

2017 COLT CHALLENGE

PRESENTED BY

Magnum V Performance Horses

The purpose of the competition is to promote young horses in the performance horse industry in the prairies. There will be a variety of OPEN classes geared towards showcasing a versatile mount. Casual and fun!

The competition is OPEN to any breed of horse, grade or registered.

Competition to take place **Aug. 27, 2017** at **Magnum V Performance Horses**, Arden, MB

General Rules

- Stallions, fillies and geldings will be shown together in each class. A youth (16 & under as of Jan 1 of current year) will not be permitted to show a stallion.
- The judge(s) may hold a briefing prior to the start of the competition, if they wish.
- Contestants will not be permitted to approach the judge during the competition. Any appeals shall be in writing accompanied by a \$150 cash grievance fee and directed towards the board of directors of the 2017 Colt Challenge. If the grievance is upheld, the fee will be refunded.
- The show committee reserves the right to accept or reject any entries.
- Additional rules may be implemented at the discretion of the show committee. The rules, regulations and requirements pertaining to these events are subject to change if necessary and may be amended at any time.
- Judges' decision is final. A tie will remain a tie, monies won will be divided equally.
- The order of go into the ring, will be drawn and posted on show day.
- The judge shall examine and check for lameness of all horses brought into any class. The judge has the authority to excuse any horse from the class, due to lameness, at any time while being judged. Obvious lameness shall be cause for disqualification. Obvious lameness is:
 - Consistently observable at a trot under all circumstances;
 - Marked nodding, hitching or shortened stride;
 - Minimal weight-bearing in motion and/or at rest and inability to move.
- Hoof black, braided or banded manes, and tail extensions are not permitted.
- Entry fee is non-refundable

Tack & Equipment Rules

- Exhibitors must wear western attire, which includes a long-sleeved shirt, long pants, a western hat or helmet & boots. Chaps & chinks are optional. For crossrails, contestants will have to option to use either western or English attire and tack. If English is chosen, attire must include classic English boots (half chaps

are permitted), breeches, jacket, polo shirt and helmet. All youth are highly recommended to wear a CSA approved helmet.

- For round pen, conformation and obstacles in-hand, horses can be shown in a rope halter or a stock type halter, silver is discouraged.
- Protective boots, leg wraps and bandages are permitted (except in conformation)
- Rope or riata (if used), must be coiled and attached to the saddle.
- Spurs not to be used forward of the cinch.
- Prohibited equipment includes; wire chin straps, martingales, draw reins, nosebands.
- Tie downs and roping reins are permitted for BARRELS ONLY.
- Hackamores mean the use of a flexible, braided rawhide, leather or rope bosal, the core of which is rawhide. Absolutely no rigid material will be permitted under the jaw, regardless of how padded or covered. Horse hair bosals are prohibited.
- Horses 5 year old and younger may be shown in a snaffle bit, hackamore, curb bit, half breed, or spade. Horses 6 year old and older may be shown in a curb bit, half breed or spade. (Refer to the AQHA handbook for further bit rules)
- Except for junior horses (5 year old or less) shown with hackamore/snaffle bit, only one hand may be used on the reins, and the hand may not be changed. The hand is to be around the reins, only index finger between split reins is permitted. However, in trail, it is permissible to change hands to work an obstacle. Junior horses (5 years old and younger) shown in a hackamore or snaffle may be ridden with one or two hands on the reins. Mecate may be used with a snaffle bit.

Classes

- 1> Yearling Round Pen
- 2> Two Year Old Round Pen
- 3> Yearling Obstacles In-hand
- 4> Two Year Old Obstacles In-hand
- 5> Three Year old Ranch Trail
- 6> Four/Five Year Old Ranch Trail
- 7> OPEN Ranch Trail
- 8> Yearling Conformation
- 9> Two Year Old Conformation
- 10> Three Year Old Conformation
- 11> Four/Five Year Old Conformation
- 12> Three Year Old Ranch Riding
- 13> Four/Five Year Old Ranch Riding
- 14> OPEN Ranch Riding
- 15> Four/Five Year Old Barrels
- 16> OPEN Barrels
- 17> Four/Five Year Old Crossrails
- 18> OPEN Crossrails
- 19> OPEN Ranch Rail Pleasure
- 20> **Freshman Challenge**- open to any yearling, 3 components: Conformation, round pen and obstacles in-hand

