

Presenting for the 2026

# Show Season

## SPECIFICATIONS & REGULATIONS

### CLASSES

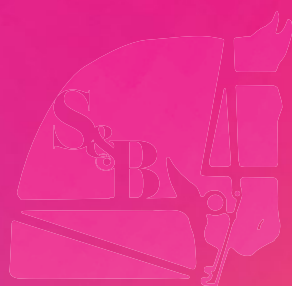
ASB SHATNER  
WESTERN PLEASURE

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WESTERN PLEASURE

*Rule changes for 2026 have been notated in pink*



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## THE INTENT

To broaden the showing of American Saddlebred Horses into the popular western style of riding, by encouraging show managers to add a Shatner Western Country Pleasure qualifying class on a local level. After qualifying on the local level, all first place horses will be invited to compete in the finals for the William Shatner Perpetual Trophy and the title of Saddle & Bridle's Shatner Western Pleasure National Champion at the St. Louis National Charity Horse Show.

## RULES & REGULATIONS

Horses to be judged according to United States Equestrian Federation rules for American Saddlebred Country Western Pleasure horses.



SADDLE & BRIDLE'S 2025 SHATNER WESTERN PLEASURE NATIONAL CHAMPION, CH DOUBLE PARKED & CHARLOTTE KURTZ.

1. Open to amateur riders of any age riding Country Pleasure American Saddlebred horses under western tack.
2. Country Pleasure horses must be plain shod or unshod, suitable for trail riding without pads, bands, or any device between hoof and shoe. Entries must be shown with full mane and tail. Tails must not be gingered or put in any device which alters their carriage while on the grounds,

before and during the show, as well as in preparation for the show entered.

3. To be shown with western equipment including any western headstall without noseband in conjunction with any standard western bit. Any stock saddle. For rider: Western hat, long sleeved shirt and/or jacket with a collar and a necktie, kerchief or bolo tie, bow tie, peddle tie, rosette-tie or pin used as a tie; trousers

or pants (or one piece equitation suit is acceptable provided it includes a collar and cuffs). Chaps, shotgun chaps or chinks and boots are required. A vest, coat or sweater may be worn. Spurs are optional. Martingales of any type are prohibited. For information regarding approved bits.

4. To be shown at a Flat Walk, Jog Trot and Lope on a reasonably loose rein without undue restraint ridden with one hand on



reins. (See USEF for more detail on how reins should be held). Judged 75% on manners, performance, presence and quality, 25% on total conformation. Horses should be of good Saddlebred type, with natural head carriage and serene way of going while still being alert. Entries must be asked to halt and stand quietly on the rail. Horses must stand quietly and back readily in the lineup.

**5.** A minimum of three horses must be entered, shown and judged in order to be an official Shatner qualifying class. One Shatner qualifying class first place ribbon eliminates that horse from further competition in qualifying classes that season.

**6.** The finals will be divided into amateur

and youth (21 years of age and under) classes. Horses are qualified, not the rider. In order to compete in Saddle & Bridle's Shatner final, horses must have received first place in an official Saddle & Bridle Shatner Western Pleasure qualifying class. In order to compete in Saddle & Bridle's Shatner Youth final, the horse can be qualified by an adult by winning first place in an official qualifying class or qualified by a youth rider by receiving any ribbon in an official qualifying class. The amateur class is open to riders of any age; therefore a youth may compete. Horses qualified for the finals may either compete in the Saddle & Bridle Shatner or Saddle &

Bridle Shatner Youth final, but not both.

**7.** The qualifying season ends on August 31st. Saddle & Bridle qualifying classes held on or after September 1 qualify for the following year's finals unless requested otherwise by the individual horse show.

#### HORSE SHOW INFORMATION

**1.** A horse show may offer two classes – an amateur and a youth class – provided that all rules and regulations are met in both classes. Horses must win first place in the Shatner Youth class in order to qualify for the Shatner Youth final.

**2.** Class registration includes the Shatner belt buckle trophy. An optional six ribbons may be ordered at an additional cost.

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**3.** The belt buckle and ribbons cannot be awarded if less than three are in the class. No refunds will be given but class may be transferred for a \$20.00 fee to a show at a later date within the following show season. Late charge of \$10.00 on shows ordered within 30 days of class.

