

**Each year, a new Board of Directors is** elected by the general membership to help guide the association to a successful year.

A dedicated board is able to set aside personal views & differences to work with an open mind to evolve the association to represent what the general membership truly wants.

**The Board is a “working board”.**

The time required is significant and a Board Member must be willing to commit to this when they accept nomination. Attendance at board meetings, participating & management in shows in a working capacity, soliciting sponsorships, promoting membership & NCRCHA programs, in public & behind the scenes, are all in the duties of a Board Member.

**Representing the Membership**

As a member of this association, the Board represents you. If you have ideas on new programs, ways to improve old ones, want to see new classes added, or any other changes or improvements, be sure to talk with one of your Board Members to let them know how you feel. It is part of their job to bring those ideas to a reality. They want to make this the best association possible. And, by the way, if there is something you really like, or a program that makes you extremely excited to belong to our club, make sure & let them know that, too. A pat on the back for a job well done will keep them working hard for you!

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REINED COW HORSE  
ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL HANDBOOK**

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**[www.ncrcha.org](http://www.ncrcha.org)**

**Northern California Reined Cow Horse Association**

The NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REINED COW HORSE ASSOCIATION, formed in 2000 is a nonprofit organization committed to continuing the art of the reined cow horse sport. The purpose of the NCRCHA is to offer opportunity for riders to further their education and gain experience in the reining and cow horse activities. NCRCHA sponsors horse shows, clinics and other related activities. NCRCHA offers a wide variety of classes to suit all levels of riders and horses. Classes will include both working cow horse and herd work. Competitors are urged to familiarize themselves with standard rules and judging. If you are interested in learning how to show, or if you need to practice showing or schooling: you will benefit from membership in the Northern California Reined Cow Horse Association.

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**BY - LAWS  
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REINED COW HORSE ASSOCIATION**

**ARTICLE 1**  
**Name, Purpose, Office**

**Section 1: Name:** The name of this corporation shall be and is the Northern California Reined Cow Horse Association, (the "Association") and shall at all times be operated and conducted as a non-profit mutual benefit corporation in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

**Section 2: Purpose:** The purpose of this cooperation is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which a corporation may be organized under the Non-Profit Mutual Benefit Corporation Law. Such purposes for which this corporation is formed are educational, recreational, and other non-profit purposes in connection with the cow horse and reining horse activities, contest, and association social events.

**Section 3: Principal Office:** The principle place of business of this corporation shall be a place so established by the Board of Directors of the Northern California Reined Cow Horse Association.

**ARTICLE II**  
**Membership**

**Section 1: Eligibility for Membership:** Any individual firm or corporation (ranch, stable, etc.) dedicated to the purpose of the Association shall be eligible for regular membership in the Association upon approval of the Board of Directors and upon payment of such dues and fees as the Board of Directors may fix from time to time.

**Section 2: Admission of Membership:** An application for regular membership shall be in writing on a form specified by the Board of Directors and shall be deemed provisionally accepted upon presentation to any board member with the advance payment of annual dues as provided by these by-laws.

**Section 3: Life Member:** Any regular member in good standing may elect to become a life member upon payment of a fee fixed by the Board of Directors. Thereafter, the life member will have no further obligation to pay annual dues. The fee for life membership shall be set at ten (10) times the cost of a current NCRCHA membership.

**Section 4: Honorary Life Member:** An honorary life membership in the Association may, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, be bestowed upon a deserving individual, firm or corporation (ranch, stable, etc.). An honorary member may participate in all activities of the Association. Honorary members shall pay no dues.

**Section 5: Voting Privileges:** All regular, life and honorary members in good standing shall have the right to vote on the election of directors and officers, on the disposition all or substantially all of the assets of the Association, on any merger and its principle terms, and on any election to dissolve the corporation. Each individual member shall have one vote. A family membership shall have two votes. In addition, each such member all have all the rights afforded members under the California Non-Profit Mutual Benefit Corporation Law; provided, however, that no such member who shall be delinquent by reason of not-payment of dues or other debts due the Association shall be entitled to vote while delinquency continues.

**Section 6: Assessments:** No member shall be subject to any assessments or liability by reason of membership in the Association.

**Section 7: Dues and Fees:** Each member must pay, within the time and upon the conditions set by the Board of Directors, dues and fees in amounts to be fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

**Section 8: Good Standing:** Those members who have paid the required dues and fees in accordance with these by-laws, and who are not suspended, shall be members in good standing.

