

## 2021 IQHA

# Ranch Horse Stallion Breeders Program & Futurity

These rules are effective for the year 2021\*



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### Purpose

The purpose of the IQHA Ranch Horse Stallion Breeders Program & Futurity is to provide an opportunity for AQHA stallion owners to showcase & promote their ranch bred stallions & subsequent offspring in Open & Non-Pro Divisions.

### Ranch Horse Futurity Eligibility

Only AQHA registered horses are eligible for the program and futurity. Beginning with the 2019 enrolled stallions, 2020 foal crop, registered foals are eligible to be nominated for the program. Properly nominated foals will be eligible to be shown in all futurity classes offered by the program through their four year-old year, by annual nomination fee payments and if applicable, penalties. All nomination fees and penalties must be paid prior to exhibiting. Stallions must enroll each year for their following year's offspring to be eligible; example: enrolled sire for 2019 breeding season, 2020 offspring are eligible for nomination. NOTE: The 2020 foal crop of the stallions who first enrolled in 2020 will not be eligible for any jackpot or futurity classes.

### Stallion Owners

#### Founding Stallion Enrollment:

- As an incentive to reward stallion owner participation and support of this program, the founding stallions enrolled in 2019 who maintain continuous enrollment will pay their initial enrollment fee for the first five years (2019-2023) of the program.
- AQHA founding stallion enrollment fee will be \$350.00 for 2021 when postmarked on or before May 1, 2021. The enrollment fee for founding stallions after May 1 but on or before July 1, 2021, will be \$450.00.
- Current IQHA membership is **not** required to enroll a stallion.
- In the case of the death or infertility of a founding stallion, a one-time replacement will be allowed to continue the founding enrollment stallion status.
- If a founding enrolled stallion transfers ownership, founding stallion status will follow the stallion.
- The stallion owner/agent will receive 10% of all properly nominated offspring's earnings from each year. If the stallion is being enrolled by another party who is not the registered owner, the registered owner will be obligated to have a written consent between the two parties to complete the enrollment to determine who will receive 10% of offspring earnings. It is preferred to have the stallion owner complete the enrollment.
- Enrollment fee is non-refundable

#### Stallion Enrollment (not a founding stallion):

- 2021 Stallion Enrollment Fee - \$450.00 postmarked on or before July 1, 2021.
- After July 1, 2021 but before December 31, 2021, the stallion's enrollment fee will be \$1000.00.
- New enrolling stallions are required to provide a copy of the stallion's AQHA registration papers and paid fees must accompany the completed enrollment form for any stallion to be enrolled into the program.
- Current IQHA membership is **not** required to enroll a stallion.
- The stallion owner/agent will receive 10% of all properly nominated offspring's earnings from each year. If the stallion is being enrolled by another party who is not the registered owner, the registered owner will be

obligated to have a written consent between the two parties to complete the enrollment to determine who will receive 10% of offspring earnings. It is preferred to have the stallion owner complete the enrollment.

- Enrollment fee is non-refundable.

## **Offspring Status & Nominations**

### **Jackpot Offspring Status and Fees:**

- A sire who enrolls in 2021, will make their 2019 (2-year-old), 2018 (3-year-old) and 2017 (4-year-old) offspring eligible to compete in the corresponding jackpot classes.
- Foals born in 2020 will NOT be eligible for jackpot classes and will follow futurity eligibility rules as stated in the Eligibility and Nomination sections of the Ranch Horse Stallion Breeders Program & Futurity rules.
- Class entry fees \$100.00 per class, in addition to any fees related to the show (stalls, office costs, cattle fees, etc.).

### **2020 and 2021 Offspring Nomination:**

- AQHA registered 2020 offspring must be sired by a 2019 enrolled stallion.
- AQHA registered 2021 offspring must be sired by 2020 enrolled stallions.
- 2020 and 2021 eligible offspring shall be nominated on or before December 31st of their weanling year for \$50.00. After December 31, 2020 eligible offspring may be nominated in 2021 as a yearling for a \$300.00 nomination fee (\$200 late fee plus the original \$100) by or before July 31, 2021.
- A one time payment can be made for \$375.00 to secure eligibility for the entirety of the offspring's futurity eligibility by or before December 31st of its weanling year.
- For each year an offspring is not nominated a \$200 annual penalty is assessed.
- To be futurity eligible, a copy of AQHA registration papers are required along with the nomination form and fees paid in full..Failure to submit required paperwork/forms will result in an ineligible entry.
- No nomination refunds due to the death or injury of a nominated horse.
- **A current IQHA membership is required.**
- **Nomination fees - 2020** Yearlings will receive 10% of the 2020 nomination fees.

### **2022 Offspring Nomination**

- A \$100 nomination fee can be paid by or up until the day before the show as yearlings.
- Following the 2022 IQHA Ranch Horse Futurity, eligible yearlings may still be nominated for a \$300.00 nomination fee. (the original \$100 nomination fee plus \$200 late fee).
- A one time payment can be made for \$400.00 to secure eligibility for the entirety of the offspring's futurity eligibility by or before the show of their yearling year.
- For each year an offspring is not nominated a \$200 annual penalty is assessed.
- No nomination refunds due to the death or injury of a nominated horse.
- **2022 Yearling nominations:**
  - 10% of nomination fees will be held for office expenses.
  - 50% of the annual nomination fees will be added to the payout.
  - 40% will be allocated towards awards.

