

Western States American Breed Congress Show Rules
Grant County Fairgrounds, Moses Lake, WA
August 27-30, 2026

1. Facility Rules

- a. No entry into the Grant County Fairgrounds prior to Wednesday August 26th at noon.
- b. No outside shavings are allowed to be used in the stalls.
 - i. **Show management has the right to apply a \$100 fee if outside shavings are used.**
- c. Please book camping directly with Grant County Fairgrounds.
<https://www.gcfairgrounds.com/p/rentals/camping>
 - i. No Camping in the parking lot.
 - ii. All overnight camping in trailers must have a camp spot reserved with the Grant County Fairgrounds. If more than one space is used, GCF reserves the right to bill accordingly.
- d. No outside open riding is allowed at WSABC. If you are not entered in this horse show, you are not allowed to haul in and ride. Violators will be escorted from the premises. Please be advised this will be enforced. You are in direct violation of the facility and IEBHA's insurance policy. All participants must be entered in the horse show and have a stall or have indicated to the Show Secretary that you will be hauling in to show your horse(s).

2. **Rules and Regulations**: WSABC will be held in accordance with the current ABRA and AQHA Handbook. Any situation not addressed in the current rules and regulations of the applicable Association (ABRA and/or AQHA) will be handled by the Show Committee and will be subject to their determination, with their decision being final.
- a. Any exhibitor who refuses to obey a request by the Show Committee may be barred from competition, in which case all previous winnings, along with entry fees and other charges, may be forfeited.
 - b. All judges have the authority to excuse any exhibitor and/or horse from the show grounds for unruly or unsportsmanlike behavior.
 - c. Right to Service- The show management reserves the right to refuse service for any reason. This is a closed event, and the management reserves the right to remove anyone from the grounds for any reason.
 - d. Unsportsmanlike conduct or any other form of misconduct that is irresponsible, illegal, indecent, profane, intimidating, threatening or abusive is prohibited. Show management may immediately expel individuals exhibiting unsportsmanlike conduct and may file a written report with appropriate Association (ABRA and/or AQHA) concerning the conduct in question.
 - e. All exhibitors are responsible for fines levied against the show caused by the exhibitors. Refer to the current AQHA and/or ABRA rule book.
 - f. IEBHA and show management reserve the right to change class schedules and/or arena assignment based on weather and extenuating factors. All changes to schedule and/or arenas will be announced.

3. Refund of Entry

- a. No refunds on show/class fees, stalls and/or shavings without a veterinarian's/doctor's note.
- b. Refunds are only granted if an official veterinarian's/doctor's note is presented to the Show Secretary before the first class in which the entry is to be shown. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of entry fees.

- i. WSABC Show Committee reserves the right to decline a request for refund and rather offer credit toward the following year.
- c. All refunds will be mailed after all checks have cleared the bank after the show. No refunds for any pre-paid stalls that are not used.

4. **Show Entries and Stall Reservations**

- a. Payments:
 - i. Credit cards, cash, or checks are accepted forms of payment. Credit cards will be accepted but a 4% fee will be added to the total amount due to cover the credit card transaction fee from Square.
 - ii. Absolutely no post-dated checks will be accepted. If all bills are not paid by the end of the show, show management will have no other choice but to take action with AQHA and/or ABRA.
 - iii. **A \$50 NSF fee will be charged for all returned checks and credit/debit card payments.**
- b. Stalls will not be assigned until the stall reservation is paid for. Phone calls for stall reservation will not be accepted. Horses are not allowed to be tied to trailers overnight. Please observe day use parking area rules!
- c. If you are staying over on Sunday night, there will be an additional charge of \$40/stall.
- d. Any horse staying at the facility overnight must have a stall.
- e. Stalls will be assigned first to sponsors, club members, and in the order, they are received.
 - i. Any equine needing special stall accommodation or surroundings stalls or both must be noted on the stall reservation form.
 - ii. Requests for specific stalls or "stall with" may be considered. Every effort will be made to meet accommodation and requests.
 - iii. Refund of stalls requested after pre-entry deadline will be provided only with an official veterinarian's/doctor's note
- f. No outside shavings are allowed to be used in the stalls.
 - i. **Show management has the right to apply a \$100 fee if outside shavings are used.**
- g. Registration papers/copy must be presented to the show secretary upon arrival. Proof of ROM required for performance halter classes ***if not competing in appropriate performance classes***. Refer to the AQHA or ABRA rule book for performance halter class rules.
- h. Current AQHA and ABRA membership card(s) must be presented to the Show Secretary to enter any AQHA or ABRA event; Amateur card for Amateur and Level 1 Amateur events; Youth card for Youth and Level 1 Youth events.
 - 1. Failure to present current cards to the show secretary prior to exhibition will result in a disqualification from the class and entry fees will be forfeited.
- i. **A \$25 PER HORSE TRAIL PRACTICE / OBSTACLE FEE** will be charged to all exhibitors who enter AQHA/ABRA Trail or Ranch Trail Classes. This fee pays for design of trail courses, use of trail equipment, & staff expenses to have practice & class setup. This is a one-time fee per horse if entering Trail and/or Ranch Trail.

