

6 FEET ON THE GROUND

2026 BUCKLE SERIES



Join us for our exciting 2026 Show Season and qualify for our Buckle Series! Partnering with the North Central Liberty Horse Club, we will be offering buckles for each Division (Youth, Adult Amateur, and Open).



**NO ADDITIONAL FEES
OR REGISTRATION
REQUIRED.**

**NO MEMBERSHIPS
REQUIRED!**

**COMPETE VIRTUALLY,
LIVE OR BOTH!
PRIZES FOR 1ST-3RD
PLACE!**





Overview: How to Qualify

Virtual BUCKLE SERIES

- Earn 4 scores from a minimum of 4 individual shows at any of the 6 *7* Virtual Shows hosted by the North Central Liberty Horse Club for 2026.
- All 4 scores must be within one Level (First, Second, or Third) and at least one of the scores must be 60% or higher.
- Competitors are eligible to compete and qualify for 2 Levels/Classes as long as they are consecutive Levels.
- All competitors that qualify, will then compete in the **Buckle Series Finals** that will take place October 1st-12th where the ultimate winners will be placed.
- Winners in each Division will be awarded Buckles and other prizes will be granted to second and third place competitors.

Live BUCKLE SERIES

- Earn 3 scores from a minimum of 3 separate shows at any of the 5 LIVE In-Person Shows hosted by the North Central Liberty Horse Club for 2026.
- All 3 scores must be within one Level (First, Second, or Third) and at least one score must be 60% or higher.
- Competitors are eligible to compete and qualify for 2 Levels/Classes as long as they are consecutive Levels.
- The 3 highest scores from 3 separate shows, will then be averaged to determine the winners.
- Winners in each Division will be awarded Buckles and other prizes will be granted to second and third place competitors.

Can I qualify for both the Virtual buckle and Live buckle?
YES!

***We are adding a Virtual Show for
September 2026!**

2026 SHOW SCHEDULE

VIRTUAL SHOWS

March 6th-9th
April 10th-13th
May 1st-4th
June 5th-8th
July 10th-13th
Aug 7th-10th
Sept 4th-7th

BUCKLE SERIES FINALS
OCT 1ST-12TH

Schooling SHOW

March 28th
Evansville WI

LIVE SHOWS

May 16th Cedarburg WI
June 20th Evansville WI
Aug 1&2nd West Salem WI
Sept 12-13th Brooklyn WI



Sample Qualifications

- Competitors may qualify for two Levels for both Lead Line and Liberty Classes.
- The Levels must be consecutive per Class.
- A competitor can qualify for all three Levels but they cannot qualify for both Classes (Lead Line and Liberty) in the same Level. Someone could qualify in the following scenarios:
- Sample #1:
 - First Level Lead Line
 - Second Level Lead Line
 - Third Level Liberty
- Sample #2:
 - First Liberty
 - Second Level Liberty
 - Third Level Lead Line
- Sample #3
 - First Level Liberty
 - Second Level Lead Line
 - Third Level Lead Line
- Sample #4
 - First Level Lead Line
 - Second Level Liberty
 - Third Level Liberty

***Remember! To qualify for each Level/Class, all 3 or 4 scores (from separate shows) must be within one Level (First, Second, or Third) and at least one of the scores must be 60% or higher.**



Prize List

Virtual BUCKLE FINALS

- Buckles for 1st, awards for 2nd & 3rd in each Level & Class plus additional rosette ribbons.
- Youth
 - First Level Lead Line
 - Champion, Reserve Champion, 3rd-6th
 - First Level Liberty
 - Champion, Reserve Champion, 3rd-6th
 - Second Level Lead Line
 - Champion, Reserve Champion, 3rd-6th
 - Second Level Liberty
 - Champion, Reserve Champion, 3rd-6th
 - Third Level Lead Line
 - Champion, Reserve Champion, 3rd-6th
 - Third Level Liberty
- Adult Amateur
 - First Level Lead Line
 - Champion, Reserve Champion, 3rd-6th
 - First Level Liberty
 - Champion, Reserve Champion, 3rd-6th
 - Second Level Lead Line
 - Champion, Reserve Champion, 3rd-6th
 - Second Level Liberty
 - Champion, Reserve Champion, 3rd-6th
 - Third Level Lead Line
 - Champion, Reserve Champion, 3rd-6th
 - Third Level Liberty
 - Champion, Reserve Champion, 3rd-6th
- Open
 - First Level Lead Line
 - Champion, Reserve Champion, 3rd-6th
 - First Level Liberty
 - Champion, Reserve Champion, 3rd-6th
 - Second Level Lead Line
 - Champion, Reserve Champion, 3rd-6th
 - Second Level Liberty
 - Champion, Reserve Champion, 3rd-6th
 - Third Level Lead Line
 - Champion, Reserve Champion, 3rd-6th
 - Third Level Liberty
 - Champion, Reserve Champion, 3rd-6th