## **Prize Money**

### **2021 Jackpot Prize Money:**

- Current horse owner, as shown on registration papers, will receive 90% of the payback, the stallion owner/agent will receive 10%.
- Up to 10 placings will be paid out.

### **Futurity Prize Money:**

- Payout will consist of a percentage of each year's stallion enrollment monies, a percentage of nomination fees, any applicable late fees and entry fees.
- Up to 10 placings will be paid out.
- Current horse owner, as shown on registration papers, will receive 90% of the payback, the stallion owner/agent or designated payee (outside of owner) will receive 10%.
- Each year the **Stallion Enrollment money** will be divided out over the course of four years, minus a \$25.00 per stallion fee for expenses.  
Yearlings -16%, Two-Year-Olds - 23%, Three-Year-Olds - 28%, Four-Year-Olds - 33%

### **Class Payout:**

#### **Payout scale**

10 places	20%, 15%, 13%, 11%, 10%, 8%, 6.5%, 6%, 5.5%, and 5%
9 Places	21%, 16%, 14%, 12%, 10.5%, 8.5%, 6.5%, 6% and 5.5%
8 places	22%, 16.5%, 15%, 12.5%, 11%, 9%, 7.5% and 6.5%
7 Places	23%, 17%, 15.5%, 13.5%, 12.5%, 10% and 8.5%
6 places	24%, 18%, 17%, 15%, 14% and 12%
5 places	25%, 21%, 20%, 17.5% and 16.5%
4 places	30%, 25.5%, 23% and 21.5%
3 Places	40%, 35% and 25%
2 Places	60% and 40%
1 Place	100%

### **Futurity Champion**

- A Futurity champion will be named in each age division based on the highest money earned.
- In the case of a **tie for the high money earning futurity champion**, the winner will be determined by the highest point total, calculated as follows: Open and Non-Pro exhibitors accumulate points on one horse for combined score/points in each age division to determine a high point horse from their respective age group. Points are calculated by the number of entries shown in each class. ie: 45 in a class, 1st place gets 45 points, 2nd gets 44, 3rd gets 43 and so on. If needed, the highest number of points calculated under the **tiebreaker** judge will be the final determination.
- In the case of a **tie in a class**, a tiebreaker judge will be used to determine the final placings but the money for the tied places will be added together and split equally. The tiebreaker judge will be announced/posted prior to the start of the show.

### **Exhibition**

- The location of the IQHA Ranch Horse Futurity will be recommended by the Ranch Horse Committee then submitted to the IQHA Board of Directors to make the final decision.
- Qualified AQHA-approved ranch judges will judge all classes. All judges scores will count towards the final placings.
- Equipment regulations relevant to the futurity classes will be guided by the following AQHA rules: Section SHW300-equipment, Section SHW305- western equipment, SHW306- western optional equipment through SHW307.9- western prohibited equipment.
- Owner and Exhibitor of the horse at the time shown must be current members of IQHA.
- A complete photocopy of the eligible horse's AQHA papers with nomination form and/or entry form must be provided to the Ranch committee. Horse(s) WILL NOT be eligible if the aforementioned requirement is not fulfilled. Verification of papers may be made with AQHA before any prize money is paid.

- Any horse and/or exhibitor that is disqualified is ineligible for prize money & awards.
- All paybacks will be determined using the number of horses entered in that class.
- A full refund will only be given if requested prior to the entry deadline. A partial refund may be considered if a horse becomes severely injured, disabled, or deceased, but only if requested a minimum of two weeks prior to the start of the show. Documentation from a veterinarian stating the severity of the debilitating injury or illness is required. Stall, drug, obstacle and entry fees will be refunded; however, office fees & cattle charges will not be refunded. Illness, accidents or other incidents concerning people will not be eligible for refund.
- Proof of non-pro (amateur) status from a breed association or a signed declaration stating the exhibitor is a non-pro is required for exhibition in non-pro classes.
- In-sufficient funds will be charged a \$30 fee and any earned monies held until payment is confirmed.

