

YHS Rules, regulations, guidelines and tips.

Young Horse Show Series - List of Qualifying Classes:

In Hand & At Liberty Qualifier- Horses ages 1-4yrs – (All disciplines) -

\$75/class (includes handler fees)

Class# 101 - Yearling

Class# 102 - 2yr olds

Class# 103 - 3yr olds

Class# 104 - 4yr olds

**Jump Chute Qualifier- Horses ages 2-4yrs - (All disciplines) - \$75/class
(includes handler fees)**

Class# 202 - 2yr olds

Class# 203 - 3yr olds

Class# 204 - 4yr olds

**Flat Classes for Sport Under Saddle Qualifier - Horses age 3-5yrs - (All
disciplines) - \$45/class**

Class # 303 - 3yr olds

Class# 304 - 4yr olds

Class# 305 - 5yr olds

**Jumping Under Saddle Qualifier - Horses age 4-5yr olds – (Hunter /
Jumper) - \$45/class**

Class# 404 - 4yr olds - Height .85m-1.0m

Class# 405 - 5yr olds - Height 1.0m-1.20m

**Dressage Under Saddle Qualifier - Horses age 4-5yr olds combined
Test of Choice - \$45/class**

Class #500

**YHS Dressage Under Saddle Qualifier - Horses age 4-5yr olds -
\$45/class**

Class# 504 – YHS 4 yo Dressage Test (Available online or in prize list)

Class# 505 – YHS 5 yo Dressage Test (Available online or in prize list)

Warm up / Schooling Classes (No prize money)

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- Class#210 - Schooling/warm-up Jump Chute - Horses Age 1 to 5 (All disciplines) - \$55 (includes handlers fee, not judged)
- Class# W300 – 3 to 7 yo Flat under saddle - \$45
- Class# W403 – 3 to 7 yo Cross Rails Hunter/Jumper O/F \$30/round (Not Judged)
- Class# W404 – 3 to 7 yo Schooling Hunter/Jumper O/F \$30/round (Not Judged) – (0.85 / 1m)
- Class# W405 – 3 to 7 yo Schooling Hunter/Jumper O/F \$30/round (Not judged) – (1m / 1m10)
- Class# 503 – YHS Dressage test for 3yo
- Class# W500 – 3, 4, 5 yo YHS Dressage Test under saddle (Judged) - \$45

Eligible Competitors: All horses and ponies, yearlings to five year olds, who are being prepared to compete in Jumpers, Dressage, Eventing or Hunters.

6 and 7 yo can compete in the schooling classes only.

All horses must provide proof of registration with a YHS recognized registry (WBFSH recognized registries, most USEF recognized registries,...) to compete in the qualifying classes. Not recognized

documentation includes but is not limited to: Vet notes or certificates, USEF Registration Card, PHR papers, insemination records, etc...

Please contact the office if you are uncertain about the eligibility of your horse.

Qualification requirements for the Finals (Qualifier Classes only):

Classes 100, 200: All horses that receive a score of 7.5 or above in one class will automatically qualify for the final.

Classes 300 and 400: A score of 7.0 or above or a double clear round in one class will automatically qualify for the final.

Classes 500, 504 and 505: All horses that receive a score of 62% or above in one class will automatically qualify for the final.

Qualifier Divisions/Classes: There are five divisions. Horses can compete in more than one division and/or class appropriate to their age group.

In-Hand and At Liberty class – (All disciplines) - Classes 100 Open to horses Age 1 to 4

Horses will be presented in-hand followed or after a 2 to 3 minute at-liberty phase. Horses will be judged on conformation, quality of all three gaits, overall athleticism and overall impression.

The conformation of each horse will be assessed by the judge(s) independently.

The horses will be scored on conformation (30%), quality of all three gaits (30%), overall athleticism (30%) and overall impression (10%).

Needed score to qualify for the finals: 7.5 or above

Horse equipment provisions:

Horses 2 years and older will be required to compete in a bridle with a bit with removable reins. Yearlings can compete in a halter with an optional chain shank. If a horse 2 or older has not or cannot be shown in a bridle with a bit, please contact us prior to the class to avoid any issues with the judge or other participants.