5. **Exhibitor Guidelines**

- a. It is the responsibility of the owner/exhibitor to be at the gate when their class is ready to enter the show ring. The exhibitor shall forfeit show fees after failing to come to the "in" gate after being called at least twice.
- b. Youth may not exhibit a stallion, age yearling and over.

- c. Coaching from the rail must not disrupt other exhibitors.
- d. AQHA & ABRA Performance halter classes refer to the current AQHA or ABRA rulebook governing participation
- e. Gate holds will be restricted to three minutes and **MUST** be requested prior to the class beginning.
- f. Exhibitors may add classes in the office OR at the gate but inform the gate steward of the correct handler for each class.
- g. **You must scratch your class at least three classes prior to avoid being charged for the class(s).**
- h. AQHA requires completion of the **IMMEDIATE FAMILY RELATIONSHIP ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM**- "An AQHA member may allow certain members of their immediate family to show a horse owned by that member in AQHA amateur & youth events. If the owner wishes for someone in their immediate family to show his/her horse under the provisions of SHW220, it is the responsibility of the owner to complete this form & file it with AQHA. If this form is not on file with AQHA, only the horse owner may show said horse."
- i. **LEVEL 1 CLASSES:** Every person competing in a Level 1 Youth or Amateur Class must possess a novice card. **REFER TO CURRENT AQHA RULEBOOK FOR NEW RULES GOVERNING LEVEL 1 ELIGIBILITY & POINTS EARNED.**

6. Added Money Classes

1. Futurities

- i. The following Open All Breed Futurities/Challenges will be offered:
 - 1. Yearling Longe Line Futurity - Entry fee \$125 (\$175 post), Added monies guaranteed \$1000.00
 - 2. Two-Year-Old Longe Line Futurity – Entry Fee \$125 (\$175 post), Added monies guaranteed \$1000.00
 - 3. Pleasure Versatility Challenge - Entry Fee \$125 (\$175 post); Added monies guaranteed \$1,500.00
 - 4. Five & Over Hunter Under Saddle Maturity - Entry Fee \$125 (\$175 post) Added monies guaranteed \$500.00
 - 5. Ranch Horse Challenge - Entry Fee \$125 (\$175 post) Added monies guaranteed \$1,500.00
- b. 100% of the entry fees are put into the pot with the payout as per NSBA Rules. Longe Line futurities will be held Friday evening one hour after the last class. The HUS Futurity will be held after the English warm up, prior to starting the English classes. There must be at least (2) entries in each futurity to proceed. Futurity paybacks will be mailed approximately 10 days after completion of the show & all outstanding show fees have been paid.

c. Ranch Horse Challenge

- i. An Open All Breed Ranch Horse challenge will be offered with added monies guaranteed at \$1500 and 100% of the entry fees are put into the pot with the payout as per NSBA rules. Ranch Horse Challenge to be held on Saturday evening, one hour after the last class.
- ii. See Ranch Horse Challenge Rules in the premium for a full list of rules.

- iii. **Should there be more than 20 entries, all entries will perform the pattern. The top 15 scores will return to the rail & conformation portion of the class**

d. **Pleasure Versatility Challenge**

- i. An Open All Breed Pleasure Versatility Challenge will be offered with added monies guaranteed at \$1500 & 100% of the entry fees are put into the pot with the payout as per NSBA rules. Pleasure Versatility Challenge to be held on Friday evening.
- ii. See Pleasure Versatility Challenge Rules in the premium for a full list of rules.
- iii. **Should there be more than 20 entries, all entries will perform the pattern. The top 15 scores will return to the rail & conformation portion of the class**

7. **Vendors**

- a. Vendors are welcome at WSABC. The vendor fee is \$50, via check or by credit card, with a 4% credit card fee, & as scheduled with show secretary & IEBHA

8. **Office Hours**

- a. The show office will be closed at 5:30 PM beginning Wednesday & each day of the show to prepare for the following day's classes.
- b. Entries close at 5:00 p.m. each day for the following days classes.
- c. The show office may also be closed for up to one hour after the last class of the show on Sunday to complete the processing of the remaining show results and tabulate high point awards.