### **CLASSES**

- **Yearling Conformation** - (Conformation SHW566. VRH RANCH)
- **2 Year Old Ideal Ranch Horse-Open** - 50% Rail & 50% (Conformation SHW566. VRH RANCH)
- **2 Year Old Ideal Ranch Horse-Non-Pro** - 50% Rail & 50% (Conformation SHW566. VRH RANCH)
- **3 Year Old Ideal Ranch Horse-Open** - 50% Rail & 50% (Conformation SHW566. VRH RANCH)
- **3 Year Old Ideal Ranch Horse-Non-Pro** - 50% Rail & 50% (Conformation SHW566. VRH RANCH)
- **4 Year Old Ideal Ranch Horse-Open** - 50% Rail & 50% (Conformation SHW566. VRH RANCH)
- **4 Year Old Ideal Ranch Horse-Non-Pro** - 50% Rail & 50% (Conformation SHW566. VRH RANCH)
- **3 Year Old Ranch Riding-Open** - (SHW416)
- **3 Year Old Ranch Riding-Non-Pro** - (SHW416)
- **4 Year Old Ranch Riding-Open** - (SHW416)
- **4 Year Old Ranch Riding-Non-Pro** - (SHW416)
- **Yearling Ranch Prospect Trail at halter-Open** (SHW561.VRH)
- **2 Year Old Prospect Fundamentals-Open** (SHW561.VRH)
- **2 Year Old Prospect Fundamentals-Non-Pro** (SHW561.VRH)
- **3 Year Old Ranch Trail-Open** (SHW561.VRH)
- **3 Year Old Ranch Trail-Non-Pro** (SHW561.VRH)
- **4 Year Old Working Ranch Trail-Open** (SHW561.VRH)
- **4 Year Old Working Ranch Trail-Non-Pro** (SHW561.VRH)
- **4 Year Old Working Ranch Horse-Open** (SHW562.0 VRH Ranch Reining & SHW563. VRH and RHC RANCH COW WORK)
- **4 Year Old Boxing-Non-Pro** (SHW562.0 VRH Ranch Reining & SHW564. VRH and RHC RANCH COW WORK)

### **Class Rules adapted from AQHA and VRH Rules**

*All rules are copied from the 2021 AQHA Rule book.*

**CONFORMATION Yearling Conformation - SHW566. VRH RANCH** The purpose of ranch conformation is to preserve American Quarter Horse type selecting well-mannered individuals in the order of their resemblance to the breed ideal and that are the most positive combination of bal-ance, structural correctness, and movement with appropriate breed and sex characteristics and adequate muscling. The ideal VRH Ranch conformation horse should have a natural ranch horse appearance from head to tail. **SHW566.2** All horses in each division will be shown together as one class: stallions, mares and geldings. **SHW566.3** All horses whose registration certificates are marked with a parrot mouth, cryptorchid or excessive white notation are ineligible to compete in the ranch horse conformation class. All stallions shall be examined to confirm that they have two visible testicles. All stallions and mares shall be examined for parrot mouth. If examination reveals that a horse has parrot mouth or is cryptorchid,

such horse should be excused from the ring prior to final placing by the judge regardless of whether the parrot mouth or cryptorchid condition is marked on the horse's registration certificate. **SHW566.4** Horses are to be shown in a good working halter: rope, braided, nylon or plain leather. Any horse shown in the ranch horse conformation class may not be shown with an allowed lip cord, however a lead shank with an attached chain may be used under the chin or over the nose. **SHW566.5** As the horse approaches, the judge will step to the right to enable the horse to trot straight to a cone placed 50 feet away. At the cone, the horse will continue trotting, turn to the left and trot toward the left wall or fence of the arena. After trotting, horses will be lined up head to tail for individual inspection by the judge. The judge shall inspect each horse from both sides, front and rear and place the horses in order of preference. **SHW566.6** Exhibitors may qualify and show more than one horse in ranch conformation classes.

**IDEAL RANCH HORSE:** **Ideal Ranch Horse Rail** - Exhibitors will be asked to demonstrate walk, trot, extended trot, lope and extended lope. Exhibitors will be asked to enter the class to complete the riding portion of the class first, then asked to come into the center, unsaddle the horse and stand for conformation. Please refer to conformation rules (SHW 566) for judging that portion of the class. The combined score will represent the horses final placing using 50% rail and 50% conformation.