**4.** Required prize list and program wording:  
SADDLE & BRIDLE'S ASB SHATNER  
WESTERN PLEASURE CLASS.<sup>SM</sup>

**5.** Show need not be a member of USEF.

**6.** When entering the Shatner Finals, the rider must indicate the horse show and location at which the horse qualified. Horse may be ridden by a different rider in the finals. Finalists are encouraged to wear the Shatner Belt Buckle in the finals.

**7.** Winners will be eligible for competition in the finals only after the show secretary has submitted the class results and class sheet to Saddle & Bridle.



SADDLE & BRIDLE'S 2025 SHATNER YOUTH NATIONAL CHAMPION,  
REEDANN'S GOLDEN BOY & GABRIELLA RUMOHR.

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## THE INTENT

To broaden the showing of American Saddlebred Horses into the extremely popular hunter seat style of riding that so many other breeds enjoy. After qualifying on the local level, all first place horses will be invited to compete in the finals for the \$1,000 prize and the title of Saddle & Bridle's Hunter Seat Classic National Champion at the St. Louis National Charity Horse Show.

## RULES & REGULATIONS

Horses to be judged according to United States Equestrian Federation rules for American Saddlebred Hunter Country Pleasure horses.



SADDLE & BRIDLE'S 2025 HUNTER SEAT CLASSIC NATIONAL CHAMPION,  
CHEEKIE VISION & MEGAN ARNOLD

1. Open to Amateur riders of any age riding Country Pleasure American Saddlebred horses under hunter equipment.
2. Saddlebred Country Pleasure horses must be plain shod or unshod, suitable for hunting without pads, bands, or any device between hoof and shoe. Entries must be shown with full mane and tail. Tails must not be gingered or put in any device which alters their carriage in preparation for the show entered.
3. Entries must be penalized for incomplete appointments but not necessarily disqualified. Hunter pleasure horses shall be shown with hunter-style equipment, including a forward or balanced seat saddle. Exception: an appropriate side saddle is permitted. Hunter equipment includes a snaffle bridle,

Pelham with two reins, kimberwicke bits or a full bridle (curb and snaffle). If a full bridle is used, it must be of hunter style with curb shanks not exceeding five inches (5"). Curb shanks exceeding five inches (5") will be penalized. Breast plates are permissible, but martingales are prohibited.

4. Attire shall be traditional hunter-style jacket, breeches or hunter jodhpurs, dark hunting cap, derby or protective headgear and appropriate boots. Tall dress or tall field boots are preferred as traditional. Paddock or jodhpur boots with matching half chaps are permitted, although not considered as traditional. A stock, choker or four in hand with any color shirt is correct. Shadbellies are prohibited. Exception: a side saddle rider may wear a skirt, divided skirt, or apron.

5. In all classes, gloves, hunter crop or bat, spurs and appointments are optional. Junior riders shall wear headgear with protective harness attached when mounted.

6. Horses should be shown at the following gaits:

- A. Walk; a four-beat gait, straight, true and flat-footed.
- B. Trot; a two-beat gait, straight and regular. The trot should be mannerly, cadenced and balanced. It is to be performed at medium speed with a free-moving, ground covering stride, with the rider posting.
- C. Extended Trot; a two-beat gait that is bold, energetic, balanced and ground covering

## ASB HUNTER SEAT CLASSIC

*with a definite lengthening of stride. This should result in an increase in speed without a sense of racing or scurrying.*

**D. Canter;** *a three-beat gait, even, smooth, unhurried, correct and straight on both leads.*

**E. Extended Canter;** *is performed with a long free ground covering stride. A decided lengthening of stride should be shown while the horse remains controlled, mannerly, correct and straight on both leads. For safety reasons the judge may limit the number of horses to extended canter at one time.*

**7.** Horses must be asked to halt on the rail both directions. In the lineup, horses must stand quietly and back readily. Horses must be obedient with smooth, prompt transitions. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. The horse should wear his head in a relaxed, natural manner. To be judged on manners, performance, suitability as a hunter, quality and conformation. There will be NO jumping in the Hunter Seat Classic, during qualifying classes or during the finals.

**8.** A minimum of three entries must be entered, shown and judged, to be an official Hunter Seat Classic qualifying class. One Hunter Seat Classic qualifying class first place ribbon eliminates that horse from further competition in qualifying classes that season.

