



2018 Rules and Regulations

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ARCHA MISSION STATEMENT

- We Aim** to be the best of what we are in Alberta, a friendly supportive organization dedicated to introducing the Western Reined Cow Horse competitor to the show arena.
- We Aim** to provide professionally run shows balanced between camaraderie and competitiveness.
- We Aim** to encourage skill development in cutting, stock horse and judging, through a variety of expertly guided training experiences.
- We Aim** to inspire an atmosphere where individuals can compete, have fun, develop relationships and encourage each other to new successes.

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Lena Inthe Starlight	Whiz N Starlight

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FORWARD

As an affiliate of the National Reined Cow Horse Association (NRCHA), the ARCHA rules are primarily based on the 2018 NRCHA Rulebook. Unless stated in this document, NRCHA rules will apply.

This Rulebook is in accordance with the Alberta Reined Cow Horse Association (ARCHA) Bylaws. To view the Bylaws, please contact the office, or view online at www.cowhorse.ca . Any discrepancy between the Rulebook and Bylaws will revert to the Bylaws.

NOTE: Text which is underlined has been added/updated from the previous year.

1. INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL RIDERS

Prior to start of each discipline, a judge may choose to give riders instruction and/or answer any relevant questions. A rider shall make an honest effort to comply with the judge's instructions. Please note: This is the only time when a competitor may approach the judge as per Section 9.1 of the ARCHA rule book. **As a competitor in any of the ARCHA disciplines, please adhere to the rules outlined in this book with emphasis on the following guidelines:**

1. Read and know the rules.
2. **Ensure you have a current membership and have signed a waiver for the year before competing. Non-pros must sign a separate declaration prior to competing.**
3. Get to the show early. Pay your entry fee **before you ride**. Allow time to warm-up, check the draw, and be ready to go when called upon.
4. Use legal equipment and wear proper dress; after each work, exhibitors should watch for the ARCHA representative checking equipment.
5. Do not talk to the judge(s) beyond the exchange of normal greetings.
6. Inhumane treatment or abuse of a horse in any manner is prohibited.
7. Control rude behavior of your horse.
8. Exhibitor conduct should be in keeping with good showmanship.
9. Rider's attire should be clean and neat.
10. Practice courtesy in the loping pen and warm-up areas:
 - Stay inside to go slow, stay to the outside if you want to go fast.
 - Never stop in traffic. Apply boots and groom in areas with no traffic.
 - If you must tie your horse, tie it to something secure. Don't tie stallions, kicking or biting horses in the loping pen. Do not get upset if someone disciplines your horse for kicking or biting.
 - Look before leaving or entering traffic. Yield to lopers.
 - Do not exercise horses or season young horses when there is limited space in the loping area.
 - Do not weave in and out of traffic. Maintain constant speed.
 - Change directions and maintain flow in one direction. Always ask when you wish to change directions.
 - Yield to tractor and be aware of people wishing to exit or enter.

- Enter or leave pen immediately when asked by announcer.

11. Other key points to remember when showing in the cutting pen include:

- When you are called to work, ride forward to the center and acknowledge the introduction.

- There will be no warming up of horses in the working area.

- Turn back riders and herd holders will move into position along the arena's side walls.

- Be ready to move in promptly to avoid delays.

- Upon completion of the last work, the turn back riders, herd holders, and the cattle will immediately leave the arena.

Most importantly, be patient with newcomers. Try to help them learn loping pen etiquette, ARCHA show procedures, and encourage them to achieve their goals.

2. GENERAL RULES FOR SHOW & CONTEST

2.1.1 All eligibilities and age restrictions are figured as of *January 1* (beginning of the show year).

3. MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Membership applications will only be accepted through the ARCHA office. To show at an ARCHA approved show, and qualify for year end points, all riders and owners must be members in good standing before competing.

3.2 Determination of Good Standing in the Society rests solely in the discretion of the Board. In determining Good Standing the Board shall consider:

- i) Payment of annual dues;
- ii) The conduct of the person towards other members of the Society and the public; and
- iii) The conduct of the person with respect to the objects of the Society.

3.3 A member must sign the annual waiver prior to competing in an ARCHA event.

3.4 Competitors who neglect to pay their membership fees through the ARCHA office prior to showing, will have any payouts earned withheld for a minimum of two weeks pending membership approval.

3.5 New members must be prepared to justify their rider status to any ARCHA board member upon entering. Any money won will be held by the ARCHA office pending status review and approval by the Board of Directors.

