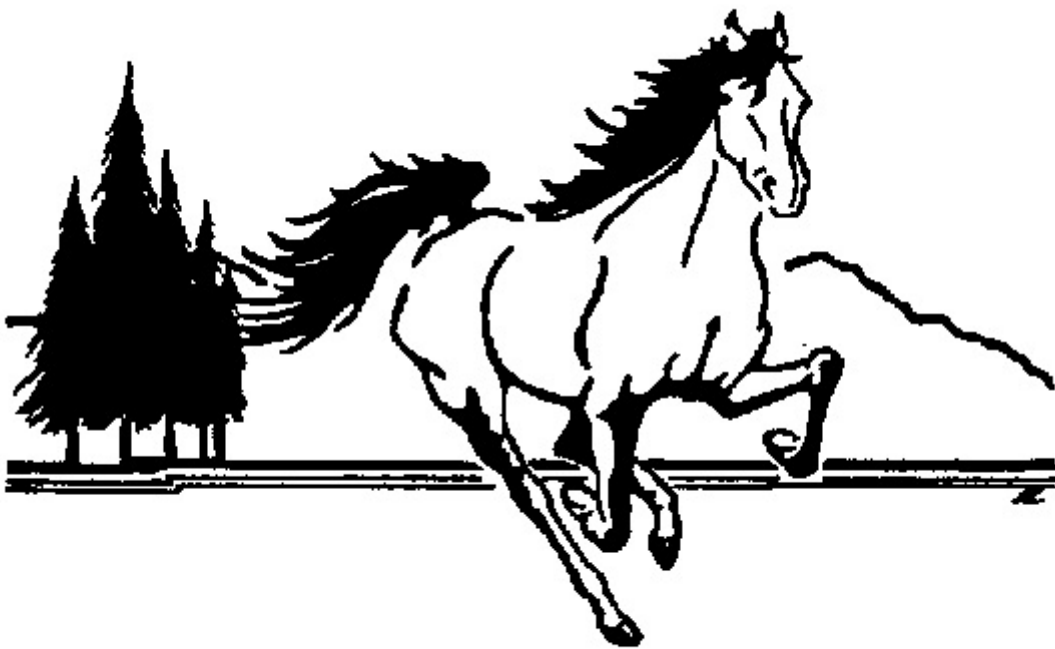


HONEY LAKE VALLEY RIDERS

2021

HANDBOOK OF BYLAWS AND EVENT RULES



BYLAWS OF HONEY LAKE VALLEY RIDERS, INC.
Amended February 14, 2002

ARTICLE I - NAME AND ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION

- A. This non-profit organization shall be known as Honey Lake Valley Riders, Inc. (HLVR).
- B. The address of this organization is P.O. Box 341, Janesville, CA 96114, and the Board of Directors shall pay all box rent promptly when due in order to maintain the official address. All HLVR mail shall be received at this address unless specified otherwise for a temporary period by the Board of Directors.
- C. Non-profit status shall be maintained current by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

- A. To bring together families and individuals with a shared interest in equines and good horsemanship.
- B. To promote the aforementioned interests through provision of social, competitive and educational events.
- C. To continue HLVR's long standing spirit of cooperation with the County of Lassen in the maintenance and improvement of the equestrian facilities at Janesville Park as both the home of HLVR and for the beneficial use of the Honey Lake Valley community at large.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

There shall be four classes of membership defined as follows:

- A. Family Membership includes one family as a unit, ie. one or two parents/guardians as head(s) of the family, and their children who are under 18 years of age as of January 1st of the membership year. At least one parent must be an adult (18 years of age or older). The adult family members shall have full voting rights, interests, and privileges, and shall be eligible to serve on the Board of Directors and/or committees. The adult family members shall each have one vote; the children under 18 years of age shall have non-voting rights, interests, and privileges only. Children of a family who are 18 years of age or older as of January 1st of the membership year must apply for individual membership and pay individual membership dues.
Individual Membership is available to all individuals who are 18 years of age or older on January 1st of the membership year. Individual members shall have full voting rights, interests, and privileges, and shall be eligible to serve on the Board of Directors and/or committees. Individual members shall each have one vote.
Individual Membership - Minor is available to individuals who are under 18 years of age on January 1st of the membership year and whose parent(s) or guardian(s) choose not to apply for family membership. Individual members who are minors shall have no voting rights, interests, or privileges, and shall not be eligible to serve on the Board of Directors and/or committees. Any HLVR document requiring an applicant's, member's, or participant's signature must be signed by the minor's parent(s) or guardian(s).
Honorary Membership may be recommended by the membership and approved by the Board of Directors. Honorary membership shall last until December 31st of the year granted.
- B. Dues shall be established by the Board of Directors in January of each year and published in the General Rules of the organization, and shall be considered delinquent if not paid by March 31st.
- C. A handbook which includes these Bylaws, the General Rules, and any other rules established by the Board of Directors shall be distributed to each family or individual upon payment of membership dues.
- D. No membership (excluding honorary membership) shall be effective until an official membership application has been properly completed, signed, and received by HLVR along with applicable payment of dues.
- E. The organization's membership list shall at all times remain the sole property of HLVR and may be utilized only for official HLVR business. The membership list may not be sold or otherwise provided to any person or entity for other than official HLVR business.