9. **Prizes and Awards**

- a. Show bucks will be given in AQHA & ABRA classes, first through ninth place. Exhibitors are responsible for knowing their show bucks balance.
- b. Exhibitors must be present to accept show awards or make arrangements for other people to pick up awards on their behalf. Awards will not be mailed. **Unclaimed awards will be recycled for next year.**

HIGH POINT AWARD RULES:

All high points are based on one horse/rider combination

- 1. You must show in Three (3) performance classes to be eligible for a high point award in the
 - a. AQHA Level 1 Youth, Level 1 Amateur, Youth, Amateur, Amateur Select divisions. ABRA Youth, Amateur, Amateur Select and Two (2) performance classes in all open divisions, AQHA L1 Horse, Junior Horse, Senior Horse/ ABRA Green, Junior Horse, Senior Horse
 - b. **Showmanship does not count as an ROM qualifying performance class but points will count toward the respective high point awards.**
- 2. All classes that count for the High Point divisions will be posted online and posted at the show.
- 3. Any questions on high point standing must be addressed at the show within an hour of the last class, after that time all standings will become official.
- 4. **Exhibitors are not required to show in halter or ranch conformation to qualify for AQHA & ABRA Hi-Points but points earned in halter classes will count for those respective high point awards.**
- 5. Level 1 Open Classes will not count towards the AQHA Junior or AQHA Senior High Point Award.
 - a. A junior equine is five and under
 - b. A senior equine is six and over

6. Points will be computed using the following point system: Points will be counted 9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1. With 9 being the max number of points to be earned per judge in each class. If fewer than nine horses are placed in a class (example there are five horses in the class), points will be counted 5-4-3-2-1.
 - a. Disqualified horses will not earn points, but class participation is included in high point tabulations for required classes with zero points awarded.
7. In the event of a tie, ties shall be broken in the following order:
 - a. The horse placed in the top nine (9) in the greatest number of classes.
 - b. The horse earning the most first-place awards.
 - c. If a tie remains:
 1. For youth and amateur divisions
 - a. Judge A showmanship score
 - b. Judge B horsemanship score
 - c. Judge C hunt seat equitation score
 - d. Judge D trail score
 2. For Open divisions
 - a. Judge A trail score
 - b. Judge B western riding score
 - c. Judge C western pleasure placing
 - d. Judge D hunter under saddle placing
 3. For Ranch divisions
 - a. Judge A ranch riding score
 - b. Judge B ranch trail score
 - c. Judge C working western rail placing
 - d. Judge D ranch confirmation (ABRA)

10. ABRA Halter Awards

- a. Halter class points will follow the above format. It will be based on one horse/handler combination.
- b. The Grand Champion shall receive two more points than the highest earning entry in same sex division.
- c. The Reserve Champion shall receive one more point than the highest earning entry in same sex division.

- 11. 2025 IEBHA Year End Nominations will not be accepted at the show.** Must be submitted prior to August 1st to be eligible for year end awards.