**Section 9: Property Rights:** The Association does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members thereof. Upon dissolution of the Association, all obligations and debts shall be paid and assets remaining distributed in the manner designated by the Board of directors, or in lieu of such designation, as provided by law.

**Section 10: Termination and Suspension of Membership:** A membership shall be terminated on occurrence of any of the following events:

- A) Resignation by a member.
- B) Expiration of the period of membership, unless the membership is renewed upon terms fixed by the Board of Directors.
- C) Failure of a member to pay dues or fees as set by the Board of Directors within 30 days after they become due and payable.
- D) Occurrence of any event that renders a member ineligible for membership or failure to satisfy membership qualifications.
- E) Expulsion of a member under section 11 of these by-laws, based upon a good faith determination of the Board of Directors that the member has failed in a serious and material degree to observe the rules of conduct or has engaged in conduct materially and seriously prejudicial to the purpose and interests of the corporation.
- F) A member may be suspended under section 11 of these by-laws based upon a good faith determination by the Board of Directors that the member has failed in a material and serious degree to observe the Associations rules of conduct or has engaged in conduct materially and prejudicial to the purposes and interest of the Association. A person whose membership is suspended shall not be considered a member during the period of suspension.

**Section 11: Procedures for Suspension and Expulsion:** If grounds appear to exist for expulsion or suspension of a member under section 10 of these by-laws, the procedures set forth below will be followed:

- A) The member shall be given (15) days prior notice of the proposed expulsion or suspension and the reason therefore. Notices shall be by any method reasonably calculated to provide actual notice.
- B) The member shall be given an opportunity to be heard either orally or in writing at least (5) days before the effective date of the proposed expulsion or suspension. The hearing shall be held and/or the written statement considered by the Board of Directors.
- C) The Board of Directors shall decide whether or not the member should be expelled or suspended.
- D) Any ruling by the Board of Directors resulting in suspension or expulsion may be appealed by the suspended or expelled member to the general membership at a special meeting of the membership, called at the request of the expelled or suspended member and duly notice pursuant to Article IV, section 3, of these by-laws for the purpose of considering such an appeal. At such meeting both the expelled or suspended member and the Board of Directors shall have an opportunity to be heard by the membership and the membership shall vote by secret ballot on the question of expulsion or suspension. It shall require a vote of a majority of a quorum of the membership as defined in Article IV, section 4 of these by-laws against expulsion or suspension to overturn the

ruling of the Board of Directors. If a quorum does not appear at the time and place designated in the special meeting, the action of the Board of Directors is final.

**Section 12: Transfer of Membership:** Neither membership nor any right arising from membership shall be transferred. All membership rights shall cease upon a member's death or dissolution from the Association.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **DUES**

**Section 1: Dues:** Each member's dues in the amount fixed by the Board of Directors are due and payable on the first of each calendar year. Anyone joining and paying dues after the September show will be considered paid up for the following year.

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **Membership Meetings**

**Section 1: Regular Membership Meetings:** There shall be one meeting of the members of the Association during the course of each calendar year for receiving the reports of the previous months' activities and the transaction of other business. Said regular meeting shall be in January or at the time of the awards banquet, or on such dates as designated by the Board of Directors.

**Section 2: Notice of Regular Membership Meeting:** Notice of each regular meeting of the membership shall be given to each voting member in writing at least ten (10) days prior to said meeting. Approval by members of any of the following proposals, other than by unanimous approval of those entitled to vote, is valid only if notice states the general nature of the proposal or proposals:

- A) Removing a Director without cause.
- B) Filling vacancies on the Board of Directors
- C) Amending the Articles of Incorporation

**Section 3: Special Membership Meeting:** Special meetings of the Association may be called by the President or Board of Directors; providing, however, that written notice of such a meeting shall be sent to all voting members in good standing at least five (5) days prior to the date of the meeting, and that said notice shall specify the general nature of the business to be transacted at said meeting. No other business may be transacted.

**Section 4: Quorum:** Ten percent (10%) of the voting power shall constitute a quorum. However, if any regular meeting of the membership is attended by less than one-third (1/3) of the voting power, the only matters that may be voted on are those of which notice of their general nature was given.

