

NORTH CENTRAL REINED COW HORSE ASSOCIATION – 02/25/11

CLASS DEFINITIONS, ENTRY FEES & CATTLE CHARGES

#1. OPEN Open to any rider. Horses through the age of 5 may be shown in a snaffle or hackamore, two hands must be used on the reins. All horses six years of age and up must be shown in the bridle, one handed using romal reins. No training aids. Western show attire with chaps required. Follow NRCHA rules. Jackpot class.

ENTRY FEE: \$35.00 CATTLE CHARGE: \$40.00 TOTAL = \$75.00

For 2011, the NCRCHA has designated \$100 per show for the Open class in Added Money. The NCRCHA reserves the right to withhold the added money unless there are 3 or more entries in the Open class that day.

#2. NON-PRO Open to any non-pro rider. Horses through the age of 5 may be shown in a snaffle or hackamore, two hands must be used on the reins. All horses six years of age and up must be shown in the bridle, one handed using romal reins. No training aids. Western show attire with chaps required. Non-pro ownership rules must be followed. Follow NRCHA rules. Jackpot class.

ENTRY FEE: \$35.00 CATTLE CHARGE: \$40.00 TOTAL = \$75.00

#3. \$5,000 LIMITED Any rider who has not won more than \$5,000 LTE in any working cow horse events, including earnings from club shows. Horses through the age of 5 may be shown in a snaffle or hackamore, two hands must be used on the reins. All horses six years of age and up must be shown in the bridle, one handed using romal reins. Western show attire with chaps required. Follow NRCHA rules. Jackpot class.

ENTRY FEE: \$35.00 CATTLE CHARGE: \$40.00 TOTAL = \$75.00

#4. RANCHERS Open to any horse and rider. Ride with any legal AQHA equipment (including curb chain) or NRCHA bit. No training devices. Commit to one or two hands when entering the arena. NRCHA reining pattern will be used. Your choice to rope or circle. Rope is to be affixed to saddle when entering the arena. Two loops allowed, one of which must go over the cows head. Each missed loop will consist of a -1½ points, for a total of -3 points for both missed loops. Western show attire with chaps required. Subject to re-run cattle. Jackpot class.

ENTRY FEE: \$35.00 CATTLE CHARGE: \$35.00 TOTAL = \$70.00

#5. NON PRO LIMITED (boxing) – (Previously \$500 Amateur) Open to non-pro riders. Horses through the age of 5 may be shown in a snaffle or hackamore. All horses six years of age and up must be shown in the bridle, one handed using romal reins. No fence run, boxing only, judge will blow whistle at 50 seconds to signal end of cow work. Western show attire required, chaps are optional. Non-pro ownership rules apply. Follow NRCHA rules. Subject to re-run cattle. Jackpot class.

ENTRY FEE: \$35.00 CATTLE CHARGE: \$35.00 TOTAL = \$70.00

#6. AHAR - ANY HORSE ANY RIDER Open to any horse and rider. Ride with any legal AQHA equipment (including curb chain) or NRCHA bit. No severe bits, twisted wire or chain bits. No training aids. Rider will commit to one hand or two when entering the arena. No fence run, boxing only, judge will blow whistle at 50 seconds to signal end of cow work. Western show attire required, romal reins and chaps are optional. Subject to re-run cattle. No jackpot or payouts.

ENTRY FEE: \$25.00 CATTLE CHARGE: \$35.00 TOTAL = \$60.00

#7. ROOKIE Non-pro rider who has not earned more than 30 points in NCRCHA rookie points system. Rider who has not ridden down the fence more than three times in any working cow horse competition. Any bit with the exception of severe bits, twisted wire, or chain bits. Must use NRCHA legal curb strap. No training aids. Rider will commit to one or two hands when entering the arena for the duration of his pattern with the exception of boxing. Points only class unless sponsored money is donated for this class. In the case of sponsored money, the sponsored money will constitute the payout. The entry money in this class will not be part of the jackpot. Once a rider earns 30 points, they earn a rookie buckle, and the rider moves out of this class. Rookie buckles will be awarded as earned. No fence run, boxing only, judge will blow whistle at 50 seconds to signal end of cow work. Western show attire required, romal reins and chaps are optional. Points class only. Subject to re-run cattle.