3.6 There are three categories of membership:

1) Standard Members:

- (a) Must be over eighteen (18) years of age, be Alberta residents, and do not receive compensation for services provided to the Society (eg. Judge, clinician);
- (b) Shall pay the required dues as determined by the Board and approved by Members' Resolution of the Members;
- (c) Shall be the only category of membership entitled to vote at meetings of the Society;
- (d) May, subject to their payment of dues and other requirements set out in the Rule Book, compete in events held by the Society;
- (e) May withdraw their membership at any time by tendering their withdrawal in writing to the Board; and
- (f) Shall be the only members eligible to stand for nomination and election for board positions

2) Youth Members:

- (a) Must be 18 years of age or younger;
- (b) Shall be subject to the same rights and obligations as Standard Members except they will not hold the right to vote at General Meetings of the Society.

3) Non-Voting Members:

- (a) At the Board's discretion, Non-Voting memberships may be bestowed on persons in recognition of their contributions to the objects of the Society or services provided to the Society;
- (b) Shall not vote at General Meetings of the Society; and
- (c) Shall pay the required dues as determined by the Board and approved by Members' Resolution of the Members.

3.7 An honorary membership may be bestowed any member at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Such honorary membership may be a Life membership.

4. DEFINITIONS

4.1 **EARNINGS** - Riders are responsible for being aware of their earnings in all judged cow horse events (**not just ARCHA approved**) and entering only those classes for which they are eligible. Contact Equistat at 1-817-737-6397 or equistat.com, if unsure. Reined cow horse is synonymous with working cow horse or stock horse classes.

4.2 LIFETIME EARNINGS (LTE) - Lifetime earnings are considered as all monies won at any/all reined cow horse (or stock horse) Shows and Limited Age Events (eg. futurities and derbies), whether affiliated with the ARCHA or not.

4.3 OPEN RIDER Any rider may show in this class

4.4 (\$) LIMIT RIDER - Any rider that has lifetime earnings in any working cow horse class, **excluding limited aged event earnings (i.e. futurities, derbies, etc.)**, less than the dollar limit of the class. If a limit class rider reaches the limit during the course of the show season, said rider may still remain in that class for the duration of the year. **Earnings in any Rein/Box or youth classes DO NOT count towards Life Time Earnings in any working cow horse classes.** Persons believing a rider is not following the Limit Rider rules may file a formal protest; refer to Section 4.6.1.

Note: "Limited" at the end of a class title, is synonymous with Rein/Box.

<p style="text-align: center;">EARNINGS IN ANY ASSOCIATION OR ANY OTHER SHOW/COMPETITION COUNT TOWARD ARCHA RIDER LIMIT STATUS</p>

4.5 YOUTH - Open to any rider who is 18 years of age or younger as of *January 1* of the current show year. A Youth as defined herein is eligible to compete as a Non Pro in ARCHA classes provided they meet the criteria for Non Pro status. Dollars earned in youth competition **do not** count towards lifetime earnings.

4.6 NON PRO - Open to approved Non Pro riders (see definition below). Non Pro status must be applied for on an official ARCHA membership form. Non Pro declarations must be signed using the appropriate ARCHA forms and eligibility will be decided by the Board of Directors whose decision shall be final.

4.6.1 Should a member wish to protest the eligibility of a Non Pro, or an action of the Governance Committee, he/she may file a written protest to the ARCHA Management together with a cheque for \$100.00 made payable to the ARCHA within seven (7) days of the discovery of an apparent violation. Complaints filed by an ARCHA Director, Show Representative, Show Management, or Judges do not have to be accompanied by such payment. Upon receipt all complaints will be forwarded to an appointed ARCHA Ethics Committee for investigation, consideration, and disposition.

4.6.2 If no action is deemed warranted, the complainant will be notified ending the matter. If the complaint is upheld and disciplinary action deemed to be warranted a recommendation will be made to the ARCHA Board of Directors for their consideration and action. The decision of the Board shall be final and binding on all parties. \$100 will be refunded if the complaint/violation is upheld.

- 4.6.3 Anyone accused of a rule violation will be given not less than 15 days notice of a time and place for a hearing by the Ethics Committee at which time they shall have the opportunity, in person or through counsel, to be heard and to present evidence on their behalf and to refute evidence offered against them.
- 4.6.4 No continuance shall be granted unless requested in writing at least seven (7) days prior to a scheduled hearing and providing good cause. A continuance may be granted or denied solely at the discretion of the ARCHA President or the Chair of the Ethics committee.
- 4.6.5 When disciplinary action is taken against any member or non-member, the person's name, the rule violated, and the disciplinary action taken may ~~will~~ be published.
- 4.6.6 Every notice required by these procedures will be served by delivering a copy of said notice to the person being served or their agent in person or by **email (with a delivery receipt requested) or** mail to the last known address as it appears on the Association's records. Such notice shall be deemed received when **it is marked received (email) or** when it is delivered by Canada Post.
- 4.6.7 Any Non Pro in the \$2,000 Limit Working Cow Horse, the \$1,000 or \$5,000 Non Pro Rein/Box does not need to own the horse they are showing in that class. A Non Pro does not lose his/her non pro status by entering a class within an equivalent Non Pro/ Amateur Division offered by another Breed and/or Performance Association which specifically makes provisions to allow an Non Pro/Amateur to exhibit an non-owned horse (example: NCHA 2K Limit Rider (any horse) class).

