

What is your judge looking for? County Horse Show



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About Josey

- Horse Judging
 - 2019 National Champion Arabian Judging Team
 - Top 5 at NRHA Futurity, AQHA Spring Contest
 - Top 10 AQHA Congress and AQHA World Show
 - 6 Wyoming 4-H County Fairs
 - 2 South Dakota 4-H County Fairs

- Horse Showing
 - All-Around
 - Showmanship
 - Open Youth, 4-H, FFA, AQHA and Sugar Bar Futurity



What is Judge Looking for in Pattern Classes?

What are Pattern Classes?

- Showmanship
- Western Horsemanship
- Hunt Seat Equitation
- Ranch Riding
- Reining
- Trail
- Western Riding



Judge Looks for in all classes

- Pattern Accuracy
- Showring/Pattern Awareness
- Working as a team with horse
- Seamless Transitions & Gaits



Pattern Class Criteria

Showmanship

- Pattern Accuracy
- Maneuvers
 - Quarter System
- Teamwork

Western Horsemanship & Hunt Seat Equitation

- Correctness
- Quality
- Degree of Difficulty

Ranch Riding

- Correctness
- Quality
- Degree of Difficulty
- Manners & Responsiveness
- Quality of Movement

Reining

- Correctness
- Quality
- Degree of Difficulty
 - The best reined horse should be willfully guided on his own with little or no apparent resistance and dictated to completely

Western Riding

- Correctness
- Quality
- Degree of Difficulty
- Quality of Movement

Trail

- Manners
- Pattern Accuracy/Correctness
- Quality
- Degree of Difficulty

What is Judge Looking for in Non-Pattern Classes?

What are Non-Pattern Classes?

- Halter
- Western Pleasure
- Hunter Under Saddle

Judge Looks for in all classes

- Pattern Accuracy
- Showring/Pattern Awareness
- Working as a team with horse
- Seamless Transitions & Gaits



Non-Pattern Class Criteria

Halter

- Balance
- Structural Correctness
- Muscling
- Quality
- Quality of Movement

Western Pleasure and Hunter Under Saddle

Correct -> Quality -> Degree of Difficulty

- Correctness
 - Functionally Correct
 - Cadence
 - Soundness
- Performance
 - Attitude/Manners
 - Consistency
- Quality of Movement
 - Cadence
 - Rhythm

