



Are you ready?

Our first show of the season is just 6 days away!!!

What you should know for the May RHAM show...

Show Forms:

The following forms are available on the RHAM website at <http://www.miranchhorse.com/forms/>:

- Membership forms
- Versatility forms
- RHAM Permanent Back Numbers
- Showbills & more...

Pre-entries:

New for 2017 – Online Pre-entry & EKG Verified Program!!!

We are excited to announce new programs for 2017 that are now officially launched for the RHAM 2017 Show Season!

Online Pre-entries: Pre-entries are now simpler than ever! No more printing, scanning, and emailing! Follow the link to submit your entries for the May season opener including Versatility class selections!

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/RHAM2/2017GreatLakesRanchHorseCircuitMay1314PreEntryForm>

Submit your pre-entry prior to noon on Wednesday, May 10th to qualify for a pre-entry discount of \$20. Must show in a minimum of 10 classes to receive the discount.

There will also be a drawing for all pre-entries for a choice of a free weekend stall or a free cattle class.

EKG Verified is a pre-verification program being offered to Ranch Horse Association of Michigan exhibitors in 2017. This program allows you to submit all your horse and exhibitor paperwork – Certificates of Eligibility, coggins, membership cards, etc. ahead of the first show and only **ONE TIME**. Once you're Verified, you're set for the season!* Come to the office, flash your card, and select your classes (if you haven't done so already). Simple as that!

To register at the show, you MUST BRING

- copy of horse's ARHA registration
- copy of exhibitor's current ARHA membership card
 - *you must hold a current ARHA membership card for the appropriate division(s) to be eligible to show in ARHA classes*
- copy of owner's current ARHA membership card
- copy of exhibitor's current RHAM membership card
 - *RHAM points for year-end awards begin accumulating at time of paid membership for current show season/year*
- copy of horse's current negative coggins
- copy of horse's current health certificate if you are traveling from outside of Michigan

If you are not pre-entering, the above are still needed when you check-in at the show so to expedite your non-pre-entry check-in; please be sure to bring copies of the above documents with you.

Exhibitor Arrivals:

- Exhibitors can arrive after 12pm on Friday, May 12, 2017

Show Office Hours:

- Friday, May 12th from 3pm to 9pm
- Saturday, May 13th from 7am to 8pm
- Sunday, May 14th from 7am to end of show

Stall Reservations / Information:

- Stall reservations can be made online at <https://www.cognitofirms.com/RHAM2/RHAMMayShowCampingAndStallReservations>
If you have questions, you can contact Sam Holwerda at [616-890-1190](tel:616-890-1190)
or samholwerda@yahoo.com Please reserve your stall(s) **by 5pm Tuesday, May 9th**

Stall Shavings:

- Shavings can be purchased directly from the Berrien County Youth Fairgrounds with payments being made to them. This is not handled by the RHAM show office.

Lodging:

- The Village Inn hotel in Berrien Springs is closed. An alternate option is the EconoLodge at 2723 Niles Ave., St. Joseph, MI

On Site Food:

- We are pleased to announce that PANTHER GRILL will be onsite to provide yummy food

Opening Ceremonies:

Please join us each day for the opening ceremonies held in the Jack Dean Make-Up Ring.

- Saturday, May 13th at 7:30am
- Sunday, May 14th at 7:30am
 - Announcement of 2017 RHAM Youth Representative will take place on Sunday

Practices:

The proceeds from the practices will go to support our first RHAM Youth World Team.

- **Reining Warm-up**
 - Friday, May 12th from 6pm – 7pm
 - Fee: \$5.00 per 5-minute run
 - Location: covered arena
- **Trail Practice**
 - Friday, May 12th from 6pm – 8pm
 - Fee: \$5.00 per one horse / one rider team
 - Location: Jack Dean Make-Up Ring

Patterns:

Patterns for all 2017 shows are posted on our website at: <http://www.miranhorse.com/forms/>

The following patterns by class are available in the ARHA 2016-2017 Rulebook at:

http://www.americanranchhorse.net/uploads/forms/2016_2017_Rulebook_WEB_1122016.pdf

Reining	Pattern #8
Ranch Reining	Pattern #3
Working Ranch Horse	Pattern #2
Working Cow Horse	Pattern #3
Ranchmanship	Pattern #2

Trail, Showmanship & Horsemanship - Patterns are posted on the RHAM website (*see link above*) and will be posted at the show office.

Pattern books with patterns for the entire year will be available for \$5 at the show.

RHAM Versatility:

The Ranch Horse Association of Michigan offers a Ranch Versatility and Youth 13 & Under High Point Program. The program is intended to reward the horse and exhibitor combination, in all divisions of "Ranch" classes offered at a RHAM Show, that earns the most points in a combination of Conformation, Non Cattle and Cattle Performance classes.

For the 13 & Under High Point division, youth select 4 classes from the list plus conformation; cattle classes are NOT required for the 13 & under division. There is also a Select division for exhibitors who are 50 as of January 1.

New for 2017 - Versatility Conformation Division classes - combining all horses for a division regardless of gender or age AND the Proxy Exhibitor option - before it wasn't possible to show two horses in Versatility

in the same but the ability to have a Proxy Exhibitor for Versatility Conformation addresses that. [Click here for full details about our Ranch Versatility program](#) including the new additions.

Jackpot Classes for May Show:

We have 3 jackpot classes for the May show – **Open Cutting; Open Ranch Trail and Open Ranch Roping.**

Jackpot classes will be offered concurrently with selected classes on the RHAM 2017 Showbill (see showbill for classes).

Jackpot Entry Fee is \$20 IN ADDITION TO the \$24 Class Entry Fee and any applicable Cattle Fees.

Jackpot Payback to Exhibitors will be 75% of Jackpot Entry Fees plus any added money for that Jackpot (does NOT include class entry fees or cattle fees).

[Go to our website for more details on payback, etc. – posted under the showbill on the 2017 Shows page.](#)

Ranch Saddle for 2017

Don't forget to sign up as many Ranch classes as you can so you start earning points towards the 2017 Ranch Saddle to be given away at the end of the year. *Must be a current RHAM member to begin earning points.*

[Click here to get all the details on how to win this gorgeous saddle!](#)

Thank you to the generous sponsors for making the 2017 saddle possible!

Potluck!!!

There will be a potluck dinner at 8pm on Friday, May 12th. Everyone is welcome, bring a dish to pass and your own beverages. Join us in welcoming back our old friends and meeting new ones.

Sponsorship Reward:

Just a reminder that RHAM is offering a reward for Sponsorships. Members can earn a show credit in the amount of 10% of the sponsorship. See website and sponsorship forms for details.

We look forward to seeing everyone and kicking off another great show season!

Here's hoping for good weather!

If you have any questions, please contact a RHAM board member. Contact information for RHAM board members can be found on the RHAM website also.

-- your RHAM Board