



We are really excited to kick off our 2018 show season with our May show which is only 20 days away!! Let's hope for great weather! :)

Don't forget, we have an online pre-entry system to sign up for your classes early.

NEW FOR 2018

We have a few exciting changes for our 2018 show season!

- **Show Starting Time**
 - RHAM shows will begin on **FRIDAY** with Ranchmanship running **at will** from **6pm-10pm**
- **RHAM Awards Program**
 - RHAM is now offering a new awards program for our 2018 show season!! The new awards program replaced the Versatility Program.
 - Award Programs: Top Ranch Hand, Top Performance Horse, Top Cow Horse
 - Eligible Divisions: Open, Amateur, Novice Amateur, Youth 18&U, Novice Youth 18&U
 - Fee: One-time annual fee of \$20 per awards program
 - Exhibitors must participate in Conformation at 3 of the 5 RHAM shows (*includes Midwest Classic*)
 - Points are based on one horse/one rider combination in each division*
 - *Conformation proxy exhibitor may be used if the exhibitor has more than one horse of the same gender entered in the RHAM AWARDS PROGRAM (additional criteria found at www.miranchhorse.com)*
 - Exhibitors may choose to show in as many classes and any combination of classes within each program. Not all classes are required for Year End Award eligibility. Conformation is the only required class within each program, exhibitor must show in conformation at 3 of the 5 RHAM shows
 - For each program, points for all eligible classes will be accumulated for each horse/rider combination from all 5 pointed RHAM shows to determine division placings.
 - Additional RHAM AWARDS PROGRAM information can be found at www.miranchhorse.com
- **RHAM WEEKEND SERIES HIGHPOINT**
 - Weekend HIGHPOINT awarded based on points earned in all ARHA classes in one Division: Open, Amateur, Novice Amateur, Youth 18&U, and Novice Youth 18&U
- **ARHA Membership & Horse Registration**
 - ARHA Membership/Horse Registration will still be accepted at the show, will be assessed a \$10 rush fee per application. **Grade registration cannot be accepted at shows.** For more information visit the ARHA website at www.americanranchhorse.net

2018 RHAM Youth Representative

We will announce our 2018 RHAM Youth Representative at our May show! This year, our Youth Representative will be selected based on a judged competition hosted during our Into to Ranch Horse Clinic (*April 28, 2018*).

2018 Youth ARHA World Team

Interested in being one of the RHAM Youth Members participating in the 2018 Youth World Team?! Please reach out to Chris Rantz for more information!

Sponsorship Reward:

REMEMBER!!! Any member that obtains a Sponsorship in 2018 will receive a one time show credit in the amount of 10% of the sponsorship. See our website and sponsorship forms for details.

Vendors:

- **Panthers Grill Concession Trailer**
 - Panthers Grill will be providing their delicious food at our shows again this year! YUM!

Trail Practice:

Trail practice will be hosted in the morning on Sunday May 13th ***STAY TUNED DURING THE SHOW DAY ON SUNDAY FOR ESTIMATED TIMING***

- Fee: \$5.00 per one horse / one rider team
- **RANCH TRAIL WALK THRU WITH JUDGES WILL TAKE PLACE 30 MIN PRIOR TO CLASS START, ALLOWING EXHIBITORS TO ASK JUDGES QUESTIONS ABOUT PATTERN. *STAY TUNED DURING THE SHOW DAY ON SUNDAY FOR ESTIMATED TIMING***

Opening Ceremonies:

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

- Saturday, May 12th at 7:30am
- Sunday, May 13th at 7:30am

Upcoming Events:

April 28-29, 2017: Intro to Ranch Horse Clinic hosted at *Berrien County Youth Fairgrounds in Berrien Springs, MI*

Show Forms:

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

- RHAM Membership
- RHAM Awards Program
- RHAM Permanent Back Numbers
- RHAM Ride & Show
- Showbills & more...

Exhibitor Arrivals:

- Exhibitors can arrive after 10am on Friday, May 11, 2018

Pre-Entries & EKG Verified:

We are excited to announce that we are continuing our online reservation & pre-entry program in 2018 – securing your spot at our shows has never been easier! For more information and to submit your stall & camping reservation or show pre-entry, visit www.ekgequine.com/rham

Stall/Camping Reservations:

Please reserve by **noon Wednesday May 9th**

Questions related to stalls & camping can be directed to Sam Holwerda at samholwerda@yahoo.com or 616-890-1190.

Online Pre-Entries:

Pre-entries will be accepted **April 17- May 7**. To qualify for a pre-entry discount of \$20, horse/exhibitor combination must show in a minimum of 10 classes (youth classes not eligible).

Questions related to the pre-entry process? Email rhamentries@gmail.com

Show Office Hours:

- Friday, May 11th from 3pm to 9pm
- Saturday, May 12th from 7am to 8pm
- Sunday, May 13th from 7am to end of show

Stall Shavings:

- Shavings can be purchased directly from the Berrien County Youth Fairgrounds with payments being made to them; \$7.50/bag. This is not handled by the RHAM show office.

Lodging:

- The Village Inn hotel in Berrien Springs has closed. Alternate Option: EconoLodge at [2723 Niles Ave., St. Joseph, MI](#)

Patterns:

Patterns for our May show are posted on our website at: <http://www.miranchhorse.com/forms/>

- Ranchmanship Pattern #2
- Ranch Reining Pattern #2
- Novice Ranch Reining Pattern #3
- Reining Pattern #7
- Working Cow Horse Pattern #8
- Working Ranch Horse Pattern #2
- Trail, Showmanship, Horsemanship Patterns will be posted on the RHAM website by April 30th (*see link above*) and will be posted at the show office.

Please review patterns in the [ARHA 2018-2019 Rulebook](#) at: www.americanranchhorse.net

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

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT OUR MAY SHOW!

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

-- your RHAM Board