ENTRY FEE: \$35.00 CATTLE CHARGE: \$35.00 TOTAL = \$70.00

***** 2011 Special Rookie Class bonus points, see General Rules - "Rookie Points System" for details**

#8. YOUTH Any non-pro rider 18 years of age and under as of January first of the current year who meets non-pro status. Youth are not allowed to show stallions in youth class. Horses may be shown in any bit with the exception of severe bits, twisted wire, or chain bits. Must use NRCHA legal curb strap. No training aids. Rider will commit to one or two hands when entering the arena with the exception of boxing. No fence run, boxing only, judge will blow whistle at 50 seconds to signal end of cow work. Western show attire required, romal reins and chaps are optional. Helmets may be substituted for western hat. Subject to re-run cattle. Jackpot class.

ENTRY FEE: \$20.00 CATTLE CHARGE: \$30.00 TOTAL = \$50.00

#9. JUNIOR YOUTH Any non-pro rider 13 years of age and under as of January first of the current year who meets non-pro status. Youth are not allowed to show stallions in youth class. Horses may be shown in any bit with the exception of severe bits, twisted wire, or chain bits. Must use NRCHA legal curb strap. No training aids. Rider will commit to one or two hands when entering the arena with the exception of boxing. No fence run, boxing only, judge will blow whistle at 50 seconds to signal end of cow work. Western show attire required, romal reins and chaps are optional. Helmets may be substituted for western hat. Participants must compete in 50% or more of all club shows in this class to be eligible for year end awards. Subject to re-run cattle. Jackpot class.

ENTRY FEE: \$10.00 CATTLE CHARGE: \$30.00 TOTAL = \$40.00

All non-pro ownership rules apply for classes: #1-Open, #2-Non Pro, #3-\$5000-LTD, #5-Non Pro Limited (boxing). See NRCHA rules.

Classes #4-Ranchers, #6-AHAR-Any Horse Any Rider, #7-Rookie, #8-Youth, and #9-Junior Youth, non-pro rules apply with the exception of the ownership rule, which NCRCHA is relaxing for these classes.

For boxing only classes, in the case of "Loss of control and cow leaves end of arena" there will be a 3 point penalty and after "Second loss of control and cow leaves end of arena" there would be a second 3 point penalty and Cow work would be terminated. See Judges Card for LTD Cow Work.

ENTRY FEES AND CATTLE CHARGES:

Due to the high cost of cattle and the trucking fees, the cattle charges will be as follows:

CLASSES 1-3 will have entry fees of \$35.00 with the cattle charge of \$40.00.

These first three classes will have fresh cattle.

CLASSES 4,5,7 will have entry fees of \$35.00 with the cattle charge of \$35.00.

CLASS 6 will have entry fee of \$25 with the cattle charge of \$35

CLASS 8 (YOUTH) will have entry fee of \$20.00 with the cattle charge of \$30.00.

CLASS 9 (JR. YOUTH) will have entry fee of \$10.00 with the cattle charge of \$30.00

For classes 4-9, in the event that there are not enough fresh cattle to complete the entire next class, all remaining fresh cattle will be mixed with the previously used cattle and randomly selected for the remainder of the show. Thus, classes 4 through 9 will be subject to used (re-run) cattle.

GENERAL RULES

Western show attire required. See definitions on each class or NRCHA rules.

For safety, a helmet may substitute as a western hat.

Two handed riders may switch to one hand during cow work to hold the horn during the class with no penalty.

No severe bits, training devices, or mistreatment of any horse will be tolerated on any show grounds.