ARTICLE IV - MANAGEMENT

- A. The management and government of HLVR shall be vested in a Board of Directors duly elected by the general membership. The Board shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and six Members at Large. All Board members must be adults whose memberships are in good standing.
- B. The Board of Directors shall establish Standing Committees to fulfill the responsibilities of the organization. The number and specific responsibilities of the Committees shall be determined by the Board. Each committee shall be chaired by a member of the Board, but may include any number of general members. Responsibilities assigned to Committees will generally include: awards banquet, clinics, concessions, elections, fund raising, grounds, horse show chairman and assistants, playdays chairman and assistants, publicity and newsletter, queen's contest, special projects, trail rides, and year end awards.
- C. The President may establish additional positions as deemed necessary to carry out the planned activities of the organization, and may appoint members to fill these positions, with the approval of the Board of Directors.
- D. The Board of Directors shall annually adopt General Rules pertaining to planned activities, and shall publish these rules in a handbook for distribution to all members, prior to commencement of activities.

ARTICLE V - DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS AT LARGE

- A. The President shall determine the place and time of all meetings and preside at all such meetings. The President shall appoint all standing committee chairmen with the approval of the Board of Directors, and shall be an ex officio member of all committees. The President shall be the official representative of HLVR, except and unless the President appoints a representative in his/her place.
- B. The Vice-President shall act in the absence of the President. The Vice-President shall assume such other responsibilities as delegated by the President, or as determined by the Board of Directors.
- C. The Secretary shall maintain the records (excluding financial records) of the organization; shall accurately record (take minutes of) the proceedings of Board and general membership meetings and present a written report of minutes at each following meeting; shall answer correspondence at the direction of the President; shall maintain an up to date listing of members; and shall issue HLVR Handbooks for each membership when membership dues are paid.
- D. The Treasurer shall maintain the financial records of the organization, collect all monies and disburse funds, and issue receipts as authorized by the Board and/or the general membership. The Treasurer shall make bank deposits on a timely basis, reconcile all bank statements, and give an accurate and up to date report of finances at all Board and general meetings in form and substance as requested by the President. The signatures of two officers shall be required on all checks drawn on any HLVR bank account. Any expenditure over \$100 must be approved by the Board of Directors. The financial records of HLVR shall be available for review by members in good standing, with reasonable notice to the Treasurer.
- E. The Members at Large shall assume such responsibilities as requested by the President or determined by the Board of Directors.
- F. The Board of Directors shall fill all vacancies occurring in their numbers by appointment of members in good standing. The Board member(s) so chosen shall hold office until the next annual election. At the discretion of the Board, any non-officer vacancy on the Board may be left unfilled for the remainder of the current term, provided at least 8 members remain on the Board. Any two absences not excused by the Board may result in removal from the Board at the discretion of the Board.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

- A. The Board of Directors shall meet at the call of the President or any two Board members, with at least 5 days notice to Board members and the general membership. The number of Board members in attendance shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and any motion may be approved by a simple majority vote of those board members present. Under extraordinary circumstances the Board may meet with shortened or belated notice to the membership; however, any such emergency meeting shall not include the deliberation of customary HLVR business.
- B. All regularly scheduled Board meetings shall be open to all HLVR members who are strongly encouraged to attend and to participate in discussions. Only under special circumstances may the Board hold a closed meeting, and any closed meeting shall not include the deliberation of customary HLVR business.
- C. The President or Board of Directors may call a general membership meeting, with reasonable notice to the membership. Any issue deliberated at a general meeting shall be approved by a majority vote of those present.

ARTICLE VII - ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A. The Board of Directors of HLVR shall be elected by the general membership prior to December 31st each year. Nominees and electees must be members in good standing. Their terms of office shall commence during the turnover meeting following elections, and shall run for one year. Nominations and elections may be carried out by mail or at general meetings, as determined by the Board of Directors. Write-ins are permitted on election ballots.
- B. Notice of the annual election shall be given to each voting member of record by sending through the U.S. mail to their address of record, at least 10 days prior to such election, written notice stating when and in what manner such election is to be held.

ARTICLE VIII - REVISIONS

- A. These by-laws may be revised by the general membership upon approval by two-thirds of those voting on the proposed revisions. An election to approve revisions to the by-laws may be carried out by mail or at general meetings, as determined by the Board of Directors.
- B. Notice of the any election for revisions to the HLVR bylaws shall be given to each voting member of record by sending through the U.S. mail to their address of record, at least 10 days prior to such election, written notice stating when and in what manner such election is to be held.

ARTICLE IX - SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

- A. All members shall conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times. Officials, without exception, have the right to disqualify, refuse entry to, or eject from the grounds any member for any actions of

misconduct, intoxication, profanity, harassment of the judge, officials, employees, participants or spectators, unruly or out of control animals, or mistreatment or abuse to horses or other animals. No drugs or excessive drinking will be permitted.

ARTICLE X - CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

A. Robert's Rules of Order (Revised) shall govern the deliberations at all HLVR meetings. In the event of any conflict between these bylaws and Roberts Rules of Order, these bylaws shall prevail.

HLVR GENERAL EVENT RULES - 2021

(Apply to all events unless otherwise specified)

IT IS EACH PARTICIPANT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO READ AND ABIDE BY ALL RULES. OFFENDERS WILL BE SUBJECT TO PENALTIES ENFORCED BY HLVR BOARD MEMBERS, OFFICIALS, JUDGES, OR EVENT MANAGERS (HEREIN REFERRED TO COLLECTIVELY AS OFFICIALS). FAILURE BY OFFICIALS TO ENFORCE ANY RULE SHALL NOT BE DEEMED AS A CHANGE IN THE RULE, NOR INVALIDATE THE RIGHT TO ENFORCE SAID RULE AT ANY OTHER TIME. NO EMERGENCY SERVICES ARE ON SITE (AMBULANCE, EMT, OR VETERINARY).