**Section 5: Loss of Quorum:** Members present at a duly called or held meeting which a quorum is present may continue to transact business until adjournment, even if enough members have withdrawn to leave less than a quorum, provided that any action ( or other adjournment) is approved by a majority of the members required to constitute a quorum.

**Section 6: Parliamentary Rules:** The usual parliamentary rules laid down in "Roberts Rules of Order", as

may be amended from time to time, shall govern all deliberations, insofar as such rules are not inconsistent with or in conflict with these by-laws, the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation, or the law.

**Section 7: Manner of Casting Votes:** Voting may be by voice or ballot except that any election of directors or officers must be by ballot.

**Section 8: Approval by Majority Vote:** If a quorum is present, the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting power at the meeting, entitled to vote and voting on any matter, shall be the act of the members unless vote of a greater number is required by the California Non-Profit Mutual Benefit Corporations Laws.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Board of Directors**

**Section 1: Number of Members:** The Board of Directors shall consist of eleven voting members of the Association in good standing. Three of the directors shall be elected officers. The remaining 8 directors shall consist of the immediate past president and seven elected directors or, if the past president does not serve, then eight elected directors.

**Section 2: Term of Office:** Each Director shall serve for a period of one year and may be re-elected provided however, that no director shall serve more than four consecutive terms, except for immediate past president.

**Section 3: Election:** The election of directors shall be held each year prior to or at the November meeting or awards banquet. Directors shall assume office at the first board meeting of the new year. Election shall be held by secret ballot. No more than two persons of the same immediate family may hold office at the same time. Only voting members who have been in good standing may hold office in the Association.

**Section 4: Vacancies:** Any vacancy on the Board of Directors caused by death, resignation or any other cause, shall be filled by appointment by a majority of the remaining directors, though less than a quorum. Any qualified voting member of the Association, so appointed, shall serve for the balance of the expired term of his predecessor, or until the qualification and election of his successor.

**Section 5: Quorum:** Six members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any and all business which may be before it. If a quorum is present at the beginning of a meeting, the board may continue to act by majority vote until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of sufficient members to leave less than a quorum.

**Section 6: Powers:**

- A) The corporate powers of this Association shall be vested in the Board of Directors
- B) The Directors, by majority vote, shall have the power to incur indebtedness within the limits of fixed by the corporation law of the State of California. The terms and amounts of such indebtedness shall be entered in a cashbook or journal and ledger of the corporation and reported at the next directors and membership meeting and entered in to the minutes of that meeting.
- C) The Directors shall, by resolution, regularly passed and recorded in the minutes of their meetings, designate

the manner in which checks on any bank account of the Association shall be signed, as well as the form of endorsement of the Association to be placed upon checks or other instruments for the purpose of deposit or otherwise.

**Section 7: Absence:** Any member of the Board of Directors who is unable to attend a board meeting shall telephone the reason for his or her absence. If a Director is absent from two consecutive board meetings for reasons which a majority of the Board of Directors find insufficient, his/her resignation shall be demanded. The board will then fill the vacancy caused by his resignation as provided by these by -laws.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Officers**

**Section 1: Elected Officers:** The elected officers of the Association shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer to be elected by the voting membership. Such election shall take place annually at or prior to the November membership meeting or awards banquet. The election shall be by secret ballot. Each elective officer shall assume office at the first board meeting after the election and shall serve for the term of one year, or until his or her successor is duly elected and installed. No more than two members of the same immediate family may hold office at the same time. A person living with someone in a spousal relationship will be considered family. All officers may be re-elected but may not serve more than four consecutive terms. All officers may not stand for election to any office on the Board for one year following their completion of service of four consecutive terms on the Board of Directors. In four consecutive years, no director shall serve more than two terms as President. The immediate past President shall serve as a director for the year following his or her Presidency as provided in Article V, Section 1, of these by-laws.

**Amendment A: The position of Secretary will be by the appointment of the Board of Directors.**

**Section 2: Vacancies:** Vacancies in any office may be filled for the balance of the term thereof by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at any board meeting. In the event of a vacancy in the position of President, the Vice-President shall become the President.

