

It's A Cinch Horsemanship's Halloween Fun Show 10/21/2023

Official Rules

Rules:

- 1) This is a fun show open to **ALL** It's A Cinch students. Come show off your skills! Divisions range from students just starting out to advanced competitors and everyone is welcome!
- 2) Show will follow American Quarter Horse Association rules with the following exceptions:
 - Dress Code: Come in your 'riding friendly' Halloween costume. Riders must still be able to wear boots and helmet to ride. Helmets are not required for Showmanship classes. Points will be awarded for costume/presentation in addition to pattern for Showmanship classes. Special awards for best costumes will be handed mid-day by the show crew.
 - If you're not feeling the dress up vibe, please come neatly dressed in long pants, boots, long sleeved button up shirt and a belt.
 - Tack: Practice tack will be allowed, including nylon halters for Showmanship and closed/rainbow reins for riding classes. Walk-trotters will have their horses saddled for the Showmanship classes, but will show in a halter. A short break will be taken to change into bridles before the riding classes begin.
 - Procedure: This is a fun show and riders will not be disqualified for using 2 hands in Western classes, but will not place over riders showing 1-handed in the event of a tie.
 - Rail classes will be judged on rider's skill in presenting their horse and not on horse's quality or movement as in a typical pleasure class.
 - Riders may compete in English or Western tack, but must show according to their chosen discipline. (English riders must post the trot unless a sitting trot is specified. Western riders will be penalized for posting with the exception of ranch riding classes.)
 - Patterns will be posted on Thursday before the show on the website and facebook page. Walk/Trot patterns will be practiced in lessons before the show unbeknownst to riders 😊
 - Full AQHA Rules can be found here: <https://www.aqha.com/aqha-rulebook>

- 3) This is a judged show with ribbons awarded in each class through 6th place and high-point awards for each division. All classes in each division will count towards high-point award. Points are calculated on the number of entries in the class. For example, in a class of 6 or more horses:

1st=6 points

2nd=5 points

3rd=4 points

4th= 3 points

5th= 2 points

6th= 1 point

In a class of less than 6 horses, highest point awarded will be the number of horses in the class.

- 4) Sign-In will begin at 8:30am on show day with classes beginning at 9am. Walk/Trot riders will show in the afternoon after Junior and Senior divisions commence. Please be prepared to show by 1pm, but know that classes may begin later depending on the number of exhibitors in our earlier classes.
- 5) Horses are assigned to each rider for the show. Preferences are accounted for, but not guaranteed. Horse assignments will be officially posted Saturday, Oct 14th.
- 6) Patterns will be available to view online Thursday before the show at [www.itsacinchhorsemanship.com](http://www.itsacinchhorsemanship.com/in-house-shows) /in-house-shows and on our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/itsacinchhorsemanship>. Paper patterns for your division will be included in your entry packet along with class list and exhibitor number on Saturday.
- 7) Entry fee is \$50 per division and will include all classes in that division. If rider wishes not to compete or to 'scratch' a particular class, please make a note of it on your entry form. All entries must be received by 10/13/2023. Payments may accompany entry forms or can be paid any time before the show begins. Entries must be paid in full before exhibitor will receive their back number to compete.
- 8) Order of go for classes will be:
- Showmanship* (Pattern)
 - Equitation on the Rail
 - Horsemanship (Pattern)
 - Ranch Horse Pleasure
 - Ranch Reining (Pattern)(For Junior/Senior Divisions only)
 - Pole Bending (Timed Event)
- *Points will be awarded in Showmanship for best costume/presentation.
- **Pole Bending is a timed event and will not be judged. Walk/Trot division riders may canter for pole bending but it is not required.
- 9) Seating is limited and spectators are welcome to bring chairs. Please have spectators, especially children stay in the assigned seating areas as we will have horses coming in and out of the gate all day. Please be respectful of any areas that are roped off for show staff and/or exhibitors.
- 10) A concession stand will be available at lunch time and have drinks, snacks and Hebrew National all-beef hotdogs.