

MQHA

Manitoba Quarter Horse Association

MQHA Thanksgiving Classic

October 9th to 12th, 2026

Assiniboine Credit Union Agricultural Centre, Keystone Centre, Brandon, MB

Featuring:

 **MRCHBA Select Sire Futurity Classes** 
American Paint Horse Association (APHA) Classes

Jackpot Classes

"Walk this Way" Showmanship Class

\$1000. NAERIC YEARLING TRIFECTA

Sponsored by NAERIC



MQHA Show is NAERIC Approved

We encourage all exhibitors to monitor the MQHA Facebook page for continual updates

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Jackpot Classes

Full details to be released soon.

NAERIC YEARLING TRIFECTA

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The Trifecta includes:

- Yearling Halter
- Yearling In-Hand Trail
- Yearling Longe Line

Placings from all three **yearling classes** will be combined to determine the overall Trifecta standings.

\$750 added Trifecta Purse

- 1st — 40% payout
- 2nd — 30% payout
- 3rd — 20% payout
- 4th — 10% payout

Additional \$250 NAERIC Bonus

- Top NAERIC horse — \$125
- 2nd — \$75
- 3rd — \$50

Entry Fee: \$100 per yearling

This event will run concurrently within the MRCHBA Select Sire Yearling Classes, and one single Yearling Trifecta Halter Class for all entries!

900 NAERIC YEARLING TRIFECTA Halter Class
400 MRCHBA Yearling In-Hand Trail
408 MRCHBA Yearling Longe Line

“Walk this Way” Showmanship Class

Sponsored by Miriam Browne

An accessible showmanship class for exhibitors 50+ with a pattern containing no running. This is an all-breed class for those not showing in Select AQHA or APHA classes.

\$500.00 in prize money.

\$25.00 Entry Fee

THANKSGIVING CLASSIC

Assiniboine Credit Union
Agricultural Centre
Keystone Centre 1175 – 18th St., Brandon, MB

Show Manager:
Quinn Brandt
Phone: (204) 381-4729

Show Secretary:
Eryn Butterfield
Phone: (204) 792-6777

Entries & stall reservations:
info@mqha.ca

All e-transfer payments are to be forwarded to
mqhapayments@gmail.com

Show Office Hours:
To be announced and posted accordingly on MQHA
website & Facebook page.

All MQHA shows follow AQHA Rules.
Show Management Decision is Final.

Payments:

All Fees must be paid prior to leaving the Show.

Cheques, E-Transfer & Cash only. ATM is on site.

Please note that pre-entries will be accepted. Registration papers, membership cards and class entry forms are required when entering either in advance or at time of show. If pre-entering changes can be made at the show as may be required. No refunds will be given without a veterinarian certificate.

ALL FEES MUST BE PAID BEFORE LEAVING SHOW
otherwise a late payment fee of \$25 will be charged.

MRCHBA: Please see MRCHBA entry form on website for full details or contact Eryn Butterfield at:
204-792-6777 or email: erynbutterfield@gmail.com

Please note MRCHBA classes will run concurrently with AQHA classes that are highlighted on schedule, UNLESS an exhibitor has a conflict (i.e. one horse in AQHA & another in MRCHBA).

Official Host Hotel:

Canad Inns – 1175 – 188th St. Brandon, MB
Phone: (204) 775-8791
Block Number: 1125020 or ask for “MB Quarter Horse Association” Block, or Book online at www.canadinns.com/stay and click on Book under Brandon.

Enter 1125020 under Group ID.

Available October 7 – 12, 2026
Book before September 5, 2026 for group rate.

