

Divisions are as follows, and will be run in the following order on race day:

Young Guns - Minimum age of 7- maximum age of 11. Any rider between the ages of 7-11 is eligible to compete in the Young Guns Division. Young Guns riders are allowed to ride "up" into the Youth Division with parental permission.

- The same Young Gun may ride a maximum of two horses.
- The course shall contain 8 obstacles plus Overall Horsemanship and time points.
- Obstacles shall be rated 1 & 2.

Beginner Youth - Beginner youth is a stepping stone into the Youth category, it gives any youth ages 7-11 with parental permission and 12-17 a chance to run a course that is rated as a novice course

- Beginner Youth course shall have 10 obstacles plus overall Horsemanship and time points.
- Obstacle shall be rated 1-3.
- Any rider competing in the Beginner Youth class **cannot** enter any other class except Young Guns.

Beginner Novice – 18 years & Over. Beginner Novice is a stepping stone into the Novice category, it gives any rider that is not ready to enter Novice a chance to run a course that is rated as a Novice course.

- Beginner Novice shall not be a 'buckle' class, although year end awards may be presented at the board's direction according to number of eligible riders.
- Shall not ride 'up' into higher Divisions of competition.
- The Beginner Novice shall have 10 obstacles plus overall Horsemanship and time points.
- Obstacles shall be rated 1-3.
- Riders can only compete in this division for one season.
- Board may ask riders to move up into Novice if the rider shows skills beyond the Beginner Novice level; in this situation, all scores received shall be carried forward with the rider into the Novice Division.
- There will NOT be a Beginner Novice Division at The World Finals. Points will not be tracked by EXCA. Point fees do not apply to this Division.

Novice – 18 years & Over. The Novice Division is designed for base level riders who have developed only the basic riding skills, such as loping, backing and side passing, etc. and have had little or no success competing in other equestrian events. The Novice Division is considered an entry level division that will allow the rider to develop confidence and additional horsemanship skills to allow the rider to move into the Intermediate Division. The purpose of the Novice Division is to provide a division that is fair to all base level riders. Novice riders are allowed to ride "up" into higher Divisions of competition.

- Novice shall not be required to jump but may be required to ride over obstacles. The obstacle is made of logs or ground poles of different sizes, lengths, and heights. Log height for Novice is no more than 12 inches.
- The Novice course shall have 10 obstacles plus overall Horsemanship and time points.
- Obstacles shall be rated 1 - 3.

Green Horse Division - A Division to develop aged horses new to EXCA & Futurity Horses

- Green Horse Division for horses of any age
- Green horses may be ridden by any rider age 12 or older.
- The Green Horse Division shall have 10 obstacles plus overall Horsemanship and time points on the spreadsheet. Points will not be tracked by EXCA. Point fees do not apply to this Division.

- Obstacles shall be rated 1 - 6.
- There will NOT be a Green Horse Division at The WORLD Finals
- The Green Horse **cannot** be ridden in any other Divisions.
- Green Horse event scores must be recorded on a separate spreadsheet as their results do not get sent to the EXCA office and their points are not tracked.

Youth - Minimum age of 12- maximum age of 17. Eligible Youth may ride up to Non-Pro and Pro with parental approval.

- A Youth may ride a maximum of three horses.
- The course shall contain 13 obstacles plus overall Horsemanship and time points.
- Obstacles shall be rated 1 – 4.

Intermediate - 18 years & Over. An Intermediate rider is an individual who is ready to move out of the Novice division but is not yet ready to compete in the Non-Pro division and does not receive compensation for riding or training horses, ponies or mules. An Intermediate rider has increased horsemanship skills such as increased speed and confidence in their basic skills and are prepared for the challenges of this higher level. A rider in this division has had some competition experience in equestrian sports and/or Extreme Cowboy Racing.

- Intermediate shall not be required to jump any obstacle higher than 18 inches.
- The Intermediate course shall contain 13 obstacles plus overall Horsemanship and time points.
- Obstacles shall be rated 1 - 4.

Novice, Intermediate, Beginner youth – if you win the championship in Novice, Beginner Youth or Intermediate class you are not eligible for the championship prize in that class for the following five years.

Non- Pro - 12 years & Over. A Non-Pro rider is an individual that has experience as a rider but does not receive direct or indirect compensation for riding or training horses, ponies or mules astride. This definition applies to all riders age 18 and over, except a Youth rider with parental permission.

- The Non-Pro course shall contain 13 obstacles plus overall Horsemanship and time points.
- Obstacles shall be rated 1 – 5.

Pro - 12 years & Over. An individual is considered a professional rider if he/she is age 18 or over and receives direct or indirect compensation for riding or training horses, ponies or mules astride.

- A Pro may ride an unlimited number of horses in the Pro Division and may also compete in the Futurity Division.
- In order for a professional to return to a lower level of competition, he/she must not have received direct or indirect compensation riding or training horses, ponies or mules for a period of three years prior to applying to return to a lower level of competition.
- The course shall contain 13 obstacles plus overall Horsemanship and time points.
- Obstacles shall be rated 1 – 6.

Ride Smart 55 years & Over. The Ride Smart Division is designed for non-professional riders age 55 and over.

- The course shall have 13 obstacles plus overall Horsemanship and time points.
- Obstacles shall be rated 1 – 5.

Members registered as Non-Pro and Ride Smart may not ride down to the Novice or Intermediate Division. But members may renew their memberships at the lower division, such as Intermediate.

Open Division 12 Years & Over - The Open Division is created for Youth, Novice, Intermediate, Non-Pro, Ride Smart and Pro riders.