**Section 3: President:** The President shall be the chief officer of the Association and shall preside at meetings of the Association and of the Board of Directors, and shall be a member ex-officio of all committees. He or she shall also preside at the general meetings of the Association and at such other times he or she shall deem proper. The President shall communicate to the Association of the Board of Directors such matters and make suggestions as may, in his or her opinion, tend to promote the welfare and increase the usefulness of the Association. he or she shall perform such other duties as are necessarily incident to the office of President or as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

**Section 4: Vice-President:** In the absence of President, the Vice-President shall have the powers of the Association and shall perform the duties of the President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

**Section 5: Secretary:** The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all membership and board meetings. It shall be the Secretary's duty to give notice of, and attend all board and membership meetings. The Secretary shall

conduct correspondence and carry into execution all orders, votes and resolutions not otherwise specified by the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall keep all records of membership.

**Section 6: Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall cause to be kept an account of all monies received and expended for the use of the Association. The Treasurer shall deposit all sums received in the bank, or banks approved by the Board of Directors and shall make a report at meetings or when called upon by the President. At the expiration of term of office, the Treasurer shall deliver over to his or her successor all books, monies, or other property of the Association. In the absence of the newly elected Treasurer, the out going Treasurer shall turn all articles and accounts over to the newly elected President.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Past President**

**Section 1: Past President:** Immediate past president shall remain as a member of the Board of Directors with voting privileges. The immediate past president's term shall be as long as their successor is in office, unless the past president should resign. Refer to Article V, Sections 1 & 2 of these by-laws.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **Calendar Year**

**Section 1: Calendar Year & Auditing Accounts:** The Association shall conduct its affairs on a calendar year basis, the year to begin January 1 and end on December 31 of the same year. Three members shall make an annual review of the account of the Association in good standing, or a certified public accountant selected by them. The three members shall be appointed by, and report to the Board of Directors. The results of said audit shall be available to all members of the Association.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **Meeting of the Board of Directors**

**Section 1: Meetings of the Board of Directors:** Monthly meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at a time and place designated by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **Committees**

**Section 1: Committees and Standing Committees:** The President, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, shall annually appoint such committees as may be required by the by-laws, and such special committees as deemed necessary. Each committee shall have one chairperson. Committee members shall be appointed from the Board of Directors and the voting membership.

A) Nominating Committee: To be appointed on or before September 15th of each year by the Board of Directors. The committee shall consist of three members. The nominating committee will seek voting members to stand for election to all positions on the Board of Directors. Any voting member of the Association may nominate a member to serve on the Board. The nominating committee shall verify that the all nominated members are eligible to serve, and wish to serve.

B) Show Committee: To be appointed by the new President each year at the first meeting of the Board of

Directors. This committee shall consist of board members and voting members and shall plan and arrange all shows and contests and shall be responsible for the set up of show facilities, cattle, equipment, maintenance, clean-up and repairs made necessary by the Association use of any ranch or show property.

C) Finance Committee: To be appointed by the new President each year at the first meeting of the Board of Directors. This committee will have the responsibility to develop a budget and to review projected income.

D)Membership Services Committee: To be appointed by the new President each year at the first meeting of the

Board of Directors. This committee shall provide a variety of information services to the membership and foster an outreach and welcoming atmosphere for new members. The committee will develop and distribute the monthly newsletter. The Association Secretary shall be a permanent member of this committee.

E) Rules, Judging and By-Laws Committee: To be appointed by the new president each year at the first meeting of the Board of Directors. This committee shall annually review for adoption or change, the by-laws, rules and judging system for the Association. The committee chairperson shall be a member of the Board of Directors and shall also be parliamentarian of the Association.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **Amendment or Repeal of By-Laws**

**Section 1: Power to Repeal or Amend By-Laws:** Said power is hereby delegated to the Board of Directors, subject to the conditions and limitations, expressed in section 7150 of the Corporations Code of the State of California (Non-Profit Mutual Benefit Corporation) as it may be amended from time to time.

**Be it known by these by-laws as herein written by the Board of Directors of the Northern California Reined Cow Horse Association have been adopted, and that the Secretary of the Association has in his or her possession a copy of the organization's original by-laws.**

## **Northern California Reined Cow Horse Association Standing Rules**

**1. Abuse:** Anyone abusing or mistreating a horse will be excused from the show arena by the judge or show management. Abuse in the arena, warm up area or grounds will not be permitted.

**2. Attire-** Riding boots, long sleeve shirt and a western hat, or helmet approved for riding by an equine organization shall be required of those members riding in club functions. Chaps are optional. No T-shirts or tank tops are allowed.