AQHA High Point Awards

Age Divisions	Classes that count for these awards
AQHA Level 1 Youth-Walk Trot	W/T L1 Youth Trail, L1 Youth SMS, L1 Youth 3 YO Mares, L1 Youth Aged Mares, L1 Youth Performance Halter Mares, L1 Youth 3 YO Geldings, L1 Youth Aged Geldings, L1 Youth Performance Halter Geldings, W/T L1 Youth HUS, W/T L1 Youth HSE, W/T L1 Youth WP, W/T L1 Youth HMS
AQHA Level 1 Youth	L1 Youth Trail, L1 Youth SMS, L1 Youth 3 YO Mares, L1 Youth Aged Mares, L1 Youth Performance Halter Mares, L1 Youth 3 YO Geldings, L1 Youth Aged Geldings, L1 Youth Performance Halter Geldings, L1 Youth HUS, L1 Youth HSE, L1 Youth WP, L1 Youth HMS, L1 Youth WR
AQHA Youth 18 and Under	Youth 18U Trail, Youth 3YO Mares, Youth Aged Mares, Youth Performance Halter Mares, Youth 3YO Geldings, Youth Aged Geldings, Youth Performance Halter Geldings, Youth 18U HUS, Youth 18U HSE, Youth 18U WP, Youth 18U HMS, Youth 18U WR
AQHA Level 1 Amateur Walk Trot	W/T L1 Amateur Trail, L1 Amateur SMS, L1 Amateur 3 YO Mares, L1 Amateur Aged Mares, L1 Amateur Performance Halter Mares, L1 Amateur 3 YO Geldings, L1 Amateur Aged Geldings, L1 Amateur Performance Halter Geldings, W/T L1 Amateur HUS, W/T L1 Amateur HSE, W/T L1 Amateur WP, W/T L1 Amateur HMS
AQHA Level 1 Amateur	L1 Amateur Trail, L1 Amateur SMS, L1 Amateur 3 YO Mares, L1 Amateur Aged Mares, L1 Amateur Performance Halter Mares, L1 Amateur 3 YO Geldings, L1 Amateur Aged Geldings, L1 Amateur Performance Halter Geldings, L1 Amateur HUS, L1 Amateur HSE, L1 Amateur WP, L1 Amateur HMS, L1 Amateur WR
AQHA Amateur	Amateur Trail, Amateur SMS, Amateur 3 YO Mares, Amateur Aged Mares, Amateur Performance Halter Mares, Amateur 3 YO Geldings, Amateur Aged Geldings, Amateur Performance Halter Geldings, Amateur HUS, Amateur HSE, Amateur WP, Amateur HMS, Amateur WR
AQHA Amateur Select	Amateur Select Trail, Amateur Select SMS, Amateur 3 YO Mares, Amateur Aged Mares, Amateur Performance Halter Mares, Amateur 3 YO Geldings, Amateur Aged Geldings, Amateur Performance Halter Geldings, Amateur Select HUS, Amateur Select HSE, Amateur Select WP, Amateur Select HMS, Amateur WR
AQHA Level 1 Horse	Open L1 Trail, 3 YO Mares, Aged Mares, Performance Halter Mares, 3 YO Geldings, Aged Geldings, Performance Halter Geldings, Open L1 HUS, Open L1 WP, Open L1 WR
AQHA Junior Horse	Junior Trail, 3 YO Mares, Aged Mares, Performance Halter Mares, 3 YO Geldings, Aged Geldings, Performance Halter Geldings, Open HUS, Junior WP, Open WR
AQHA Senior Horse	Senior Trail, Aged Mares, Performance Halter Mares, Aged Geldings, Performance Halter Geldings, Open HUS, Senior WP, Open WR
AQHA Open Ranch Horse	Open L1 Ranch Trail, Open Ranch Trail, Open L1 Ranch Riding, Open Ranch Riding, Open Working Western Rail
AQHA Amateur Ranch Horse	L1 Amateur Ranch Trail, Amateur Ranch Trail, L1 Amateur Ranch Riding, Amateur Ranch Riding, Amateur Working Western Rail
AQHA Youth Ranch Horse	L1 Youth Ranch Trail, Youth Ranch Trail, L1 Youth Ranch Riding, Youth Ranch Riding, Youth Working Western Rail