SEE #19. COVID RULES.

1. CHECKS: Anyone whose check is returned must pay cash to cover the check plus \$40.00 before being allowed to participate at an HLVR event. Upon the return of a second check, that person must pay with cash for the remainder of the current year. Failure to pay HLVR any monies owed will cause ineligibility to participate in HLVR activities until paid in full. At the board's discretion, returned checks may be turned into the District Attorney's office. In any such situation, the offending party, and all parties to the membership, must pay cash for the rest of the current year and the following two years.

2. CHILDREN / MINIMUM AGE: Children are welcome and encouraged to participate at all events. Lead Line and Playday Beginner Walk/Jog participants must be at least 3 years old as of January 1st; See Horse Show and Playday rules for other age requirements. ***A parent, legal guardian, or other responsible adult must sign applicable entry forms and releases of liability, and must be present at all times when a child is at the event.***

3. CONDUCT: All participants shall conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times. Officials, without exception, have the right to disqualify, refuse entry to, or eject from an event any participant for any actions of misconduct, intoxication, profanity, discourtesy to the judge, officials, employees, participants or spectators, out of control animals, or mistreatment or abuse to horses or other animals. No drugs or excessive drinking will be permitted. No unsafe riding practices will be permitted. Additional violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Acting or inciting or permitting any other to act in a manner contrary to the rules of HLVR or CSHA, or in a manner deemed improper, unethical, dishonest, unsportsmanlike, or prejudicial to the best interest of HLVR.
- b. Any act committed or remark made in connection with the competition considered offensive and/or made with intent to influence or cast dispersions on the character or integrity of the judging/officiating; approaching a judge before a decision.
- c. Whipping, spurring or striking the horse in front of the cinch; excessive force or other form of mistreatment or abuse; Unruly or out of control horse (dangerous to rider or others); Unsportsmanlike conduct (improper language, discourtesy to officials or other contestants, or abuse to animals).
- d. Running of horses outside the arenas except in other specifically designated areas; riding double; riding in the tennis courts; riding/grazing on the lawns, standing on horse's back, or any other unsafe riding practices..

Enforcement will be at the discretion of HLVR management, officials, and/or event judge. Penalties for non compliance:

First Offense - Warning. If a child, the parent, guardian, or responsible adult will be advised also.

Second Offense - Disqualification from that event, and from any award series or participation series, with forfeiture of all fees.

4. DECISIONS FINAL: At all events, the decisions of the event judge or event management are final.

5. DOGS must be on leashes at all times and are not allowed to disrupt any event.

6. DRUGGING: Drugging to disguise lameness or to tranquilize is a violation of the California State Drugging Law and is prohibited. Refer to California Department of Food and Agriculture regulations. Entry fees will not be refunded to anyone found using any prohibited drug, including Bute.

7. ELIGIBILITY: HLVR events are open to all breeds of equine, and in all rules, the word "horse" applies to any equine. Members and non-members of all disciplines and competence levels are welcome and encouraged to participate. Please see specific event rules for more information.

- 8. ENTRY FEES:** Entry fees must be paid in full prior to participation in any event. A \$10 insurance fee will be added for any non-member.
- 9. LAMENESS / UNSOUNDNESS / ABUSE:** A horse will be eliminated from competition if event management or judge determines that abuse, lameness, exhaustion, or other unsoundness is apparent.
- 10. LITTER/TRASH:** Individuals are responsible for their own trash, and it is everyone's responsibility to leave the grounds clean. During all events there may be periodic time-outs for trash pick up to ensure that the grounds are clean when we leave.
- 11. MEMBERSHIP:** To qualify for membership benefits, a properly completed and signed membership application must be submitted to HLVR with payment of applicable dues. Dues for the 2021 year will be \$30 per family or \$20 per individual/individual-minor. 2020 membership benefits expire March 31st, 2021. Each paid membership will receive a handbook of official rules by email. A "member in good standing" has fulfilled this membership requirement, and does not have any unpaid monies due to HLVR.
- 12. MULTIPLE RIDERS:** One horse may be ridden by more than one rider in Playdays and Horse Shows, but restrictions apply. See Playday and Horse Show rules.
- 13. REFUNDS:** All participation/entry fees paid to HLVR are **non-refundable**, except where proof of death or injury to either horse or rider is provided, or in the case of event/class cancellation. No refunds will be made to any participant who is disqualified by officials, who arrives too late for entry in the class/event, or who elects to withdraw from a class or event. Membership fees are non-refundable.
- 14. RESPONSIBILITY:** Each participant (or parent/guardian/responsible adult if a minor) must complete applicable entry forms legibly and thoroughly, and sign liability releases acknowledging that they participate or attend entirely at their own risk. HLVR is not responsible for any loss or damage or injury, however caused, to any horse, participant, spectator, or personal property at any HLVR activity. A participating minor is the full responsibility of the parent, legal guardian, or responsible adult who is also responsible for the minor's full compliance with all rules.
- 15. RIDING ATTIRE:** Respectable and safe riding attire is required, according to specific event rules.
- 16. TRAILER PARKING:** All trailers must be parked in the designated area.
- 17. TYING OF DOGS/HORSES:** Tying of dogs or horses to arena panels, arena posts, bleachers, or trees is prohibited.
- 18. WORKING THE GATE:** Anyone working the in and/or out gate(s) must be at least 15 years of age.
- 19. COVID RULES:**
- A. Masks are encouraged.
 - B. Only one person may be at the registration table at a time, and those in line must remain six feet apart.
 - C. Equipment will be wiped down before and after each use.
 - D. The in/out gate will be wiped down throughout the day.
 - E. No riding side-by-side in the arena. When lined up at the end of classes, keep spacing at six feet apart.
 - F. Hand sanitizer and Clorox wipes will be available at the registration table.
 - G. No crowding at the entrance gate is allowed (particularly playday riders) - only one rider may enter at a time.
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HLVR HORSE SHOW RULES - 2021