**RANCH RIDING:** **Ranch Riding - SHW416** The purpose of the ranch riding class is to measure the ability of the horse to be a pleasure to ride while being used as a means of conveyance from performing one ranch task to another. The horse should reflect the versatility, attitude and movement of a working ranch horse riding outside the confines of an arena. The horse should be well-trained, relaxed, quiet, soft and cadenced at all gaits. The ideal ranch horse will travel with forward movement and demonstrate an obvious lengthening of stride at extended gaits. The horse can be ridden with light contact or on a relatively loose rein without requiring undue restraint, but not shown on a full drape of reins. The overall manners and responsiveness of the ranch riding horse to make timely transitions in a smooth and correct manner, as well as the quality of the movement are of primary considerations. The ideal ranch riding horse should have a natural ranch horse appearance from head to tail in each maneuver. **SHW417.1** Each horse will work individually, performing the required gait maneuvers and a minimum of three optional maneuvers. Horses will be scored on the basis of 0 to 100, with 70 denoting an average performance. Each maneuver will receive a score that should be added or subtracted from 70 and is subject to a penalty that should be subtracted. Each maneuver will be scored on the following basis, ranging from plus 1 1/2 to minus 1 1/2: -1 1/2 extremely poor, -1 very poor, -1/2 poor, 0 correct, +1/2 good, + 1 very good, + 1 1/2 excellent. Maneuver scores are to be determined and assessed independently of penalty points. **SHW417.2** One of the 15 approved patterns must be used. **SHW417.3** The overall cadence and performance of the gaits should be as those described in GAITS, (SHW334 Ranch Riding) with an emphasis on forward movement, free-flowing, and ground covering for all gaits. Transitions should be performed where designated, with smoothness and responsiveness. **SHW417.4** No time limit. **SHW417.5** The use of natural logs is encouraged. **SHW417.6** Posting at the extended trot is acceptable. **SHW417.7** Touching or holding the saddle horn is acceptable. **SHW418. Ranch Riding Apparel and Equipment SHW418.1** No hoof polish. **SHW418.2** No braided or banded manes/tails or tail extensions. **SHW418.3** Trimming inside ears is discouraged. **SHW418.4** Trimming bridle path is allowed, also trimming of fetlocks or excessive (long) facial hair. **SHW418.5** Equipment with silver should not count over a good working outfit. Excessive silver on bridles and saddles is discouraged. **SHW418.6** It is suggested competitors use a breast collar and a rear cinch. **SHW418.7** When exhibiting in a snaffle bit or hackamore, an exhibitor may switch between two hands and one hand on the reins at any time. **SHW419. Ranch Riding Penalties.** A contestant shall be penalized each time the following occur: **SHW419.1** One (1) point penalties Too slow (per gait) Over-bridled (per maneuver) Out of frame (per maneuver) Break of gait at walk or trot for 2 strides or less. **SHW419.2** Three (3) point penalties Break of gait at walk or trot for more than 2 strides. Break of gait at lope, except when correcting an incorrect lead Wrong lead or out of lead. Draped reins (per maneuver). Out of lead or cross-cantering more than two strides when changing leads. Trotting more than three strides when making a simple lead change. Severe disturbance of any obstacle. **SHW419.3** Five (5) point penalties Blatant disobedience (kick, bite, buck, rear, etc.) for each refusal. **SHW419.4** Ten (10) point penalty

Unnatural ranch horse appearance (Horse's tail is obvious and consistently carried in an unnatural manner in every maneuver). **SHW419.5** (OP) Placed below horses performing all maneuvers Eliminates or adds maneuver. Incomplete (cont'd) maneuver. Repeated blatant disobedience. Use of two hands (except junior and level 1 horses shown in a snaffle bit/hackamore), more than one finger between split reins or any fingers between romal reins (except in the two rein).

### **TRAIL Ranch Prospect Trail at halter, Prospect Fundamentals, Ranch Trail, Working Ranch Trail**

**SHW561.VRH** The ranch trail class should test the horse's ability to cope with situations encountered while being ridden through a pattern of obstacles generally found during the course of everyday ranch work. The horse/rider team is judged on the correctness, efficiency and pattern accuracy with which the obstacles are negotiated and the attitude and mannerisms exhibited by the horse. Judging emphasis is on identifying the well broke, responsive and well-mannered horse which can correctly navigate and negotiate the course. The ideal VRH ranch trail horse should have a natural ranch horse appearance from head to tail in each maneuver. **SHW561.2** The ranch trail course will include no less than six and no more than nine obstacles. It is mandatory that the horse be asked to walk, trot and lope during the course. Walk can be part of obstacle score or be scored with the approaching obstacle. Trot must be at least 35 feet and score with approaching obstacle. Lope must be lead-specific, at least 50 feet and score with approaching obstacle. Care must be exercised to avoid setting up any obstacles that may be hazardous to the horse or rider. **SHW561.3** When setting courses, management will be mindful that the idea is not to trap a horse/rider team or eliminate it by making an obstacle too difficult. All courses and obstacles are to be constructed with safety in mind so as to reduce the risk for accidents. Show committee shall have the option of setting up the trail course to best fit the arena conditions. An outdoor course is recommended if appropriate terrain is available. Each single-performance event can be time consuming, especially with large classes, so it is imperative that time restrictions are placed on this class. The show committee, either through a pilot run or estimation, shall select a course that has a continuous and positive flow that can be negotiated in four minutes or less. **SHW561.4** Judges must walk the course and have the right and duty to alter the course if it is not in keeping with the intent of the class. Judges may remove or change any obstacles they deem unsafe, non-negotiable or unnecessarily difficult. Any time a trail obstacle becomes unsafe during a class, it shall be repaired or removed from the course. If the course cannot be repaired and some horses have completed the course, the score for that obstacle shall be deducted from all previous draws in that class. **SHW561.5** The course must be designed using the mandatory obstacles and maneuvers plus optional obstacles. Combining two or more of the obstacles is acceptable. **SHW561.6 PROHIBITED OBSTACLES:** Tarps, water obstacles with slick bottoms, PVC pipe used as a jump or walk over, tires, rocking or moving bridges, logs elevated in a manner that permits such to roll in a dangerous manner. **SHW561.7 MANDATORY OBSTACLES AND/OR MANUEVERS.** 1. Ride over obstacles on the ground (usually logs). Walk, trot or lope may be used but only one gait is required. Walk-overs: Walk over no more than five logs no more than 10 inches high and spacing between 26 – 30 inches. The formation may be straight, curved, zig-zagged or raised. Trot-overs: Trot over no more than five logs no more than 10 inches high. The space between logs or poles should be 36-42 inches. The formation can also be straight, curved, zigzagged or raised. Lope-overs: Lope over no more than five logs no more than 10 inches high. The space between logs should be 6 to 7 feet. The formation can also be straight, curved, zigzagged or raised. 2. Opening, passing through and closing a hinged swinging gate (not a rope gate): Use gate that will not endanger horse or rider and requires minimum side-passing. 3. Ride over wooden bridge: Bridge should be sturdy, safe and negotiated at a walk only. Heavy plywood lying flat on the ground is an acceptable simulation of a bridge. Suggested minimum width shall be 36 inches wide and at least 6 feet long. Backing obstacles: Backing obstacles are to be spaced at a minimum of 28 inches. If elevated, 30 inch spacing is required. Back through and around at least three markers. Back through L, V, U or straight or similarly shaped course which may be elevated no more than 24 inches. 5. Side-pass obstacle: Any object which is safe and of any length may be used to demonstrate responsiveness of the horse to leg signals. Raised side pass obstacles should not exceed 12 inches. 6. Drag an object: Drag may be a complete figure eight and may begin in either direction. The exhibitor must have the rope dallyed on the saddle horn (half or full dally) for the duration of the drag. **SHW561.8 OPTIONAL OBSTACLES.** Optional obstacles may be

