WHAT IS C.S.H.A.?

The California State Horsemen's Association, Incorporated. is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit corporation that is comprised of individual, club and commercial members. CSHA has something for every horseman from the backyard enthusiast to the commercial business.

We offer a variety of competitions for the amateur rider. Most programs offer Region level competition wherein competitors qualify to compete for the coveted title of State Champion. Paraders compete throughout the State to qualify to compete in our annual State Championship parade. Other programs include Drill Team, Endurance, English, Gymkhana, Stock Competition (team penning, team roping, cutting, cattle drafting, cattle sorting), Trail Riders, and Western.

CSHA Horsemastership is an educational program wherein participants learn the horse's anatomy, proper care of a horse, health and preventive medicine, and proper use and care of riding equipment. Participants compete in a written test, grooming and handling test, and riding test.

Our Royalty program offers Region level competition for young ladies and gentlemen. Each Region Royal qualifies to compete for the corresponding state title and scholarship. The program offers three divisions; Senior (ages 14-17), Junior (ages 11-13) and Little (ages 7-10).

Our Equestrian Trails Patrol unit works to maintain existing trails, as well as establish new trails and preserve the rights of horsemen to use the trails.

The CSHA Charitable Trust administers several scholarships. These include the U. C. Davis Memorial scholarship which is awarded annually to a veterinary student at the University of California at Davis. The Trust also administers an Equine Medical Research Fund. Donations to this fund are made by members in memory of their deceased horse. These funds are distributed to the U. C. Davis School of Veterinary Medicine research department. Junior members may compete for college scholarships through our Horsemastership, Gymkhana, English, Western and Royalty programs.

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