IT IS EACH PARTICIPANT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO READ AND ABIDE BY ALL RULES. OFFENDERS WILL BE SUBJECT TO PENALTIES ENFORCED BY HLVR BOARD MEMBERS, OFFICIALS, JUDGES, OR EVENT MANAGERS (HEREIN REFERRED TO COLLECTIVELY AS OFFICIALS).

FAILURE BY OFFICIALS TO ENFORCE ANY RULE SHALL NOT BE DEEMED AS A CHANGE IN THE RULE, NOR INVALIDATE THE RIGHT TO ENFORCE SAID RULE AT ANY OTHER TIME.

NO EMERGENCY SERVICES ARE ON SITE (AMBULANCE, EMT, OR VETERINARY).

Except as herein described, HLVR Horse Shows will be governed by the California State Horsemen's Association (CSHA) West Coast Horse Show Rule Book (WCHSRB), CSHA Obstacle Challenge Rules, and HLVR General Event Rules. In the event of a conflict, HLVR rules shall prevail. In all rules, the word "horse" applies to any equine. (CSHA rule books may be purchased from CSHA - californiastatehorsemen.com.)

1. AGE GROUPS: Age group is determined by the rider's age as of January first of the show year, (see **MINIMUM AGE** below).

2. ATTIRE - ENGLISH: English riding pants, boots or riding shoes with a heel, appropriate English style shirt with jacket, and ASTM approved English style helmet are to be worn. The judge may approve competing without jackets during hot weather.

3. ATTIRE - WESTERN: Long pants, boots or riding shoes with a heel, long sleeved shirt tucked in, and western hat are to be worn. Chaps, vests, jackets and spurs are optional.

4. CLASS MINIMUM: A class with only one participant will be held.

5. CONDUCT: All participants shall conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times. Officials, without exception, have the right to disqualify, refuse entry to, or eject from an event any participant for any actions of misconduct, intoxication, profanity, discourtesy to the judge, officials, employees, participants or spectators, out of control animals, or mistreatment or abuse to horses or other animals. No drugs or excessive drinking will be permitted. No unsafe riding practices will be permitted. Additional violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

a. Acting or inciting or permitting any other to act in a manner contrary to the rules of HLVR or CSHA, or in a manner deemed improper, unethical, dishonest, unsportsmanlike, or prejudicial to the best interest of HLVR.

b. Any act committed or remark made in connection with the competition considered offensive and/or made with intent to influence or cast dispersions on the character or integrity of the judging/officiating; approaching a judge before a decision.

c. Whipping, spurring or striking the horse in front of the cinch; excessive force or other form of mistreatment or abuse; Unruly or out of control horse (dangerous to rider or others); Unsportsmanlike conduct (improper language, discourtesy to officials or other contestants, or abuse to animals).

d. Running of horses outside the arenas except in other specifically designated areas; riding double; riding in the tennis courts; riding/grazing on the lawns, standing on horse's back, or any other unsafe riding practice.

Enforcement will be at the discretion of HLVR management, officials, and/or event judge. Penalties for non compliance:

First Offense - Warning. If a child, the parent, guardian, or responsible adult will be advised also.

Second Offense - Disqualification from that event, and from any award series or participation series, with forfeiture of all fees.

6. ELIGIBILITY: Classes are open to members and non-members, and all breeds of equine, but only those members in good standing may qualify for participation awards or year end championship awards.

7. HOLDING OF GATE: The gate may not be held for longer than one minute from the start of each class unless a tack change has been requested prior to the start of the class. In the event that equipment needs to be replaced or repaired the gate may be held for five minutes.

8. LAMENESS / UNSOUNDNESS / ABUSE: A horse will be eliminated from participation if event management, HLVR officials, or judge determine that abuse, lameness, exhaustion, or other unsoundness is apparent.