used provided the obstacles can be found in everyday ranch work. Optional obstacles from which selections can be made include, but are not limited to: A jump obstacle whose center height is not less than 14 inches high or more than 25 inches high. Holding the saddle horn is permissible for this obstacle. Only live or stuffed animals which would normally be encountered in an outdoor setting may be used but not to be used in an attempt to spook a horse. Carry object from one part of the arena to another. Remove and replace materials from a mailbox. Trot through cones spaced a minimum of 6 feet apart. - Cross natural ditches or ride up embankments. Swing rope or throw rope at a dummy steer head. Step in and out of obstacle. Put on slicker or coat. Stand to mount with mounting block. Walk through water obstacle. Open gate on foot. Pick up feet. Walk through brush. Ground tie. (Hobbles are allowed) - Lead at the trot. SHW561.9 At show management option the competition trail course may be made available to exhibitors or posted prior to the day of competition. It must be posted at least one hour prior to competition.

**SHW561.10 CREDITS AND PENALTIES.** All runs begin upon entering the pen and any infractions are subject to penalty at that time (such as two hands on the reins, using either hand to instill fear or praise, etc.). The rider has the (cont'd) option of eliminating any obstacle, however this will result in being "off pattern" (OP) and the horse/rider team may not place above others who have completed the pattern correctly. A judge may ask a horse to pass on an obstacle after three refusals or at any time for safety concerns. **SHW561.11** Credit is given to horse/rider teams who negotiate the obstacles correctly and efficiently. Horses should receive credit for showing attentiveness to obstacles and ability to negotiate through the course when the obstacles warrant it while willingly responding to rider's cues on more difficult obstacles. Quality of movement and cadence should be considered part of the maneuver score for the obstacle. Penalties are assessed as follows: 1 Point Penalties: Over-bridled (per maneuver); out of frame (per maneuver); each hit, bite or stepping on a log, cone plant or any component of the obstacle; incorrect or break of gait at walk or trot for two (2) strides or less; both front or hind feet in a single-stride slot or space at a walk or trot; skipping over or failing to step into required space; split pole in lope-over; incorrect number of strides, if specified; one to two steps on mount/dismount or ground tie except shifting to balance. 3 Point Penalties: Wrong lead or out of lead, draped reins; break of gait at lope, except when correcting an incorrect lead; break of gait at walk or trot for more than two (2) strides; three to four steps on mount/dismount on ground tie. 5 Point Penalties: Spurring in front of cinch; blatant disobedience; use of either hand to instill fear/praise; knocking over, stepping out of or falling off an obstacle; dropping an object required to be carried; 1st or 2nd cumulative refusal; letting go of gate; five or more steps on mount/ dismount or ground tie. 10 point: Unnatural ranch horse appearance (Horse's tail is obvious and consistently carried in an unnatural manner in every maneuver) Off-Pattern (OP): Incomplete maneuver; eliminating or adding a maneuver; 3rd refusal; repeated blatant disobedience, and failure to dally and remain dallied during the drag; use of two hands (except junior and level 1 horses shown in a snaffle bit/hackamore), more than one finger between split reins or any fingers between romal reins (except in the two- rein); failure to open and shut gate, or failure to complete gate. Exhibitors cannot place above others who complete the pattern correctly. Disqualification (DQ): Lameness, abuse, leaving working area before pattern is complete, illegal equipment, disrespect or misconduct, improper western attire; fall of horse/rider.

#### **4-year-old Working Ranch Horse - Open Working Ranch Horse**

**SHW562 RANCH REINING** The ranch reining class measures the ability of the ranch horse to perform basic handling maneuvers with a natural head carriage in a forward looking manner. The ideal VRH ranch reining horse should have a natural ranch horse appearance from head to tail in each maneuver. Patterns may be chosen from any of the ranch reining patterns or approved by the show management and judge.