Judges:

Friday, Oct. 9th & Saturday, Oct. 10th
Nancie Wright - Penrose, Colorado
Kevin Hood Penrose, Colorado

Sunday, Oct. 11th & Monday, Oct. 12th:
***Katheryn Boggetta – Elmira, Michigan
(Tie Breaker Judge)
Jason Contresas – Sanger, California

Dates to Remember:

Stall Reservations	Wed., Oct. 1
Camping Reservations	Wed., Oct. 1
Stall reservations will be taken after this date but shavings will not be a guarantee	
Standard Arrival	Thurs. Oct. 8 8:00 am
Early Arrival (must be prearranged)	Wed., Oct. 7 12 noon

CAMPING SITES:

Due to weather conditions full service is not available, only electrical.
15 amp along fence/30 amp along green building (limited numbers) \$40 per night

ARRIVAL TIME:

Horses may arrive starting at 8:00 am on Thursday, October 8, 2026. Stall charts and Camping charts will be posted at the East end of the barns and on the MQHA Facebook page. Please note that if you arrive late at night, the barns may be locked. If that occurs, you can call the Security number posted on the doors for them to let you in.
Keystone Security (204) 724-3511

Early Arrival: If you wish to arrive prior to 8:00 am, Thursday, October 8, you must notify the Show Secretary or Manager. You MAY arrive after 12 noon on Wednesday, October 7 and will be subject to an extra night stabling fee
Also, if you wish to ride or exercise your horse prior to our standard arrival time, you will need to make arrangements with the Keystone Centre and pay their rental fee.

NOTE: DO NOT change stall assignments.

This can only be done by the Show Manager or Secretary.

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MQHA/AQHA Information

MQHA shows follow AQHA Rules.
SPHC shows follow APHA Rules.
Show Management Decision is Final.

Show Office. Exhibitors must have a current MHC or provincial equivalent if out of province.

Online membership form: mqha.ca

SPHC & APHA MEMBERSHIPS:

Sask Paint Horse Club and APHA memberships may be purchased at the Show Office or online:

www.saskpainthorseclub.com

MQHA/AQHA/MHC MEMBERSHIPS:

Manitoba Quarter Horse Association memberships and AQHA memberships may be purchased at the

MQHA/AQHA/PHA Show & Stabling Fees

*Note: MQHA or SPHC membership is required to be eligible for the All-Inclusive Class Fees.

All-Inclusive Fees for 4 Judges:

AQHA/PHA Open & Amateur (show any & all divisions): **\$500**

(Includes all entry fees, office fees & AQHA/PHA fees). If you show in more than 5 classes/judge, All Inclusive Fee shall be applied.

Youth Only AQHA/PHA (if cross entering to Open or Amateur, those fees are not included): **\$325**

(Includes all entry fees, office fees & AQHA fees). If you show in more than 3 classes/judge, All Inclusive Fee shall be applied.

All Breed Small Fry (12 & Under Walk/Trot) **\$125**

(includes all entry fees & office fees)

All-Inclusive Fees for 2 Judges (Fri & Sat OR Sun & Mon):

AQHA/PHA (show any & all divisions): **\$295**

(Includes all entry fees, office fees & AQHA fees). If you show in more than 5 classes/judge, All Inclusive Fee shall be applied.

Youth Only, AQHA/PHA (if cross entering to Open or Amateur, those fees are not included): **\$170**

(Includes all entry fees, office fees & AQHA fees). If you show in more than 3 classes/judge, All Inclusive Fee shall be applied.

All Breed Small Fry (12 & Under Walk/Trot) **\$60**

(includes all entry fees & office fees)

All-inclusive fee **DOES NOT** include: stalls, paid warm ups, APHA Processing/Points fee or entry into jackpots.

See "Other Information" page for details of "All Breed Small Fry Walk/Trot" Division.

Individual Class Fees (if not All Inclusive):

Open & Amateur: \$22/class/judge

Youth: \$16/class/judge

All Breed Small Fry W/T: \$10/class/judge, maximum of \$100 to add on to an AQHA division with a new exhibitor.

Youth Lead Line Classes: No charge

Regular (Fri) & Costume (Sun)

(no cross entry to Small Fry classes)

**Not applicable to All Breed Small Fry division

Office Flat Fee:**

Full weekend \$80.00

Two days (Fri. & Sat. OR Sun. & Mon.) \$40.00

AQHA/PHA Fee per Horse/Judge **

AQHA processing Fee: \$15 /Horse/Judge

PHA Processing & Payment Points fee: \$5.00/Class/judge

THANKSGIVING CLASSIC

Paid Warmups (all divisions):

Hunter Under Saddle (<i>optional</i>)	\$10/day/horse
Western Pleasure(<i>optional</i>)	\$10/day/horse
Trail (All –Around & Ranch)	\$10/day/horse

Trail Warm Up Fee is applicable to every horse showing trail in the All-Around Division & Ranch including Youth

STALLS, SHAVINGS, CAMPING & MISC FEES:

All horses must either pay stall or ground fees.