- 21> **Sophomore Challenge**- open to any 2 year old, 3 components: Conformation, round pen and obstacles in-hand
- 22> **Junior Challenge**- open to any 3 year old, 3 components: Conformation, Ranch Trail, Ranch Riding
- 23> **Senior Challenge**- open to any 4 or 5 year old, 5 components (a minimum of 4 must be entered): Conformation, Ranch Trail, Ranch Riding, Barrels, Crossrails

ENTRY FEES: \$10 PER CLASS
\$75 PER CHALLENGE DIVISION

PAYOUTS: CLASSES 1st- \$20 2nd- \$15 3rd- \$10 4th- \$5
CHALLENGES Champion \$350 Reserve Champion \$150

Challenges

In each Challenge Division, contestants must perform each of the components, except for the Senior Challenge where a minimum of 4 components are required. Challenge classes will run concurrent with the regular classes, so if contestants want to be eligible for both payouts, both entry fees must be paid. The combined points will be added to determine the champion and reserve champion.

Class Descriptions

Round Pen Work

The purpose of this class is to demonstrate that the horse has movement, responsiveness, and potential to become competitive under saddle. The horse will be scored at a walk, trot and lope either on a lunge line or at liberty in a round pen in both directions. Score is based on 20 points movement, 60 points responsiveness, and 20 points use of circle with a total possible score of 100 points. The exhibitor will be allowed 2 ½ minutes to present the horse at all three gaits (walk, trot, lope) in both directions. Time will begin at the sound of a whistle when the horse has been sent away from the handler to begin the presentation. A 2 minute notice will be given. At the end of 2 ½ minutes the whistle or signal will be given to end the presentation. If a contestant chooses to work their horse at liberty, the horse must be halted within the 2 ½ minutes. Horses will be credited for their ability to consistently stay on the perimeter of the round pen. They will be penalized for failure to demonstrate the correct lead, jog/trot for an adequate distance to allow for proper evaluation, and if the exhibitor has not halted the horse within the time limit. An exhibitor that does not complete all elements required cannot place over one that does complete all elements. Obvious lameness and an unruly horse posing a safety risk shall be cause for severe penalties, at the judge's discretion. Whips or flags will be permitted, but cannot be overly used. They are only used as an aid; severe penalty will be applied if the horse is touched anywhere with the whip or flag. If horse makes hard contact with perimeter of round pen, a penalty shall be incurred.

Obstacles In-Hand

This class is judged on the performance of the horse over and through obstacles with emphasis on manners, response to the handler and attitude. Contestants will travel, leading the horse on a

halter/lead over or through trail obstacles. The pattern will be posted in the morning of the show. The course will consist of any obstacles which could reasonably be expected to be encountered. Credit will be given to horses negotiating the obstacles with style, expression and a degree of speed, providing carefulness is not sacrificed. Special credit is given to a horse picking its way through an obstacle that warrants it and willingly responding to a handler's cues. Horses shall be penalized for any unnecessary delay while approaching or negotiating the obstacles or for blatant disobedience. They will also be penalized for failure to demonstrate correct lead or gait, if designated, failure to complete obstacles, failure to follow correct line of travel within or between obstacles or for performing obstacles incorrectly or other than specified order or no attempt to perform an obstacle. Each horse will receive a score out of 100.

Possible Obstacles:

- Opening, passing through and closing a gate
- Going over a bridge- horse only
- Carrying object from one part of arena to other.
- Placing blanket or pad on horse's back (yearlings)
- Walk over a tarp.
- Weave through cones
- Going over at least four logs
- Back through - straight, L shaped, T shaped or in a zigzag
- Mailbox
- Walk & trot throughs
- Side pass / move away from pressure
- Turning in a 6'x6' Box- done without exiting the box
- Trailer loading
- Picking up feet
- Trash pit
- Cowboy curtain
- Allow handler to "sack" with blanket/slicker
- Tie and stand quietly
- Saddle (2 year olds)

Conformation

A show halter with silver should not count over a good working halter. Horses will walk to the judge one at a time. As the horse approaches, the judge will step to the right (left of the horse) to enable the horse to trot straight to a cone placed 50 feet (15meters) away. At the cone, the horse will continue trotting, turn to the left and trot toward the left wall or fence of the arena. After trotting, horses will be lined up head to tail for individual inspection by the judge. The judge shall inspect each horse from both sides, front and rear. Horses should stand up squarely and naturally and are not to be stretched. The decision of the judge will be final. Each horse will receive a score out of 100.