**3. Challenge of Rider or Horse Eligibility-** Any member who challenges a competitor's eligibility must present the Show Secretary their complaint and shall furnish information to substantiate to uphold the complaint. The member filing the complaint shall pay the NCRCHA a fee of \$25.00 for filing. The money will be reimbursed the member if the complaint is valid. The Show Secretary shall then take that information to the Rules Committee, which will act upon the information and shall require the competitor to respond to the complaint.

**4. Coaching-** Coaching during class is acceptable. However, if overdone or disruptive, can result in disqualification of rider. This is at the show judge's discretion.

**5. Combining Classes-** Classes with less than 4 entries may be combined at the discretion of the show management. Combined classes will work under the rules of the more difficult class. Combined classes will be judged under the equipment rules of the original class. Points will be awarded to the class that the entrant signed up for.

**6. Debts-** It is the policy of the Association that any member who gives a check that does not clear the bank shall be responsible for paying a \$15.00 fee each time the check does not clear. The member cannot participate in Association functions until cash or money order pays the debt.

## **7. Definitions:**

**Open-** Open to any rider & any horse.

**Non Pro -** Open to any rider who qualifies for a NRCHA Non Pro card or is a Youth or younger than 18 as of December 1 of the show year.

**Limited-** A class in which the rider may have not cumulatively earned more than the listed amount of money in that event as of Dec 1 of the calendar year.

**Youth-** Riders that have not reached the age of 18 by December 1 of the show year. Age divisions are: Beginner (10 & under), Junior (11-14), Senior (15-18).

**Limited Cow Horse (previously Rookie)-** Rein work and boxing cow only. **For purposes of determining eligibility for this class, riders may not have shown down the fence more than three times. Competitors that have gone down the fence more than 3 times may be allowed to fall back into this division one time only, & remain there. However, they may not go down the fence again in any judged classes or events, with the exclusion of horse sales. This option may be exercised one time only. This also applies to riders moved out due to previous 2 year limitation.**

**Cattle Driving-** Riders may enter both the Limited Cow Horse & the Cow Driving Class. Class will consist of a reined work & a cow work. In the cow work portion of the class, rider will box the cow long enough to show that the horse is in control of the cow, then drive the cow to the other end of the pen, keeping the cow under control, then box the cow again at that end. To conclude, the rider will then drive the cow back to the original end of the pen.

**Hackamore Class-**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 closed reins. Two hands must be used on the reins, except in the herd work.

**Two Rein Class-** Open to horses of any age that have not shown in the bridle down the fence in any judged classes or events with the exception of horse sales, prior to December 1st of the current show year. These horses can be shown only one year in this class. The rider must use one hand on the reins. Any number of fingers between reins will be permitted. This class is counted for the purpose of qualifying for year end Open & Non Pro All Arouns.

**8. Donations:** Persons or organizations donating facilities or judging may receive a free one-year membership to the NCRCHA. If already a member, they may receive two free works.

**9. Draw-**Order or work will be drawn. When ever possible there will be two horses between horses ridden by the same person.

**10. Equipment-**

**Saddle-**Horses must be ridden astride in a western saddle

**Bridle (with Romal)-** One hand to be used around the reins with no fingers between the reins. The romal should be held in the free hand with at least 16" between hands.

Either hand may be used on the reins but they may not be changed during the work.

**Bridle Specification:** NRCHA rules apply in all classes except for the Two Handed Cutting Class.

**Not Allowed-** Crops, bats, whips, tack collars, cavessons, twisted wire snaffles or any gimmicks (i.e., martingale, tie-downs, etc). All bits must be free of any mechanical device or wire. Use of romal or spurs in front of the cinch will result in a penalty.

**11. Judging-** NRCHA rules for the Herd Work & Working Cow Horse Classes. NCRCHA reserves the right to modify these rules. The judge's ruling is final.

**12. Membership-** Any person on a horse on the event grounds or in the arena must be a member of the NCRCHA and have a signed current year liability release form on file with the Association. Facility owners and their employees are exempt. The owner of the horse being shown must be a member, even if not riding or present. If the owner of a horse shown in the NCRCHA is not a member, & the horse is shown without this knowledge by the show management, points cannot be kept for the horse. Points accrued shall begin at the time of membership.

**13. New Cow-** A new cow will be given to an exhibitor at the judges' discretion. Cows may be reused at the discretion of show management.

**14. Number of Horses Ridden-** An exhibitor may ride any number of horses in any class.

**15. Patterns-** Patterns will be posted at least 1 hour before class begins. NCRCHA patterns will be used for working cow horse classes & stock horse (dry work only) class.