No boots or wraps are allowed.

DIVISION/CLASS NUMBER	
S.S.I.H	
Yearling	101
2-year old	102
3-year old	103
4-year old)	104

**Jump Chute – (All disciplines) - Classes 200
Open to horse Age 2 to 4**

Horses will jump an age appropriate chute of up to three jumps.

Max. Heights:

- 1.10m (3'6") height, maximum 1.15m (3'9") spread (two-year old)
- 1.15 (3'9') height, maximum 1.20m (4') spread (three-year old)
- 1.20 (4') height, maximum 1.30 (4'3") spread (4four-year old)

Note: an increase of 3" will be optional at finals in each age group.

These heights are a guideline and may be lowered if necessary. They will be carefully adapted to each horse according to their ability and willingness.

Each horse will be judged based on scope, technique, carefulness and willingness.

The jump chute is composed of 3 fences: cross rail, vertical and oxer with a distance of approximately 21' between the first and second fence and 24' between the second and third. The distance will be modified slightly depending on the age group. Feel free to indicate to the handlers and/or officials the way your horse has been schooled. We will take it into consideration and adapt our system when possible. Our default system is for the horse to be walked or trotted into the jump chute, released and then caught at the end of the chute and/or preferably the use of the "Rond d'Avrincourt" when personnel is sufficient. Most final will follow the Rond d'Avrincourt method (minimal horse handling) if possible.

Note: horses can be excused after 2 refusals or if their behavior is dangerous to our handlers or themselves.

We initially will set the chute at an inviting height so the horse can become accustomed to the chute and then will raise the jumps accordingly. Placing rails may be placed to help the horse.

If we or the judge(s) feel the horse's welfare is at stake (e.g., lack of preparation, lack of ability, fear), the horse will be excused from the class.

The horses will receive equally weighted scores for scope, technique, carefulness and willingness at the conclusion of their jumping effort.

Needed score to qualify for the finals: 7.5 or above

Horse equipment provisions:

Horses 2 years and older will be required to compete in a bridle with a bit with removable reins. Yearlings can compete in a halter with an optional chain shank. If a horse 2 or older has not or cannot be shown in a bridle with a bit, please contact us prior to the class to avoid any issues with the judge or other participants.

Front leg wraps or protective boots are encouraged. No Hind end wraps or boots.

**Schooling / Warm up Jump Chute (All disciplines) – Class 210:
Open to horses Age 1 to 5**

This class will focus on the safety and comfort of the horse in a jump chute environment. These classes are for horses with little or no experience in a jump chute. It is also a good warm up class for more experienced horses prior to the classes 200. A good and relaxed experience for the horse will be the focus of the class. Heights of the fences and number of trips will not be relevant.

This class is not judged. Not a qualifying class.

DIVISION/CLASS NUMBER	
J.C	
2-year old	202
3-year old	203
4-year old	204
Schooling (1 to 5)	210

Flat Class for Sport Under Saddle (All disciplines)

Open to horses age 3, 4 and 5

Judges will assess the basic gaits of the horse under saddle and its rideability. Up to two horses and riders will be in the ring at once when possible with the judge(s) asking the riders to walk, trot, canter and lengthen the gaits. Horses will be scored on the quality of their gaits under saddle, as well as their overall impression and rideability.

What the Judge is looking for:

The judge wants to see a horse that is relaxed and willing to do his job. With an age appropriate frame, the judge will look for a forward horse, balanced, relaxed with a softly connected way of going that best demonstrates his/her gaits.

Horses will receive a score for walk (25%), trot (25%), canter (25%) and rideability (25%). The scores will be based on the individual horse, not on a relative basis.

Needed score to qualify for the finals: 7.0 or above

Horse equipment provisions:

- Riders may use a dressage, jumping or all-purpose saddle.
- Riders are encouraged to use a smooth snaffle or 3-piece bit. Bits that will not be allowed for this class are Pelhams, Kimberwickes, Elevator, Gags or Mikmars with shanks.
- Riders may not use draw reins, side reins, chambons, de gogues, neck stretchers or any other head setting device in the class.
- Dressage whips or riding crops are permissible.

