

It's A Cinch Horsemanship Spring Show

4/25/2026

Official Rules

Rules:

- 1) EACH CAR MUST HAVE A PARKING TICKET TO ENTER THE GROUNDS ON SHOW DAY. EACH ENTRY WILL INCLUDE 1 PARKING TICKET TO HANG IN YOUR WINDSHEILD; UP TO 1 ADDITIONAL PARKING TICKET PER FAMILY MAY BE PURCHASED FOR \$10.00, ADDITIONAL PARKING TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE ON A FIRST COME/FIRST SERVED BASIS. **PARKING ATTENDANT WILL SHOW YOU TO YOUR PARKING SPOT; ON STREET PARKING IS ILLEGAL AT OUR LOCATION AS IT BLOCKS THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC.**
- 2) 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!
- 3) Show will follow American Quarter Horse Association rules with the following exceptions:
 - Dress Code for Western Riders: Please come neatly dressed in long pants, boots, long sleeved button down shirt and a belt. Hair should be neatly secured in a bun, low ponytail, or braid. Cowboy Hats are allowed for Showmanship, Helmets are required for all riding classes.
 - Dress Code for English Riders: Breeches or Riding Tights, Riding Boots, Belt, and Long Sleeved Riding Shirt. Hair should be neatly secured in a bun, low ponytail, or braid. Helmets are required for both Showmanship and riding classes.
 - 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 are judged on posture, poise, balance, and ability to control the horse.
 - 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. All patterns will be practiced in lessons before the show.

- Full AQHA Rules can be found here: <https://www.aqha.com/aqha-rulebook>

- 4) 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.

Ribbons will be awarded for **ALL** places in each class; however points will only be awarded through 6th place.

- 5) NEW FOR 2026! Spring Show and Fall Show are a 2-part show series. Points from both shows will combine for year-end buckles. Individual high-point awards will still be offered at each show, and year-end belt buckles will go to the exhibitor in each division with the highest points combined from both the spring and fall shows.

- 6) DIVISIONS:

(RIDER AGE IS DETERMINED AS OF 1/1/2026.)

WALK/TROT 10 & Under: OPEN TO WALK/TROT RIDERS AGE 10 AND UNDER. RIDERS WILL SHOW AT THE WALK AND TROT ONLY.

WALK/TROT 11 & Up: OPEN TO WALK/TROT RIDERS AGE 11 AND UP. RIDERS WILL SHOW AT THE WALK AND TROT ONLY.

JUNIOR: OPEN TO RIDERS AGES 13 & UNDER. RIDERS WILL SHOW AT THE WALK, TROT AND LOPE.

SENIOR: OPEN TO RIDERS AGE 14-18. RIDERS WILL SHOW AT THE WALK, TROT AND LOPE.

Divisions may be combined or split depending on number of entries. Any divisions that are run concurrently to conserve time will still be placed separately for awards.

- 7) JUNIOR & SENIOR: Sign-In will begin at 8:30am on show day with classes beginning at 9am. Walk/Trot: Sign-in will open at 12:30pm. Walk/Trot riders will show in the afternoon after JUNIOR & SENIOR divisions commence, but not before 1pm. Please be prepared to show by 1pm, but know that classes may begin later depending on the number of exhibitors in our earlier classes.
- 8) Horses are assigned to each rider for the show. Availability is on a first come/ first served basis. Horses are only officially 'reserved' once exhibitor's entry has been sent in.
- 9) Patterns will be available to view online Thursday before the show at www.itsacinchhorsemanship.com /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.

10) Entry fee is \$60 per division and will include all classes in that division and 1 parking ticket. 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 4/12/2026. Payments may accompany entry forms or can be paid any time before entries close on 4/12/2026. Entries must be paid in full before exhibitor will receive their back number to compete. Up to 1 additional parking ticket per family may be purchased for \$10.00. Additional parking ticket orders must be received by close of entry on 4/12/2026. Exhibitor packets will be sent out the week before the horse show and will include the following:

*Parking Ticket(s)

Parking Map

Exhibitor's Back Number

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Class List

Patterns

***PARKING TICKETS MUST BE PRESENT AND IN YOUR POSSESSION WHEN ENTERING THE EVENT.**

11) 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.

12) No concessions will be available for purchase at the Spring Show.