**SHW562.1** No horse may cross enter Reining and Versatility Ranch Horse Reining regardless of division.

**SHW562.2 CREDITS AND PENALTIES.** All runs begin upon entering the pen and any infractions are subject to penalty at that time such as two hands on the reins, using either hand to instill fear or praise, etc.

**SHW562.3** To rein a horse is not only to guide him but also to control his movement. The best reined horse should be willingly guided or controlled with little or no apparent resistance. All deviations from the exact written pattern must be considered a lack of or temporary loss of control and therefore a fault that must be marked down according to severity of deviation. The horse/rider team's overall performance should be credited for smoothness, finesse,

attitude, quickness and authority of performing various maneuvers while using controlled speed which raises the degree of difficulty and makes the horse/rider team more exciting and pleasing to watch. **SHW562.4 PENALTIES:**

- One-half (1/2) point: Starting a circle or exiting a roll-back at a trot for up to two (2) strides; delayed change of lead by one stride where the lead change is required by the pattern description; failure to remain a minimum of twenty feet from the wall or fence when approaching a stop and/or roll-back; over-spin or under-spin up to 1/8 turn.
- 1 point: Over-bridled (per maneuver), out of frame (per maneuver), out of lead in the circles, figure eights or around the end of the arena (this penalty is cumulative and will be deducted for each quarter of a circle the horse is out of lead); Over or under spinning 1/8 to 1/4 turn. Slipping rein.
- 2 point: Break of gait; freeze up in spins or roll-backs; failure to stop or walk before executing a lope departure on trot-in patterns; failure to be in a lope prior to the first marker on run-in patterns; failure to completely pass the specified marker before initiating a stop position, trotting beyond two strides, but less than 1/2 circle or 1/2 length of the arena.
- 5 point: Spurring in front of cinch; blatant disobedience; use of either hand to instill fear/praise;
- 10 point: Unnatural ranch horse appearance (Horse's tail is obvious and consistently carried in an unnatural manner in every maneuver)
- Off-Pattern (OP): breaking pattern; inclusion of maneuver (e.g. over or under-spinning, backing more than two (2) strides, etc.); trotting in excess of 1/2 circle or 1/2 length of the arena; repeated blatant disobedience; use of two hands (except junior and Level 1 horses shown in a snaffle bit/ hackamore), more than one finger between split reins or any fingers between romal reins (except in the two-rein). Exhibitors cannot place above others who complete the pattern correctly.
- Disqualification (DQ): Lameness; abuse; illegal equipment; disrespect or misconduct; leaving arena before pattern is complete; improper western attire; fall of horse/rider.

**SHW563. VRH and RHC RANCH COW WORK.** The ideal Ranch horse must also be a cow horse and this class demonstrates and measures the horse's ability to do cow work. In addition the ideal ranch cow horse should have a natural ranch horse appearance from head to tail in each maneuver. Holding the saddle horn is permitted. There is a time limit per horse/rider team to perform the work depending on the division and the time begins when the cow is turned into the arena. If the time has not elapsed and the judge is satisfied that all requirements of the class have been met, the judge should blow the whistle for the exhibitor to cease work. The judge may blow a whistle at any time for the exhibitor to cease work for safety reasons. Judges will give credit for what they have seen. Only the judge may award a new cow to a contestant to replace a cow that will not honor a horse. If the judge awards a new cow, the exhibitor has the option to refuse the new cow by continuing to work. If the exhibitor accepts the new cow, the time for working the cow will start over. If the exhibitor intends to accept the new cow, the exhibitor must pull up immediately. When multiple judges are scoring, any one of the judges may terminate the work or signal for a new cow. **SHW563.1 CONTENT.** Exhibitors are allotted three minutes to complete the work. When there is one minute left, the announcer will announce, one minute remaining. At three minutes, the announcer will call for time. There are three parts to the class: boxing, fence work and roping or circling. **Part One – Boxing the Cow:** The rider shall ride into the arena, face the cattle entry gate and signal for their cow to be turned into the arena. The cow shall be controlled on the entry end of the arena for a sufficient amount of time to demonstrate the horse's ability to hold the cow. If the cow does not immediately challenge the horse, the rider shall aggressively move in on the cow to demonstrate his horse's ability to drive and block the cow on the entry fence. **Part Two – Fence Work:** After the cow has been controlled on the entry end of the arena, the rider shall set the cow up and drive it down either side of the arena. The cow should be turned on the fence at least once in each direction. The first run out for a turn shall be past the half-way mark of the arena. All turns down the side shall be completed before reaching the end fence. **Part Three – Roping or Circling:** The exhibitor has the option of circling the cow in the middle of the arena in both directions in lieu of roping. Exhibitors must rope the cow. To rope the cow, the exhibitor must be carrying a rope when the run starts. The exhibitor may pull up after the fence work, take down the rope and proceed to rope and stop the cow. The exhibitor must then rope the cow and bring it to a stop. In the roping portion of the class, two throws are permitted and the horse will be judged on two maneuvers: tracking/rating and stopping the cow. It is not