DIVISION/CLASS NUMBER	
Flat U.S	
3-year old	303
4-year old	304
5-year old	305

Jumping Under Saddle Open to horses age 4 and 5

The Jumping Class is designed similarly to European Young Horse classes which are designed to assess a horse's jumping talent under saddle, while at the same time building confidence and experience.

Horses will jump an age-appropriate course of approximately 8 to 10 jumps. They will be required to go over the course twice with a short break in between trips..

Heights: .85m to 1.00m (2'9" - 3'3") height, width as per USEF Rule Book (four-year old)

1.00m to 1.20m (3'3" - 3'9") height, width as per USEF Rule Book (five-year old)

The course will be designed with an inviting course structure set with the young-horse in mind. Time is neither set nor judged.

For the YHS sanctioned classes, the horse will be scored over each obstacle and scored for each movement before, during and prior to the fences, then combined for a total score.

Needed score to qualify for the finals: 7.0 or above or a double clear round

What the Judge is looking for:

The focus of the judging is on the horse's jumping "style" (e.g., scope, technique, carefulness and willingness). Horses should be ridden in a soft and balanced frame and with adequate pace that enables them to negotiate each jump in their best form. (This class is modeled after the "Bundeschampionat" Young Horse series in Germany).

DIVISION/CLASS NUMBER	
J.U.S	
4-year old	404
5-year old	405

Dressage Under Saddle Open to horses age 4 and 5

Horses will demonstrate their basic rideability, harmony with their rider and willingness to perform using the new YHS dressage Test.

The tests can be performed by any horse and rider pairing of any discipline who is capable of walking, trotting, cantering, and halting.

The tests incorporate all three gaits, basic changes of direction, circles and half-circles.

Tests may be read for riders.

What the Judge is looking for:

The judge wants to see a horse that is relaxed and willing to do his job. They look for balanced, smooth transitions and clear, rhythmic gaits.

They also want to see circles that are balanced, round and the correct size, lines that are straight and immobile halts.

Needed score to qualify for the finals: 62% or above

Horse equipment provisions:

- Riders may use a dressage, jumping or all-purpose saddle.
- Riders are encouraged to use a FEI-dressage legal bit for this class. The only bits that will not be allowed for this class are Pelhams, Kimberwickes, Elevator, Gags or Mikmars with shanks.
- Riders may not use draw reins, side reins, chambons, de gogues, neck stretchers or any other head setting device in the class.
- Dressage whips or riding crops are permissible.
- No boots or wraps may be used on the legs during the class.

DIVISION/CLASS NUMBER	
D.U.S	
4 Year Old	504
5 Year Old	505
4 and 5 Year old – T.O.C	500

Directive ideas for the Dressage Test (also see FEI tests):

- Freedom and regularity of the gaits
- Impulsion, desire to move forward
- Elasticity of the steps, suppleness of the back and engagement of the hind legs
- Submission, adequate for each age group (acceptance of the bridle and lightness of the forehand)
- Attention and confidence

The test are posted online.

Schooling Classes:

DIVISION/CLASS NUMBER	
Schooling/Warm up - W	
3 to 7 yo Under Saddle	W300
3 to 7 yo Cross Rails	W403
3 to 7 yo Dressage	W500
3 to 7 yo Jumping - 1m	W404
3 to 7 yo Jumping – 1.10m	W405

ORDER OF GO

Qualifiers and Finals – Classes 100 and 200 (In Hand/At Liberty/Jump Chute):

Each participant is responsible to check in and sign up at the gate prior to each class, giving the in gate person their bridle number to receive a placing in the order of go.

i.e: 3rd, 5th, 10th, etc.

Each participant will need to be present and ready when their turn is up.

It is the participant's responsibility to keep up with the times and fluctuations of the class schedule.

If the participant/horse is not present at his/her allotted position, their turn will be replaced by the following participant and be placed at the bottom of the existing list. Participants are allowed to make arrangements with the in gate person according to their needs.

The in gate person remains in charge of the order of go or conflicts that may arise.

Qualifiers and Finals – Classes 300, 400 and 500 (Under Saddle):

We will provide an order of go with tentative times. These times will fluctuate due to unforeseen events such as weather, multiple horses per rider or Horse/Rider preparedness, safety, etc...We recommend that all riders check with the in gate person prior to coming to the ring in order to avoid waiting and delays.

