

Wild
MUSTANG&BURRO
FINALS

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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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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.



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 Marsha Hartford-Sapp

DIVISIONS

Introductory

Training / Basic

First Level / Level 1

Second Level / Level 2

TEST 1

First Test (Score 1)

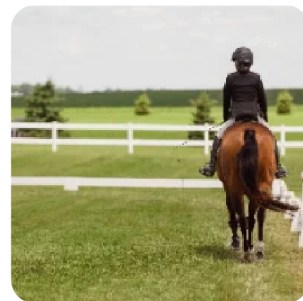
TEST 2A

Second Test — Ride 1

TEST 2B

Second Test — Ride 2

Division score = Test 1 plus the higher of the two second-test rides.



JUMPING

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

JUDGE TBD

DIVISIONS

Crossrails — 0.50 m (20")

0.60 m (2'0")

0.75 m (2'6")

0.95 m (3'0")

COURSE 1

Optimum Time (Table IV)

COURSE 2

Table II, Sec. 2(b)

COURSE 3

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

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 – Jun 30, 2026

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

CLASS 1

Horsemanship

CLASS 2

Ridden Pattern

CLASS 3

Trail

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

Horsemanship

CLASS 2

Showmanship

CLASS 3

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

Training at the
Shoulder — round pen

CLASS 2

Training at Liberty —
arena

CLASS 3

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 · Marsha Hartford-Sapp

DIVISIONS

Youth (8-17)

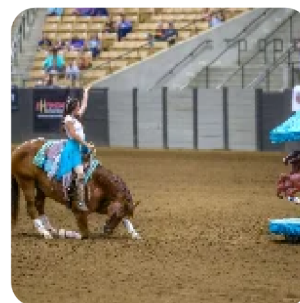
Adult (18+)

Burro

SINGLE CLASS

Choreographed Performance to music

Top 10 per category from the virtual challenge are invited; invitations extended by Sep 1, 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.



2026 JUDGING ROSTER

DISCIPLINE	JUDGE
Dressage / Western Dressage	Marsha Hartford-Sapp
Jumping	TBD
Western Versatility	Jesse Westfall · Terry Myers
Green Horse	Nate Eicher
In-Hand	Riva England
Liberty	Amanda Sommer
Freestyle Invitational	Nate Eicher · Marsha Hartford-Sapp
Speed Events	TBD

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.
- Trainers who bring four additional entries earn one free stall.

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.

KEY DATES

OCT 1 2025 – OCT 1 2026	Qualification period	APR 1 – AUG 1, 2026	Virtual Freestyle Challenge window
BY SEP 1, 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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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.