



## 2019 SCHEDULE

**Monday, January 14, 2019**

**Denver Coliseum**

6 a.m. Arrival begins  
9 a.m. Riders Meeting  
Practice Rounds  
Beginner Challenge

**Tuesday, January 15, 2019**

**Denver Coliseum**

9 a.m. Riders Meeting  
Intermediate Challenge  
Advanced Challenge

**Wednesday, January 16, 2019**

**Denver Coliseum**

9 a.m. Riders Meeting  
Team Challenge  
Speed Challenge

Arrival begins Monday at 6 a.m. to the Coliseum barn. Check in at the Stalling Office with your current (30-day) health certificate and Horse Event Participation Declaration.

Release begins after your last event for ease of the next move in

All Horseman's Challenge horses must vacate no later than: January 16, 2019 4:00 p.m.

**All horses participating in the 2019 Horse Show must present a Horse Event Participation Declaration at time of arrival. Do not submit early.**

The National Western Horseman's Challenge provides a challenging, educational and entertaining opportunity for local and national equestrians to be involved in the NWSS within a growing and evolving discipline. Horse and rider teams will face various obstacles and maneuvers testing their horsemanship and confidence in each other. Obstacles and maneuvers will vary to accommodate all levels and ages of riders and horses. The National Western Horseman's Challenge is open to all ages of horse and rider and any breed of horse, pony, mule or donkey. Safety will be emphasized at all times. Courses will be available upon arrival. A list of potential obstacles and maneuvers is available on the NWSS website.

Please read and be familiar with the Rules and Regulations beginning on page 12 of the Horse Show Premium List concerning rules, health requirements and other general information as well as those detailed here.

**AWARDS:** Winners of each division and winning team members in the Team Challenge will receive an award. The winner of the Speed Challenge will receive an award. 100% of the entry fees for the Speed Challenge will be split among the top three finishers. Winners in each division, Team Challenge and the Speed Challenge are asked to ride for awards and photos following the completion of each division.

**BIOGRAPHIES:** Will be requested at the Office to enhance the performance and entertainment of the event. See the last page or download at [www.nationalwestern.com/horse-shows/horse-exhibitors](http://www.nationalwestern.com/horse-shows/horse-exhibitors)

**FEES:**

Please reference your exhibitor emails for an option to provide payment prior to your arrival to ease the check in process. You may also email [horse@nationalwestern.com](mailto:horse@nationalwestern.com) or [nwsshorse@gmail.com](mailto:nwsshorse@gmail.com) to receive a copy of your account summary.

**ALL FEES PAYABLE IN U.S. FUNDS ONLY**

Schooling Rounds:.....	\$10.00
Beginner, Intermediate & Advanced Rounds: .....	\$15.00
Team Challenge (per team): .....	\$40.00
Speed Challenge:.....	\$20.00
Stall Fee per stall per night (incl bag of shavings):.....	\$20.00
Additional Exhibitor Badges (daily grounds admission): ..	<u>\$35.00</u>
National Western Collector's Edition Badge (daily grounds admission):.....	<u>\$60.00</u>

(See Rules and Regulations for explanation of Badges)

**PARKING:** Vehicle parking is included with your exhibitor entry or ticket purchase. Exhibitors may park in any NWSS designated lot (including the Coliseum parking lot) free of charge.

**TRAILER PARKING:** Trailers will be directed to the appropriate trailer parking lot.

**DIVISIONS:**

01. Schooling Rounds – Practice on a sample course to gauge you and your horse's comfort and ability. For safety reasons, a limited number of horse and rider pairs will be allowed on the course at a time. Each horse and rider pair can school during one 30-minute time slot. You may not spend more than ten minutes consecutively on the same obstacle. Back numbers must be worn during schooling rounds.
02. Beginner Rounds – Individual runs to test you and your horse's ability on simpler obstacles and maneuvers. Scores will incorporate horsemanship, ability and time. The course will be posted Monday morning. Course time limit (subject to change): 5:00 minutes
03. Intermediate Rounds – Individual runs to test you and your horse's ability on various obstacles and maneuvers. Scores will incorporate horsemanship, ability and time. The course will be posted Monday morning. Course time limit (subject to change): 5:00 minutes
04. Advanced Rounds – Individual runs with more challenging obstacles and maneuvers. Scores will incorporate horsemanship, ability and time. The course will be posted Monday morning. Course time limit (subject to change): 5:00 minutes
05. Team Challenge – Use your strategy to put together a team of four horse and rider pairs who can successfully accomplish various obstacles and maneuvers quickly. Each team must complete 12 obstacles or maneuvers. One horse and rider pair on an obstacle at a time, each obstacle must be completed no more and no less than once, each horse and rider pair must complete a minimum of two obstacles or maneuvers. Scores will incorporate horsemanship, ability and time. The team order of go will be posted by Tuesday at noon. The course will be posted Tuesday at the completion of the Advanced Rounds. Course time limit (subject to change): 9:00 minutes

