



GVRHA AFFILIATE CLASSES

RULES & CONDITIONS

<u>GVRHA CLASS DEFINITIONS:</u> Riders must be GVRHA members	
GVRHA ANY HANDED OPEN/ NON-PRO	Open to any open or non pro horse/rider combination. Can ride one or two handed and may change during the pattern without penalty. Rider must hold a valid GVRHA club membership.
GVRHA BEGINNER	Riders with less than 2 years reining experience. Riders may ride one or two handed and may swap during the pattern. Flying lead changes or stop and lope on the correct lead is allowed without penalty.
GVRHA GREEN REINER	Riders may ride one or two handed and must remain unchanged throughout the pattern. Flying lead changes or stop and lope on the correct lead is allowed without penalty.
GVRHA LADIES / MENS	Open to any horse/female or male rider combination. Horse must be ridden one handed in a bridle. Rider must hold a valid GVRHA membership.
GVRHA LEAD LINE / SHORT STIRRUP	Open to any Youth rider under the age of 10 years holding a valid GVRHA Youth membership. Lead Line must ride two handed and be led at ALL times by a parent/guardian.
GVRHA SHORT STIRRUP COMPETITORS ARE:	1. Able to ride independently and can ride one or two handed and permitted to change at any time throughout the pattern. 2. Can have a trainer/handler in the pen during the pattern. 3. Can trot or canter, no penalty. 4. Horse can have a halter on for safety with no penalty. 5. Allowed to hold the saddle horn for safety at any time during the pattern with no penalty. Youth may borrow a horse to compete – stallions and three-year-old horses not permitted. Competitors MUST wear an approved safety helmet and riding boots. Any tack allowed, English or western, MUST be in safe working order and stirrups MUST be used
GVRHA JUNIOR HORSE/ SENIOR HORSE/AGED HORSE	Junior horse – Any horse 5 and under as at 1 st August 2025. Can be shown one handed or two-handed snaffle bit/hackamore. Senior Horse – Any horse 6 and older as at 1 st August 2025. Must be shown one handed in a bridle. Aged Horse – Any horse 12 and older as at 1 st August 2025. Must be shown one handed in a bridle.
GVRHA YOUTH – ANY HANDED	Open to youth riders 10-18 yo. Riders may switch between one and two handed. Not eligible for end of year High Point awards
GVRHA NOVICE HORSE - GREEN	No horse age limit Two handed class – bridle or snaffle or hackamore may be used



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	<p>Lead changes – lead change, simple change or stop and lead departure where a lead change is required in the pattern are all acceptable and will not incur penalties</p> <p>Eligibility: Horse must have \$0 earnings as at 31/12/2025</p> <p>GVRHA membership required (or one off Event membership) – NRHA membership not required, NRHA Horse License not required</p> <p>Not eligible for end of year GVRHA High Point awards</p> <p>– it is the entrants' responsibility to ensure eligibility.</p>
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