



## Frequently Asked Questions

1. How do I register for a clinic or show?

Clinics and shows are registered for online on our website, [www.tnsa.org/events](http://www.tnsa.org/events) - forms are typically 2 months prior to the event. The clinic and show entry form is usually combined. Payment for show entries are collected at the show.

2. Do I have to be a member to show?

We offer an introductory division for those who have never shown ASHA and would like to try a test-run before committing to a membership. Otherwise, an ASHA membership and a competition license are required to show.

3. Can any breed of horse show? Do they have to have papers?

ASHA is open to all breeds, but horses suitable for ranch-type events are recommended. In order to show you must have a competition license and submit a copy of the horse's papers in your name or a family member's name. If you do not have papers, you can use the veterinary ID form located here. If you are leasing a horse, you must submit written documentation of the lease signed by owner.

4. What should I wear to show?

A collared long-sleeve shirt with pants, belt, a western hat or helmet, and boots will suffice. Chinks or chaps and spurs are not required to show.

5. What type of tack is legal?

Horses of all ages can be shown in a snaffle, bosal, or curb bit. The bit must be at least 5/16" and no more than 3/4" in diameter. **Only smooth bits are allowed** (no twisted wires). A standard western curb bit shank must not be longer than 8 ½ inches and the port must be less than 3 ½ inches. Split reins must be used with the exception of the use of romal or mecate rains. Curb straps must be used on curb bits.

## 6. What type of tack is illegal?

Tie downs, nose bands, gag bits, mechanical hackamores, running martingales. A Judge can also prohibit the use of any equipment deemed to be inhumane.

## 7. What type of awards are given at each show?

Highpoint awards, reserve highpoint awards, and class winner prizes are given at every show for every division.

## 8. How do I compete for a year-end highpoint award?

You must show in at least two of our shows, and be a member in good standing with TNSHA. You must compete in all four classes to be eligible for a division highpoint. Standings are updated after each show at [www.americanstockhorse.org](http://www.americanstockhorse.org)

## 9. How do I know what division I should show in?

If below is quite overwhelming, just message our page and one of our board members will help place you into a division!

*Open:* The Open Division is open to any professional or non-professional member, in good standing, with any horse regardless of past winnings. In addition to the normal entry fee, this division may collect and offer jackpot fees which will be paid back to winners according to the payout schedule in the ASHA Rule Book. These jackpot fees may range from a minimum of \$10 to a maximum of \$20 per class except for special events or championships.

*Non-Pro:* The Non-Pro Division is open to riders who (1) have not received payment, directly or indirectly for riding, training, assisting in training, showing horse(s) at any time during the past 5 years; (2) have not received payment directly or indirectly for instructing another person or conducting a seminar in riding, training, driving or showing a horse any time during the past five years; and (3) have not had any expenses (including lodging, transportation, mileage, etc.) paid by someone else other than family members

*Limited Non-Pro:* Exhibitors who qualify as a Non Pro Rider may choose to show in this division because of class routine or other personal choice. Exhibitors may also show in the Open or Non-Pro divisions without losing their eligibility in the Limited Non Pro division. There will be no jackpot in this division. Riders in this division will work a modified version of the working cow horse class which will not involve turns down the fence, circling or roping (see ASHA LTD Non Pro and Green Horse Working Cow Horse rules for specifics on rules for this division.)

*Novice:* The Novice Division is reserved for individuals with limited riding and showing experience who wish to learn more about showing in ASHA at a beginners pace. Novice riders must (1) adhere to all non pro eligibility requirements, (2) have never won a High-Point or Reserve High-Point Championship in any division at any ASHA show or similar association (see 2013 ASHA Handbook Page 23 of 49), (3) have never won an End-of Year All Around High Point Champion or Reserve All around High Point Champion in any division in ASHA or similar association, and (4) have had limited (less than one year) showing experience in cow horse, cutting or any other cattle-working events, have not earned money, points or awards in cattle working events and has had less than four years showing experience in other classes prior to participating in ASHA. If a member loses their novice eligibility through competition, they may finish that year as a novice. In the future, the member is eligible only for Limited Non-Pro, Non-Pro, Open or Green Horse Divisions. Novice riders will work Novice and Youth Reining Patterns and a Novice and Youth Working Cow Horse Pattern. The cow horse pattern is a shortened version of cow work which will not involve turns down the fence, circling or roping. (See ASHA Novice and Youth Reining and ASHA Novice and Youth Working Cow Horse rules for specifics on rules for this division.) Stallions are prohibited in this division.

*Youth:* Exhibitors in the youth division must aged 8 through 18 as of January 1 of the current year. Riders in this division will work a Novice and Youth Reining Pattern and a Novice and Youth Working Cow Horse Pattern. The cow horse pattern is a shortened version of cow work which will not involve turns down the fence, circling or roping. A youth may not show in both the Youth and Novice Divisions at the same show. Stallions are prohibited in this division.

*Green Horse:* Horses in this division will show in the same patterns as the Open and Non-Pro with the exception of the working cow horse class which will be the Modified Working Cow Horse pattern. A horse is eligible to be shown in this division if the horse (1) is five years of age and younger as of January 1 of current year and (2) has never won a Champion or Reserve Champion All-Around in any ASHA approved division. If a horse loses their green horse eligibility through competition, they may finish that year as a green horse. In the future, that horse is eligible only for other divisions. A green horse may be shown by a rider from any division