necessary that the exhibitor catch to receive a score in the roping portion. The catch is legal as long as the cow looks through the loop and the rope pulls tight on any part of the animal's body except the tail, or has an illegal catch. The rope may be tied on or dallied. If the exhibitor does not catch, the horse will be given credit for tracking and rating and will be assessed the appropriate penalty per **SHW563.2.CREDITS AND PENALTIES**. All runs begin upon entering the pen; any infractions (such as two hands on the reins, using either hand to instill fear or praise, etc.) are subject to penalty at that time. During Boxing, credit will be given for the horse's expression and its cow sense (i.e., making moves with little rider assistance); holding, controlling, and turning the cow; the amount of work actually done; and the degree of difficulty of the work. Credit will be given during Fence Work for making the first run past the center of the arena; making turns right on the cow; and controlling a difficult cow. If Roping, credit will be given for rating and following cow to allow rider the optimal roping position; stopping hard; and staying in the ground during the hold. Credits for each element of Roping range from -1 1/2 to +1 1/2 points. If Circling, credit will be given when the horse works willingly; acknowledges the cow; and gets close enough to the cow to control the circles. Credits for Circling range from -1 1/2 to +1 1/2 points for each direction. Penalties will be assessed as follows: 1 Point Penalties: Over-bridled (per maneuver), out of frame (per maneuver), loss of working advantage; Using the corner or the end of the arena to turn the cow when going down the fence; changing sides of arena to turn cow; for each length horse runs past cow; working out of position; slipping rein; failure to drive cow past middle marker on first turn; two-loop catch in amateur and youth classes. 2 Point Penalties: Going around the corner of the arena before turning cow; when working an animal in the open field (at least 20' from the side of arena) and the animal gets within 3 feet from the end fence before being turned; an illegal catch, or failure to catch if roping in amateur and youth classes. 3 Point Penalties: Exhausting or overworking the cow before circling or roping; hanging up on the fence (refusing to turn); knocking down the cow without having a working advantage; two-loop catch when roping in open/ cowboy class. 5 Point Penalties: Failure to turn the cow both directions on the fence; spurring in front of cinch; Blatant disobedience; use of either hand to instill fear/praise; an illegal catch, or failure to catch when roping, in open/cowboy class. 10 point: Unnatural ranch horse appearance (Horse's tail is obvious and consistently carried in an unnatural manner in every maneuver) Off-Pattern (OP): Turning tail; failure to attempt any part of the class (includes no attempt at roping in the open/cowboy divisions); repeated blatant disobedience; schooling after entering the arena prior to calling for cow; schooling horse between cows if new cow is awarded, or complete loss of rope in open/cowboy class; complete loss of rope in amateur or youth classes, once committed to roping; use of two hands (except junior and level 1 horses shown in a snaffle bit/hackamore), more than one finger between split reins or any fingers between romal reins (except in the two-rein). Cannot place above others who complete pattern correctly. Disqualification (DQ): bringing the cow straight over back- wards landing on its back or head with all four feet in the air, lameness, abuse, illegal equipment, disrespect or misconduct, leaving arena before run is complete; improper western attire; fall of horse/rider Note: If the open runs out of time to rope, there will be no credit for the stop/hold maneuver and a 5 point penalty for failure to catch. Riders may still earn credit for tracking/ rating, control/position and speed/ degree of difficulty.

#### **4 Year-Old Boxing Non-Pro** (box drive box drive) **Boxing-Non-Pro**

**SHW562 RANCH REINING** The ranch reining class measures the ability of the ranch horse to perform basic handling maneuvers with a natural head carriage in a forward looking manner. The ideal VRH ranch reining horse should have a natural ranch horse appearance from head to tail in each maneuver. Patterns may be chosen from any of the ranch reining patterns or approved by the show management and judge.

**SHW562.1** No horse may cross enter Reining and Versatility Ranch Horse Reining regardless of division.

**SHW562.2 CREDITS AND PENALTIES.** All runs begin upon entering the pen and any infractions are subject to penalty at that time such as two hands on the reins, using either hand to instill fear or praise, etc.

**SHW562.3** To rein a horse is not only to guide him but also to control his movement. The best reined horse should be willingly guided or controlled with little or no apparent resistance. All deviations from the exact written pattern must be considered a lack of or temporary loss of control and therefore a fault that must be marked down according to severity of deviation. The horse/rider team's overall performance should be credited for smoothness, finesse,

attitude, quickness and authority of performing various maneuvers while using controlled speed which raises the degree of difficulty and makes the horse/rider team more exciting and pleasing to watch. **SHW562.4 PENALTIES:**