Payment:

All entries must be accompanied with a form of payment. Check, credit Card or Paypal payment. Entries without a form of payment will not be processed.

Important note to NAS/SF/BWP Stallion Owners:

We welcome stallions to come and compete in the under saddle divisions in order to acquire a performance result for their NAS life time approval status, SF and BWP performance requirements. Heights and difficulty levels will be adjusted to their age requirements.

Please contact the YHS office for more information about the stallion performance classes.



General Rules and Regulations:

IMPORTANT NOTES FOR THE ALL CLASSES:

If the rider falls off or dismounts the horse for any reasons without being asked specifically by the judge, the horse and rider will be excused from the ring.

If the judge feels that the rider/horse or handler/horse combination is unsafe for anyone involved or if the horse looks irregular in his gates, the judge will excuse the said combination from the class.

All persons entering any Young Horse Show venues must be wearing adequate footwear (closed toe shoes).

Fees/Refunds:

- Office fee is non-refundable.

- Class and grounds fees will be refundable until closing date.
- Stall or Trailer In Fees will be refundable up to 72Hrs before the show due to injuries or illness. Documents will need to be provided.
- NO REFUND ON SCRATCHES ON SHOW DAY

Scores: Each horse will receive a Final Score per class entered that will be based on a scale from 1 to 10 or a % for dressage tests.

Professional Handlers: Due to liability issues, professional handlers are mandatory for the in-hand and jump chute divisions. We have arranged for a minimum of two professional handlers to be present at the show. Their fees are included in the class.

Bridles: Mandatory for 2 year olds and older. Optional for yearlings. Make sure to have reins with clips that are easy to remove.

Stalls: mandatory for all horses competing in classes 100s and 200s.

Trailer in: If the host permits it, horses competing at the YHS can be trailered in (do not have to purchase a stall). Horses will have to be attended at all times. No trailer tying.

If the YHS Staff feels that the horse/ trailer situation is unsafe, competitors will have to purchase a stall or leave the show grounds. No questions asked.

FINALS SPECIAL RULES

Entries:

ALL HORSES PARTICIPATING IN THE QUALIFIER DURING THE FINAL WEEK WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE ENTERED IN THE FINALS IF THEY QUALIFY AND CHARGED ACCORDINGLY.

If you do not wish to participate in the Finals, you must come to the office to scratch.

You must do so no later than 24hrs prior to the finals class your horse qualified for to avoid being charged any fees. No email, texts or calls will be acknowledged for scratches.

Jump Chute:

Placing rails will only be used during the finals if the Jump Chute crew feels that the safety of the horse depends on it. If the Jump Chute crew uses placing rails during the finals, 1 point will be subtracted from the final score. (This rule does not apply to qualifiers).

Scoring:

Finals scores are from 0 to 20
(except in Dressage under saddle).

NEW: Any horse with a double clear round at any USEF rated show will automatically be considered qualified for the finals (proof required).

Jumping under Saddle Max. Heights:

4 yo: up to 1.05m

5yo: up to 1.20m

Jump Chute Max. Heights:

2 yo: 3'9" or \leq 1.15m

3yo: 4' or \leq 1.20

4 yo: 4'3" or \leq 1.30

HORSE SHOW TIPS

- For the in hand classes, make sure to have reins with clips that are easy to remove
- If your horse is not used to a bridle, we recommend that you practice at home a few times before the show

- Make sure your horse is clean and braided. If you cannot have your horse braided, make sure the mane is pulled and short
- Make sure your horse's feet are trimmed and clean. The trimming should be done a few days before the show to avoid soreness in the feet
- Practice the jump chute at home if possible. Do not over face your horse!
The height is not important at first. You just need to build confidence.

It is the intention of this Young Horse Show to provide our young horses a suitable environment to begin their careers without the pressures of the Show Circuit. With this in mind, we kindly request that owners, trainers and riders abide by a drug-free show for the young horses. The judges will be lenient with "young horse mistakes." So, Let's "just say No" and enjoy our horses' first steps towards a competitive career!

Thank you!

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