

Mother Lode Circuit 2012

Amador County Fair
El Dorado County Fair

El Dorado County Fair Ranch Horse Show – June 16, 2012

Early entry closes June 10, 2012

EDCF Ranch Horse Show will be held during the El Dorado County Fair

El Dorado County Open Fair Horse Show – June 23 - 24, 2012 Adult & Youth

Placerville, California

(530) 621-5860 www.eldoradocountyfair.org/motherlode.html

Pre-entries Close: Wednesday, June 20, 2012- 4:00 p.m.
(Post entries will be allowed with \$5 additional fee per class)

CSHA Region III Approved – APHA PAC Approved – AMHA Approved
Horse Show Manager: Anne Frost

**Please note: EDCF ML Show will NOT be held during the El Dorado County Fair
(exception the Ranch Classes will be held during County Fair)**

**HIGH POINT BUCKLES (YOUTH & OPEN) WILL BE AWARDED FOLLOWING
SUNDAY'S SHOW**

Amador County Fair Horse Show - July 26 - 29, 2012

Plymouth, California

(209) 245-6921 www.amadorcountyfair.com

Entries Close: TBD 2012 6:00 p.m.
(NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE)

CSHA Region III Approved, APHA PAC Approved
Horse Show Manager: Sue Palm

Entries must be delivered or post marked by the date and time specified or they will be considered a post entry. No Exceptions will be made.

*Asterisks indicate High Point Classes in the Mother Lode Fair Circuit High Point Award Horse Show
Exhibitors must participate in two (2) or more ML Fair shows to qualify for ML High Point Awards

El Dorado County Fair Ranch Horse Show

High Point RHV Awards:

Open, Limited, Youth

Saturday, June 16, 2012, 9:00 AM

Entry fees: \$18.00

Entry Fees for cattle classes (#26 - #33): \$53.00

Pre-Entry Deadline: June 10, 2012 @ 4:00 PM – Late Fee: \$5 per class

Ranch Horse Conformation (Halter)

1. Mares, 5 & under
2. Mares, 6 & over
3. Geldings/Stallions, 5 & under
4. Geldings/Stallions, 6 & over
- *5. Open Ranch Horse Halter (ML points class)

Ranch Trail

6. Novice Horse**
7. Walk/Jog
8. Limited
9. Youth
- *10. Open Trail (ML points class)

Ranch Reining_ (NRCHA Pattern)

(Circuit class points only)

21. Novice Horse**
22. Simple Changes
23. Limited
24. Youth
- *25. Open (ML points class)

Ranch Riding

11. Novice Horse**
12. Walk/Jog
13. Limited
14. Youth
15. Open

Working Ranch Horse

(No Fence work, boxing only – dummy cow for roping)

26. Novice Horse**
27. Limited
28. Youth
29. Open

Ranch Pleasure

(Circuit Class points only)

16. Novice Horse**
17. Walk/Jog
18. Limited
19. Youth
- *20. Open (ML points class)

Ranch Cutting

30. Novice Horse**
31. Limited
32. Youth
- *33. Open (ML points class)

**Note: Novice and Walk/Jog classes will NOT count towards High Point Award
Underlined Divisions are counted towards High Point RHV Buckle

Ranch Cutting

This is a brief description of our Ranch Cutting class. You have two and one half minutes to perform this class with a one (1) minute remaining warning. The Cutting class requires that the horse/rider team sort a specific numbered cow out of the herd and demonstrate the horse's ability to work the cow in the center of the arena and keep it from the herd. Once the rider is satisfied that the horse has proven its cutting ability, you must pen the cow which is located at the far end of the arena. The cow must pass between the wall and a cone/marker and then be penned. If the cow does not pass between the wall and cone/marker or if you do not pen the cow, there is a penalty.

Ranch Riding

This is a brief description of our Ranch Riding class. This class is ridden and judged individually. The patterns truly show how broke and responsive your horse is to your queues. (See below for the current patterns).

The patterns will have you walk, trot and lope in both directions, stop and back. A ranch horse is expected to perform these functions at smooth working speeds. The judge is looking for smooth transitions between gaits, keeping the correct lead and maintaining the correct gait between markers.

A rider must show his horse with only one hand on the reins, unless the horse is five years old or younger and is being shown in a snaffle bit or hackamore (bosal)

Working Ranch Horse

This is a brief description of our Working Ranch Horse class. This class combines three functions. The reining ability, cow sense and positioning in order to rope and stop a cow. You have 6 minutes to perform this class with a 2 minute remaining warning.

Reining - There are three (3) approved patterns for this class. Maneuvers include at least one circle in both directions, changing leads in each direction, at least one 360-degree turn in each direction, a rollback in each direction, stop and back. See below for Patterns I, II & III.

Working the cow - After the rider completes the reining pattern, he will call for the cow. Be sure you are very clear to the cattle handlers as to when you are ready for your cow. One cow will be turned out into the arena. Upon receiving the cow, you will exhibit your horse's ability to work the cow in the designated end of the arena for a sufficient amount of time.

Roping - The rider is judged on how he/she handles their rope. The horse is judged on its ability to rate, track, and set up. You are allowed two loops to be thrown in catching the dummy cow. It is not necessary for the rider to make a catch. However, there are penalties associated with not catching.

Ranch Trail

This is a brief description of our Ranch Trail class. The Ranch Trail class is designed to show your horses willingness to perform several tasks that might be asked of him during the course of a normal work day on the ranch. This class consists of 7 obstacles. Three are mandatory; 1) opening, passing through and closing a gate, 2) dragging a log and 3) dismount, ground tie, drop your bridle and re-bridle, pickup all 4 feet and remount. The horse may be judged on three gaits; the walk, trot and lope being performed between the obstacles.

- **Opening and closing a gate.** This can be performed several different ways. Be sure to consult your trail pattern for specifics. If you have questions or need clarification ask your event manager and/or judge prior to the class starting. The judge is unable to help you after the competition begins. When performing the gate maneuver you are not to let go of the gate at any time until you are finished. Letting go of the gate results in a penalty.
- **Dragging a log.** This can also be performed several different ways. Again, be sure to consult your trail pattern for specifics. If you have questions or need clarification ask your event manager and/or judge prior to the class starting.
- **Dismount, unbridle & rebridle, ground tie, pick up feet and remount.** This requires the horse to stand quietly while the rider dismounts, removes the bit completely from the horse's mouth, rebridles and ground ties. The rider then picks up all 4 feet and remounts all while the horse stands quietly.

Some of the other/optional obstacles may include crossing a water hazard, or a bridge, side passing over a log, carrying a slicker from one spot to another, roping a stationary steer etc.. Whenever possible, natural or realistic obstacles are encouraged.

Ranch Conformation

This is a brief description of our Conformation class. Conformation is based on the structural correctness, balance and functional ability of the horse. The horse's *form*, meaning its' structural correctness and balance, combined with *function*, meaning its' performance in the cutting, riding, working cow and trail classes, establishes the Ranch Conformation score. We call this "*Form to Function*".

Horses will walk to the judge one at a time, stop, and setup. The judge will look at your horse from many angles. Bear in mind that setting up and presenting your horse properly can add a great deal of appeal. Know your horses assets and liabilities and work with them the best you can. You will then trot off to a cone, turn left and continue trotting toward the wall or fence of the arena. You will then form a line of head to tail. If you need additional instruction on preparing for this class, be sure to request this at a NVRHA clinic that you attend.