

# NORTH CENTRAL REINED COW HORSE ASSOCIATION – 4/2/2019

## CLASS DEFINITIONS, ENTRY FEES & CATTLE CHARGES

**Yellow Highlight indicates changes in 2019**

**12 Qualifying shows in 2019 held between January 1<sup>st</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

**#1. NRCHA NON-PRO BRIDLE** NCRCHA end of year points will be based on the NRCHA Sanctioned Non Pro Bridle class results at any sanctioned show hosted by NCRCHA during the qualifying period. All NRCHA rules defined for this class will be followed. Participants will be required to be members of NRCHA and NCRCHA to participate in end of year awards.

**#2. 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. No End of Year Awards. To run after the Rookie class.

ENTRY FEE: \$35.00 CATTLE CHARGE: \$35.00 TOTAL = \$70.00 Retain: \$15 (42.86%)

**#3. NRCHA NON PRO LIMITED (boxing)** NCRCHA end of year points will be based on the NRCHA Sanctioned Non Pro Limited Bridle class results at any sanctioned show hosted by NCRCHA during the qualifying period. All NRCHA rules defined for this class will be followed. Participants will be required to be members of NRCHA and NCRCHA to participate in end of year awards.

ENTRY FEE: \$35.00 CATTLE CHARGE: \$35.00 TOTAL = \$70.00 Retain: \$15 (42.86%)

**#4. \$1000 NON PRO LIMITED (boxing) Class** Open to non-pro riders who have not won more than \$1000 LTE in any working cow horse events, including earnings from club shows. All of the rules for this class will follow those defined by NRCHA for the \$1000 Non Pro Limited Class. The exception is that only NCRCHA membership is required to participate in this class. Subject to re-run cattle. Jackpot class.

ENTRY FEE: \$35.00 CATTLE CHARGE: \$35.00 TOTAL = \$70.00 Retain: \$15 (42.86%)

**#5. ROOKIE (Boxing)** 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 Retain: \$35 (100%)

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

**#6. NRCHA YOUTH LIMITED (Boxing)** NCRCHA end of year points will be based on the NRCHA Sanctioned Youth Limited class results at any sanctioned show hosted by NCRCHA NCRCHA during the qualifying period. All NRCHA rules defined for this class will be followed. Participants will be required to be members of NRCHA and NCRCHA to participate in end of year awards.

**#7. JUNIOR YOUTH (Boxing)** 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. Reining pattern at each show will be the short stirrup #1. Subject to re-run cattle. Jackpot class.

ENTRY FEE: \$10.00 CATTLE CHARGE: \$30.00 TOTAL = \$40.00 Retain: \$5 (50%)



## **RIDER RESPONSIBILITIES**

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

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

Copies of horses Registration Papers showing current ownership and Coggins must be made available to the show office prior to showing. Copies of transfer papers are NOT sufficient to prove ownership.

### **When registering for classes:**

Complete one Class Registration Form per Horse shown.

Must have: Riders Name, Horse's Registered Name, if registered (please no nicknames), Owners name on the Papers, Responsible Party, Back No. and Classes Entered for each rider.

If the horse/rider combination has shown in a NCRCHA since January 1, 2012, you do not need to fill out the horse registration details on the entry form. (that info in our records).

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, NCRCHA 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 over 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 #5-Rookie class see Rookie Point System below.

Classes that are on the following points system are: #1-Non Pro, #3-Non Pro Limited (boxing), #4 \$1000 Non Pro Limited (Boxing), #6-Youth, #7-Junior Youth, and #8-Youth Fence. Riders must participate in at least 50% of all NCRCHA shows in that class to be eligible for end of year awards. #2-RANCHERS - Ranchers and #5 - Rookie classes are not eligible for Year End Awards.

| <u>PLACING</u>  | <u>POINTS EARNED</u> |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| 1 <sup>ST</sup> | 10 POINTS            |
| 2 <sup>ND</sup> | 8 POINTS             |
| 3 <sup>RD</sup> | 6 POINTS             |
| 4 <sup>TH</sup> | 4 POINTS             |
| 5 <sup>TH</sup> | 2 POINTS             |
| 6 <sup>TH</sup> | 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 over 50% of all NCRCHA shows to qualify for year end awards. The low score will be dropped for each horse/rider combination. The overall total points that may be achieved for any show season will be based on the number of shows offered minus one. For example, if there are 12 club shows offered, the end of year points will be calculated based on the horse/rider's top 11 scores and they must participate in at least 7 shows. This rule change will help those riders who have a bad day at a show, in addition it will allow those riders who have a conflict and are unable to attend a show to remain competitive for the end of year awards.

## ROOKIE POINTS SYSTEM

Points are tracked based on horse/rider combination. Records will be maintained until the Rookie buckle is earned by the rider or until there is a lapse in membership for more than 1 calendar year (Jan-Dec) or by appeal made to the Board of Directors for special consideration. NCRCHA Substitution rule does NOT apply to the Rookie class.

