

Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition

2026 Versatility Ranch Horse Competition Requirements

Date: August 31 - September 1, 2026

Show Management

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Judges

Classes	Judges
VRH Classes	Mark Guynn Jameson Gross Rhonda Replogle Pam Scott Gayle Lampinen Heather Young.

Important Dates

Event	Date and Time
Entry Deadline	August 21, 2026 at 11:59 p.m.
Stall Reservation Deadline	August 21, 2026 at 11:59 p.m.
Early Arrival	August 30, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Arrival Deadline	September 1, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.
Release Date(s)	Following event each day

General Fee Schedule

Fee	Cost
Office Fee (Per Horse)	\$20.00
AQHA Admin Fee (Per Horse)	\$30.00
Late Fee (Per Horse)	\$50.00
RMQHA Fee (Per Entry)	\$2.00

Stalling Fees

Stall	Fee
Fair Time Horse Stall Fee (Per Stall)	\$30.00
Fair Time Tack Stall Fee (Per Stall)	\$30.00

Class Fee Schedule - Open/Cowboy/Amateur/Ltd Amateur

Fee	Cost
VRH Ranch Riding Class Fee	\$70.00
VRH Trail Class Fee	\$70.00
VRH Ranch Reining Class Fee	\$70.00
VRH Ranch Cow Work Class Fee	\$70.00
Ranch Cow Work Cattle Fee	TBD
VRH Ranch Cutting Class Fee	\$70.00
Ranch Cutting Cattle Fee	TBD
VRH Ranch Confirmation Class Fee	\$70.00
All-Day Show Fee (Cattle Fees Included) * This option enrolls the exhibitor in all classes. The \$510.00 fee applies to each division entering.	TBD

Note: If entering the AQHA Ranch Cow Work and AQHA Ranch Cutting Classes, exhibitors will only be required to pay the Cutting Cattle Fee.

Class Fee Schedule - Rookie Amateur/Youth/Ltd Youth/Rookie Youth

Fee	Cost
VRH Ranch Riding Class Fee	\$50.00
VRH Trail Class Fee	\$50.00
VRH Ranch Reining Class Fee	\$50.00
CRH Cow Work Class Fee	\$50.00
Ranch Cow Work Class Fee	\$50.00
Ranch Cow Work Cattle Fee	TBD
VRH Ranch Cutting Class Fee	\$50.00
Ranch Cutting Cattle Fee	TBD
All Day Show Fee (Cattle Fees included) *This option enrolls exhibitors in all classes. The \$365.00 fee applies to each division entering.	\$365.00

Note: If entering in both the AQHA Ranch Cow Work and AQHA Ranch Cutting Classes, exhibitors will only be required to pay the Cutting Cattle Fee.

Versatility Paid Practices

Monday, August 31st, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Fence or Boxing Practice	\$50.00/run
Trail Practice	\$25.00/horse
Reining Practice	\$25.00/horse

\$5,500 Added Triple Judged AQHA Ranch Versatility

General Information

1. Each exhibitor is expected to read and adhere to the following Colorado State Fair Competition Requirements as adopted by the Colorado State Fair Authority Board of Commissioners (Board): 2026 Colorado State Fair General Competition Requirements, 2026 General Horse Show Competition Requirements, 2026 Versatility Ranch Horse Competition Requirements.
2. Each exhibitor is expected to read and adhere to the [2026 American Quarter Horse Association Official Handbook of Rules and Regulations](#).

Stall Reservations

1. All stalls must be reserved by August 21, 2026, through the online form.
2. If received after August 21st, the Authority will charge a \$50 late fee per owner.
3. Payments are not due until check-in at the fair.

Versatility Ranch Horse Paid Practices

1. August 31, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. Paid Practice is open to anyone attending the Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition ("State Fair") Ranch Horse Versatility event. Paid practice will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Riders must sign up on entry form for paid practices.
2. Practices will be at will. Practice will begin with cow work in the East Arena and reining in the West Arena. Trail practice will follow reining practice. The trail course will be taken down at 3:00 p.m.

Awards and Premiums:

1. The AQHA Ranch Versatility at the State Fair is a Triple Point Special Event. All-Around awards will be given to the Champion and Reserve Champions in each division. Exhibitors must enter all 6 classes to be eligible for the All-Around awards in each division. Ribbons will be handed out in each class.
2. The AQHA event has a total of \$5,500 added to the triple-judged event. The added money will be paid out only to those entering all 6 classes and will be included in the overall placings.
3. There will be \$4,000 added in the Open division, \$1,000 added in the Amateur division, \$250 added in the Cowboy division, and \$250 added in the Limited Amateur division.

