorship: \$ - Tell me what you wish to do or gift! You can donate a prize like photography, cash, gift certificates, or other fun gifts to the winners! Do you have a specific Class or Division or Special Award you want to give? Y/N For example: Best Sportsmanship in InHand, or Best Burro Freestyle... get creative as you want and I can help with Ideas! Special Award: \_\_\_\_\_ For:

All sponsors and vendors will receive 3 social media shout outs, and have a poster announcing what they sponsored at the awards table displayed all weekend.