

2022 Official Handbook



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RULES AND REGULATIONS

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Effective Date and Repeal

- The rules for the 2022 AQHA Versatility Ranch Horse World Championships, AQHA Cattle Level 1 Championships, AQHA Ranching Heritage Challenge Finals, and NRSHA National Championship Show, known in this handbook collectively as the “Championship Show”, shall be governed by the rules and regulations of the [2022 AQHA Official Handbook of Rules and Regulations](#), this Championship Show handbook, and the Lazy E facility rules & regulations. All participants and owners agree to abide by such rules and regulations, and all decisions made by show management will be final.
- This Championship Show will follow all regulations of the Horse Protection Act of 1970, Public Law 91-540 or as amended.
- Upon entry, every exhibitor, owner, trainer, person in care, custody, or control of a horse, and all other Championship Show participants (collectively “participants”) accept the facility and grounds, including but not limited to, the arenas, barns, stalls, and alleyways on an “as is” basis.
- All Participants agree to obey the decisions and instructions of (1) AQHA representatives; (2) Lazy E Arena officials; and (3) local, state, and federal officials.

SHOW DATES, LOCATION, & SCHEDULE

- The Championship Show will be held June 21-25, 2022 at the Lazy E Ranch in Guthrie, Oklahoma.
- The [tentative schedule](#) is available online and may be changed at show management’s discretion.

CONTACT INFORMATION

- To receive informative text about the show simply text the word ‘AQHA’ to (806) 576-0913. You may opt out at any time.
- AQHA Versatility Ranch Horse World Championships: worldshow@aqha.org
- AQHA Cattle Level 1 Championships: worldshow@aqha.org
- AQHA Ranching Heritage Challenge Finals: ranching@aqha.org
- NRSHA National Championship Show: ranching@aqha.org

ARRIVAL / HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

- **New for 2022!** Sponsors will be allowed to move in starting at **noon on Saturday, June 18.**
- General move in may **NOT** arrive on the Lazy E grounds **before noon on Sunday, June 19.**
- The stall office will be open:
 - Saturday, June 18, noon to 9 p.m. (**Sponsor arrival ONLY**)
 - Sunday, June 19, noon to midnight
 - Monday, June 20, 6 a.m. to midnight
 - Tuesday, June 21 to Saturday, June 25, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
 - Please plan your arrival as the stall office **WILL NOT** be available outside of these times.
- All horses must depart **prior to noon on Sunday, June 26.**
- All horses entering the grounds must be accompanied by:
 - A current Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (health certificate) issued within 30 days.
 - A negative EIA test (Coggins) issued within 12 months.
- Health documents, including EIA test (Coggins), must include the registered name and markings of each horse.

STALLING

- There are three stalling options. All stalls must be reserved through the online entry form.
 - Stall for the entire show - \$200
 - Stall ONLY for one or two nights (must provide arrival and departure dates) - \$120
 - Haul-in (grounds) fee to be charged one time only - \$50 per horse
- No one, including exhibitors, may sell products from their stall area.
- **When reserving stalls, it is critical the same stalling agent name is listed on all stalls within a single stall block to ensure all stalls are placed together.**
 - Example: Joe Smith, Suzy Rogers, & John Bowen want to stall together. To ensure they are all placed together, Joe, Suzy, and John all list “Joe Smith” for their stalling agent with Joe’s phone number on their stall reservations.

RV/CAMPING AND GOLF CARTS

- AQHA does not manage RV spots, camping spots, or golf carts.
- For RV and camping, contact the Lazy E Arena at 405-282-3004.
- Official Golf Cart vendor is [Fore Wheeler Golf Cars](#) at 405-682-8444.
- The list of host hotels is available on the VRH World Show [resource page](#).