- 9. MINIMUM AGE:** Lead Line participants must be at least 3 years old as of January 1st. Leadline handlers must be at least 16 years old as of show date and must be able to competently and safely control the horse. Participants in all other classes must be at least 5 years old as of the show date. For those over 5 years old, official age is as of January 1st of the show year. See MINORS below.
- 10. MINORS:** A parent, legal guardian, or other adult responsible for any rider under the age of 18 must sign applicable entry forms and releases of liability, and must be present at all times when the minor child is at the event.
- 11. MULTIPLE RIDERS:** One horse may be ridden by no more than two riders in one day, regardless of the number of classes that the horse is entered in. Two riders/handlers may not compete with one horse in the same class. Officials will eliminate a horse from participation if this rule is violated.
- 12. NON APPROVED TACK:** Martingales, tie downs, dropped nosebands, figure eight nosebands, draw reins, or mechanical hackamores, except when schooling. Boots, bandages or leg wraps are not allowed unless stated otherwise. For complete information, see CSHA rules.
- 13. OPEN CLASSES:** For riders age 5 or older (see **MINIMUM AGE** above), able to execute all three gaits, (exception: walk-jog/trot warm-up classes).
- 14. PARTICIPATION AWARD SERIES:** Participation in the award series is optional and is not limited to horse/rider combination. In order to receive a participation award you must participate in three of four HLVR shows, enter at least three classes per show, pay the one-time participation award fee, be a member in good standing, comply with and follow all HLVR rules, and fulfill all work requirements (see **WORK REQUIREMENTS**). Participation awards will be given out at the annual banquet in November. Participation award eligibility will be retroactive if fees are paid no later than the end of the June horse show.
- 15. PLACINGS:** All entries will be placed from first through fifth. Ribbons for all classes will be given for first through fifth place. ***Ribbons must be claimed by the end of each show day or they will be forfeited.*** All placings will be at the discretion of the judge.
- 16. POINTS:** Points will be tallied as follows: 1st place = 5 points, 2nd place = 4 points, 3rd place = 3 points, 4th place = 2 points, 5th place = 1 point.
- 17. RIDER ASSISTANCE:** At judge's discretion, an approved individual at least 16 years of age, either on foot or horseback, may be present in the arena to provide support for a rider or horse. See MINORS above. Assistance will be considered in judging.
- 18. RING STEWARD:** Exception to CSHA rules: A person working as ring steward may exhibit at that show in a different division, (eg. ring steward for western may show in English, etc.).
- 19. SCHOOLING:** Any participant wishing to school may do so if entry fees are paid for the class in which you wish to school. Participant must show with his/her number turned upside down and will not be placed; nor will any awards be given. **Participants are solely responsible for ensuring that their show numbers are appropriately displayed.** Humane training equipment is permitted when schooling. Schooling does not count as "showing" for 1st and 2nd year requirements, but does count as a class entered for participation award requirements.
- 20. SHOW MANAGEMENT:** Exception to CSHA rules: A person managing a show and/or hiring the judges may exhibit at any show.
- 21. STALLIONS:** A stallion must be handled at all times by an adult 18 years of age or older during any HLVR event. If, in the opinion of the judge or HLVR officials, a stallion is felt to be jeopardizing the safety of others, the handler will be asked to remove the animal from the grounds without refund of entry fees paid.
- 22. TACK/EQUIPMENT - ENGLISH:** A shankless snaffle, pelham, kimberwicke or full (double) bridle are the only acceptable bits allowed. Dropped or figure eight nosebands are prohibited. Appropriate saddle to be used with a breast plate being optional. Those participating in jumping events will abide by the same rules previously stated with the addition of splint boots, bell boots, bandages or leg wraps being at the participant's sole discretion.
- 23. TACK/EQUIPMENT - WESTERN:** In all classes, horses may be shown in a snaffle (without a nose band),

bosal, standard western curb bit with approved chin strap, or combination western curb bit with bosal. Once a horse has been shown in a curb bit at any event hosted by any organization, then the horse may not go back to a bosal or snaffle (except for schooling). Two handed riding is allowed only in conjunction with a shankless snaffle or bosal. Exception to CSHA rules: closed reins with a macate are permissible with a snaffle bit. A standard western saddle appropriately fitted to the rider is required. If showing in halter and/or showmanship a simple clean halter with appropriate lead is required. Silver is not to count for or against any participant. Training aids are not allowed, except for schooling. If participating in Ranch Horse Trail, the same rules above will apply, with the addition of a lasso, hobbles, or other equipment as required by the course pattern. Those entered in the Reining or Western Riding classes are to comply with the same stated rules with the addition of skid boots, bell boots, bandages or leg wraps being at the participant's sole discretion.

24. TRAIL CLASSES: Anyone competing in both age group and 1st and 2nd year trail classes must ride their age group pattern first.

25. TRAIL OR OBSTACLE CHALLENGE COURSE: Riding or leading a horse inside the designated trail or obstacle challenge course area is prohibited except when participating in the class entered. Anyone violating this rule will be disqualified from all trail or obstacle challenge class participation at that show. Riders may walk the course on foot prior to class participation. Exception to CSHA rules: Live or dead animals may be used as trail or obstacle challenge course obstacles.

26. WORK REQUIREMENTS: All HLVR participants competing for year-end championship awards or participation awards must work four hours for the club. **Failure to meet the work requirements by September 19, 2021 will result in forfeiture of all awards.** Individuals wishing to work their four hours may do so at any organized HLVR event. It is each individual's sole responsibility to inform an HLVR official of hours worked. Hours may be traded. Up to eight hours worked by one individual (member or non-member) may be credited to any other individual who is participating. In all cases, the individual performing the work must report the work to officials. In lieu of work, hours may be purchased for \$10 per hour.

27. DAILY PRIZE DRAWING: Depending on availability, a drawing for a prize may be held at the end of each horse show. Each contestant will be given one ticket when entering. Each first place winner in each class will get one additional ticket. Must be a member to be eligible.

28. YEAR-END HIGH POINT CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS: Those members in good standing who compete as a horse/rider combination in at least three classes in the award category at three out of four HLVR shows, pay all membership dues, comply with and follow all HLVR rules, and fulfill all work requirements, (see **WORK REQUIREMENTS**) will be eligible to compete for year-end championship awards (champion, reserve, 3rd through 5th), based on points accumulated for horse/rider combinations. Year-end award eligibility is retroactive and fees must be paid by the end of the June horse show. Awards may vary depending on category participation.