Daily Ground Fees: (if box stall is not used) \$ 25

This applies to any horse on the grounds not using a stall.

No Unauthorized Use of Empty Stalls – for storage or temporary use. Violators will be billed accordingly

Shavings:

Pre-booked	\$10.00 per bale
At Show	\$10.00 per bale

Box & Tack Stalls:

Circuit (4 nights)	\$180
3 Nights	\$150
2 Nights	\$120
1 Night	\$ 70
Extra night of circuit	\$ 40

Shavings must be pre-ordered at the time of stall booking. Shavings will be available at the Office for pick-up. Please note shavings are not self-serve. Orders for additional bales at the show must be placed through the Show Office.

MQHA 2026 Sponsors

Thank you to the following sponsors for supporting MQHA events throughout the 2026 season.

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Show Schedule

7:00 AM Friday, October 9th (2 judges)

7:00 AM Sunday, October 11th (2 judges)

Please note that where possible, classes will run concurrently unless there is a conflict due to an exhibitor having different horses in each class.

Trail

All Around Trail warm up the evening/night before by 8pm and will remain set until 1 hour prior to start time Friday am

- 604 All Breed Small Fry Walk Trot
- 81 Amateur L1 Walk Trot
- 82 Youth L1 Walk Trot
- 83 Open L1
- 84 Amateur L1
- 85 Youth L1
- 86 Open Junior
- 87 Youth
- 88 Select Amateur
- 89 Amateur
- 90 Open Senior
- 301 APHA Amateur
- 302 APHA Senior
- 303 APHA Youth 18 & Under
- 304 APHA Junior
- 305 APHA Nov Amateur
- 306 APHA Green
- 307 APHA Nov Youth
- 308 APHA Am Walk/Trot
- 309 APHA Youth 5-10 Walk Trot
- 310 APHA Youth 11-18 Walk/Trot
- 311 APHA Yearling In Hand
- 312 APHA Am Yearling In Hand
- 313 APHA 2 Yr Old In Hand
- 314 APHA Am 2 yr Old In Hand

400 MRCHBA Yearling In-Hand Trail

Lead Line

- 607 All Breed Lead Line 6 & U
(Friday and Sunday)

****Trail Tear-Down****

Western Pleasure

WU1 Western Pleasure Paid Warm Up

- 143 Two Yr. Old
- 401 MRCHBA SS Two Yr. Old Walk Trot
- 605 All Breed Small Fry Walk Trot
- 91 Amateur L1 Walk Trot
- 92 Youth L1 Walk Trot
- 93 Open Level 1
- 402 MRCHBA SS Three Yr. Old
- 94 Amateur L1
- 95 Youth L1
- 96 Open Junior
- 97 Select Amateur
- 98 Amateur
- 99 Youth
- 100 Open Senior
- 319 APHA Youth 5-10 Walk/Trot
- 320 APHA Youth 11-18 Walk/Trot
- 321 APHA Amateur Walk/Trot
- 322 APHA Novice Youth

- 323 APHA Green
- 324 APHA Novice Amateur
- 325 APHA Junior
- 326 APHA Youth 18 & Under
- 327 APHA Amateur
- 328 APHA Senior

Horsemanship

- 606 All Breed Small Fry Walk Trot
- 101 Amateur L1 Walk Trot
- 102 Youth L1 Walk Trot
- 103 Non-Pro L1 Horse
- 104 Amateur L1
- 105 Youth L1
- 106 Select Amateur
- 107 Amateur
- 108 Youth
- 329 APHA Youth 5-10 W/T
- 330 APHA Youth 11-18 W/T
- 331 APHA Amateur Walk/Trot
- 332 APHA Novice Youth
- 333 APHA Novice Amateur
- 334 APHA Youth 18 & Under
- 335 APHA Amateur

