Wild Mustang & Burro Finals

Presented by Mustang Heritage Foundation



October 21–24, 2026

HOOSIER HORSE PARK · EDINBURGH, INDIANA

7105 S Kern St, Edinburgh, IN 46124

OPEN TO ALL QUALIFIED WILD-BRED MUSTANGS & BURROS

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ABOUT THE FINALS

WHERE WILD MEETS WORLD-CLASS

The Wild Mustang & Burro Finals celebrates the unique abilities of wild-bred mustangs and burros, ethical horsemanship, and responsible training. Across four days and eight disciplines, the country's most talented trainers and owners bring gentled, accomplished animals into the arena to compete for national titles — an open-show championship built to inspire lifelong partnerships beyond adoption.

8 DISCIPLINES

Dressage/Western Dressage, Jumping, Western Versatility, Green Horse, In-Hand, Liberty, Freestyle & Speed Events

3 CLASSES

Every division entry includes three scored classes — win the division, take home the title. (Freestyle is a single class.)

50% PAYBACK+MORE

Division prize money equals 50% of entry fees, awarded to the top three overall placings. Plus, special sponsor prizes.

HOW THE COMPETITION WORKS

01 **Qualify** your rider & animal combination at two horse shows during the qualification period, then enter on HorseSpot.

02 **Compete** in all three classes of your chosen division. Each class awards ribbons 1st through 6th.

03 **Earn the title.** Cumulative scores across the division crown the Champion, Reserve Champion & Third Overall.



CLASSES & DIVISIONS

THE EIGHT DISCIPLINES

Mustangs & burros can do anything. Each division entry includes the three classes shown; overall division score crowns the champion. Judge assignments are noted per discipline.

DRESSAGE / WESTERN DRESSAGE

Rider 13+ · Horse 4 yrs+ under saddle · Dressage & Western Dressage judged together

JUDGE Amy Humble Lanier



DIVISIONS

Introductory | Training / Basic | 1st Level / Level 1 | 2nd Level / Level 2

1ST TEST	2ND TEST	2ND TEST
Score 1	Score 2 (best of)	Score 2 (best of)

DIVISION	USDF 1ST TEST	USDF 2ND TEST	WDAA 1ST TEST	WDAA 2ND TEST
Introductory	Intro Test A	Intro Test C	Intro Test 1	Intro Test 4
Training / Basic	Training Test 1	Training Test 3	Basic Test 1	Basic Test 4
1st Level / Level 1	First Level Test 1	First Level Test 3	Level 1 Test 1	Level 1 Test 4
2nd Level / Level 2	Second Level Test 1	Second Level Test 3	Level 2 Test 1	Level 2 Test 4

Division score = Scores from 1st-test plus the higher of the two 2nd-test rides.

JUMPING

Horse 4 yrs+ · Burros not eligible · Youth & Adult, all heights open

JUDGE Terri Foreman



DIVISIONS

Crossrails — 0.50 m (20") | 0.60 m (2'0") | 0.75 m (2'6") | 0.95 m (3'0")

COURSE 1	COURSE 2	COURSE 3
Optimum Time (Table IV)	Table II, Sec. 2(b)	Table II, Sec. 2(a)

Placings total each rider's finish across all three courses; top rounds go to a jump-off.

WESTERN VERSATILITY

Horse 4 yrs+ · All-around ability across three ridden classes

JUDGE Jesse Westfall · Terry Myers



DIVISIONS

Youth 13 & Under | Youth 14–18 | Adult Non-Pro | Adult Pro

CLASS 1
Reining

CLASS 2
Ranch Riding

CLASS 3
Trail

DIVISION	AQHA REINING	AQHA RANCH RIDING
Youth 13 & Under	Pattern 14	Pattern 1
Youth 14–18	Pattern 13	Pattern 1
Adult Non-Pro	Pattern 12	Pattern 5
Adult Pro	Pattern 11	Pattern 8
Trail pattern will be provided at the event.		

Champion determined by cumulative score across all three classes.