- One-half (1/2) point: Starting a circle or exiting a roll-back at a trot for up to two (2) strides; delayed change of lead by one stride where the lead change is required by the pattern description; failure to remain a minimum of twenty feet from the wall or fence when approaching a stop and/or roll-back; over-spin or under-spin up to 1/8 turn.
- 1 point: Over-bridled (per maneuver), out of frame (per maneuver), out of lead in the circles, figure eights or around the end of the arena (this penalty is cumulative and will be deducted for each quarter of a circle the horse is out of lead); Over or under spinning 1/8 to 1/4 turn. Slipping rein.
- 2 point: Break of gait; freeze up in spins or roll-backs; failure to stop or walk before executing a lope departure on trot-in patterns; failure to be in a lope prior to the first marker on run-in patterns; failure to completely pass the specified marker before initiating a stop position, trotting beyond two strides, but less than 1/2 circle or 1/2 length of the arena.
- 5 point: Spurring in front of cinch; blatant disobedience; use of either hand to instill fear/praise;
- 10 point: Unnatural ranch horse appearance (Horse's tail is obvious and consistently carried in an unnatural manner in every maneuver)
- Off-Pattern (OP): breaking pattern; inclusion of maneuver (e.g. over or under-spinning, backing more than two (2) strides, etc.); trotting in excess of 1/2 circle or 1/2 length of the arena; repeated blatant disobedience; use of two hands (except junior and Level 1 horses shown in a snaffle bit/ hackamore), more than one finger between split reins or any fingers between romal reins (except in the two-rein). Exhibitors cannot place above others who complete the pattern correctly.
- Disqualification (DQ): Lameness; abuse; illegal equipment; disrespect or misconduct; leaving arena before pattern is complete; improper western attire; fall of horse/rider.

#### **SHW564. VRH and RHC LIMITED RANCH COW WORK Non Pro**

**SHW564.1** Content Limited ranch cow work exhibitors are allotted one minute and forty-five seconds to complete the work. When there is 50 seconds left, the announcer will announce, "50 seconds remaining". At one minute and forty-five seconds, the announcer will call for time. Exhibitors are not required to use all of the allotted time, but must ride until the judge whistles the end of the run or time expires, whichever occurs first. There are four parts to the work: boxing the cow; setting up the cow and driving it down the fence to the opposite end of the arena; boxing it at the opposite end of the arena, and then driving the cow past the middle marker again. There is no expectation that the exhibitor will make a fence turn, instead the drive down the fence demonstrates correct position and control around the corner. **Part One – Boxing the Cow** – The rider shall ride into the arena, face the cattle entry gate, and signal for their cow to be turned into the arena. The cow shall be controlled on the entry end of the arena for a sufficient amount of time to demonstrate the horse's ability to hold the cow. If the cow does not immediately challenge the horse, the rider shall aggressively move in on the cow to demonstrate his horse's ability to drive and block the cow. **Part Two - Set Up Cow and Drive Down Fence to Opposite End of Arena** – After the cow has been controlled on the entry end of the arena, the rider shall set the cow up for driving down the side of the arena. When coming out of corner, the horse shall be close enough to cow to demonstrate control with cow against the fence. This distance and control should be maintained for approximately 1/2 to 3/4 the length of arena. Rider will then stop and release the cow and move horse toward center of arena to set the cow up for boxing. **Part Three – Boxing the Cow at Opposite End of Arena** – The exhibitor will regain control or hold the cow at end of the arena to demonstrate the horse's ability to "hold" the cow. **Part Four – Drive the Cow** back down the fence (original side) past the middle marker and continue until the judge blows the whistle to show completion.

**SHW564.2 Credits and Penalties.** All runs begin upon entering the pen; any infractions (such as two hands on the reins, using either hand to instill fear or praise, etc.) are subject to penalty at that time. During Boxing, credit will be given for the horse's expression and its 'cow sense' (i.e., making moves with little rider assistance); holding, controlling, and turning the cow; the amount of work actually done; and the degree of difficulty of the work. Credit will be given during Set Up Cow and Drive Down Fence for rating the cow; blocking the cow with pressure towards

the end of the arena; driving the cow with control down the side of the arena; and controlling a difficult cow. Penalties will be assessed as follows: 1 Point Penalties: Over-bridled (per maneuver); out of frame (per maneuver); loss of working advantage; driving cow down the opposite fence (changing sides); working out of position; slipping rein; in limited cow work, failure to drive cow past the middle marker on second drive before time expired. 3 Point Penalties: Knocking down the cow without having a working advantage; losing a cow while boxing. 5 Point Penalties: Spurring in front of cinch; blatant disobedience; use of either hand to instill fear/praise. 10 point: Unnatural ranch horse appearance (Horse's tail is obvious and consistently carried in an unnatural manner in every maneuver) Off-Pattern (OP): Turning tail; failure to attempt any part of the class; repeated blatant disobedience; schooling after entering the arena prior to calling for cow; schooling horse between cows (if new cow is awarded); use of two hands (except junior and level 1 horses shown in a snaffle bit/hackamore), more than one finger between split reins or any fingers between romal reins (except in the two-rein). Exhibitors cannot place above others who complete the pattern correctly. Disqualification (DQ): lameness, abuse, illegal equipment, disrespect or misconduct, leaving arena before run is complete; improper western attire, fall of horse/rider.

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