**16. Post Entries-** Post entry will be accepted in the cow classes, when cattle are available, at an additional charge.

**17. Rain Outs-** If a show is rained out and no make up show is scheduled, all current members are given a credit for year end award requirements.

**18. Refunds-** NCRCHA will not refund any fees, clinic reservations or cattle charges, unless those charges can be "sold" to someone else.

**19. Repair Time-** Three minutes will be allowed a rider to repair broken equipment. If the rider is unable to finish work, they will receive a zero score.

**20. Reserving Cattle-** Any member reserving cattle for club functions and shows must give prior notice if they are unable to attend. Notice must be given in time to cancel the cattle ordered from the supplier, or the member must pay for the work missed, **unless cattle can be "sold" to another exhibitor at least one hour prior to the designated start time of the show. Show management's ruling is final.**

**21. Reservations for Clinics-** Show clinics are limited to 10 riders and reservations must be made. Additional participants are at the clinician's discretion.

**22. Saddle Horn - Working Cow Horse-** In the cow work phase of any class, one hand may be used to prevent the fall of the rider.

**23. Safety-** Show management, judge, cattle owner or his representative may stop a work at any time in consideration of the safety of the horse, rider or cow.

**24. Schooling in a Class-** No score will be given and entry will not be counted towards year end points or show participation requirements. Working Cow Horse Classes will be allowed 2 1/2 minutes to complete reining pattern and 3 minutes to complete cow work. **Schooling should be declared to show management & generally will be placed at the end of the draw order. The judge or show management reserves the right to whistle off entries that are inappropriately or excessively schooling the horse or cattle and/or are doing so in an abusive manner. This rule also pertains to contestants that intend to show & end up schooling the class.**

**25. Scoring-** Scoring will be in accordance with whichever patterns and rules are used in the class being judged.

**26. Ties-** Working Cow Horse ties will be broken using the highest cow work score. If there is still a tie, points will be split evenly.

**27. Time Limit-** Time limits shall be same as listed under rule 24.

**28. Year-End Awards –Participation in 3 of the 5** shows in a given show season is required to qualify for year end points and awards. In the open classes, the owner of the horse receives the award.

**LIMITED TWO HANDED CUTTING RULES:** Rider not to have won more than \$500 lifetime earnings in either and/or cutting or herd work prior to the beginning of the year in cutting **(including a combined cow horse event that includes herdwork)**. **EXCEPTION:** youth (18&under) may show if they have won a buckle or money. Rider may ride any age horse. Must show with a snaffle or hackamore and no martingale. Rider may show more than one horse. Points go to the horse and rider combination. Class to be judged like any **NRCHA** herd work class. Dropping to one hand is permissible, as well as going back to two, but no extra credit will be awarded. Using saddle horn for balance is permissible. **Does not count toward Nonpro or Open All Around.**

**HERD WORK RULES:** Open to any rider and any horse. Class to be judged according to NRCHA herd work class rules. Horse to be shown according to NRCHA Herd Work Bit Rules based on age. If 6 & over, must be shown in a bridle & REINS WITH A ROMAL REQUIRED (no split reins). If 5 & under, may be shown in a snaffle,

hackamore, or bridle & reins with a romal (no split reins allowed on bridle). Bridle reins with romal, only one hand may be used on the reins & hands must not be changed. Bridle reins with romal should be held in thumbs up position, no fingers are permitted between the reins. Two Rein horses shall be shown with one hand on the reins, any number of fingers will be permitted, no split reins. **Class is counted for Nonpro or Open All Around.**

**HERD WORK CLASS will award for 2008 to the following divisions ran concurrently within the class:**  
**Open Champion, Reserve Open Champion,**  
**NonPro Champion, Reserve NonPro Champion,**  
**High Point Senior Horse, High Point Junior Horse.**

### **QUALIFICATIONS FOR YEAR END CLASS AWARDS**

1. Membership dues must be paid on the owner of the horse and rider before the first class entered. **Points do not count until fees are paid in full.**

2. **Points are based on the horse & one rider/one horse combination per individual show day. Riders may be changed on different show days.(For example, Joe may show the horse all day on Saturday, & Sue may show the horse all day Sunday, but Joe & Sue cannot show the same horse on Saturday & have these points count.)**

3. Nonpro contestants must have Nonpro form signed & on file before points will count.(See Standing Rules #7 for Nonpro definition)

4. All Nonpro riders or immediate family of Nonpro riders must own horse entered.

5. **Minimum of 3 of 5** show attendance required.

