



RULES FOR REGIONAL SHOWS 2026

Show Management and general regulations

- Each show shall appoint a Show Manager and a Secretary. These officials shall be responsible for the overall organisation of the show, the collection of ERCHA memberships (owners and riders), the distribution of added money, and the communication of official results.
- **No show may be scheduled within one week (7 days) before or one week (7 days) after an ERCHA Special Event, except for regional shows organized more than 800 km away from the location of the ERCHA Special Event. Additionally, no regional shows may be held on the exact date of any ERCHA Special Event.**
- The ERCHA regional show season ends on November 15th of each year. As of this date, riders must hold a valid ERCHA membership for the following year.
- The judge shall be an ERCHA/NRCHA official judge.

Classes

- Compulsory classes are:
 - **Open Bridle;**
 - **Non Pro Bridle;**
 - **Novice Riders;** is an ERCHA-approved class. It is a Jackpot class where horses **not owned by the rider** may also be shown. Horses may be shown **two-handed in a hackamore or snaffle bit**, or with **standard AQHA-approved bits**. AQHA rules apply. Riders **must not have earned more than \$750** in fence work classes at any judged events or classes, **excluding horse sales**. The winner of the 2025 Novice Riders Championship in each region will not be eligible to compete in the 2026 Novice Riders. Eligibility is determined according to the following table:

REGION	2025 CHAMPION
ITALY	FEDERICA ANSELMINI
SWITZERLAND	TIFFANY THEURILLAT
FRANCE	CHRISTELLE DRONET
CENTRAL EASTERN	NATHALIE PAULI
UK	NO NOVICE RIDERS CLASS IN 2025

- **Novice Horse Open;** Horses will be shown two-handed in a snaffle bit only, with no age restrictions
 - **Novice Horse Non Pro;** Horses will be shown two-handed in a snaffle bit only, with no age restrictions
- The classes to be organised will be at the discretion of the organiser (either all classes or selected ones):
 - **Hackamore Open and Non Pro;**

- **Two Rein Open and Non Pro;**
 - **Limited Open Bridle;**
 - **Non Pro Boxing;**
 - **Box Drive;**
 - **Limited Non Pro Boxing**
 - **Level 1 Non Pro Bridle**
 - **Youth Novice Riders:** This is an ERCHA-approved class open to riders under 18 as of November 16 of the current show year. For safety reasons, youth riders may not show stallions in Youth classes.
 - **HERDWORK ALL AGES OPEN AND NON PRO;** is an ERCHA approved class. It's open for open and non pro rider. It's open to horses of any age ~~owned by the Non Pro rider~~. **From 2025 horses NOT owned by the rider can be shown too in the Non Pro division.** Horses may be shown 2-handed in snaffle-bit, or with regular AQHA bits. **A minimum of 1 fresh cow per horse and rider combination must be guaranteed in the Herdwork All Ages classes.**
- Each class may offer added money or be a jackpot class.

Regional Show requirements and procedures

- Horse owners and riders are required to hold an ERCHA regional membership (the fee for 2026 is €60).
- The Regional Final will be held in October 2026. Riders who have accumulated more than three points, as shown on the ERCHA ranking list available on the website, will be qualified.
- Before publishing the show program, the organiser must obtain ERCHA approval.
- If added money is offered, it must be distributed regardless of the number of horses.
- Three weeks prior to the regional show, a copy of the approval form must be sent to the ERCHA Secretary at ercha.regionals.laura@gmail.com for approval.
- A penalty of €100 will apply if the show is cancelled **without a valid reason**
- After the show, scorecards, the ranking list, and new membership forms shall be submitted to the ERCHA Secretary at ercha.regionals.laura@gmail.com . **A penalty of €100 will be assessed if the results are sent after 14 days the end of the show, an additional penalty of 200 euro will be assessed if results are sent after 30 days. Any results not received after 60 days, the show will not be recognised by ERCHA for Regional Championship.**

Administrative and compliance responsibilities of organisers

- Show organisers are responsible for ensuring that riders and owners hold valid ERCHA memberships, and for verifying riders' insurance prior to the show.
- **The organiser is responsible for all safety, insurance, financial, and legal matters concerning the participants.**
- It is recommended that the competition grounds be maintained in a condition adequate to ensure the safety of horse-and-rider pairs.
- If membership money does not arrive at ERCHA, the show will be cancelled.
- If a person fails to pay entry fees, cattle charges, or membership fees, they will be placed on the ERCHA Suspended List. This list indicates individuals who are not permitted to participate in any ERCHA show until all outstanding payments are settled: <https://ercha.org/ercha-disciplinary-action-list/>
- ERCHA cannot approve a show if membership requirements are not fulfilled. In order to verify memberships, the organisers may consult the ERCHA database at any time: <https://ercha.mds3server.com>