ABRA High Point Awards

<u>Age Divisions</u>	<u>Classes that count for these awards</u>
ABRA Youth Walk Trot	W/T Youth Trail, W/T Youth SMS, Youth Mares, Youth Performance Halter Mares, Youth Geldings, Youth Performance Halter Geldings, W/T Youth HUS, W/T Youth HSE, W/T Youth WP, W/T Youth HMS
ABRA Youth 18 and Under	Youth Trail, Youth SMS, Youth Mares, Youth Performance Halter Mares, Youth Geldings, Youth Performance Halter Geldings, Youth HUS, Youth HSE, Youth WP, Youth HMS, Youth WR
ABRA Youth BBP	BBP Youth Trail, BBP Youth SMS, Youth BBP Mares, Youth BBP Geldings, BBP Youth HUS, BBP Youth HSE, BBP Youth WP, BBP Youth HMS, BBP Youth WR
ABRA Youth BBP Walk Trot	W/T BBP Youth Trail, W/T BBP Youth SMS, Youth BBP Mares, Youth BBP Geldings, W/T BBP Youth HUS, W/T BBP Youth HSE, W/T BBP Youth WP, W/T BBP Youth HMS
ABRA Amateur Walk Trot	W/T Amateur Trail, W/T Amateur SMS, Amateur Mares, Amateur Performance Halter Mares, Amateur Geldings, Amateur Performance Halter Geldings, Amateur HUS, Amateur HSE, Amateur WP, Amateur HMS
ABRA Amateur	Amateur Trail, Amateur SMS, Amateur Mares, Amateur Performance Halter Mares, Amateur Geldings, Amateur Performance Halter Geldings, Amateur HUS, Amateur HSE, Amateur WP, Amateur HMS, Amateur WR
ABRA Amateur Select	Amateur Select Trail, Amateur Select SMS, Amateur Mares, Amateur Performance Halter Mares, Amateur Geldings, Amateur Performance Halter Geldings, Amateur Select HUS, Amateur Select HSE, Amateur Select WP, Amateur Select HMS, Amateur WR (If combined with Amateur those points will count for Amateur Select high point)
ABRA Amateur BBP	BBP Amateur Trail, BBP Amateur SMS, BBP Mares, BBP Geldings, BBP Amateur HUS, BBP Amateur HSE, BBP Amateur WP, BBP Amateur HMS, BBP Amateur WR
ABRA Amateur BBP Walk Trot	W/T BBP Amateur Trail, W/T BBP Amateur SMS, BBP Mares, BBP Geldings, W/T BBP Amateur HUS, BBP Amateur HSE, BBP Amateur WP, BBP Amateur HMS
ABRA Green Horse	Green Trail, 3& Over Mares, Open Performance Mares, 3& Over Geldings, Open Performance Geldings, Green HUS, Green WP, Green WR
ABRA Junior Horse	Junior Trail, 3& Over Mares, Open Performance Mares, 3& Over Geldings, Open Performance Geldings, Junior HUS, Junior WP, Open WR
ABRA Senior Horse	Senior Trail, 3& Over Mares, Open Performance Mares, 3& Over Geldings, Open Performance Geldings, Senior HUS, Senior WP, Senior WR
ABRA BBP	BBP Trail, BBP Mares, BBP Geldings, BBP HUS, BBP HSE, BBP WP, BBP HMS, BBP WR
In Hand All Around	Yearling In Hand Trail, Yearling BBP In Hand Trail, Yearling Non Pro In Hand Trail, 2YO In Hand Trail, 2YO BBP In Hand Trail, 2YO Non Pro In Hand Trail, BBP Mares, BBP Youth Mares, 2&under Mares, BBP Geldings, BBP Youth Geldings, 2&under Geldings, BBP Stallions, 2&under Stallions, Hunter In Hand, Yearling Longe Line, Yearling Non Pro Longe Line, Yearling BBP Longe Line, 2YO Longe Line, 2YO Non Pro Longe Line, 2YO BBP Longe Line
Halter Mares	Halter Mares
Halter Geldings	Halter Geldings
Halter Stallions	Halter Stallions

ABRA Ranch High Point Awards

<u>Age Divisions</u>	<u>Classes that count for these awards</u>
ABRA Open Ranch Horse	Green Ranch Trail, Open Ranch Trail, Green Ranch Riding, Open Ranch Riding, Green Ranch Rail, Open Ranch Rail, Ranch Conformation
ABRA Amateur Ranch Horse	Amateur Ranch Trail, Amateur Ranch Riding, Amateur Ranch Rail, Amateur Ranch Conformation
ABRA Amateur Ranch Horse Walk Trot	W/T Amateur Ranch Trail, W/T Amateur Ranch Riding, W/T Amateur Ranch Rail, Amateur Ranch Conformation
ABRA Youth Ranch Horse	Youth Ranch Trail, Youth Ranch Riding, Youth Ranch Rail, Youth Ranch Conformation
ABRA Youth Ranch Horse Walk Trot	W/T Youth Ranch Trail, W/T Youth Ranch Riding, W/T Youth Ranch Rail, Youth Ranch Conformation
ABRA BBP Ranch Horse	BBP Ranch Trail, BBP Ranch Riding, BBP Ranch Rail, BBP Ranch Conformation
ABRA BBP Ranch Horse Walk Trot	W/T BBP Amateur Ranch Trail, W/T BBP Amateur Ranch Riding, W/T BBP Amateur Ranch Rail, BBP Ranch Conformation W/T BBP Youth Ranch Trail, W/T BBP Youth Ranch Riding, W/T BBP Youth Ranch Rail, BBP Ranch Conformation