6. Point tabulation will be based on the actual score received in all classes .**Points will be cumulative for the year with a maximum of 4 shows to be tabulated. If 5 shows are attended, the lowest score class score of the 5 shows will then be dropped.**

**Example:** Fence work class score would be equal to the combination of the rein work score & cow work score.

Show 1 (69+72=141 points)

Show 2 (65+70=135 points)

**Show 3 (0+72=72points)**

Show 5 (71+70=141points)

Show 4 (70+69=139points)

The year end cumulative score for this rider would be 556 points. Since the rider attended all 5 shows, the lowest score (show 3) is allowed to be dropped (72points).

**\*In this same example, if only the first 4 shows were attended, all four would be used for the cumulative**

score which then would be 487 points.

7. All year end class awards will be presented at the year end banquet.

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR YEAR END  
ALL AROUND AWARDS**

**The year end All Around Open Horse & All Around Nonpro Horse must show in the Herd Work class & an appropriate Open or Nonpro Working Cow Horse Class.**

1. Membership dues must be paid on the owner of the horse and rider before the first class entered. **Points do not count until fees are paid in full.**
2. **Open All Around Points are based on the horse & one rider/one horse combination per individual show day. Riders may be changed on different show days.(For example, Joe may show the horse all day on Saturday, & Sue may show the horse all day Sunday, but Joe & Sue cannot show the same horse on Saturday & have these points count.) Nonpro All Around Points are strictly one horse/one rider combination.**
3. All Around form designating the horse/rider & which fence class that will be used for the All Around must be completed prior to first show for points to count. A rider may enter as many rider / horse combinations as they wish, but an individual form must be filled out for each. **(Limited Classes do not qualify towards Open or Non Pro All Around).**
4. Nonpro contestants must have Nonpro form signed & on file before points will count.(See Standing Rules #7 for Nonpro definition)
5. All Nonpro riders or immediate family of Nonpro riders must own horse entered.
6. **Minimum of 3 of 5** show attendance required.
7. Point tabulation will be based on the actual cumulative scores received in the two qualifying classes with a **maximum of 4 shows** scores.

**Example: Herd Work                      Jr Working Cow Horse**

	<b><u>Judge's Scores</u></b>	
Show 1	65	69+72=141 points
Show 2	<b>60</b>	65+70=135 points
Show 3	74	<b>0+72=72points</b>
Show 4	68	70+69=139points
*Show 5	70	71+70=141points

In this example, where 5 shows were attended, the lowest score for each class is dropped. (Herd Work Score of 60, & Working Cow Horse Score of 72.) Year end total points would be 277 Herd + 556 Working

**Cow= 833 points total. If only 3 or 4 attended, all 3 or 4 scores would be used.**

8. Herd Work will run simultaneously as one class for different divisions.

9. All year end all around awards will be presented at the year end banquet.

#### **CLASS BIT CRITERIA RULES:**

**Herd Work-** Must show in a snaffle bit or hackamore, **Two rein**, or bridle with reins with romal based on age of horse & NRCHA rules.

**Limited Two Handed Cutting-** Must show in snaffle bit or hackamore regardless of the age of the horse.

**Stock Horse (Dry Work Only)-** to be shown in the age appropriate bit according to NRCHA Rulebook.

**Classes: Open Bridle & JR Working CowHorse, NonPro Bridle & NonPro Jr Working Cowhorse, \$2000 & \$200 Limited Working Cowhorse, Limited Working Cow Horse, Two Rein Working Cow Horse, Cattle Driving Class..** Rules are judged based on **NRCHA rulebook.**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Stallion Incentive Fund Northern California Reined Cow Horse Association</b></p>
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**Purpose:** To provide stallion owners a place to promote offspring & encourage contestants to show their horses to continue in improving the quality of our reined cow horse association shows & horses exhibited.