5. DIVISIONS & APPROVED CLASSES

WORKING COW HORSE

5.1 A Working Cow Horse (WCH) class must consist of a reined work and a cow work. The required cow work is a "fence" work.

Note: classes that are **only** ARCHA classes are included below.

See the ARCHA website for the complete list of classes offered:
www.cowhorse.ca

5.1.1 \$15,000 Limit Rider Open Bridle – any rider with less than **\$15,000** lifetime earnings as of January 1 of the current year in any and all judged working or reined cow horse classes or events, **excluding limited aged events earnings (i.e. futurities, derbies, etc.), Youth Bridle, and all Rein/Box classes.** Riders are responsible for being aware of their earnings in all judged cow horse events (not just ARCHA approved) and entering only those limit classes for which they are eligible. Contact Equistat at 1-817-737-6397 or equistat.com, if unsure. If a limit class rider reaches the limit during the course of the show season, said rider may still remain in that class for the duration of the year. Earnings in any Rein/Box classes DO NOT count towards Life Time Earnings in any working cow horse classes. Persons believing a rider is not following the Limit Rider rules may file a formal protest; refer to Section 4.6.1. The Open and Limited Open shall have a common draw.

5.1.2 \$7,500 Limit Rider Novice Non Pro Bridle - open to Non Pro riders with less than **\$7,500** lifetime earnings as of January 1 of the current year in any and all judged working or reined cow horse classes or events, **excluding limited aged events earnings, Youth Bridle, and all Rein/Box classes.** Riders must be an approved Non Pro (see definition above). If a rider reaches the limit during the course of the show season, said rider may still remain in that class for the duration of the year. The Non Pro Bridle and \$7,500 Limit Novice Non Pro Bridle will have a common draw. Riders are responsible for being aware of their earnings in all judged cow horse events (not just ARCHA approved) and enter only those limit classes for which they are eligible. Contact Equistat at 1 (817) 737-6397 or equistat.com, if unsure. If a limit class rider reaches the limit during the course of the show season, said rider may still remain in that class for the duration of the year. Persons believing a rider is not following the Limit Rider rules may file a formal protest; refer Section 4.6.1.

5.2 Youth Working Cow Horse- open to riders 18 years of age and under as of January 1 of the current show year.

5.3 \$2,000 Limit Rider Working Cow Horse - open to horses of any age. Horses can be shown in **any ARCHA legal equipment, regardless of age,** with the appropriate hand position. A horse can be shown one-handed in a full bridle or two-rein equipment, **or** can be shown two-handed in an ARCHA approved snaffle bit or hackamore. Open to riders with less than **\$2,000** lifetime earnings as of January 1 of the current year in any and all judged working or reined cow horse classes or events, **excluding limited aged events earnings, Youth Bridle, and all Rein/Box classes.** Riders are responsible for being aware of their earnings in all judged cow horse events (not just ARCHA approved) and enter only those limit classes for which they are eligible. Contact Equistat at 1 (817) 737-6397 or equistat.com, if unsure. If a limit class rider reaches the limit during the course of the show season, said rider may still remain in that class

for the duration of the year. Persons believing a rider is not following the Limit Rider rules may file a formal protest; refer to Section 4.6.1.

5.4 SNAFFLE BIT / HACKAMORE CLASSES (Open and Non Pro) - open to horses 5 years of age and under as of January 1st of current show year that have never been shown in a bridle or two rein down the fence at any judged classes or events with the exception of horse sales. The rider shall use either closed reins with approved hackamore equipment or split reins with approved snaffle bit equipment. Two hands must be used on the reins, except in the herd work. This is a two-handed class.

REIN/BOX

5.5 The NRCHA term "Limited" is synonymous to the ARCHA "Rein/Box" class.

5.6 Earnings are calculated as lifetime earnings. For earnings, contact Equistat at 1-817-737-6397 or equistat.com if unsure.