GREEN HORSE

Rider 15+ · Horse 4 yrs+ · Adoption-date windows apply

JUDGE Nate Eicher



DIVISIONS

1-Year Adopted — adopted Oct 1, 2025 – extended to July 15, 2026

2-Year Adopted — adopted Oct 1, 2024 – Sep 30, 2025

CLASS 1
Horsemanship

CLASS 2
Ridden Pattern

CLASS 3
Trail

DIVISION PRIZE MONEY **$2,000** Champion | **$1,000** Reserve | **$500** Third

Sponsored by USFS

Replaces the legacy Extreme Mustang Makeover. The 1-Year division needs only one qualifier.

IN-HAND

Handler 8+ · Equine 1 yr+ · All work done from the ground

JUDGE Riva England



DIVISIONS

Youth (8–17) | Adult | Burro

CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 3
Horsemanship	Showmanship	In-Hand Trail

Burros compete in the Burro division regardless of the handler's age.

LIBERTY

No horse age limit · Youth under 18 · Adult 18+ · ELO patterns

JUDGE Amanda Sommer



DIVISIONS

Youth Novice | Adult Novice | Youth Intermediate | Adult Intermediate

CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 3
Training at the Shoulder — round pen	Training at Liberty — arena	Obstacles at Liberty — trail

Horses work free of tack. Scored 40% maneuvers / 60% foundation.

FREESTYLE INVITATIONAL

By invitation only via the Virtual Freestyle Challenge · Music required

JUDGE Nate Eicher · TBD



DIVISIONS

Youth (8–17) | Adult (18+) | Burro

SINGLE CLASS
Choreographed Performance to music

*Top 10 per category from the **virtual challenge** are invited; invitations sent by Sep 15, 2026.*

SPEED EVENTS

Horse 4 yrs+ · Youth under 18 · Adult 18+ · Burro all ages

JUDGE To be announced



DIVISIONS

Youth | Adult | Burro

CLASS 1
Poles

CLASS 2
Barrels

CLASS 3
Flags

Placed on adjusted time; divisions split into 1D / 2D / 3D at 15 or more entries.

OFFICIALS

2026 JUDGING ROSTER

DISCIPLINE	JUDGE
Dressage / Western Dressage	**Amy Humble Lanier**
Jumping	**Terri Foreman**
Western Versatility	**Jesse Westfall · Terry Myers**
Green Horse	**Nate Eicher**
In-Hand	**Riva England**
Liberty	**Amanda Sommer**
Freestyle Invitational	**Nate Eicher · TBD**
Speed Events	**TBD**

ENTRIES & AWARDS

FEES, AWARDS & KEY DATES

ENTRY FEES

Division entry (3 classes)	**$150**
Freestyle Invitational	**$100**
Late entry (after Oct 1, 2026)	**+$50 / division**
Office Admin fee	**$25 / horse**
Stall	**$150**
Bedding	**$10 / bag**
Virtual Freestyle Challenge	**$10 / entry**

All fees paid in full at submission.



TRAINER PERK

4 additional entries = 1 free stall.



RV HOOKUPS

On-grounds spots available. Reserve at: mustangheritagefoundation.org/event-details/rv-spot

AWARDS

EVERY CLASS

Ribbons awarded 1st through 6th in each individual class.

DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP

- ★ Champion
- ★ Reserve Champion
- ★ Third Overall

By cumulative score across all division classes.
Prize money = 50% of division entry fees, split among the top three.

ADDITIONAL

Division sponsor prizes — to be announced. Examples include saddle pads, specialty tack, and other trainer gear.

KEY DATES

OCT 1 2025 – OCT 1 2026	Qualification period
APR 1 – SEP 1, 2026	Virtual Freestyle Challenge window
BY SEP 15, 2026	Freestyle invitations sent
OCT 1, 2026	Standard entry deadline · last full refund
OCT 19 / OCT 20	Partial refund cutoff / no refunds after
OCT 21–24, 2026	Wild Mustang & Burro Finals

EVENT MANAGEMENT

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COMPETITOR SUPPORT

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Questions on qualifiers, entries & eligibility.

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Summary compiled from the 2026 Official Rulebook and event pages. All information is subject to the final published rules; refer to the official rulebook for complete details.