**The Stallion Incentive Fund:** Stallion owners contribute \$425 annually to the fund. The Fund will be maintained in a separate account from other association funds & used strictly for this program. The Fund will be used to:

1. Advertise the stallions which participate
2. Pay incentive funds to the competing offspring of nominated stallions.

**Classes:** This is NOT a stallion stakes NOR subscribed stallion program. The incentive fund payouts will be based on offspring competing that are eligible only for the current year's nomination. Offspring by Non-Incentive Fund Stallions are not eligible to compete. **The All Around will be based on the accumulated scores earned in competition in the Herd Work class & one Working Cow Horse class for the entire year's show series. Individual categories of Herd Work, Rein Work, & Fence Work will be paid out for those offspring competing with the high score in individual events.**

**Advertising:** The NCRCHA will do the utmost to promote the stallions that participate. At a minimum, stallions will be listed in the Cascade Horseman monthly for one calendar year beginning in January & ending in December & beginning the month the nominated stallion's application is received in entirety. These listings will promote all of the stallions registered with the program and will also give special recognition to the stallions siring the top finishers in the program that year. Stallions will also be included on the NCRCHA website

([www.ncrcha.org](http://www.ncrcha.org)), with links to the Stallion owner's website, if available.

**Incentive Prize Money:** The total annual amount of Incentive Fund money received will be paid to the top finishing offspring in the program once advertising & office expenses are paid.

**Eligibility:** 2005 is the first year of a multi-year program. The program requires that a stallion be enrolled annually in the Incentive Fund so that the offspring will be eligible for that year's Incentive Fund and advertising. The stallion siring the top finisher in the program will receive free enrollment the following year.

**Enrollment:** Anyone may enroll a stallion to make offspring eligible. **HOWEVER**, if someone other than the registered owner enrolls a stallion, a signed acknowledgement & release form must be completed by the stallion owner & received prior to the stallion receiving any advertisement. The registered owner is the owner listed on the registration papers issued by the appropriate breed association (AQHA,APHA,etc). **If you want to nominate your show horse's sire, the \$250 enrollment fee allows eligibility into the program without the advertisement.**

Nominations will be taken throughout the entire year, but advertisement will be supplied from January 1 thru December 31 of the year of enrollment.

**Nomination of:**

**Deceased Stallions**

Nominations will be taken on deceased stallions for a fee of \$250 to enable offspring to participate. This is an annual enrollment fee & may be paid by anyone.

## Stallion Incentive Fund Qualifications for

### Contestants

#### **for Choice Cow Horse Award & Incentive Monies**

To participate & be eligible for paid monies from the 2008 NCRCHA Stallion Incentive Fund Program, the following requirements must be met:

1. Horse shown must be offspring of a current year nominated stallion.(Anyone can nominate the stallion.)
2. Must complete & have registration form on file with show office prior to any class scores counting towards Incentive Fund points. **Points will not be retroactive if signed up after classes are completed.**
3. A copy of the horse's registration papers must be submitted with registration form.
4. The Fund will pay out based on the highest cumulative scoring get of the stallions nominated for that year. Competitors must compete in 3 shows.

**Class requirements:**

- 1) Herd Work Class
- 2) A Working Cow Horse Class

Points will be cumulative for these two classes for the year.

5. Any age horse is eligible.
6. For participating offspring, only points earned from the stallion nomination date forward count towards the Stallion Choice Award. (For example, an offspring competes in April, but the stallion is nominated in May. Only points earned in classes from May forward would be eligible.)

### **2008 (Tentative) Show Schedule**

#### **Red Bluff, Ca**

April 4<sup>th</sup>, Friday- Practice Cutting  
April 5<sup>th</sup>, Saturday- NCRCHA show

#### **Lodi, Ca – Ceresola Ranch**

May 9<sup>th</sup>, Friday – Bridle Horse Spectacular &  
Snaffle Bit/Hackamore Jubilee  
May 10<sup>th</sup>, Saturday- NRCHA Affiliated Show &  
NCRCHA Show  
May 11<sup>th</sup>, Sunday- NCRCHA Show

#### **McArthur, Ca**

July 12<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – NCRCHA Show  
July 13<sup>th</sup>, Sunday- NCRCHA Show

**5 Show Series - Must participate  
in 3 of 5 shows to qualify for year end awards.**

### **2008 Clinic Schedule**

**For enrollment, contact 530-517-1000**

**Feb 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> – Saturday & Sunday**  
NRCHA Judges & Contestant Seminar  
Corning, Ca- Rolling Hills Casino

**March- First or Second Weekend**  
**Herdwork Clinic with Lance Johnston**  
**Red Bluff or Chico, Ca area**