5.7 When cross entering into NRCHA classes at approved NRCHA events, NRCHA equipment rules will take precedence.

5.7.1 Non Pro Limited - Horses 5 years of age and under as of January 1 of the current show year may be shown in either a snaffle bit or hackamore. Horses of any age may be shown in the two rein equipment (for one year only) or bridle.

5.7.2 \$1,000 Non Pro Limited - open to approved Non Pro riders who have not earned more than \$1,000 in lifetime Rein/Box earnings as of January 1 of the current year and who comply with all Non Pro eligibility rules, **with the exception of the 2.1.17 ownership rule. (See Non Pro eligibility rules).** For earnings, contact Equistat at 1-817-737-6397 or equistat.com if unsure. The responsibility for eligibility lies with the competitor. If an individual feels a competitor is not eligible for a class, the burden of proof lies with the person who protests. Horses can be shown in **any ARCHA legal equipment, regardless of age**, with the appropriate hand position. A horse can be shown one-handed in a full bridle or two-rein equipment, **or** can be shown two-handed in an ARCHA approved snaffle bit or hackamore. This class may run concurrent with Non Pro Rein/Box.

5.7.3 Youth Limited (under 18) open to riders 18 years of age and under as of January 1 of the current show year. Horses 5 years of age and under as of January 1 of the current show year may be shown in either a snaffle bit or hackamore. Horses of any age may be shown in the two

rein equipment (for one year only) or bridle.

- 5.7.4 Youth Limited (under 13)** - open to riders 13 years of age and under as of *January 1* of the current show year. Show management may bar youth from exhibiting a stallion in youth classes. Youth Bridle and Youth *Rein/Box* classes may not run concurrently with any other classes. Any youth competing in a youth class does not need to own the horse they are showing. This cannot be run as standalone class; riders must be entered in the Youth Rein/Box. Horses 5 years of age and under as of January 1 of the current show year may be shown in either a snaffle bit or hackamore. Horses of any age may be shown in the two rein equipment (for one year only) or bridle.
- 5.7.5 Future Stars** – Open to riders 10 years of age and under as of January 1 of the current year.
- 5.7.6** Youth may not show a stallion in Youth classes. Any youth competing in a youth class does not need to own the horse they are showing. Competitors will run a Rein/Box pattern.

RANCH HAND

- 5.8** The purpose of the Ranch Hand class is to introduce new members to the sport that would like to “try out” the sport, without having to purchase all of the normally-required equipment. Ranch Hand classes will be offered at every ARCHA event.
- 5.9** In order to enter the Ranch Hand Class you cannot have any earnings in any Cow Horse or Rein/Box event prior to January 1 of the **current year**. Riders are responsible for being aware of their earnings in all judged cow horse events (not just ARCHA approved) and enter only those limit classes for which they are eligible. Contact Equistat at 1 (817) 737-6397 or equistat.com, if unsure. If a limit class rider reaches the limit during the course of the show season, said rider may still remain in that class for the duration of the year. Persons believing a rider is not following the Limit Rider rules may file a formal protest; refer to Section 4.6.1.
- 5.10** Equipment can be any legal, ARCHA, AQHA equipment (one hand or two hand is optional). Snaffle Bit, Hackamore, one handed Romal rein or 1 or 2 split reins. Either leather or chain curb straps can be used (a chin strap is required). Chaps are **not** mandatory.
- 5.11 RANCH HAND CLASSES** - Both classes will use a “Ranch Hand” reined

work pattern, no lead changes and 1.5 spins. Pattern #13 is recommended.

- 5.11.1 Ranch Hand Class Working Cow Horse** – open to any horse of any age. The rider must meet the Ranch Hand requirements mentioned above. The class will consist of a rein work (no lead changes, 1 ½ spins), and a fence work.
- 5.11.2 Ranch Hand Class Rein/Box** - open to any horse of any age. The rider must meet the Ranch Hand requirements mentioned above. The class will consist of a rein work (no lead changes, 1 ½ spins), and boxing work.

CUTTING / HERD WORK

5.15 OPEN ONE-HANDED CUTTING – open to any horse and any rider. Horses must be shown one-handed using any Alberta Cutting Horse Association (ACHA) or National Cutting Horse Association (NCHA) approved equipment. Scoring system follows the rules of the NRCHA ACHA.

5.12 RANCH CUTTING - open to any age of horse. Horses can be shown in **any ARCHA legal equipment, regardless of age**. A horse can be shown one-handed in a full bridle or two-rein equipment, or can be shown two-handed in an ARCHA approved snaffle bit or hackamore. Horses to be judged according to the herd work scoring method described in the NRCHA rulebook.