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, 1<sup>st</sup> place is 9 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place is 7 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### **\*\*\* Special Rookie Bonus Points \*\*\***

Starting in 2014, if you enter and show in the #6 Rookie Class, you may also enter and show in the #4 \$1000 Non Pro Limited (boxing) class and have the points earned from that class applied to your rookie points. Points will be calculated based on the Rookie Points System in the same manner as the rookie class points are determined for all horses in the class (See the example below as this is different than previous years calculations). Those riders who are rookies will have those points earned added to their total Rookie points.

**Rider must designate on class card prior to showing that desire points from the \$1000 Non Pro Limited (boxing) class will qualify for rookie points.**

Example:

10 horses in the \$1000 Non Pro Limited class. The following will be the point assignments. If the 3<sup>rd</sup> place and 8<sup>th</sup> place riders are rookies, then the Rookie who came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place would earn 5 rookie points and the rookie who came in 8<sup>th</sup> place would earn 1 point,

- 1<sup>st</sup> place, if a rookie, receives 9 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place, if a rookie, receives 7 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place, if a rookie, receives 5 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> place, if a rookie, receives 3 points
- 5<sup>th</sup> place, if a rookie, receives 1 point
- 6<sup>th</sup> place, if a rookie, receives 1 point
- 7<sup>th</sup> place, if a rookie, receives 1 point
- 8<sup>th</sup> place, if a rookie, receives 1 point
- 9<sup>th</sup> place, if a rookie, receives 1 point
- 10<sup>th</sup> place, if a rookie, receives 1 point

Every Rookie entry receives a minimum of 1 point for competing.

## **JACKPOT OPEN and NON PRO HERD WORK CLASSES**

When the show cattle permit the club to offer the Jackpot Herd work, it is to run concurrently (all one draw) the first class of the club show. The combined draw will be limited to 20 total Open and Non-Pro horses.

A single rider may not pre-register more than 3 horses to allow each participant a chance to get a slot. Pre-registration will close the day before the show start date. On the day of the class, any rider may register any number of horses to fill any remaining slots. Slots filled the day of the show will go at the end of the draw.

**Jackpot Open Herd Work 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. 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 score sheets will be used and all other NRCHA rules apply. In the event the Jackpot class is being run concurrently with another sanctioned organization class, then the rules and score sheet will be that of the sanctioning organization.

**Jackpot Non Pro Herd Work Class** – Open to any non pro rider. NCRCHA 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. 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 score sheets will be used and all other NRCHA rules apply. In the event the Jackpot class is being run concurrently with another sanctioned organization class, then the rules and score sheet will be that of the sanctioning organization.

ENTRY FEE: \$40.00    CATTLE CHARGE: \$50.00    OFFICE FEE: \$10.00    TOTAL = \$100.00    Retain: (25%)

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

**Herd Practice** - The Open and Non Pro Herd work classes will be offered the first horse show of the event. The second horse the herd work will be classified as cattle practice.

ENTRY FEE: \$0.00    CATTLE CHARGE: \$50.00    OFFICE FEE: \$10.00    TOTAL = \$60.00    Retain: (100%)

Must be NCRCHA member

## **JACKPOT OPEN, NON PRO, and OPEN YOUTH REINING CLASSES**

To run as the first class of each club show (except when the Jackpot Herd work is offered, then it will run immediately after the Jackpot Herd Work with the exception of the May and October shows where the Jackpot classes may or may not be offered).

**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, rules and score sheets will be used. In the event the Jackpot class is being run concurrently with another sanctioned organization class, the reining pattern, rules and score sheet will be that of the sanctioning organization.

**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, rules and score sheet will be used. In the event the Jackpot class is being run concurrently with another sanctioned organization class, the reining pattern, rules and score sheet will be that of the sanctioning organization.

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| Entry fee   | \$40 | Retain: (37.5%) |
| Office Fee  | \$10 |                 |
| Total Entry | \$50 |                 |
| Payout      | \$25 |                 |

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

**Jackpot Youth Open Reining Class** – 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. Western show attire required, romal reins and chaps are optional. Helmets may be substituted for western hat. NRCHA reining pattern will be used.

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| Entry fee | \$10 |              |
| Retainage | -\$0 | Retain: (0%) |
| Payout    | \$10 |              |

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

Short Stirrup to run after the Jackpot Youth Reining of each club show (when offered).

**Youth Short Stirrups Reining Class** – Any non-pro rider 10 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 equipment with the exception of severe bits, twisted wire, or chain bits. Must use NRCHA legal curb strap. No training aids. Western show attire required, romal reins and chaps are optional. Helmets may be substituted for western hat.

