

Greeley Saddle Club – Performance Horse Show Series

General Rules

All persons participating in a recognized event are responsible for knowing and complying with the rules set forth by the Greeley Saddle Club. (GSC)

No one may participate in the GSC arena without a signed release form at each event. A parent or guardian must sign for a minor. GSC will not be responsible for loss, damage or injury to horses, persons, or properties. Under Colorado Law, an equine professional is not liable for any injury to or death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities pursuant to section 13-21-119, Colorado Revised Statutes.

All dogs must be on a leash.

Stallions over the age of 1 are prohibited.

Glass containers are prohibited from the grounds and all horse debris should be cleaned up per city ordinances.

Participants must check in with the gate steward when their class is called for. Failure to meet the 1-minute gate call will result in disqualification.

Any combining of age groups will be judged separately.

The GSC Board reserves the right to evaluate the assistance of any special needs involving riding skills and health issues of any riders to accommodate safety in all classes upon the request of the parent or guardian.

Only one rider may ride a horse in any event/class in each age group. A rider may ride only one horse in each event.

The Judge's decision will be final. Any horse or contestant may be excused from the show at any time if it is deemed necessary.

Trotting/loping/running horses on the ground outside of the main or warm up arenas is prohibited. Bareback riding and doubles riding is also prohibited.

The GSC Board may request the removal of spectator tents, awnings, chairs or any other items/equipment that may be considered a safety issue.

PLEASE NOTE:

Judge's decisions are final as are show management decisions. These open shows are intended to have a "fun" and relaxed atmosphere. Exhibitors that violate these rules or display erratic or vulgar behavior will be dismissed from the show grounds immediately & are submitted to forfeiting any points earned for that day!

Classes

Halter – Mares & Geldings

Showmanship

5 & Under Leadline

English Pleasure

English Equitation

Show Hack

Novice Walk/Trot

Green Horse Pleasure

Western Pleasure

Horsemanship

Reining

Trail

Divisions (*All ages as of January 1, 2026*)

English – Open division shown in English style

5 & Under Leadline – Rider 5 years and under led by an adult (or approval from GSC official)

Novice - An exhibitor/competitor who has very limited experience in a show ring - All classes and patterns will be walk/trot only. You may not cross enter between Novice and any other division.

6-9

10-13

14-18

19-39

40 & Over

Fees

Office Fee - \$8/horse & rider combination

Entry Fee - \$6/GSC Member \$9/Non-Member

Points & Awards

Points for each class will be awarded according to placings as follows:

No. of Horses	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
1	1					
2	2	1				
3	3	2	1			
4	4	3	2	1		
5	5	4	3	2	1	
6 (or more)	6	5	4	3	2	1

Trophies are awarded for 1st place in every class. Ribbons for 2nd through 6th place will be awarded for every class.

Daily high point awards will be given in each division at the conclusion of the show. To earn a daily high point you must compete in three classes in that division. Ties will be broken by number or classes entered and then placing in the applicable horsemanship, equitation, leadline, or walk/trot class.

High point top point awards for each division will be given at the end of the show series. High point will be a custom buckle award. High point totals will be cumulative between the five 2025 performance horse shows. To be eligible for end of the series high point, you need to compete in three of the five performance horse shows and have completed two hours of volunteer service for the club. Should there be any ties, the first tie breaker will be the number of performance shows attended and the second tie breaker will be average horsemanship placing.

Rules

The Greeley Saddle Club adopts the Colorado 4-H Horse Show rules as the Official Rules for the club.

The Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rules can be found here:

<https://co4h.colostate.edu/resources/horse/HorseShowRuleBook.pdf>

The specifics outlined by the Greeley Saddle Club prevail if there is a conflict with the Colorado 4-H Horse Show rules.

Back Numbers

Each exhibitor must wear an exhibitor number that was assigned from the office. The number may be worn on the exhibitors back OR placed on the side of the saddle pad. Failure to have a back number while showing will result in a disqualification for that class.

Western/English Pleasure

This class will be judged on performance only. Horses are to be shown at the walk, jog/trot and lope on a reasonable loose rein without undue restraint. Horses will work both directions in the ring at all three gaits and may be asked to back easily and stand quietly. At the walk, the horse should move in a natural, flat-footed, four-beat gait. At the jog, the horse should move in a smooth, ground covering two-beat gait. At the lope, the horse should move in an easy, rhythmical three-beat gait in the correct lead for the direction of travel around the arena.

English Show Hack

This advanced rail class shows collected and extended gaits. Judging emphasis is placed upon the rider and the obedience of the horse. Collected and extended gaits will be called for with collection and extension being judged by the footfall with the stride, rather than on length of stride. All gaits, transitions and the ability of the rider to achieve balance and control will be considered in placing the class.

5 & Under Leadline

Rider will be judged on basic position in the saddle, hand position, seat position and back position. The horse must be led and controlled by an adult or approved by a GSC official. The class will be judged only at a walk. The rider may ride Western or English.

Green Horse Pleasure

This class is for horses with limited show experience. Horses may be shown in training equipment. Other pleasure class rules apply.

Performance Series Show Bill – Order of Go

*Trail classes in separate arena beginning @ 9 AM

1. Halter Mares (Open)
2. Halter Geldings (Open)
3. Showmanship 5 & Under
4. Novice Showmanship
5. Showmanship 6-9
6. Showmanship 10-13
7. Showmanship 14-18
8. Showmanship 19-39
9. Showmanship 40 & Over
10. 5 & Under Leadline (Walk Only)
11. English Pleasure (Open)
12. English Equitation (Open)
13. English Show Hack (Open)
14. Novice Walk/Trot (Rail Class)
15. Green Horse Pleasure
16. 6-9 Pleasure
17. 10-13 Pleasure
18. 14-18 Pleasure
19. 19-39 Pleasure
20. 40 & Over Pleasure
21. 6-9 Horsemanship
22. 10-13 Horsemanship
23. 14-18 Horsemanship
24. 19-39 Horsemanship
25. 40 & Over Horsemanship
26. 6-9 Reining
27. 10-13 Reining
28. 14-18 Reining
29. 19-39 Reining
30. 40 & Over Reining
31. Novice Trail
32. 5 & Under Trail
33. 6-9 Trail
34. 10-13 Trail
35. 14-18 Trail
36. 19-39 Trail
37. 40 & Over Trail

Performance Series Division Groups

English

- Pleasure, Equitation, Show Hack

5 & Under

- Showmanship, Leadline, Trail

Novice (Walk/Trot)

- Showmanship, Walk/Trot, Trail

6-9

- Showmanship, Pleasure, Horsemanship, Reining, Trail

10-13

- Showmanship, Pleasure, Horsemanship, Reining, Trail

14-18

- Showmanship, Pleasure, Horsemanship, Reining, Trail

19-39

- Showmanship, Pleasure, Horsemanship, Reining, Trail

40 & Over

- Showmanship, Pleasure, Horsemanship, Reining, Trail