No disrespect to judges or fellow members will be tolerated. Any issues may be brought up with the ethics committee. Forms will be at the show office, just ask. Instructions will be on the forms. The ethics committee and the current NRCHA board will handle all complaints or violations.

All current NRCHA members in good standing are encouraged to help work at these shows. Please volunteer to do so. Your help is appreciated!

If rider is arriving at an arena early for a show, as in the night before, please check with the show coordinator. Most of the arenas that we have shows at are privately owned. Some allow for overnight, some do not, it's just polite to ask if it's ok.

Please clean up after you and your horse: manure, hay, trash, etc.

RIDER RESPONSIBILITIES

All contestants must be current NRCHA members in good standing to participate in any NRCHA events. In the event of NRCHA sanctioned classes, all participants must be current NRCHA members in good standing to compete in a sanctioned class.

*Contestants must sign NRCHA Waiver (annually, to be kept on file with NRCHA show office)
Contestants must sign Arena Waiver, if requested.*

*Copies of horses Registration Papers and Coggins should be made available if requested.
Registration papers must be presented for Limited Age Events (LAE).*

When registering for classes:

Complete one Class Registration Card per each Horse/Rider entry by class.

Must have: Riders Name, Horse's Registered Name, if registered (please no nicknames), Back No. and Class Entered. Because participants all are members, you do not need to fill out mailing address on each class card (we have that info).

Know and understand the rules for the classes they are riding in. Some classes follow the National Rule Book and some are "club classes" where rules have been modified. Know and understand "Warm up Rules".

Know and understand legal equipment. See pages 19-21 in NRCHA rule book. Handouts available.

Any and all limited earnings per class (rider or horse) refer to all monies won at any working cow horse event (NRCHA, NRCHA club shows).

Points for year end awards are awarded on a horse/rider combination, except the Open class, where points are tracked by the horse.

Non pro substitution must show proof of ownership to satisfy all non pro ownership requirements. A rider may make a one (1) time per year substitution without losing earned year end points. Example: rider starts with horse "A", horse "A" is injured, substitute horse "B". Horse "A" recovers, rider may switch back to horse "A". Cannot substitute back to horse "B" or any other horse without losing earned year end points. It is the riders responsibility to notify the show office of this substitution by completing a "Substitution Form". No substitutions allowed in the Open class.

No added money will be added to any class unless sponsored money is received. All sponsored money received will be split as fairly as possible among classes, and will be added to the jackpot money with the exception of the rookie class. The rookie class has no jackpot from the entries, so just the sponsored money will be split in the rookie class. At times sponsors will designate for only certain classes, at which time we cannot split fairly among all classes.

Please ask if you are not sure about any of this information!!!

POINTS SYSTEM FOR YEAR END AWARDS

All NCRCHA classes will be on a points system for year end awards. To qualify for year end awards, riders must be current NCRCHA members in good standing and must participate in at least 50% of all NCRCHA shows as a competitor. The points system will include all of the classes with the exception of the rookie class. The rookie class will remain on the same 30 point system as in past years. For #7-Rookie class see Rookie Point System below.

Classes that are on the following points system are: #1-Open, #2-Non Pro, #3-\$5000 LTD, #4-Ranchers, #5-Non Pro Limited (boxing), #6-AHAR (Any Horse Any Rider), #8-Youth, and #9-Junior Youth. For the Junior Youth class, riders must participate in at least 50% of all NCRCHA shows in that class.

<u>PLACING</u>	<u>POINTS EARNED</u>
1 ST	10 POINTS
2 ND	8 POINTS
3 RD	6 POINTS
4 TH	4 POINTS
5 TH	2 POINTS
6 TH	1 POINT

Points will be added up at each show and a record will be kept for the year end high point award. In the event of a tie, awards will be decided by a coin flip.

Points are tracked based on horse/rider combination in all classes except the Open. Points will be tracked by the Horse only for the Open class. The horse must be shown in at least 50% of all NCRCHA shows to qualify for year end awards. No substitutions will be allowed for the Open class.

