



## RULES

One of the things that sets the Western Heritage Working Ranch Horse Competition apart is a minimum of rules. It allows the cowboy the opportunity to be original in the manner he shows his/her horse; but a few rules are necessary.

- 1 The horse must be ridden with a western or stock saddle and tack used for everyday ranch work.  
**NO GUNS ALLOWED.**
- 2 The rider will not be allowed to use any device that gives him/her undue control over the horse such as:
  - \* TIE DOWNS
  - \* MECHANICAL HACKAMORES
  - \* MARTINGALES
  - \* TYING THE HORSES MOUTH SHUT
  - \* GAG BITS
  - \* WIRE ON THE CURB DEVICE OR ANY PART OF THE BIT OR HEADSTALL
- 3 Each contestant has 5 minutes to show his horse. The time begins when the rider enters the arena and only the judges can stop the clock.
- 4 The cattle are chute drawn. The judges have the opportunity to award a second animal if they feel the circumstances warrant. Being fresh or fast is not usually a reason for a second cow - after all, this is a ranch horse competition.
- 5 **DRESS CODE** - Boots, hat and long sleeves are required, anything beyond that such as leggings, chinks, etc., is the cowboys call. (Pictures will be made during the performance.)
- 6 The rider will be disqualified for intentionally choking or tripping the yearling during the roping segment. Any unnecessary roughness or abuse to livestock will disqualify the contestant.

## PAYBACKS

**DIVISIONS** - 60% of the entry fees collected will be paid back to the Division Winners. The amount paid will be determined by the number of entries in each division. The number of places paid will also depend on the number of entries in each division.

In addition to cash prizes the Cowboy, Ranch Hand, Junior and Senior Division winners will receive trophy buckles.

The Top Two scoring horses will be invited to demonstrate at the Friday night performance of the WHC Ranch Rodeo.

WRHC Class winners (Cowboy, Ranch Hand, Junior & Senior) will qualify to advance to the RHAA Semi-Finals, as will a number of additional top scoring horses, depending on RHAA qualification requirements.

## JUDGING CRITERIA

### **HORSEMANSHIP OR REINING**

The rider can create his/her own routine or use an established pattern. In this category the horse will be judged on its ability to:

- ♣ Stops
- ♣ Lead Changes
- ♣ Backing
- ♣ Spin in each Direction (At least two turns)
- ♣ Roll Backs

### **COW WORK**

A cow will be released when called for at the beginning of this segment. The horse will be judged on its ability to:

- ♥ Hold cow at end
- ♥ Take cow down the fence in both directions

### **ROPING**

During this portion of the performance the horse will be judged on its ability to:

- ♠ Rate/Track
- ♠ Stop
- ♠ Pull/Drag

Each rider is allowed 2 loops. A missed cow does not disqualify a contestant - it only affects their score in the roping segment.

### **JUDGES**

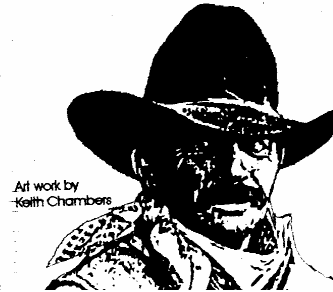
The competition will use a 3 judge system with each judge capable of awarding a maximum of 90 points per contestant.

<b>POINTS</b>	
Horsemanship	60 Points
Cow Work	60 Points
Roping	60 Points

### **ENTRY FORM AND INFORMATION**

Call the Western Heritage Classic office at  
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