Live BUCKLE SERIES

- Buckles for 1st, awards for 2nd & 3rd in each Level & Class plus additional rosette ribbons.
- Youth
 - First Level Lead Line
 - Champion, Reserve Champion, 3rd-6th
 - First Level Liberty
 - Champion, Reserve Champion, 3rd-6th
 - Second Level Lead Line
 - Champion, Reserve Champion, 3rd-6th
 - Second Level Liberty
 - Champion, Reserve Champion, 3rd-6th
 - Third Level Lead Line
 - Champion, Reserve Champion, 3rd-6th
 - Third Level Liberty
- Adult Amateur
 - First Level Lead Line
 - Champion, Reserve Champion, 3rd-6th
 - First Level Liberty
 - Champion, Reserve Champion, 3rd-6th
 - Second Level Lead Line
 - Champion, Reserve Champion, 3rd-6th
 - Second Level Liberty
 - Champion, Reserve Champion, 3rd-6th
 - Third Level Lead Line
 - Champion, Reserve Champion, 3rd-6th
 - Third Level Liberty
 - Champion, Reserve Champion, 3rd-6th
- Open
 - First Level Lead Line
 - Champion, Reserve Champion, 3rd-6th
 - First Level Liberty
 - Champion, Reserve Champion, 3rd-6th
 - Second Level Lead Line
 - Champion, Reserve Champion, 3rd-6th
 - Second Level Liberty
 - Champion, Reserve Champion, 3rd-6th
 - Third Level Lead Line
 - Champion, Reserve Champion, 3rd-6th
 - Third Level Liberty
 - Champion, Reserve Champion, 3rd-6th



Steps to the BUCKLE

Virtual BUCKLE SERIES

1. Compete in a minimum of 4 Virtual Shows within one Level/Class
 - a. All 4 scores must be within one Level (First, Second, or Third).
 - b. At least one of the scores must be 60% or higher.
2. Register for 2 or more patterns in the Virtual Finals within the Level you qualified for.
 - a. Lead Line Pattern 1, Pattern 2, Pattern 3, First Level Obstacles, First Level Freestyles
 - b. Liberty Pattern 1, Pattern 2, Pattern 3, First Level Obstacles, First Level Freestyles
 - c. Lead Line Pattern 4, Pattern 5, Pattern 6, Second Level Obstacles, Second Level Freestyles
 - d. Liberty Pattern 4, Pattern 5, Pattern 6, Second Level Obstacles, Second Level Freestyles
 - e. Lead Line Pattern 7, Pattern 8, Pattern 9, Third Level Obstacles, Third Level Freestyles
 - f. Liberty Pattern 7, Pattern 8, Pattern 9, Third Level Obstacles, Third Level Freestyles
3. Film and submit your video entries between October 1st and the 12th.
4. Placings will be determined based on the average of the competitor's 2 highest scores within the Level.
5. Winners and placings will be announced LIVE!
6. Awards and prizes will be delivered or mailed to competitors.

Live BUCKLE SERIES

1. Compete in a minimum of 3 Live-In Person Shows within one Level/Class
 - a. All 3 scores must be within one level (First, Second, or Third).
 - b. At least one of the scores must be 60% or higher.
2. Placings will be determined based on the average of the competitor's 3 highest scores within the Level.
3. Winners and placings will be announced LIVE!
4. Awards and prizes will be delivered or mailed to competitors.



Virtual BUCKLE SERIES Finals

- Competitors may only register for Levels/Classes they have qualified for.
- The show bill and registration will open in September and can be found at sommerstrides.com/shows.
- Competitors must register for a minimum of 2 patterns within the Level but may submit as many patterns as they wish within the Level/Class they qualified for.
 - For example, someone could register for Pattern 1, Pattern 3 and a Freestyle or Pattern 2, Pattern 3, a Freestyle and Obstacles.
- Final scores will be averaged based on the competitors 2 highest scores.
- Filming and video submission MUST take place between October 1st and October 12th 2026.
- Results will be shared virtually via a LIVE Zoom event, Date = TBD.
- Awards will be presented at the North Central Liberty Horse Club Awards Banquet or prizes will be mailed or delivered to competitors.