The purpose of the class is to preserve the performance horse type, by selecting well-mannered individuals in the order of their resemblance to the breed ideal and that are the most positive combination of balance, structural correctness, and movement with appropriate breed and sex characteristics and adequate muscling as is reasonable for each age division. The horse should possess eye appeal that is the result of a harmonious blending of an attractive head; refined throat latch; well-proportioned, trim neck; long, sloping shoulder; deep heart girth; short back; strong loin and coupling;

long hip and croup; and well-defined and muscular stifle, gaskin, forearm and chest. These characteristics should be coupled with straight and structurally correct legs and feet. The horse should be a balanced athlete that is muscled uniformly throughout. One of the most important criteria in selecting a horse is conformation, or its physical appearance.

Rating conformation depends upon objective evaluation of the following four traits:

- **balance**
- **structural correctness**
- **breed & sex characteristics**
- **degree of muscling (reasonable for each age division)**

Of the four, balance is the single most important, and refers to the structural and aesthetic blending of body parts. **Balance is influenced almost entirely by skeletal structure.**

Ranch Trail

The ranch trail class should test the horse's ability to cope with situations encountered while being ridden through a pattern of obstacles generally found during the course of everyday ranch work. The horse/rider team is judged on the correctness, efficiency and pattern accuracy with which the obstacles are negotiated and the attitude and mannerisms exhibited by the horse. Judging emphasis is on identifying the well-broke, responsive and well-mannered horse which can correctly navigate and negotiate the course. Horse must be at least 3 years old. The ranch trail course will include no less than six and no more than ten obstacles. Each horse will receive a score out of 100.

Mandatory obstacles and/or maneuvers:

- Ride over obstacles on the ground – usually logs or poles. Walk, trot, or lope may be used, but only one gait is required.
- Opening, passing through, and closing gate
- Ride over wooden bridge
- Backing obstacles
- Side pass obstacle
- Rope drag

Optional obstacles:

- A jump obstacle whose center height is not less than 14" high or more than 24" high. Holding the saddle horn is permissible for this obstacle.
- Carry object from one part of the arena to another.
- Remove and replace materials from mailbox.
- Trot through cones spaced a minimum of 6 feet apart.
- Cross natural ditches or ride up embankments.
- Swing rope or throw rope at dummy steer head.
- Step in and out of obstacle.
- Put on slicker or coat.
- Walk through water obstacle.
- Pick up feet.

- Walk through brush.
- Ground tie
- Lead at the trot.

Ranch Riding

In all gaits, movement of the ranch riding horse should simulate a horse needing to cover long distances, softly and quietly, like that of a working ranch horse. The purpose of the ranch riding class is to measure the ability of the horse to be a pleasure to ride while being used as a means of conveyance from performing one ranch task to another. The horse should reflect the versatility, attitude and movement of a working ranch horse riding outside the confines of an arena. The horse should be well-trained, relaxed, quiet, soft and cadenced at all gaits. The ideal ranch horse will travel with forward movement and demonstrate an obvious lengthening of stride at extended gaits. The horse can be ridden with light contact or on a relatively loose rein without requiring undue restraint, but not shown on a full drape of reins. The overall manners and responsiveness of the ranch riding horse to make timely transitions in a smooth and correct manner, as well as the quality of the movement are of primary considerations. The ideal ranch riding horse should have a natural head carriage at each gait. Horse must be at least 3 years old. Each horse will work individually, performing the required gait maneuvers and minimum of three optional maneuvers. Horses will be scored on the basis of 0 to 100, with 70 denoting an average performance. Each maneuver will receive a score that should be added or subtracted from 70 and is subject to a penalty that should be subtracted. Each maneuver will be scored on the following basis, ranging from plus 1 1/2 to minus 1 1/2.: -1 1/2 extremely poor, -1 very poor, -1/2 poor, 0 correct, +1/2 good, + 1 very good, + 1 1/2 excellent. Maneuver scores are to be determined and assessed independently of penalty points.