4. In addition, \$20 out of every Open, Cowboy, Amateur, and Limited Amateur entry fee will be jackpotted.
5. The Youth, Ltd Youth, Rookie Youth, and Amateur Rookie classes have no jackpot or added money; they are prize-only classes.
6. The Authority will use the NRCHA sliding scale to pay all premium monies.

Patterns

All Shows will use these AQHA patterns:

- VRH Ranch Riding is pattern #3
- VRH Ranch Reining is pattern #2

Versatility Ranch Horse Daily Schedule

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

- East Arena
- Settle time: 7:40 a.m.
- Start time: 8:00 a.m.
- Judges: Mark Guynn, Rhonda Replogle, Pam Scott

Class #	Class Name
22/RHC 179600	VRH Open Ranch Cutting/RHC 4yr Old and Up Open Ranch Cutting
23	VRH Cowboy Ranch Cutting
38/RHC 279600	VRH Amateur Ranch Cutting/RHC 4yr Old and Up Amateur Ranch Cutting
58	VRH Limited Amateur Ranch Cutting
704	VRH Rookie Amateur Ranch Cutting
92/RHC 479600	VRH Youth Ranch Cutting/RHC 4yr Old and Up Youth Ranch Cutting
902	VRH Limited Youth Ranch Cutting
905	VRH Rookie Youth Ranch Cutting
	Tear Down Cutting Pen to prep for Ranch Riding and Conformation.

Ranch Conformation and Ranch Riding

Class #	Class Name
11	VRH Open Ranch Riding
12	VRH Cowboy Ranch Riding
	Short Break
24	VRH Open Ranch Conformation
25	VRH Cowboy Ranch Conformation

- Covered Arena
- Start time: 9:00 a.m.
- Judges: Jamieson Gross. Gayle Lampinen, Heather Young

Class #	Class Name
94	VRH Youth Ranch Conformation
904	VRH Limited Youth Ranch Conformation
906	VRH Rookie Youth Ranch Conformation
39	VRH Amateur Ranch Conformation
59	VRH Limited Amateur Ranch Conformation
705	VRH Rookie Amateur Ranch Conformation
	Short Break to set up for Ranch Reining
17	VRH Open Ranch Reining
18	VRH Cowboy Ranch Reining
87	VRH Youth Ranch Reining
807	VRH Limited Youth Ranch Reining

Class #	Class Name
808	VRH Rookie Youth Ranch Reining
35	VRH Amateur Ranch Reining
55	VRH Limited Amateur Ranch Reining
702	VRH Rookie Amateur Ranch Reining
81	VRH Youth Ranch Riding
801	VRH Limited Youth Ranch Riding
802	VRH Rookie Youth Ranch Riding
31	VRH Amateur Ranch Riding
51	VRH Limited Amateur Ranch Riding
700	VRH Rookie Amateur Ranch Riding

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

- East Arena
- Start time: 8:00 a.m.
- Judges: Mark Guynn, Rhonda Replogle, Pam Scott

Class #	Class Name
20	VRH Open Ranch Cow Work
21	VRH Cowboy Ranch Cow Work
37	VRH Amateur Ranch Cow Work (fence)
57	VRH Limited Amateur Ranch Cow Work (box, drive, box, drive)
90	VRH Youth Cow Work (fence)
91	VRH Limited Youth Cow Work (box, drive, box, drive)
903	VRH Rookie Youth Ranch Boxing
703	VRH Rookie Amateur Ranch Boxing

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

- Covered Arena
- Start time: 9:00 a.m.
- Judges: Jamieson Gross. Gayle Lampinen, Heather Young

Class #	Class Name
84/AQHA SE253	VRH Youth Ranch Trail/AQHA SE Youth Trail
804	VRH Limited Youth Ranch Trail
805	VRH Rookie Youth Ranch Trail
33/AQHA SE254	VRH Amateur Ranch Trail/AQHA SE Amateur Trail
53	VRH Limited Amateur Ranch Trail
701	VRH Rookie Amateur Ranch Trail
14/AQHA SE255	AQHA Open Ranch Trail/AQHA SE Open Trail
15	AQHA Cowboy Ranch Trail