

## **ARABIAN WORKING WESTERN ALLIANCE ALL-AROUND VERSATILITY RANCH HORSE TERMS & CONDITIONS**

The title of AWWA All-Around Versatility Ranch Horse (VRH) may be awarded at selected shows in the Open, Amateur, Limited/Select Amateur, Youth, Limited/Select Youth and Jr. Horse divisions providing appropriate classes are offered. Each division is calculated independently based on the number of horses competing in that division. Divisions may not be held concurrently (i.e., Amateur classes may not run concurrently with Open or Youth classes). All-around Versatility Ranch Horse points are based on a one horse/one rider combination. (Exception in Ranch Conformation for exhibitor with multiple horses. See below) A horse/rider team is eligible for the All-around VRH if it competes in at least two Ranch Horse classes (i.e. Ranch Riding, Ranch Rail, Ranch Trail & Ranch Reining) within each division, plus a Ranch Conformation class. If cattle classes are offered in the Ranch Horse division (Ranch Cutting, Ranch Cow Work, or Ranch Limited Cow Work) these classes are also used in the All-around VRH point tabulations; however, it is not required to enter a cattle class in order to be eligible for the All-around VRH award.

Only those exhibitors who meet the criteria of All-around VRH eligibility will receive points for tabulating the All-Around VRH awards. The maximum amount of tabulation points available in each division must not exceed the number of horse/rider teams that are eligible for the VRH award in that division. The highest placing All-around VRH eligible exhibitor will receive one (1) point for each horse/rider team in that division that they placed above. Second highest All-around VRH eligible exhibitor will receive one (1) point for each horse/rider team in that division that they placed above and so on until all VRH eligible exhibitors have been awarded tabulation points. Each eligible exhibitor receives one (1) point for completing the class. **EXAMPLE:** An exhibitor competing for the All-around VRH who places 16th in a class yet is the highest placing All-around VRH eligible entry will receive all VRH eligible points. Another exhibitor placing 22nd in the same class who is the second highest all-around VRH eligible entry, will receive one (1) point less than the previous exhibitor. Tabulation points earned in a specific division may not be used in another division. For example, tabulation points earned in an Open class may not be used in the Amateur or Youth divisions even if the exhibitor is an amateur or youth rider. It is recommended that each class be listed under the division where tabulation points are earned.

Tabulating points earned in Ranch Rail Pleasure is sometimes difficult if not all horses that are eligible for the All-around VRH were used on the judge's card for placings in the Ranch Rail Pleasure class. If possible, all horses in the class should be placed in order to assign tabulation points for VRH award. If all horses are not placed, then only the horses that are All-around VRH eligible that appear on the judge's card for the class will receive tabulation points. All-around VRH eligible horses not appearing on the judge's card that cannot be ranked in placing order will receive one (1) tabulation point for completing the class. Horses excused from any class or those receiving a "no score" do not receive any tabulation points. In Regional classes where a three-judge MOS system of scoring is employed the final MOS results are used for tabulating points. No single judge's card is used in tabulating VRH points unless it is a single-judge scoring system.

After totaling tabulation points for eligible All-around VRH entries in each Ranch class, the exhibitor receiving the highest number of points in that division will be named the All-Around Versatility Ranch Horse in that division. If there are ties in the final placing for the All-around Versatility Ranch Horse, ties will be broken by the highest placing horse in the Ranch Riding class. If this does not break the tie, other classes (if applicable) will be used in the following order: Ranch Cutting, Ranch Cow Work, Ranch Trail, Ranch Reining, and Ranch Rail. If a tie still exists, then exhibitors will be named co-champions and a coin toss will determine who takes awards.

Exhibitors with more than one horse eligible for the All-around Versatility Ranch Horse in any division may have a designated substitute in any Ranch Horse Conformation class. However, an exhibitor with multiple horses entered in a VRH conformation class must lead one of the horses themselves. In special circumstances where multiple arenas are showing at same time and a ring conflict arises, it is possible for the exhibitor to get permission from the Show Manager to be excused from showing a horse in Ranch Conformation. If permission is granted, the substitute exhibitor must be an exhibitor already entered in the show with appropriate memberships. If a condition or circumstance prevents an exhibitor from showing in the Ranch Horse Conformation class, a substitute handler may be used if permission is granted from the Show Manager. Substitute handlers **MUST** be entered in the show with all appropriate paperwork completed.

When Ranch Horse Conformation is divided by sex of horse (Stallion, Mare, Gelding) the tabulation points earned from placing in the class can only be applied to one division (i.e. Open, Amateur, Youth, etc.). For example, if two exhibitors are using one gelding in both the Amateur and Youth divisions, the points earned from placing in the Gelding Ranch Conformation class cannot be used for tabulations points in both the Amateur and Youth divisions. The person showing the horse in the Ranch Conformation class will earn the tabulation points.

A list of specific classes for each division must be listed in the show's prize list. Not every show offers an AWWA All-around Versatility Ranch Horse award even if the show does offer the required Ranch Horse classes. Permission from the AWWA must be obtained by Show Management in order to offer AWWA Versatility Ranch Horse awards.