

Greeley Saddle Club – Ranch 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

Ranch Pleasure

Ranch Riding

Reining

Trail

Divisions

Novice Rider – 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 the Novice division and any other division.

Green Horse – Open division for any horse with limited horse show experience

Youth 13 & Under – Age as of January 1, 2026

Youth 14-18 – Age as of January 1, 2026

Amateur - An exhibitor/competitor who engages in this activity as a pastime/hobby/sport, rather than a profession

Open - An exhibitor/competitor who engages in this activity as a pastime/hobby/sport, or as a profession

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

Ribbons for 1st 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 of classes entered and then placing in Ranch Riding.

High point and reserve high point awards for each division will be given at the end of the show series. High point will be a custom buckle award. An exhibitor may choose to enter multiple divisions with multiple horses in which both the exhibitor and horse are eligible. High point totals will be cumulative for each horse and rider combination. Point totals will be cumulative between the three 2025 ranch horse shows. To be eligible for end of the series high point, you need to compete in two of the three ranch 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 events entered between the three shows and the second tie breaker will be average ranch riding placing.

Rules

Tack

A western saddle should be used. Saddles and other equipment should be suitable for ranch work. We encourage and promote good working tack.

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.

Attire

In all classes it is required that exhibitors wear traditional western attire that reflects the true ranch lifestyle. Appropriate western attire includes a long sleeve shirt with collar that has buttons or snaps that must be fastened at the wrist, a western hat and boots with heels. Long pants are required as well as either a hat or helmet. The addition of any protective outerwear such as jackets or a vest is acceptable as dictated by weather conditions.

Ranch Pleasure

All horses are judged working at the walk, trot and lope with potential for extended and collected gaits. This class will be run as a rail work class. The true ranch horse will have a free flowing stride of reasonable length in relation to his conformation and cover a reasonable amount of ground with little effort. The horse should have a balanced, free flowing motion that is exhibited through all gaits with proper cadence and rhythm. Exhibitors will not be penalized for picking up the reins or moving the horse's body if the horse is soft and willing. A willing horse will not swish their tail or be blatantly disobedient to the rider's cues and aids. The horse should drive off his hind quarters using it as a driving force for his body. Horses should not carry their heads behind the vertical, giving the appearance of intimidation nor be excessively nosed out, giving the appearance of resistance.

Ranch Riding

The purpose of the Ranch Riding horse should reflect the versatility, attitude, and movement of a working horse. The horse's performance should simulate a horse riding outside the confines of an arena and that of a working ranch horse. This class should show the horse's ability to work at a forward, working speed while under control by the rider. Light contact should be rewarded and horse shall not be shown on a full drape of reins. The overall manners and responsiveness of the horse while performing the maneuver requirements and the horse's quality of movement are the primary considerations. The required maneuvers will include the walk, trot, and lope (if not Novice) both directions; as well as stops, and a back. Additional maneuvers might include a side pass, turns of 360 degrees or more, change of lead (simple or flying), walk, trot, or lope over a pole(s); or some reasonable combination of maneuvers that would be reasonable for a ranch horse to perform. Each contestant will perform the required pattern individually and separately.

Reining

Reining is a judged event designed to show the athletic ability of the horse in the confines of a show arena. To rein a horse is not only to guide him, but also to control his every movement. The best reined horse should be willfully guided or controlled with little or no apparent resistance. There are eight (8) ARHA approved reining patterns that may be used. Pattern will be selected by judge/show management. Each contestant will perform the required pattern individually and separately. All horses will be judged immediately upon entering the arena and judging will cease after the last maneuver. Any fault incurred prior to the commencement of a pattern will be scored accordingly.

Trail

This class will be judged on the performance of the horse over obstacles with emphasis on manners, response to the rider and quality of movement. Credit will be given to horses negotiating the obstacles with style and some degree of speed, providing correctness is not sacrificed. Horses should receive credit for showing attentiveness to the obstacles and the capability of picking their own way through the course when obstacles warrant it, and willingly responding to the rider's cues on more difficult obstacles. Courses will be developed by the show manager and obstacles will allow the ranch horse to demonstrate its capability to work in a ranch type setting.

Ranch Series Show Bill – Order of Go

*Trail classes in separate arena beginning @ 9 AM

1. Novice Rail Pleasure
2. Green Horse Rail Pleasure
3. Youth 13 & Under Rail Pleasure
4. Youth 14-18 Rail Pleasure
5. Amateur Rail Pleasure
6. Open Rail Pleasure
7. 5 & Under Leadline
8. Novice Ranch Riding
9. Green Horse Ranch Riding
10. Youth 13 & Under Ranch Riding
11. Youth 14-18 Ranch Riding
12. Amateur Ranch Riding
13. Open Ranch Riding
14. Green Horse Reining
15. Youth 13 & Under Reining
16. Youth 14-18 Reining
17. Amateur Reining
18. Open Reining
19. 5 & Under Trail
20. Novice Trail
21. Green Horse Trail
22. Youth 13 & Under Trail
23. Youth 14-18 Trail
24. Amateur Trail
25. Open Trail

Ranch Series Division Groups

5 & Under

- Leadline, Trail

Novice (Walk/Trot)

- Pleasure, Riding, Trail

Green Horse

- Pleasure, Riding, Reining, Trail

Youth 13 & Under

- Pleasure, Riding, Reining, Trail

Youth 14-18

- Pleasure, Riding, Reining, Trail

Amateur

- Pleasure, Riding, Reining, Trail

Open

- Pleasure, Riding, Reining, Trail