

## **RANCH RIDING CLASSES DESCRIPTION**

**This class is a class as if you were riding &/or /herding on the western plains using an all natural way of going for both horse and rider.....**

**This class shows the horse's ability to move at a working speed with a rider. Horses will be shown at three (3) gaits-walk, trot, canter in each direction of the arena. Horses will also be asked to reverse away from the rail, to stop and back. The judge may ask for an extended trot and extended canter at least one direction of the ring. 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. Credit will also be given for making a smooth transition between the gaits, for keeping the correct lead, and for maintaining the gait requested until the judge requests a change. A rider must show his horse with only one (1) hand on the reins, unless the horse is 4 years old or younger and is being shown in a snaffle bit or hackamore (bosal). Finalist may be worked individually at the discretion of the judge. Judges are encouraged to work exhibitors thoroughly, if time permits.**

**Fancy tack and dress is not required for this class.**

**Snaffle bit or hackamore(bosal) with 2 hands up to 4 years old or younger**

**Shank bit with 1 hand 5 years or older.**

**This class was put into the show for the people that could not ride &/or place in the western pleasure classes with their horses because they are not western pleasure type horses.**