The required gait maneuvers will include the walk, trot, and lope both directions: and the extended trot and extended lope at least one direction; as well as stops, and back.

The optional maneuvers may include a side pass, turns of 360 degrees or more, change of lead (simple or flying), walk, trot, or lope over a log(s); or some reasonable combination of maneuvers that would be reasonable for a horse to perform or encounter during ranch work.

No time limit. Posting at the extended trot is acceptable. Touching or holding the saddle horn is acceptable.

Barrel Racing

Exhibitors race against the clock, following a course consisting of three barrels in a triangular "cloverleaf" pattern. Contestants must choose either the right or left barrel, circle it, and go to the next barrel, completing the course after circling the third barrel and running home. Barrel racing is a timed event. The contestant is allowed a running start. Knocking over a barrel carries a five-second penalty. Failure to follow the course shall cause disqualification. A contestant may touch the barrel with his or her hands in barrel racing. A whip may not exceed two feet in length excluding over and unders which

must be attached to the saddle. The judge must disqualify any contestant for excessive use of a whip, rope, crop, bat or reins anywhere on the horse. If a tie occurs, a coin toss will be used to separate the ties. Horse must be at least 4 years old.

Crossrails

Contestants will have to option to use either western or English attire and tack. If English is chosen, attire must include classic English boots (half chaps are permitted), breeches, jacket, polo shirt and helmet. Horse must be at least 3 years old.

Scores will be based on 60 points jumping style (6 jumps, 10 points each jump) and 40 points responsiveness and attitude. Jumpers are scored on a mathematical basis and penalty faults which include knockdowns, disobediences and faults.

- First disobedience anywhere on course - four faults.
- Second cumulative disobedience anywhere on course - four faults.
- In cases of broken equipment, the rider may either continue without penalty or stop and correct difficulty, in which case he /she will be penalized four faults.
- Knockdown- four faults.
- Disobediences.
 - Refusal. When a horse stops in front of an obstacle (whether or not the obstacle is knocked down or altered), it is a refusal unless the horse then immediately jumps the obstacle without backing one step. If horse takes one step backwards, it is a refusal. After a refusal, if horse is moved toward the obstacle but does not attempt to jump, it is considered another refusal.
 - Run-out. A run-out occurs when the horse evades or passes the obstacle to be jumped; jumps an obstacle outside its limiting markers; or when the horse or rider knocks down a flag, standard, wing or other element limiting the obstacle (without obstacle being jumped).
 - Unnecessary circling on course. Any form of circle or circles, whereby the horse crosses its original track between two consecutive obstacles anywhere on course, except to retake obstacle after refusal or run-out.
- Elimination.
 - Third cumulative disobedience anywhere on course.
 - Jumping an obstacle before it is reset, or without waiting for signal to proceed.
 - Starting before judges signal to proceed.
 - Off course.
 - Rider and/or horse leaving the arena before finishing the course.
 - Excessive use of a whip, rope, crop, bat or reins anywhere on the horse.

Ranch Rail Pleasure

The Ranch Rail Pleasure horse should reflect the versatility, attitude, and movement of a working horse. The horse's performance should simulate a horse riding outside the confines of an arena and represent that of a working ranch horse. This class should show the horse's ability to work at a forward, working speed while under control by the rider. Light contact should be rewarded and horses shall not be shown

on full drape of reins. The overall manners and responsiveness of the horse while performing the maneuver requirements, and the horse's quality of movement are the primary considerations. Horses will work at the rail as a full class, both ways of the arena, and at all three gaits. Horse must be at least 3 years old.

Minimum Class Requirements: - Walk - Trot - Extended Trot (minimum one way of the arena). - Lope - Back

Optional maneuvers to be dictated by the judge as necessary to separate horses may include but are not limited to: - Side Passing - Counter Cantering - Two Tracking - Turn on the hind quarters - Turn on the front quarters