- **LEADLINE:** Pleasure, Equitation, Trail
- **WESTERN HIGH POINT: 12 and under, 17 & under, 18 & over, 1st and 2nd year**
Qualifying Classes: Halter, Showmanship, Western Horsemanship, Pleasure, Equitation, Trail
- **ENGLISH HIGH POINT: Open**
Qualifying Classes: Halter, Showmanship, Pleasure, Equitation, Hunter Hack, Hunter Over Fences
- **WESTERN/ENGLISH NOVICE WALK/JOG/TROT HIGH POINT: All Ages.**
Qualifying Classes: Halter, Showmanship, Western Pleasure/Equitation/Trail, English Pleasure/Equitation
- **WESTERN PERFORMANCE: Open**
Qualifying Classes: Ranch Pleasure, Ranch Riding, Ranch Horse Trail, Western Horsemanship, Reining (Modified)
- **TRAIL: Open CANCELLED**
Qualifying Classes: Ranch Horse Trail, Trail 18 & Over, Trail 17 & Under, Obstacle Challenge. **Horse/Rider combination must enter two Trail classes at 3 out of 4 HLVR shows, AND the Obstacle Challenge.**

HLVR HORSE SHOW CLASS DESCRIPTIONS - 2021

1. **1ST AND 2ND YEAR:** Intended for the horse and/or rider in their first or second year of showing (not just with HLVR), in a specific division. See Horse Show rules for tack and equipment requirements. Specific rules for each class are defined herein. Participants may cross enter into age group or open classes.
2. **EQUITATION - ENGLISH:** Same as for Equitation - Western below, except that riders will execute a pattern individually.
3. **EQUITATION - WESTERN:** Riders will be judged on their seat, hands and ability to control and show the horse. Riders will be asked to work both directions of the arena using all three gaits unless otherwise stated. At the judge's discretion riders may be asked to work individually.
4. **HALTER:** Defined as a class where the horse is judged based on its conformation. Selection is to be based on the individuals who most resemble that of their specific breed ideal; a positive combination of balance, structural correctness, breed and sex characteristics, and muscling. Horse to be shown in a halter or bridle appropriate to breed or type at a walk, trot and in a standing line-up. Silver not to count.
5. **HUNTER HACK:** This class will be judged on style over 2 fences (not to exceed 18" in height), rail work, manners, and way of going. Class to be judged 60% on performance and manners, 30% on type, conformation, quality and substance, and 10% on appointments.
6. **HUNTER OVER FENCES:** **CANCELLED** Horse/rider combination will be judged individually over a course of jumps not to exceed 2 feet 6 inches in height. Jumps may be a mixture of cross rails and straight rails. Horses will be judged on their performance and soundness. Performance includes the maintenance of an even hunting pace, manners, jumping style, and way of moving over a course. Course will be posted and may vary from show to show.
7. **LEAD LINE PLEASURE and EQUITATION:** To be ridden either Western or English with the appropriate tack and attire. To be judged at the walk working both directions of the arena. Both a bridle and a halter with an appropriate lead rope are to be used. Leadline handlers must be at least 16 years old as of show date and must be able to competently and safely control the horse. ***A parent, legal guardian, or other adult responsible for the leadline rider or leadline handler under the age of 18 must sign applicable entry forms, and must be present at all times when a minor child is at the event.***
8. **PLEASURE - ENGLISH:** Same as for Western Pleasure below, except that horse is to be shown with light contact on the reins.
9. **PLEASURE - WESTERN:** Horse to be shown at all three gaits, (except Walk/Jog classes where loping is not required), on a loose rein without undue restraint, to demonstrate their ability with different leads, and are required to back easily and stand quietly. The quality of movement and the consistency of the gaits is a major consideration. Head and neck are to be carried relaxed according to breed characteristics and type.
10. **RANCH HORSE TRAIL:** This class consists of a course with a minimum of three obstacles and is designed to show a horse's ability and willingness to perform several tasks that might be asked of him during the course of a normal day's ranch work. Class will be judged individually, with horse and rider working a posted pattern.
11. **RANCH PLEASURE:** This class shows the horse's ability to move at a working speed with a rider. Horses will be shown at all three gaits in each direction of the arena. Horses will also be asked to reverse away from the rail, to stop and back. The judge must ask for an extended trot and extended lope at least one direction. A horse will be given credit for traveling with his head held in a normal position, ears alert, and moving at a natural speed for the gait requested.
12. **RANCH RIDING:** Same as Ranch Pleasure except that riders will execute a pattern individually.
13. **REINING (MODIFIED):** Class to be judged individually with horse and rider working a specific pattern (not a full reining pattern). To rein a horse is not just to guide it, but also to control it's every movement. The best reined horse should be purposely guided or controlled with little or no apparent resistance, and dictated to completely. Patterns will be posted on show days and may vary from show to show.

14. SHOWMANSHIP: Judged on the handler's ability to fit and show a horse in hand. Performance consists of a poised, confident, neatly attired exhibitor leading a well groomed and conditioned animal. Appearance of the horse to count 35%, exhibitor's attire 10%, equipment 5%, and the exhibitor's ability to show the horse through a specified pattern 50%. Silver not to count over clean, well-maintained equipment.