Ranch Riding

- 109 Open L1
- 110 Amateur L1
- 111 Youth L1
- 112 Open Junior
- 113 Select Amateur
- 114 Amateur
- 115 Youth
- 116 Open Senior
- 340 APHA Youth
- 341 APHA Amateur
- 342 APHA Open

Ranch Pleasure

- 407 APHA Youth
- 408 APHA Amateur
- 409 APHA Open

Working Western Rail

- 117 Open L1
- 118 Amateur L1
- 119 Youth L1
- 120 Open Junior
- 121 Select Amateur
- 122 Amateur
- 123 Youth
- 124 Open Senior

Western Versatility

- 410 APHA Youth
- 411 APHA Amateur
- 412 APHA Open

End of First Show Judging

THANKSGIVING CLASSIC

Show Schedule

Friday & Sunday: Ranch Trail pattern will be set in the arena immediately following the end of show and will remain set for 2 hours.

7:00 AM Saturday, October 10th (2 judges)

7:00 AM Monday, October 12th (2 judges)

Please note that where possible, classes will run concurrently unless there is a conflict due to an exhibitor having different horses in each class.

Halter

- 1 Amateur Yearling Stallions
- 2 Amateur Two-Year Old Stallions
- 3 Amateur Three-Year Old Stallions
- 4 Amateur Aged Stallions
- 5 Amateur Performance Stallions

Grand & Reserve

404 MRCHBA SS Weanling Stallions

- 8 Open Yearling Stallions
- 9 Open Two Yr. Old Stallions
- 10 Open Three Yr. Old Stallions
- 11 Open Aged Stallions
- 12 Open Performance Stallions

Grand & Reserve

- 15 Amateur Yearling Geldings
- 16 Amateur Two-Year Old Geldings
- 17 Amateur Three-Year Old Geldings
- 18 Amateur Aged Geldings
- 19 Amateur Performance Geldings

Grand & Reserve

405 MRCHBA SS Stallions & Geldings Yrlg.

- 22 Open Yearling Geldings
- 23 Open Two-Year Old Geldings
- 24 Open Three-Year Old Geldings
- 25 Open Aged Geldings
- 26 Open Performance Geldings

Grand & Reserve

- 29 Youth Yearling Geldings
- 30 Youth Two-Year Old Geldings
- 31 Youth Three-Year Old Geldings
- 32 Youth Aged Geldings
- 33 Youth Performance Geldings

Grand & Reserve

- 36 Amateur Yearling Mares
- 37 Amateur Two Yr. Old Mares
- 38 Amateur Three Yr. Old Mares
- 39 Amateur Aged Mares
- 40 Amateur Performance Mares

Grand & Reserve

406 MRCHBA SS Weanling Mares

- 43 Open Yearling Mares

407 MRCHBA SS Yearling Mares

- 44 Open Two Yr. Old Mares
- 45 Open Three Yr. Old Mares
- 46 Open Aged Mares
- 47 Open Performance Mares

Grand & Reserve

- 50 Youth Yearling Mares
- 51 Youth Two Yr. Old Mare
- 52 Youth Three Yr. Old Mares
- 53 Youth Aged Mares

- 54 Youth Performance Mares

Grand & Reserve

APHA Halter

- 360 APHA Amateur Stallions

Grand & Reserve

- 363 APHA Yearling Stallions
- 364 APHA 2 Yr Old Stallions
- 365 APHA 3 Yr Old Stallions
- 366 APHA Aged Stallions
- 367 APHA Perf Stallions All Ages

Grand & Reserve

- 370 APHA Youth Geldings

Grand & Reserve

- 373 APHA Amateur Geldings

Grand & Reserve

- 376 APHA Yearling Geldings
- 377 APHA 2 Yr Old Geldings
- 378 APHA 3 Yr Old Geldings
- 379 APHA Aged Geldings
- 380 APHA Perf Geldings All Ages