ROOKIE POINTS SYSTEM

Points are tracked based on horse/rider combination. See substitution rule if necessary. Records will be maintained based on horse/rider combination until the Rookie buckle is earned by the rider or if there is a lapse in membership for more than 1 calendar year (Jan-Dec).

Points will be awarded based on the number of horses actually entered in the Rookie class for each show. First place receives one point for every horse defeated. Each succeeding place will receive 2 points less than the place before it. Example: 10 horses in the class, 1st place is 9 points, 2nd place is 7 points, 3rd place is 5 points, etc. Every entry receives a minimum of 1 point for competing.

Once a rider earns 30 points, they earn a Rookie buckle and the rider moves out of this class. Rookie buckles will be awarded at the show or as soon as points are verified, then the rider will be recognized at the year end banquet.

***** 2011 Special Rookie Bonus Points *****

For 2011, if you enter and show in the Rookie Class, you may also enter and show in the Non Pro Limited (boxing) or the AHAR (Any Horse Any Rider) class and have the points earned from either of those classes applied to your rookie points. Only one additional class per show may be added. Points will be calculated based on the Rookie Points System.

The highest placing rookie in either the Non Pro Limited or AHAR will receive 1 point for every horse defeated. The second highest placing rookie will receive 2 points less than first, and so on. Every rookie entry will receive a minimum of 1 point for competing in either of these 2 classes, in addition to the Rookie Class points earned.

Rider must designate on class card prior to showing that points from either the Non Pro Limited (boxing) or the AHAR class will qualify for rookie points.

JACKPOT OPEN and NON PRO REINING CLASSES

To run concurrently (all one draw) the first class of each club show (except May and October).

Jackpot Open Reining Class – *Open to any rider. Ride with any legal AQHA equipment (including curb chain) or NRCHA legal bit. No training devices. Horses through the age of 5 may be shown in a snaffle or hackamore, two hands must be used on the reins. All horses six years of age and up must be shown in the bridle. Any horse shown in a leverage bit must be ridden one handed. NRCHA reining pattern will be used.*

Jackpot Non Pro Reining Class – *Open to any non pro rider. Non pro ownership rules apply. Ride with any legal AQHA equipment (including curb chain) or NRCHA legal bit. No training devices. Horses through the age of 5 may be shown in a snaffle or hackamore, two hands must be used on the reins. All horses six years of age and up must be shown in the bridle. Any horse shown in a leverage bit must be ridden one handed. NRCHA reining pattern will be used.*

<i>Entry fee</i>	<i>\$40</i>
<i>Retainage</i>	<i>-\$15</i>
<i>Payout</i>	<i>\$25</i>

*Must be NCRCHA member
No year end awards, jackpot only
Payout according to the NRCHA payout chart*

NCRCHA 2011 Year End Awards by Class

<u>Class</u>	<u>Placing</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>Value</u>
Open	1 st Place	Jacket	\$300
	2 nd Place	Buckle	\$100
	3 rd Place	Halter	\$50
Non Pro	1 st Place	Saddle	\$925
	2 nd Place	Buckle	\$100
	3 rd Place	Halter	\$50
5000 LTD	1 st Place	Saddle	\$925
	2 nd Place	Buckle	\$100
	3 rd Place	Halter	\$50
Ranchers	1 st Place	Buckle	\$100
	2 nd Place	Jean Jacket	\$50
	3 rd Place	Sweatshirt	\$25
Youth	1 st Place	Saddle	\$925
	2 nd Place	Buckle	\$100
	3 rd Place	Halter	\$50
Jr Youth	1 st Place	Jean Jacket	\$56
Non Pro LTD (boxing)	1 st Place	Jacket	\$300
	2 nd Place	Buckle	\$100
	3 rd Place	Halter	\$50
AHAR (Any Horse Any Rider)	1 st Place	Buckle	\$100
	2 nd Place	Jean Jacket	\$50
	3 rd Place	Sweatshirt	\$25