15. TRAIL / OBSTACLE CHALLENGE: To be judged on the performance of the horse over obstacles, with emphasis on manners, response to rider, and quality of movement. Class to be performed with some degree of enthusiasm, providing correctness is not sacrificed. Horse should be credited for alertness to obstacles and his ability to pick his way through course when obstacles warrant, and willingly responding to the rider's cues on more difficult obstacles. **Obstacles/maneuvers may include, but are not limited to: walk, jog, lope, stop, back; turns and circles to left and right; walk/jog/lope over logs or poles; lead changes; maneuvers forward or reverse through a chute; pick up and/or carry objects; drag objects.** Rider must pass an obstacle after second refusal. Exception to CSHA rules: Live or dead animals may be used as trail obstacles.

16. TRAIL IN HAND: To be judged as a Trail class as described above, with the exception that the horse is led by a handler. Handler may not touch horse at any time while executing the course. Horses entered in this class **may not** cross enter into any mounted classes at the same show. This is a non-point class.

21. TRAIL - JACKPOT: See #21 below.

17. WALK/JOG/TROT PLEASURE, EQUITATION, TRAIL: Designed for riders 12 and under who are not yet ready to lope or canter. Riders may not enter any class where loping or cantering is a required gait. To be judged as pleasure, equitation, or trail classes as defined above, except that loping/cantering is not required.

18. WARM-UP - WESTERN and ENGLISH: To be judged as pleasure or equitation classes as defined above, with the exception that there is no loping/cantering. These are non-point classes.

19. WESTERN/ENGLISH NOVICE WALK/JOG/TROT: Western and English pleasure, equitation and trail classes designed for the horse and/or rider who is not yet ready to lope or canter, and who has not competed in a loping/cantering class at HLVR or elsewhere. Riders may be any age, from 5 years and up. **A novice horse or a novice rider entered in any of these classes may not enter any class where loping/cantering is a required gait.**

20. WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP: Class to be judged on the rider's ability to correctly execute a pattern in perfect unison with the horse. All three gaits will be performed with additional commands, according to the posted pattern. Points will count for both Western Performance, Western Age Group, and Western 1st and 2nd Year award categories.

21. TRAIL - JACKPOT - Open: Same description as for #15 above, with the added challenge of a time clock. Time will be used to break ties. 60% of each \$10 entry fee will be paid back as follows:

# riders	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
1-2	100%				
3-4	60%	40%			
5-6	50%	30%	20%		
7-9	40%	30%	20%	10%	
10-15	30%	25%	20%	15%	10%

HLVR PLAYDAY RULES - 2021

IT IS EACH PARTICIPANT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO READ AND ABIDE BY ALL RULES. OFFENDERS WILL BE SUBJECT TO PENALTIES ENFORCED BY HLVR OFFICIALS, JUDGES, OR EVENT MANAGERS (HEREIN REFERRED TO COLLECTIVELY AS OFFICIALS). FAILURE BY OFFICIALS TO ENFORCE ANY RULE SHALL NOT BE DEEMED AS A CHANGE IN THE RULE, NOR INVALIDATE THE RIGHT TO ENFORCE SAID RULE AT ANY OTHER TIME. NO EMERGENCY SERVICES ARE ON SITE (AMBULANCE, EMT, OR VETERINARY).

Playdays will be governed by HLVR General Event Rules and the California Gymkhana Association Rule Book, except as herein described. In the event of conflict, HLVR rules shall prevail. In all rules, the word "horse" applies to any equine. *(Rule books may be purchased from CSHA - californiastatehorsemen.com.)*

1. ASSISTANCE ENTERING OR IN THE ARENA: Any rider may have assistance entering the arena. At judge's discretion, an approved individual at least 16 years of age, either on foot or horseback, may be present in the arena to provide support for a rider or horse. See MINORS below. Except for Leadline or Beginner Walk/Jog, ten seconds will be added to rider's run time if there is in-arena assistance .

2. ATTIRE: Respectable and safe riding attire is required, including long pants, riding boots or shoes with a heel, and a shirt that is tucked in and which is designed to be tucked in.

3. CLASS DIVISIONS are determined by the ability of the rider in Lead Line, Beginner 1 and Beginner 2. All others are determined by the rider's age as of January 1st. Decisions of event management are final. Ribbons will be given for first through sixth place in each class.

Lead Line Rider is not yet able to ride without a Lead Line handler, and must be at least 3 years old as of January 1st.

Beginner Walk/Jog Rider must be at least 3 years old as of January 1st, and is just beginning to ride without a Lead Line handler, but may require an adult assistant in the arena with them. Assistant shall not have sustained contact with horse or rider, but may walk with horse and rider to provide guidance. This is a walk/jog only class.

Beginner Lope Rider must be at least 3 years old as of January 1st, and is just beginning to lope. No Assistant will be allowed in the arena. At management's discretion, rider may be asked to move into their appropriate age group.

Age Groups: Determined by rider's age as of January 1st: 12 & Under 13 to 17, 18 and over.

Over the Hill This division is for riders at least 39 years old as of January 1st, and not intended for the competitive rider. Competitive riders should enter an appropriate age group division.

4. COMPETITION PENALTIES / DISQUALIFICATIONS:

- a. Upon entering the arena, a rider must have his horse under control. Before commencing the pattern, the rider must momentarily break the horse's forward motion either by coming to a four-footed stop, backing, circling, or turning the horse 180 degrees away from the start/finish line. Violation of this rule will result in a "no time" disqualification.
- b. The loss of forward motion and/or breaking a pattern will result in a "no time" disqualification.
- c. A five-second penalty will be imposed for each obstacle or marker knocked down.
- d. On completion of a pattern, the horse must come to a **COMPLETE STOP** in designated area before leaving the arena. **NO STOP, NO TIME!**
- e. Running a horse at or into arena panels or gates to stop is prohibited and will result in a no time ruling. Violation of this rule after one warning will result in disqualification from continued participation in that day's event.