**9.** The finals will be divided into amateur and youth (21 years of age and under) classes. Horses are qualified, not the rider. In order to compete in Saddle & Bridle's Hunter Seat Classic final, horses must have received first place in an official Saddle & Bridle Hunter Seat Classic qualifying class. In order to compete in the youth final, the horse can be qualified by an adult by winning first place in an official qualifying class, or qualified by a youth rider by receiving any ribbon in an official qualifying class. The amateur class is open to riders of any age; therefore a youth may compete. Horses qualified for the finals may either compete in the Saddle & Bridle Hunter Seat Classic or Saddle & Bridle Hunter Seat Classic Youth final, but not both.

**10.** The qualifying season ends on August 31st. Saddle & Bridle qualifying classes held on or after September 1 qualify for the following year's finals unless requested otherwise by the individual horse show.

### HORSE SHOW INFORMATION

**1.** A horse show may offer two classes – an amateur and a youth class – provided that all rules and regulations are met in both classes.

Horses must win first place in the Hunter Seat Classic Youth class in order to qualify for the Hunter Seat Classic Youth final.

**2.** Class registration includes the Hunter lapel pin. An optional six ribbons may be ordered at an additional cost.

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**3.** The lapel pin and ribbons cannot be awarded if less than three are in the class. No refunds will be given but class may be transferred for a \$20.00 fee to a show at a later date within the following show season. Late charge of \$10.00

on shows ordered within 30 days of the class.

**4.** Required prize list and program wording: SADDLE & BRIDLE'S ASB HUNTER SEAT CLASSIC.<sup>SM</sup>

**5.** Show need not be a member of USEF.

**6.** When entering the Hunter Seat Classic finals, the rider must indicate the horse show and location at which the horse qualified. Horse may be ridden by a different rider in the finals. Finalists are encouraged to wear the Hunter pin in the finals.

**7.** Winners will be eligible for competition in the finals only after the show secretary has submitted the class results and class sheet to Saddle & Bridle.

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SADDLE & BRIDLE'S 2025 YOUTH HUNTER CLASSIC NATIONAL CHAMPION,  
REEDANN'S HEIRLOOM & JACQUELINE SCHATZBERG.



## THE INTENT

To foster interest in the American Saddlebred Pleasure Horse; to promote excellence in Saddle Seat Equitation; to encourage sportsmanship; and to create wholesome competition among pleasure horse exhibitors. After qualifying on the local level, riders will be eligible to compete in the finals for the title of Saddle & Bridle's Pleasure Equitation Medallion National Champion at the St. Louis National Charity Horse Show.

## RULES & REGULATIONS

Riders to be judged according to the United States Equestrian Federation rules for Saddle Seat Pleasure Equitation.



SADDLE & BRIDLE'S 2025 PLEASURE EQUITATION MEDALLION  
SENIOR NATIONAL CHAMPION, ABIGAIL VAN KOOTEN.

**1.** Eligibility to compete in the Saddle & Bridle Medallion is limited to those riders who show ONLY American Saddlebred Pleasure Horses in equitation during a given competition year and have not reached their 18th birthday. This does not exclude the saddle seat equitation riders also showing other breeds. Country Pleasure horses and Show Pleasure horses may both compete.

**2.** The current USEF Rules for Saddlebred Pleasure Equitation should be used as guidelines for the judging. In addition, it is recommended, that the judge upon his or her discretion, ask for a stop and back a few steps on the rail, the horse to stand quietly, and demonstrate a brisk trot.

**3.** An appropriate workout is to be selected by

the judge and the top four riders (if available) are required to work. It is recommended, that in the case of a relatively small class, all riders be given the opportunity to work, rather than leaving a few out of the workout. Recommended workouts should include the following: Riders must leave the lineup, must include a change of diagonals and a change of direction. To be judged 50% rail work and 50% workout.

**4.** A minimum of two riders must be entered, shown and judged in order to be an official Medallion qualifying class. The top two ribbon winners will be eligible to compete in the finals. One Medallion class win eliminates that rider from further competition in qualifying classes that season.

**5.** The finals will be divided into Senior (14-17) and Junior (13 and under) divisions.

**6.** The qualifying season ends on August 31st. Saddle & Bridle qualifying classes held on or after September 1 qualify for the following year's finals unless requested otherwise by the individual horse show.

## HORSE SHOW INFORMATION

**1.** A horse show may offer two classes; a junior and senior class, provided that all rules and regulations are met in both classes.