06. Speed Challenge – The ultimate finale of fun, fast and exciting individual runs highlighting the most challenging moments of the week. Five entries from each division will qualify based on scores from the Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced Rounds. Scores will incorporate horsemanship, ability and time. Qualifiers will be posted one hour following the completion of each division. Qualifiers will confirm their spot and pay no later than Wednesday at 10 a.m. The course will be posted Tuesday at the completion of the Advanced Rounds. Course time limit (subject to change): 5:00 minutes

**RULES** (in addition to Rules & Regulations beginning on page 12 of the Horse Show Premium List):

1. Safety is of the utmost importance; please ride within you and your horse's capabilities.
2. All humane tack will be considered legal if used properly and safely. Nosebands are allowed, but not below the bit. Riders may use two hands.
3. Attire should be western style with long pants or jeans, long sleeved shirt, riding boots with a heel and a western style hat or certified riding helmet.
4. A horse may be ridden one time in each division.
5. Riders may compete on multiple horses in the same division, up to three maximum. Each horse will have a separate entry and entry fee.
6. Horsemanship, ability and talent will account for one part of the score while speed will account for the other. This will vary per level of competition. Tie breakers for all divisions will be determined by the fastest time.
7. Draws for orders of go will be done via random computer assignment.
8. There will be a riders meeting held each day at 9 a.m. at the entrance to the Coliseum arena. Riders will be allowed to walk the courses on foot prior to competition.
9. Courses must be maneuvered in the manner described on the pattern. Rider must follow the pattern, completing obstacles in order. If an obstacle becomes unsafe or non-negotiable, it will be repaired or removed.
10. Rider must attempt each obstacle. A maximum of three attempts can be made before the effort is deemed a refusal. A refusal will be assessed a 10-second penalty. If an obstacle is skipped or not attempted three times, a 30-second penalty will be assessed. This will be considered off pattern and rider may not place above others who have completed the pattern correctly. The judge may ask a rider to pass on an obstacle after three attempts or at any time for safety reasons.
11. Following a refusal, rider may continue the pattern until the maximum time has been reached. The whistle will blow to signal the end of time allowed.
12. There will be two categories of penalties assessed as time faults, adding either 10 seconds or 30 seconds to the rider's time.
  - a. 10-second penalties include: incorrect lead, incorrect gait or break of gait, dropping a carry item, horse foot stepping incorrectly on or off an obstacle as it is described in the pattern, eating or disrupting an obstacle, refusal after three attempts.

- b. 30-second penalties include: working an obstacle in incorrect order, skipping or not attempting an obstacle, not latching gate closed.
13. The highest score possible will be 120 points. Eleven obstacles or maneuvers will be scored on a scale from 0-5 points. Horsemanship will receive a score from 0-5 points, totaling a maximum of 60 points. The times for each division, including all penalties, will be ranked to receive points. The fastest time in each division will be awarded 20 points, the next fastest 19 and so on. The time points will then be multiplied by three to equal a maximum of 60 points, equivalent to the maximum score, to reach the 120 points maximum.
  14. The top five finishers in the three divisions, Beginner, Intermediate & Advanced, will qualify for the Speed Challenge. Those fifteen individuals will have ONE HOUR after the qualifying list has been posted to confirm their participation and pay for that round in the Office. If someone is unable to ride in the Speed Challenge, the next highest score from their division will be invited to compete.
  15. The speed challenge will pay back 100% of the entry fees with 55% to first, 30% to second and 15% to third. The top three earning money will need to fill out a W9 to receive premium money.