Grand & Reserve

- 383 APHA Youth Mares

Grand & Reserve

- 386 APHA Amateur Mares

Grand & Reserve

- 389 APHA Yearling Mares
- 390 APHA 2 Yr Old Mares
- 391 APHA 3 Yr Old Mares
- 392 APHA Aged Mares
- 391 APHA Perf Mares All Ages

Grand & Reserve

900 NAERIC YEARLING TRIFECTA Halter Class

SUPREME HALTER AQHA/APHA
(All Grand Champions Welcome)

- 394 APHA Overo Color Class
- 395 APHA Tobiano Color Class
- 396 APHA Youth All Color Class
- 397 APHA Amateur All Color Class
- 398 APHA Youth Ranch Conf
- 399 APHA Amateur Ranch Conf
- 400 APHA Open Ranch Conf

Short Break

Longe Line warm up

Longe Line

408 MRCHBA Yearling Longe Line

- 315 APHA Yearling
- 316 APHA Amateur Yearling
- 317 APHA 2 Yr Old
- 318 APHA Amateur 2 YR Old

Showmanship

- 401 APHA Youth 18&U Walk/Trot
- 402 APHA Amateur Walk/Trot
- 403 APHA Novice Youth
- 404 APHA Youth
- 405 APHA Novice Amateur

THANKSGIVING CLASSIC

Show Schedule

406	APHA Amateur
601	All Breed Small Fry
57	Non-Pro Level 1 Horse
58	Amateur L1
59	Youth L1
60	Select Amateur
61	Amateur
62	Youth
901	"Walk this Way" Showmanship Class (Saturday)

Hunter Under Saddle

WU2 *Hunter Under Saddle Paid Warm Up*

409 **MRCHBA SS Two Yr. Old Walk Trot**

602 All Breed Small Fry Walk Trot

63 Open L1

410 **MRCHBA SS Three Yr. Old**

64 Amateur L1 Walk Trot

65 Youth L1 Walk Trot

66 Amateur L1

67 Youth L1

68 Open Junior

69 Select Amateur

70 Amateur

71 Youth

72 Open Senior

343 APHA Youth 5-10 Walk/Trot

344 APHA Youth 11-18 Walk/Trot

345 APHA Amateur Walk/Trot

346 APHA Novice Youth

347 APHA Green

348 APHA Novice Amateur

349 APHA Junior

350 APHA Youth 18 & Under

351 APHA Amateur

352 APHA Senior

English Versatility

413 APHA Youth

414 APHA Amateur

415 APHA Open

777 AQHA English Versatility

Hunt Seat Equitation

603 All Breed Small Fry Walk Trot

73 Amateur L1 Walk Trot

74 Youth L1 Walk Trot

75 Non-Pro L1 Horse

76 Amateur L1

77 Youth L1

78 Select Amateur

79 Amateur

80 Youth

353 APHA Youth 5-10 Walk/Trot

354 APHA Youth 11-18 Walk/Trot

355 APHA Amateur Walk/Trot

356 APHA Novice Youth

357 APHA Novice Amateur

358 APHA Youth 18 & Under

359 APHA Amateur

Western Riding

133 Open L1

134 Amateur L1

135 Youth L1

136 Open Junior

137 Amateur

138 Youth

139 Open Senior

336 APHA Green

337 APHA Youth

338 APHA Amateur

339 APHA Open

Break – Ranch Trail set up

Ranch Trail

125 Open L1

126 Amateur L1

127 Youth L1

128 Select Amateur

129 Amateur

130 Youth

131 Open Junior

132 Open Senior

361 APHA Youth

362 APHA Amateur

363 APHA Open

Reining

140 Amateur

141 Youth

142 Open

355 APHA Youth

356 APHA Amateur

357 APHA Open

Barrel Racing

143 Amateur

144 Youth

145 Open

Pole Bending

146 Amateur

147 Youth

148 Open

Please note that where possible, classes will run concurrently unless there is a conflict due to an exhibitor having different horses in each class.

Saturday: All Around Trail will be set in the arena

At a time to be announced after the show is complete and will remain in place until 1 hour before show start time.

Donation Requests:

Silent Auction Items

MQHA's Thanksgiving Classic Silent Auction proceeds go directly in supporting MQHA events. If you are able to donate an item, please drop it off at the Show Office by Friday. Silent Auction bidding will run throughout the weekend and close Sunday evening.