**2.** Class registration includes the medallion suspended on a neck ribbon. An optional six ribbons may be ordered at an additional cost.

## ASB PLEASURE EQUITATION MEDALLION CLASS

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**3.** The Medallion and ribbons cannot be awarded if less than two are in the class. No refunds will be given but class may be transferred for a \$20.00 fee to a show at a later date **within** the following season. Late charge of \$10.00 on shows ordered within 30 days of class.

**4.** Required prize list and program wording:  
SADDLE & BRIDLE'S ASB PLEASURE  
EQUITATION MEDALLION CLASS.<sup>SM</sup>

**5.** Show need not be a member of USEF.

**6.** When entering the Medallion Finals, the rider must indicate the horse show and location at which he/she qualified. Finalists are encouraged to wear the medallion in the finals. Qualified riders who did not receive a medallion prior to the event will be provided one at the finals.

**7.** Winners will be eligible for competition in the finals only after the show

### JUDGING SPECIFICATIONS FOR MEDALLION FINALS

#### PHASE I

All entries must be worked on the rail in groups of 20 or less and all contestants are required to perform an individual workout.

Each judge will assign a numerical score (out of 100) for each rider on the rail and hand in numbers after each section. For the individual workout, a scribe will be supplied by show management for each judge. The judge will score each workout (out of 100) and give that number to the scribe. The workout shall be divided into segments with each segment scored on a scale of 1 to 10 with 10 being the highest. Additional points can be added to achieve a 100 point basis. For example: If the workout has 6 segments, each rider starts with 40 points and the sum of the segments is added to achieve a 100 point maximum.

The rail work score and workout scores from all three judges will be added together to determine a rider's total score in the phase.

A minimum of 12 (if available) and no more than 14 riders shall be chosen for Phase II of the Championship class. In all Championships,

no predetermined number of riders need be selected from each group. The judges will decide on the number to come back within the 12 to 14 limit.

Workouts will be posted one hour prior to the session in which the class is held. The same horse must be used in both phases of the Championship, unless the horse is sick or lame, in which case a replacement can be used. A veterinarian's certificate is required.

#### PHASE II

Phase II will be judged in the same manner. The workout for Phase II must have the same number of segments as the Phase I workout.

#### SCORING

Preliminary rail work 25%, Preliminary workout 25%, Final phase rail work 25%,

Final phase workout 25%. All four scores for each rider will be added together for the placing of the class. Ties to be broken by the Call Judge or by additional work if for 1st place. The top ten will be called back into the ring. Awards to be given in reverse order.

#### WINNERS

**1.** The Medallion Finals National Champion will receive a beautiful trophy, created by a nationally renowned artist, for permanent possession. Winners of the Medallion Finals will be eliminated from further competition in their age group.

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SADDLE & BRIDLE'S 2025 PLEASURE EQUITATION MEDALLION  
JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPION, TAYLOR HAWKINS.



**THE INTENT**

To augment the tremendous success of the Western Pleasure division for American Saddlebreds and to expand upon the popularity of Saddle & Bridle's Shatner Western Pleasure class. The purpose of this division is to demonstrate the versatility of the American Saddlebred in performing simple tasks not unlike those that could be presented to working horses. At the same time the participants will be expected to display manners in performing those tasks. After qualifying on a local level, all top three horses will be invited to compete in the finals for the title of Saddle & Bridle's Working Western Pleasure National Champion at the St. Louis National Charity Horse Show.

**RULES & REGULATIONS**

Horses to be judged according to United States Equestrian Federation rules for American Saddlebred Country Western Pleasure horses.



SADDLE & BRIDLE'S 2025 WORKING WESTERN PLEASURE NATIONAL CHAMPION, BEST BEAU & GINNY BETH NORTON.

**1.** Open to amateur riders of any age riding Country Pleasure American Saddlebred horses under western tack.

**2.** Country Pleasure horses must be plain shod or unshod, suitable for trail riding

without pads, bands, or any device between hoof and shoe. Entries must be shown with full mane and tail. Tails must not be gingered or put in any device which alters their carriage while on the grounds, before and during the show, as well as

in preparation for the show entered.