- 5.12.1 Open Ranch Cutting** – open to any rider
- 5.12.2 Non Pro Ranch Cutting** - open to approved Non Pro riders and who comply with all Non Pro eligibility rules. Non Pro riders in this class must meet the requirements of the ownership rule. (See Non Pro eligibility rules.)
- 5.12.3 \$7,500 Limit Rider Novice Non Pro Ranch Cutting** - open to riders who have not earned more than \$7,500 lifetime **cutting** earnings as of January 1 of the current year and are approved Non Pro riders who comply with all Non Pro eligibility rules. Non Pro riders in this class must meet the requirements of the ownership rule. (See Non Pro eligibility rules.) Riders are responsible for being aware of their earnings in all judged cow horse events (not just ARCHA approved) and enter only those limit classes for which they are eligible. Contact Equistat at 1 (817) 737-6397 or equistat.com, if unsure. If a limit class rider reaches the limit during the course of the show season, said rider may still remain in that class for the duration of the year. Persons believing a rider is not following the Limit Rider rules may file a formal protest; refer to Section 4.6.1.

- 5.12.4 \$1,000 Limit Rider Ranch Cutting** - open to riders who have not earned more than \$1,000 in lifetime **cutting** earnings as of January 1 of the current year. Riders are responsible for being aware of their earnings in all judged cow horse events (not just ARCHA approved) and enter only those limit classes for which they are eligible. Contact Equistat at 1 (817) 737-6397 or equistat.com, if unsure. If a limit class rider reaches the limit during the course of the show season, said rider may still remain in that class for the duration of the year. Persons believing a rider is not following the Limit Rider rules may file a formal protest; refer to Section 4.6.1. **NOTE: this is a used cattle class.**
- 5.12.5 Youth Ranch Cutting** - open to any rider who is 18 years of age or younger, as of January 1 of the current year. A youth rider may compete in any other class he/she so chooses provided that his/her lifetime **cutting** earnings, **excluding limited aged event earnings**, do not exceed the limit of the class or meets Non Pro eligibility requirements. Dollars earned in youth competition count towards lifetime earnings. Will be run concurrent with the \$1,000 Limit Rider Ranch Cutting.

6. PAYOUT, POINT SYSTEM & YEAR-END AWARDS

6.1 Payouts will be mailed to the responsible party within 30 days of the show.

6.2 Payout Chart for Weekend Shows (see NRCHA Rulebook for a suggested payout schedule for futurities).

Number of Horses Shown																				
	1-2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-15	16-20	21-25	26-30	31-35	36-40	41-45	46-50	51-55	56-60	61-65	66-70	71-75	76-80	80+	
# of Places	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
1	100%	80%	60%	40%	30%	30%	28%	25%	23%	20%	20%	20%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	19.5%	19.0%	19.0%	
2		40%	30%	25%	24%	22%	20%	20%	18%	16%	16%	16.0%	16.0%	15.0%	15.0%	15.0%	15.0%	15.0%	14.0%	
3			20%	20%	20%	18%	17%	15%	15%	14%	13%	13%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.0%	12.0%	11.5%	
4				10%	15%	12%	12%	11%	11%	11%	11%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	
5					10%	9%	9%	10%	9%	9%	8%	8%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	
6						7%	7%	8%	8%	8%	7%	7%	7.0%	6.5%	6.0%	6.0%	6.0%	6.0%	6.0%	
7							5%	6%	7%	7%	7%	6%	6.0%	5.5%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	
8								4%	5%	6%	5%	5%	5.0%	5.0%	4.5%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	
9									4%	5%	4%	4%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	3.5%	3.5%	3.0%	3.0%	
10										4%	4%	4%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	
11											3%	3%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	
12												3%	3.0%	3.0%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	
13													2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	
14														2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	
15															2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	
16																1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	
17																	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	
18																		1.5%	1.5%	
19																			1.5%	
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

6.3 Ties for First Place

(a) In the Working Cow Horse classes the highest cow work score will be used to break the tie. In the event both cow work scores are the same, the tied contestants will have a work-off down the fence, or may flip a coin if mutually agreed.

(b) In the Cutting classes the tied contestants will evenly split first and second place prize money and points, but must determine the awarding of prizes by the flip of a coin.

6.4 Awarding of Points for Ties (other than first place)

If the scores of two or more entries are equal, the points awarded to both (or all) tied entries will be calculated by adding together all points which would have been awarded to those places had the entrants not had equal scores, and divided by the total number of tied entrants. For example, there are eleven (11) entries in a class and equal scores occur in the third and fourth and seventh and eighth places.