SAMPLE

Rachel's Scores

Date	Level	Class	Pattern	Score	Division
Mar-26	1	Lead line	2	73.7	Adult Amatuer
Mar-26	1	Liberty	2	67.41	Adult Amatuer
Mar-26	1	Lead line	3	74.64	Adult Amatuer
Mar-26	1	Liberty	3	73.21	Adult Amatuer
Apr-26	3	Lead line	8	60.417	Adult Amatuer
May-26	2	Lead line	4	72.222	Adult Amatuer
May-26	2	Lead line	6	69.643	Adult Amatuer
May-26	3	Lead line	9	66.296	Adult Amatuer

These are Rachel's current scores so far for the season. In order to qualify for the Virtual BUCKLE SERIES Finals, she still needs...

- 1st Level Liberty - she needs 3 more shows
- 2nd Level Lead Line - she needs 3 more shows
- 3rd Level Lead Line - she needs 2 more shows

She has already earned a 60% or higher for each Level/Class. If she wants to qualify for 3rd Level Lead Line, she cannot qualify for 1st Level Lead Line, because those Levels are not consecutive. She also cannot qualify for both 1st Level Lead Line and 1st Level Liberty as you cannot qualify for both Classes within a Level.



Sample Score Sheet Tracker

Still have questions?
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BUCKLE SERIES 2026 - Score Tracker

Competitor Name: Amanda Sommer

Division: Open



Virtual BUCKLE SERIES

First Level	%	Show Date:	Class:	Pattern:
Score #1	75.53%	March	Libetry	3
Score #2	62.43%	June	Libetry	1
Score #3	66.54%	July	Libetry	Obstacles
Score #4	68.53%	September	Libetry	Freestyle

QUALIFIED for 1st Level Liberty

Second Level	%	Show Date:	Class:	Pattern:
Score #1	75.53%	March	Lead Line	4
Score #2	62.43%	June	Lead Line	4
Score #3	66.54%	July	Lead Line	6
Score #4	68.53%	September	Lead Line	Freestyle

QUALIFIED for 2nd Level Lead Line

Third Level	%	Show Date:	Class:	Pattern:
Score #1	75.53%	March	Lead Line	9
Score #2	62.43%	June	Lead Line	7
Score #3	66.54%	July	Lead Line	Obstacles
Score #4	68.53%	September	Lead Line	7

QUALIFIED for 3rd Level Lead Line

Live BUCKLE SERIES

First Level	%	Show Date:	Class:	Pattern:
Score #1	68.25%	May	Libetry	3
Score #2	62.43%	June	Libetry	1
Score #3	70.49%	August 2	Libetry	Obstacles

Second Level	%	Show Date:	Class:	Pattern:
Score #1	59.63%	May	Libetry	4
Score #2	67.45%	June	Libetry	4
Score #3	66.54%	September	Libetry	6

Third Level	%	Show Date:	Class:	Pattern:
Score #1	56.12%	May	Lead Line	9
Score #2	58.67%	June	Lead Line	7
Score #3	62.59%	August 1	Lead Line	Obstacles

Average of Highest Scores: 66.84%

**high scores must be from 3 seperate shows*

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Competitor Name: _____
Division: _____



Virtual BUCKLE SERIES

_____	Level	%	Show Date:	Class:	Pattern:
Score #1					
Score #2					
Score #3					
Score #4					

_____	Level	%	Show Date:	Class:	Pattern:
Score #1					
Score #2					
Score #3					
Score #4					

_____	Level	%	Show Date:	Class:	Pattern:
Score #1					
Score #2					
Score #3					
Score #4					

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Competitor Name: _____

Division: _____



Live BUCKLE SERIES

_____	Level	%	Show Date:	Class:	Pattern:
Score #1					
Score #2					
Score #3					
Score #4					

_____	Level	%	Show Date:	Class:	Pattern:
Score #1					
Score #2					
Score #3					
Score #4					

_____	Level	%	Show Date:	Class:	Pattern:
Score #1					
Score #2					
Score #3					
Score #4					

Average of Highest Scores:

**high scores must be from 3 seperate shows*