**3.** To be shown with western equipment including any western headstall without noseband in conjunction with any standard western bit. Any stock saddle. For rider:



## WORKING ASB WESTERN PLEASURE CLASS

Western hat, long sleeved shirt and/or jacket with a collar and a necktie, kerchief or bolo tie, bow tie, peddle tie, rosette-tie or pin used as a tie; trousers or pants (or one piece equitation suit is acceptable provided it includes a collar and cuffs). Chaps, shotgun chaps or chinks and boots are required. A vest, coat or sweater may be worn. Spurs are optional. Martingales of any type are prohibited. For information regarding approved bits see USEF SB 158.

**4.** To be shown at a Flat Walk, Jog Trot and Lope on a reasonably loose rein without undue restraint. Entries must be asked both ways of the ring to halt and stand quietly on the rail. Horses must stand quietly and back readily in the lineup. Only one hand may be used on reins and hands must not be changed except to negotiate an obstacle in the trail portion

*(two hands are permitted for Hackamores and snaffle bits.)*

**5.** Judged 30% on manners, presence, conformation and quality, while working on the rail. The balance of judging (70%) to be on the ability to complete the working portion of the class. This portion shall consist of a minimum of three obstacles to be traversed as a course. The obstacles will be determined by the show manager but must consist of approved USEF Western Trail Horse obstacles. Examples of acceptable obstacles are the following: a cavaletti of an appropriate type (round or flat poles directly on the ground) performed as a walk over (20-24 inches), or a trot over (3 feet apart), a stationary obstacle (such as brush, canvas, etc.), a type of bridge, a pattern performed around plants, a gate or cones, a simple change of lead or flying change at the lope, a side pass over a pole or board. After three refusals an entry must skip to the next obstacle. At all times entries must exhibit appropriate manners and horsemanship.

**6.** To be eligible to compete in the finals, horses must have competed in a western class during the current competition year, whether open or American Saddlebred, trail/working or rail.

**7.** The qualifying season ends on August 31st. Saddle & Bridle qualifying classes held on or after September 1 qualify for the following year's finals unless requested otherwise by the individual horse show.

### HORSE SHOW INFORMATION

**1.** In addition to class registration, an optional six ribbons may be

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**2.** The ribbons cannot be awarded if less than three are in the class. No refunds will be given but class may be transferred for a \$20.00 fee to a show at a later date within the following show season. Late charge of \$10.00 on shows ordered within 30 days of class.

**3.** Required prize list and program wording:  
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WESTERN PLEASURE CLASS. <sup>SM</sup>

**4.** Show need not be a member of USEF.

**5.** When entering the Working Western finals, the rider must indicate the horse show and location at which the horse qualified. Horse may be ridden by a different rider in the finals, but during qualifying classes and the finals, the rider must remain the same between both phases.

**6.** Winners will be eligible for competition only after the show secretary has

submitted the class results and class sheet to Saddle & Bridle.

### JUDGING SPECIFICATIONS FOR WORKING WESTERN FINALS

#### PHASE I

All entries must perform an individual trail pattern. The pattern should include 10 obstacles. Each entry will begin with 70 points. Each judge will assign a numerical score – plus or minus three points – for each horse, for every obstacle.

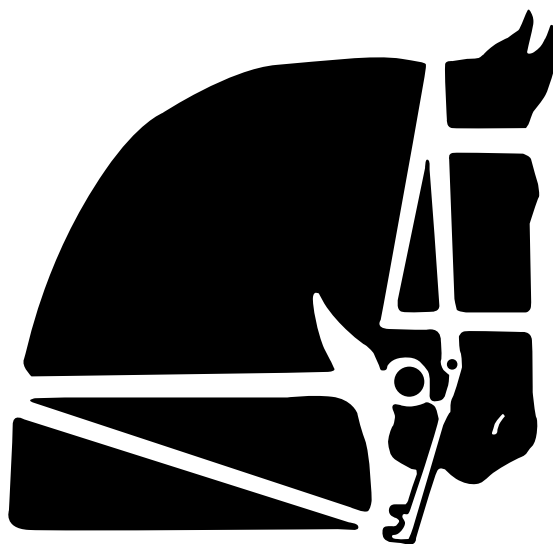
#### PHASE II

All entries must be worked on the rail. Each entry will begin with 30 points. Each judge will assign each horse a numerical score for its rail work, by adding or subtracting up to 10 points in either direction.

#### SCORING

Scores from both phases will be added together for the placing of the class.

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