6.5 Point System - during the show season, points will be awarded to the horse for its placing in approved **ARCHA classes**. Points will be awarded in accordance with the point system schedule (example below), with the first place horse receiving the highest number of points based on the number of horses actually shown. In a class with 5 or more shown the first place horse will receive 5 points for the win plus one point for every horse defeated. Each succeeding place (to 5th place) will receive the specified points (see example below), and will receive 1 point less than the place before it. Any errors found in show results or standings will be corrected immediately on the ARCHA website. Members or show management must contact the ARCHA office within 30 days of the posting of these results for corrections to be made.

Example of points for 11 entries:

PLACING	POINTS AWARDED	*ADDITIONAL POINTS AWARDED	TOTAL
1	5.0	10.0	15.0
2	4.0	9.0	13.0
3 / 4	2.5	7.5	10.0
3 / 4	2.5	7.5	10.0
5	1	6.0	7.0
6		5.0	5.0
7 / 8		3.5	3.5

7 / 8		3.5	3.5
9		2.0	2.0
10		1.0	1.0
11		0	0
TOTAL	15.0	55.0	70.0

** Dependent on the number of horses entered*

6.6 Year-end Point Tabulation and Ties - A cumulative tabulation of all points earned by all entries during the show season shall be kept at the ARCHA office. Tabulation of points shall be published in the ARCHA publication or website. If there is a tie for a placing in the points for year-end standings, the entry with the highest earnings shall be declared the winner.

6.7 For approved events where Spectacular classes are offered but the regular horse show classes are not offered, points as defined above will be awarded for the Spectacular classes. If both regular horse show and spectacular classes are offered in the same show they may be run concurrently but only the regular horse show classes will be awarded points.

6.8 Year-End Awards – ~~Competitors must attend a minimum of six (6) shows (per class) to qualify for Year-End Awards.~~ Everyone that competes in an ARCHA approved horse show class as defined above will automatically be in the running for the year-end awards. Said tabulation of earned points shall be published on the ARCHA website.

6.8.1 To qualify for year end points, riders and owners must be members in good standing. Horses that have been leased do not require the owners to become members. A copy of the lease agreement must be filed with the ARCHA office prior to the showing of the horse. In the case of Non Pro competitors, leasing a horse does not constitute ownership as per Non Pro rules.

7. RULES FOR COMPETITION

7.1 For weekend shows, show entrants scratching, for any reason, after 6:00 p.m. Wednesday the week of the show are responsible to pay cattle and office fees. Show entrants scratching, for any reason, after 6:00 p.m. Thursday the week of the show are responsible to pay all entry fees. Add-backs and points from entries scratched after 6:00 p.m. Thursday will be included in the payout and point calculations.

7.2 These fees must be paid prior to the next show date before the competitor

will be allowed to show or they will not be considered a member in good standing. When a competitor fails to show, without notice to the show management, all fees will be charged and payable prior to the next show date. Refer to Section 3.

7.3 Missing Order of Go or Back-to-Back Draws Between Classes - The competitor may choose to request a change of order by contacting the ARCHA Director in Charge and the show office. Every attempt will be made to notify the competitors involved. If a change is agreed upon the competitor will be moved to the bottom of the draw.

7.4 Lone or Single Entries in a Class - Where possible the competitor will be notified after the official entry close date. The competitor has the choice of staying in the classes as entered, or moving to an alternate class without penalty (however, fee differences are applicable). If the draw has been done in the alternate class, the office has the following draw options: in cutting moving the entry to the bottom of the herd; in working cow horse moving the entry to the bottom of the draw; or in any discipline, dropping the entry in as a sub-entry.

7.5 If any entry changes ownership, the entry will retain eligibility by complying with the following: 1) notifying the Association of the change of ownership and the intention of the new owner to continue the entry, 2) payment of the remaining fees when due and 3) membership of the new owner in the ARCHA. The *Executive* Committee reserves the right to approve all transfers.

7.6 Unofficial scores may be announced and/or exhibited on the scoreboard after each entry's work. Scores will then be verified from the judge's score sheets and any corrections will be made. Scores will not be official until all score sheets have been verified.

7.7 In the event of a post-event disqualification, the payout will remain the same as far as number of places paid, as before the disqualification.

7.8 The Show Committee will select the patterns to be used in the reined work. Any pattern change must be posted at least 1 hour before the go round to which it applies.

7.9 Size and design of horse's shoes will be at the exhibitors' discretion.

7.10 ARCHA approved shows are not required to have bits checked (however, any NRCHA-approved show will have bits checked).

7.11 Rules printed herein are subject to amendments and annual updates.

LIMITED AGE EVENTS (LAE)

For all intents and purposes Limited Age Events are run under the NRCHA rules (see Section 10 of the NRCHA rulebook).