Other Information:

Health & Fire Regulations:

Provincial health regulations that may be in effect at time of show will be followed.

As per fire regulations protocol alley ways MUST be clear at all times, this means no tacking up/cross tying, no class prep, no chairs, tack, tables, hay, shavings etc.

Show Arena & Warm Up Access: The show arena and warm up area will be available at 12 noon, Thursday, October 8th. If you want to ride or exercise your horse prior to this time, you will need to make arrangements with the Keystone Centre and pay their rental fee.

DOGS:

As per Keystone Centre rules, all dogs must be kept on leash and under control at all times. No dogs are allowed in the WACE show arena at any time.

STABLING:

No unauthorized use of empty stalls for storage, temporary use or day use. Violators will be charged with additional stall rental.

VENDORS/THERAPLATES:

To book a spot for a Vendor Trade Booth or a Theraplate, please call Show Manager, Quinn Brandt (204) 381-4729.

For safety reasons, Theraplates must be situated within a stall and must be booked in advance to be situated near a safe power source

WALK/TROT CLASSES:

Rules for AQHA Walk/Trot Classes shall be followed as per section SHW755 of the AQHA Rulebook.

LEVEL 1 CLASSES:

Sections 245, 246, 250, 251 & 252 as per the AQHA Rulebook shall be followed.

ALL BREED SMALL FRY 12 & UNDER WALK/TROT:

Exhibitors entered in this division may not cross enter into the AQHA Youth division. However, if there is a horse being used in an AQHA division (Open, Amateur or Youth), it may be entered into the All Breed Small Fry with another exhibitor, and by paying an additional \$10/class/judge up to a maximum of \$100 in addition to their other division fee. **NOTE: Small Fry Western Pleasure and Horsemanship classes will be held back-to-back along with Small Fry Hunter Under Saddle and Hunt Seat Equitation.**

MQHA CIRCUIT AWARDS

(To be eligible for awards you must show to all 4 judges.)

Halter & All-Around Division

High Point Open Halter Stallion	High Point Amateur Level 1	High Point L1 Youth Walk/Trot
High Point Open Halter Gelding	High Point L1 Amateur Walk/Trot	High Point Youth 18 & Under
High Point Open Halter Mare	High Point Open Level 1 Horse	High Point Youth Level 1
High Point Select Amateur	High Point Open Junior Horse	High Point Non-Pro L1 Horse
High Point Amateur	High Point Open Senior Horse	High Point All Breed Small Fry

Horses must show in 3 AQHA class categories within their division to be eligible for their respective High Point Award.

No horse may cross enter a western pleasure or walk/trot western pleasure and ranch riding class at the same show regardless of division (youth, amateur, select or open). This also applies to the working western rail class. No horse may cross enter a trail class or walk/trot trail class and ranch trail at the same show regardless of division (youth, amateur, select or open).

SPHC CIRCUIT AWARDS

High Point Open Jr Horse	High Point Novice Youth	High Point Novice Amateur
High Point Open Senior Horse	High Point Youth W/T 5 -10	High Point Amateur W/T
High Point Green Horse	High Point Youth W/T 11-18	High Point Amateur
High Point Open Yearling	High Point Youth 18 & Under	High Point Amateur Yearling
High Point Open Two Year Old In Hand		High Point Am. Two Year Old In Hand

HIGH POINT SUPREME HALTER HORSE AQHA/APHA

(ALL GRAND CHAMPIONS WILL COME BACK TO THE RING AT THE END
OF HALTER TO COMPETE IN THIS CLASS)

MQHA & MQHYA YEAR END AWARDS:

To be eligible for MQHA and MQHYA Year End Awards all exhibitors **and** owners must have current MQHA and MQHYA memberships.

For further information on MQHA please visit our website at: <http://www.mqha.ca/> or follow us on Facebook at: Manitoba Quarter Horse Association Inc.

MQHA Mission Statement

Bringing people and the American Quarter Horse together.

*Happy Thanksgiving!
Thank you for coming
& Safe Travels Home!*