

**Big Sky Horse Park  
2018 Buckle Series  
June 17  
July 1  
July 15**

**First Class 9 am**

**SHOW INFORMATION & RULES**

**\*\*PLEASE READ\*\***

**ENTRIES**

Entries must be received by the Friday prior to the show to avoid post-entry fee. Entry fees are \$7.00 per class. Mail/deliver entry form and checks made payable to Big Sky Horse Park to: Cindy Arnott, 1003 Tower St, Missoula, MT 59804.

Late/post/day-of-show entries accepted at \$2.00 additional per class. Post entries must enter at least three classes in advance of class to be post-entered (classes 1 and 2 must be entered by 8:30 am the day of the show).

No class refunds will be given without a veterinarian or doctor's certificate prior to the start of the show.

Entries must be signed and include the two additional signed waivers: the Missoula Horse Council Membership & Assumption of Risk Agreement for BSHP Non-Members and the Recommendation and Waiver of Use of ASTM/SEI Approved Protective Headgear as applicable for every rider for every show.

**AWARDS**

Ribbons will be awarded to six places. High Point rider in each division will be awarded a custom trophy buckle. Reserve high point awards in each division will also be awarded.

- Novice Horse or Rider (1, 8, 14, 19, 22, 23, 27)
- 9 & Under (2, 9, 15, 19, 22, 23, 27)
- 10-15 (3, 10, 16, 20, 24, 28)
- 16 & Over (4, 11, 17, 21, 25, 29)
- Open (5, 7, 12, 18, 22, 26, 30)

Nomination: To be eligible for High Point awards, riders must pay a \$10.00 nomination fee per division. Fee must be paid by conclusion of first show rider enters. Riders may nominate in multiple divisions as eligible, however a rider may not receive more than one High Point award. Competitors must compete in at least two of the three shows in the series to be eligible for High Point awards. Awards are tracked by rider, not horse.

**Please Note:** The intent of the Buckle Series shows is to offer all levels of horses and riders an opportunity to compete. Divisions requirements and show rules are meant to clarify expectations for riders and provide an even playing field for all competitors. However, management recognizes that occasionally a situation arises which isn't addressed in the rules. Management will make decisions in these cases that provide the most fair competitive atmosphere for all exhibitors. Management decisions are final.

## **DIVISIONS**

Open - all riders and horses

Novice - a horse and/or rider in the first year of showing at any horse show. A rider who has never won a first place award in a horse show may also enter this division. Novice classes are Walk/Trot, and may be ridden two-handed in a snaffle bit, regardless of the age of the horse. Novice entrants may not enter in open classes except for walk/trot classes, but are eligible for appropriate age division classes.

9 & Under - an entrant/rider age 9 & under. (All classes will be walk/trot)

10-15 - an entrant/rider ages 10 to 15.

16 & Over – an entrant/rider who is 16 or older.

Leadline - a rider age 9 & under or riders with special needs for whom the class is deemed appropriate at the discretion of the Show Manager. Leadline riders may not enter in any other class under saddle.

## **REGULATIONS**

1. The rider's age as of June 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year is considered their show age throughout the same year.
2. No stallions are allowed to be shown by anyone under 18 years of age.
3. Any horse deemed unsafe, unsound, or uncontrollable will be asked to leave and forfeit all fees paid.
4. Any entrant over-using spurs, whips, or exhibiting cruelty to an animal or other behavior deemed unacceptable will be asked to leave and forfeit all fees paid.
5. All dogs must be leashed.
5. Attire: Hats or helmets and boots are required for all classes. Safety-approved helmets are recommended for all riders. The helmet waiver on the entry form must be signed to show without a helmet. Western classes require long sleeve, western style shirt. Chaps and coats are optional in all classes, including English.
6. The judge's decisions are final. Please bring questions/complaints to the attention of show management.
7. All patterns will be posted at least a half hour before the applicable class.
8. Non-members of the Big Sky Horse Park must sign the provided waiver of liability and include it with the entry form.
9. Contestants must ride in their age category with the exception of 9 and under contestants who wish to enter loping classes. These contestants may enter the 10-15 age category. Please talk to Cindy regarding High Point qualification.
10. Unless otherwise stated or determined by show management, AQHA guidelines for tack and class rules will be followed.
11. Equitation and Horsemanship classes will have posted patterns. However, at the judge's discretion any class may be worked entirely on the rail with no pattern judged.
12. Some combined classes may have high points assigned to multiple age divisions. Please talk to show management if you have a question about how those points will be assigned.
13. Novice exhibitors are welcome and encouraged. Riders in Novice classes will not be disqualified for tack but judges may consider tack which doesn't meet the standard in placing the class. Any tack or use of tack which is cruel or abusive may be reason for DQ or excusal from class.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Please enter the BSHP from South Ave. by using 31<sup>st</sup> St. (just east of Big Sky High School) instead of 35<sup>th</sup> St. This helps decrease traffic for our neighbors on 35<sup>th</sup>.

Proceeds from the Open Buckle Show Series go to development of the Big Sky Horse Park. We appreciate your patronage and support.



**BIG SKY HORSE PARK**  
**OPEN BUCKLE SHOW CLASS ENTRY**

Check each class to enter and fill in the name of the horse entrant will be riding in that class.

✓	#	CLASS	HORSE
	1	Novice Showmanship	
	2	9 & Under Showmanship	
	3	10-15 Showmanship	
	4	16 & Over	
	5	Open Showmanship	
	6	Leadline	
	7	Open Western Pleasure Walk/Trot	
	8	Novice Western Pleasure Walk/Trot	
	9	9 & Under Western Pleasure	
	10	10-15 Western Pleasure	
	11	16 & Over Western Pleasure	
	12	Open Western Pleasure	
	13	Jackpot Western Pleasure (50% payout)	
	14	Novice Western Equitation	
	15	9 & Under Western Equitation	
	16	10-15 Western Equitation	
	17	16 & Over Western Equitation	
	18	Open Western Equitation	
	19	Walk/Trot Ranch Riding	
	20	15 & Under Ranch Riding	
	21	16 & Over Ranch Riding	
	22	Open English Pleasure Walk/Trot	
	23	Novice/ 9 & Under English Pleasure	
	24	10-15 English Pleasure	
	25	16 & Over English Pleasure	
	26	Open English Pleasure	
	27	Novice / 9 & Under English Equitation	
	28	10-15 English Equitation	
	29	16 & Over English Equitation	
	30	Open English Equitation	

\_\_\_\_\_ **Total Number of Classes Entered**