8. SHOW MANAGEMENT APPROVAL & PAYMENT OF EARNINGS

8.1 Show Approval - Any show committee or event seeking approval by this Association must comply with numerous criteria. A show package, outlining the mandatory requirements and helpful recommendations, is available to any interested parties at no cost or obligation from the ARCHA office.

8.2 An event approved by the ARCHA is exclusive to the ARCHA and cannot also be approved or sanctioned by an unaffiliated horse entity or association unless specified prior approval is obtained from the ARCHA.

8.3 Approved shows pay back contestants the total of the add back plus the total added purse. The contestants will be paid from this pool on a percentage basis depending on placement and number of entries.

9. JUDGES

9.1 Exhibitors shall not contact or attempt to contact the designated judge pertaining to his/her judging of any horses at that show. Further, exhibitors shall not approach a judge for any reason prior to the completion of the judging unless the show official is present. Any request to speak to a judge must be made through the show official. When an exhibitor makes a request through the show official for the judge's opinion concerning the exhibitor's horse, it is urged that the judge will give his/her opinion courteously and sincerely in the presence of the show official; however, there will be no fraternization between the exhibitor and a judge during the show.

9.2 A judge may order any person or horse from the competition for bad conduct or may disqualify any contestant for excessive abuse of the horse. A judge may refuse entry into the arena or remove an entry from a class for improper attire and/or equipment.

9.3 To make a formal complaint against a judge, such complaint must be in writing, signed by the complainant, and contain specific facts giving rise to the complaint. The complaint must be received by the association within 7 days from the date of occurrence and accompanied by a \$100 non-refundable fee. The

complainant may have to attend a hearing conducted by the Board of Directors.