5. CONDUCT: All participants shall conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times. Officials, without exception, have the right to disqualify, refuse entry to, or eject from an event any participant for any actions of misconduct, intoxication, profanity, discourtesy to the judge, officials, employees, participants or spectators, out of control animals, or mistreatment or abuse to horses or other animals. No drugs or excessive drinking will be permitted. No unsafe riding practices will be permitted. Additional violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Acting or inciting or permitting any other to act in a manner contrary to the rules of HLVR or CSHA, or in a manner deemed improper, unethical, dishonest, unsportsmanlike, or prejudicial to the best interest of HLVR.
- b. Any act committed or remark made in connection with the competition considered offensive and/or made

with intent to influence or cast dispersions on the character or integrity of the judging/officiating; approaching a judge before a decision.

c. Whipping, spurring or striking the horse in front of the cinch; excessive force or other form of mistreatment or abuse; Unruly or out of control horse (dangerous to rider or others); Unsportsmanlike conduct (improper language, discourtesy to officials or other contestants, or abuse to animals).

d. Running of horses outside the arenas except in other specifically designated areas; riding double; riding in the tennis courts; riding/grazing on the lawns, standing on horse's back, or any other unsafe riding practices.

Enforcement will be at the discretion of HLVR management, officials, and/or event judge. Penalties for non compliance:

First Offense - Warning. If a child, the parent, guardian, or responsible adult will be advised also.

Second Offense - Disqualification from that event, and from any award series or participation series, with forfeiture of all fees.

6. ELIGIBILITY: Classes are open to members and non-members, and all breeds of equine, but only those members in good standing may qualify for participation awards or year-end championship awards.

7. ERRORS: In case of timing errors, re-runs will be authorized by the officials.

8. GATE CALL: Contestants must enter arena immediately when called. In the event of a necessary tack change, the order of go may be changed by officials. If a gate call is missed, the rider will have one opportunity to make the run before that event is finished. ***The announcer must be informed ahead of time.***

9. LAMENESS or UNSOUNDNESS: A horse will be eliminated from participation if event management, HLVR officials, or judge determines that abuse, lameness, exhaustion, or other unsoundness is apparent.

10. MANAGEMENT: Exception to CSHA rules: a person managing any Playday may participate at any Playday event.

11. MINORS: A parent, legal guardian, or other adult responsible for any rider under the age of 18 must sign applicable entry forms and releases of liability, and must be present at all times when the minor child is at the event.

13. MULTIPLE RIDERS: One horse may be ridden in no more than eight runs in one day, regardless of the number of riders or the types of classes that the horse is entered in, except for Lead Line and Beginner 1 classes. Officials will eliminate a horse from participation if this rule is violated.

14. PARTICIPATION AWARD SERIES: Participation in the participation award series is optional. In order to receive a participation award, rider must compete in three of four HLVR Playdays, pay the one-time participation award fee, be a member in good standing, comply with and follow all HLVR rules, and have fulfilled all work requirements (see **WORK REQUIREMENTS**). Participation awards will be given out at the annual banquet in November. Participation award eligibility will be retroactive if fees are paid no later than the end of the June Playday.

15. TACK: Any safe and humane tack and equipment may be used. Saddles are required (unless specified otherwise), and must be appropriately fitted to the rider. Riders must have feet in stirrups at all times. Riders may not be tied or otherwise held fast to saddles or stirrups. For Lead Line contestants, both a bridle and a halter with an appropriate lead rope must be used.

16. TIMES: All times will be determined by electronic timing equipment, or by averaging the times of two stop watches.

17. TRAILER PARKING: All trailers must be parked in designated area.

18. WORK REQUIREMENT: All HLVR participants competing for year-end championship or participation awards must work four hours for the club. **Failure to meet the work requirements by September 19, 2021 will result in forfeiture of all awards.** Individuals wishing to work their four hours may do so at any organized HLVR event. It is each individual's sole responsibility to inform an HLVR official of hours worked. Hours may be traded. Up to eight hours worked by one individual (member or non-member) may be credited to any other individual who is participating. In all cases, the individual performing the work must report the work to officials. In lieu of work, hours

may be purchased for \$10 per hour.

19. CLASS MINIMUM: A class with only one participant will be held.

20. DAILY PRIZE DRAWING: Depending on availability, a drawing for a prize may be held at the end of each Playday. Each contestant will be given one ticket when entering. Each first place winner in each class will get one additional ticket. Must be a member to be eligible.

21. YEAR-END HIGH POINT CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS: Those members in good standing who compete as a horse/rider combination in all three designated classes at three out of four Playdays, pay all membership dues, comply with and follow all HLVR rules, and fulfill all work requirements, (see **WORK REQUIREMENTS**) will be eligible to compete for year-end championship awards (champion, reserve, third through fifth), based on total run times. For run times to count towards high point championship, ***rider must ride the same horse in all three designated classes at each Playday.*** (This rule does not apply to Lead Line, Beginner Walk/Jog, or Beginner Lope participants.) Placings will be determined by total time accumulated in all runs of the designated classes. A two minute time will be recorded for any run where a legal time is not earned (disqualified, no-time, non-entry, etc.). All ties will be settled by determining the most firsts, seconds, etc. If a tie cannot be broken in this manner, the winner will be determined by a coin toss. Year-end award eligibility is retroactive and fees must be paid by the end of the June Playday. Awards may vary depending on category participation.
