



LEVEL II RANCH RIDING GENERAL GUIDELINES UPDATED: SPRING 2022

IHSA Rule: 6502 - General Guidelines:

Emphasis is on pattern precision, technical application, and the ability to show unfamiliar horses in a pre-assigned pattern while maintaining industry standards. Excessive speed or loss of control that is rider influenced is strongly discouraged and shall be scored accordingly.

Ball spurs are acceptable at the request of the horse provider.

IHSA Rule: 6503 - Extended Trot:

In riding the extended trot, it is permissible to sit, post or stand, and if standing, hold the horn with the free hand. If the extended trot is called for around a corner, a rider who chooses to post must do so on the outside diagonal as a matter of balance. A wrong diagonal will result in a lower maneuver score.

IHSA Rule: 6504 - Lead Changes:

A change of leads may be either simple or flying, with neither having an advantage over the other. The horse provider has the discretion to state which type of lead change the horse and rider should perform.

IHSA Class 15: Level II Ranch Riding – Eligibility:

Open to riders who have earned 36 points in Class 13 or new riders as described in 9102 A.4 with a skill equivalent to, and showing no lower than, Class 14. To be shown individually in a pre-assigned pattern per Rule 6504. Each show management may place appropriate constraints on the number of entries per team, to be determined by availability of horses, etc.; however, each Western show must make this class available to at least one point rider from each team. Upon acquiring 36 points in Class 15 riders may advance to Class 17 Open Reining if they meet the requirements of Rule 9102. A. 5.

Note: Refer to the IHSA Rulebook for complete rule(s) of Class 15, Level II Ranch Riding.