

2026 Versatility Ranch Standard Show -- Conditions of Entry

1. The age of the horse shall be calculated from August 1st in any year
2. Amateur Owners must have a current Amateur Owner card from their respective association
3. All competitors must be ready for the stated starting times. Classes will not be held for competitors who are late
4. Youth riders must have written consent from parent/guardian
5. Disputes to be in writing accompanied by \$25, which will be refunded if the dispute is upheld
6. Competitors ride at their own risk. The NQQHA Inc will not accept responsibility for accident, loss or injury to competitors, horses or spectators
7. Competing Non-Members need to complete a waiver form, \$15 day fee applies if they are not a current financial member of NQQHA
8. The show is run under AQHA rules in conjunction with NQQHA Inc rules
9. IMPROVER is a rider who has not had 3 wins in a particular event two-handed and 2 wins in a particular event one-handed in a shank bit or 1 win in Open company in that event.
10. IMPROVER class (to replace BEGINNER class) As of 1st August 2013 an IMPROVER rider is one that has NOT been showing in Open, Amateur Owner or Youth classes or is someone who, according to previous rules set for the Beginner class, has not won their way out of the beginner classes prior to 1st August 2013. IMPROVERS remain ELIGIBLE until they have ONE win in Open competition (Junior/Senior Horse, A/O, Youth) in each event OR for a period of 3 years from their first show as an IMPROVER.
11. **IMPROVER SENIOR HORSE** are those horses 6 years and over who have not shown previously in one-handed western performance classes. Horses are eligible for an UNLIMITED time frame until they show one-handed in each of the western events, which will then make them INELIGIBLE to compete in this class. All horses in this class can be ridden in a smooth snaffle bit or shank bit with split reins. Dress code & tack rules as per Improver/Beginner
12. **AUST. HERITAGE SNAFFLE BIT (3yrs & over) As per AQHA Rule 46.2, please read the Rules, saddle must be Stock Saddle, Fender or Half Breed Saddle.**
 - A horse can only compete in the All Age Division or the Aust. Heritage Snaffle Bit Division at the same show, **not both.**
13. To be eligible to enter the CONFORMATION class you must enter at least ONE of the RIDDEN classes.
14. Patterns will be provided prior to show upon receipt of nominations (subject to receipt of same by judge)
15. Dress Code: Improver/Improver Senior Horse – Long pants, long sleeve collared shirt, safe riding boots, western hat/safety helmet. Any style saddle is acceptable (Western, English, Stock)
16. Ribbons to 5th place
17. To be eligible for the High Point Versatility Ranch awards you **MUST** compete in **all 4 classes** in your division.
18. High Point Trophies will be presented at the end of the show for All Age, Amateur Owner, Youth, Improver, Aust. Heritage Snafflebit and Improver Senior Horse.
19. High Point calculations will be on this basis 4 or more in class → 1st place = 4pts 2nd place = 3pts 3rd place = 2pts 4th place = 1 pt (3 entrants in class 1st place=3pt 2nd place = 2pt 3rd place = 1pt and so on...)
20. **Nominations are due on Friday 28th August @9pm. Nominations will be accepted via www.nominate.com.au . A late fee of \$20 will be charged for any NEW nominations received after this date. Existing entrants may add or change their classes without penalty prior to the official closing date. Official CLOSING DATE for all nominations including Late noms is SATURDAY 29th August @ 9pm. There will be no nominations accepted after this and absolutely NO REFUNDS/CHANGES to entries. Nominations for an A class show are non-refundable after the advertised closing date (28.08.2026) (unless the show is cancelled) and will not be held in credit.**
21. Competitors/participants at any event run by NQQHA have a responsibility to ensure the welfare of their horses and at all times to treat their horses humanely and with dignity, respect and compassion. Competitors/participants are to conduct themselves in a professional manner and act with integrity in all dealings with NQQHA & other competitors and to abide by the rules & regulations of the NQQHA & AQHA at all times. Competitors/participants are to demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times, showing respect for your fellow competitors and officials.
22. At all NQQHA shows, 1 hour prior to and 1 hour following the show, there will be no training equipment allowed in the immediate marshalling area and the performance arena. Dress code of Cap/Hat, long western style pants, safe enclosed footwear and a shirt with sleeves must be worn.
23. Competitors shall not approach the judge for any reason prior to completion of judging, unless the competitor has finished showing.
24. No Alcohol is allowed in, or can be consumed in the marshalling area, working arena or show pen.
25. No Dogs allowed in marshalling area, working area, show pen or canteen area. Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times.
26. Tully Horse Performance Centre is a **Glass Free Zone**.

Please be sure to read conditions of entry and acquaint yourself with the appropriate class rules from the AQHA rule book as some rules have recently changed.