RULES FOR JUDGING

Figure 1 – Arena Marker Penalties

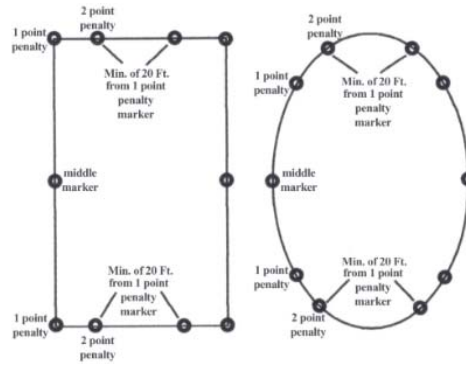


Figure 2 – Trot Penalties

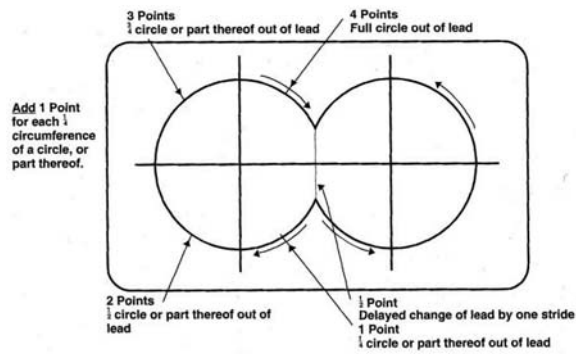


Figure 3 - Over/Under Spin Penalties

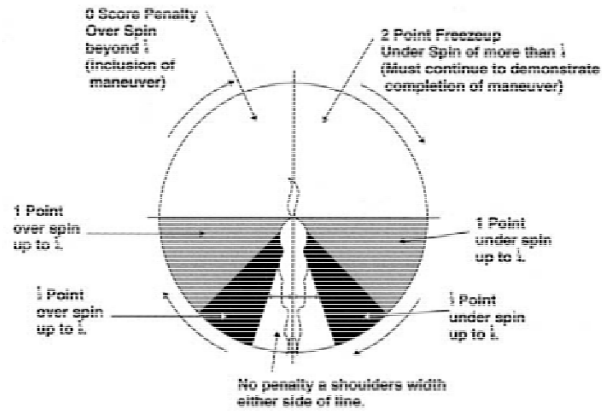


Figure 4 - Lead Departure Penalties

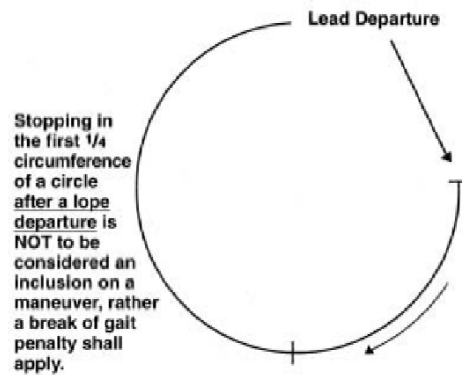


Figure 5 - Out of Lead on Run-around Penalties

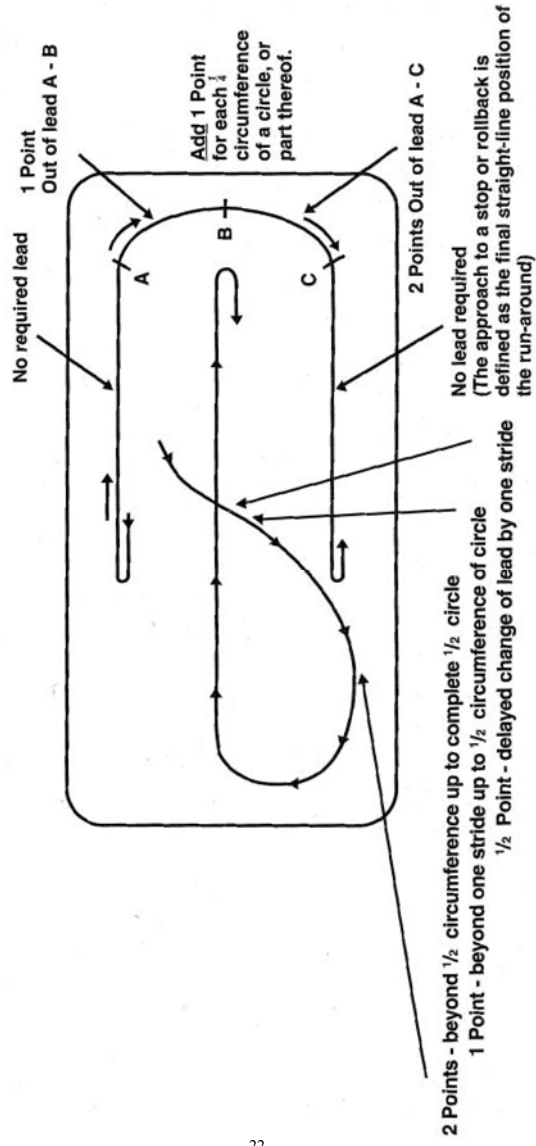
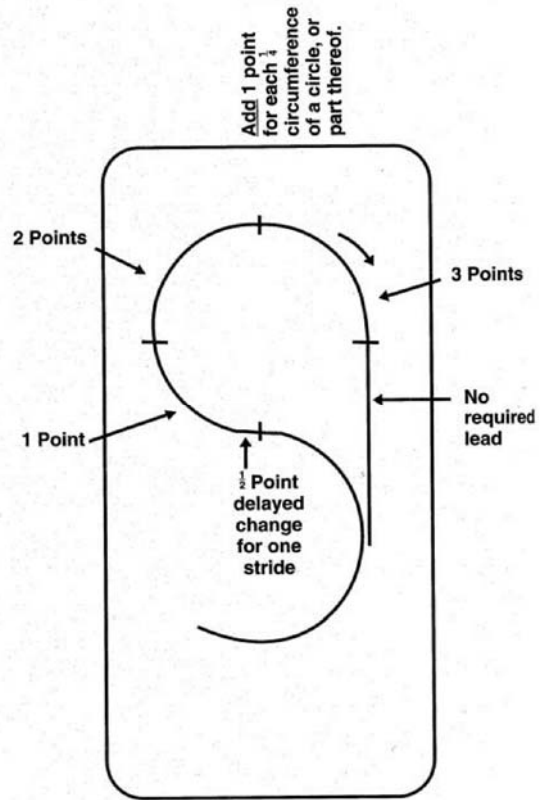


Figure 6 - Out of Lead on Partial Circle Leading to Run-down



10. PATTERNS & MARKERS

PATTERNS (NRCHA/ARCHA)

Refer to: <http://cowhorse.ca/rules-patterns/>

2018 COMPETITION SCHEDULE

April 1	Roger Heintz Memorial Cow Horse Schooling Show	Okotoks
April 28-29	Claresholm Agriplex Non Pro Buckle Series	Claresholm
May 13-14	Ponoka Ag Events Centre	Ponoka
May 25-27	Equistro CowTown Derby (also NRCHA approved)	Claresholm
June 9-10	Claresholm Agriplex Non Pro Buckle Series	Claresholm
July 7-8	Ponoka Ag Events Centre Cats Picasso Buckle Series (also NRCHA approved)	Ponoka
August 4-5-	Claresholm Agriplex Non Pro Buckle Series (also NRCHA approved)	Claresholm
Aug 1 - Sept 2	Equistro Alberta Snaffle Bit Futurity and Derby (also NRCHA approved)	Claresholm

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