The "Short Stirrups" class is for the youth rider not yet comfortable showing in the youth or Jr Youth classes. It is designed to give the beginner youth rider an opportunity to show their horse or pony in a very relaxed atmosphere and to foster enthusiasm for the horse and the sport.

The class consists of a short, simple reining pattern with no lead changes or rollbacks, a couple of circles, and stops, a backup, and no boxing. The pattern can be ridden at a pace the rider is most comfortable with; walk, trot, or lope with an emphasis on control and safety of horse and rider. Helpers and lead lines will be allowed for those riders not yet ready to go it alone.

Small prizes will be given and each rider will receive something in recognition of their efforts. All placing will be at the judge's discretion. The NCRCHA Short Stirrup #1 reining pattern will be used at each show.

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| Entry fee | \$5    |  |
| Retain:   | (100%) |  |

Must be NCRCHA member

Short Stirrup Year End awards available only if an outside class sponsorship is secured for the year. The eligibility for any award is based on participation in at least 50% of the shows offered. If NCRCHA holds 10 club shows in the season, participation is required in at least 5. If NCRCHA holds 9, then participation in 5 is still required to achieve at least 50%.

Sponsor driven buckle program: Each short stirrup participant who competes in the Short Stirrup class at least 10 times is eligible to receive a short stirrup recognition buckle.

## **JACKPOT OPEN, NON PRO, and OPEN YOUTH RANCH RIDING CLASSES**

To run after the reining in each club show with the exception of the Spring Derby and Fall Futurity shows where the Jackpot classes may or may not be offered).

**Jackpot Open Ranch Riding 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. AQHA Ranch Riding pattern, rules and score sheets will be used. In the event the Jackpot class is being run concurrently with another sanctioned organization class, the Ranch Riding pattern, rules and score sheet will be that of the sanctioning organization.

**Jackpot Non Pro Ranch Riding 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. AQHA Ranch Riding pattern, rules and score sheet will be used. In the event the Jackpot class is being run concurrently with another sanctioned organization class, the Ranch Riding pattern, rules and score sheet will be that of the sanctioning organization.

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|-------------|------|-----------------|
| Entry fee   | \$40 | Retain: (37.5%) |
| Office Fee  | \$10 |                 |
| Total Entry | \$50 |                 |
| Payout      | \$25 |                 |

Must be NCRCHA member  
Payout according to the NRCHA payout chart

### **NON PRO RANCH RIDING CIRCUIT**

The point system for the Ranch Riding Circuit will be the same as the other end of year awards. To qualify, the horse/rider combination must participate in at least 50% of the shows offered in the Jackpot Non Pro Ranch Riding Class. For 2019 there will be 12 shows offered between January 1<sup>st</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup>. Riders must participate in at least 7 shows to be eligible for the end of year award. The top 11 scores will be used to determine the End of Year winner as the low score will be thrown out – similar to all of the other end of year awards.

1<sup>st</sup> place – Romal Reins  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Buckle  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Stirrups

**Jackpot Youth Ranch Riding Class** – 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. No training aids. Rider will commit to one or two hands when entering the arena. Western show attire required, romal reins and chaps are optional. Helmets may be substituted for western hat. AQHA Ranch Riding pattern will be used.

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| Entry fee | \$10 |              |
| Retainage | -\$0 | Retain: (0%) |
| Payout    | \$10 |              |

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

Note: AHAR and the \$5000 limited fence class will no longer be offered starting in the 2018 season



## NCRCHA 2019 Year End Awards by Class

| <u>Class</u>                      | <u>Placing</u>        | <u>Award</u> | <u>Value</u> |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| #1 NRCHA Non Pro Bridle           | 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Buckle       | \$100        |
|                                   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Stirrups     | \$90         |
|                                   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Sweatshirt   | \$25         |
| #3 NRCHA Non Pro Limited (Boxing) | 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Saddle       | \$1000       |
|                                   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Buckle       | \$100        |
|                                   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Stirrups     | \$90         |
| #4 1K Non Pro Limited (Boxing)    | 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Romal Reins  | \$300        |
|                                   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Buckle       | \$100        |
|                                   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Stirrups     | \$90         |
| #6 NRCHA Youth Limited (Boxing)   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Saddle       | \$1000       |
|                                   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Buckle       | \$100        |
|                                   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Stirrups     | \$90         |
| #7 Jr Youth (Boxing)              | 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Jacket       | \$50         |
|                                   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Sweatshirt   | \$25         |
|                                   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | T-Shirt      | \$15         |
| #8 NRCHA Youth Bridle             | 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Buckle       | \$100        |
|                                   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Stirrups     | \$90         |
|                                   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Jacket       | \$50         |

Youth Short Stirrup Participation award is only provided to those youth who qualify if outside sponsorship is secured. The award presented each year is decided by the class sponsor. If there is no class sponsor, then there will not be an end of year award.