ENTRY AND LATE FEE POLICY

- Entries must be submitted by May 13, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Central to avoid late fees.
- A late fee of \$500/horse will be incurred between May 13 at 5:01 p.m. Central and June 1, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Central.
- No entries will be taken after June 1 at 5:00 p.m. Central.
- Entries received after May 13 are not guaranteed fresh cattle.
- **EVERY** entry must fill out the W-9 section(s) of the online entry form to be considered a valid entry.
 - **The online entry form cannot be completed without the appropriate tax information.**
 - Remember the W-9 needs to match the owner of the horse EXACTLY for open classes (business name, personal name, ranch name, etc.) and match the individual exhibitor’s name EXACTLY for individuals showing in amateur and youth classes.
- **No payments of cash or checks will be accepted at the show. Please be prepared to pay with a credit card for any miscellaneous charges.**

CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS

- Full refund will only be given if requested prior to the entry deadline of May 13, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Central.
- Partial refund may be considered if a horse becomes severely injured, disabled, or deceased, but only if requested at least two weeks prior to the first day of the Championship Show. Documentation from an AAEP-approved veterinarian stating the severity of the debilitating injury or illness is required. Stall, drug, obstacle, and entry fees will be refunded; however, the office fee portion of the entry fee and cattle charges will not be refunded after entry deadline of May 13, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Central.
- Illness, accidents, or other incidents concerning people are NOT eligible for refund.
- Any COVID-19 related cancellations may be eligible for a refund of all class fees, not including cattle or office fees. To view the current health protocols, all can be found at www.aqha.com/versatility. A formal notification must be made to worldshow@aqha.org by 12:00pm (noon) Central time prior to the class to request this refund.

SUBSTITUTIONS

- In the event of the death of a horse entered in the Championship Show, a substitution will be allowed provided the substituted horse meets applicable eligibility and ownership rules. The death must be reported in writing to the show secretary by noon the day prior to the class entered. The original registration certificate must be surrendered, except in the case of horses entered only in NRSHA classes.
- In the event a horse becomes severely injured or disabled, a substitution will be allowed provided the substituted horse meets applicable eligibility and ownership rules. A written statement from an AAEP-approved veterinarian explaining the severity of the debilitating injury or illness and lack of the probability of short-term recovery is provided by noon the day prior to the class entered.

RIDER CHANGES FOR OPEN CLASSES

- The deadline to change a rider in any open/limited open class is Monday, June 20 noon local time.

RANCH TRAIL PRACTICE

- Competition trail courses will not be set prior to showing. Individual obstacles will be available in the practice area.

PAYOUT OFFICE

- There will be a payout office on the show grounds during the event.
- Payout office hours during the show will be 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. local time.
- The payout office will provide class winnings on site.
 - Open division payout checks, including cowboy classes, will be made to the owner.
 - Amateur and youth division payout checks will be made to the exhibitor.
- In the event there is a discrepancy in eligibility or class placings, exhibitors have until 10 a.m. CDT the day following the class to protest the results. After the protest period expires, no changes will be made to the placings or payouts.
 - Payouts will be available upon expiration of the protest period.
 - Payouts earned on the final day of competition and payout checks not picked up during the show will be mailed within 5 business days.
- To receive a payout check from the business office during the show:
 - Valid government-issued ID and signed check confirmation form will be required.
 - ID must exactly match the name of payee or an authorized party on file with the AQHA office.
 - If valid government-issued ID cannot be provided, the payout check will be mailed.

PAYOUT CHARTS

VRH & NRSHA Payouts RHC Working Ranch Horse, RHC Ranch Riding, RHC Ranch Cutting Class Payouts Cattle Level 1 Jackpots

# in class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
1-4	100%									
5-8	60%	40%								
9-13	50%	30%	20%							
14-19	40%	30%	20%	10%						
20-26	30%	25%	20%	15%	10%					
27-31	30%	24%	18%	12%	9%	7%				
32-37	28%	23%	16%	12%	9%	7%	5%			
38-43	25%	20%	15%	12%	10%	8%	6%	4%		
44-49	23%	18%	15%	11%	9%	8%	7%	5%	4%	
50+	20%	16%	14%	11%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%

RHC Team Roping, RHC Barrel Racing

# in class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
1-6	100%					
7-14	60%	40%				
15-24	50%	30%	20%			
25-34	40%	30%	20%	10%		
35-44	40%	25%	15%	12%	8%	
45+	40%	23%	15%	10%	7%	5%

AQHA TOP RANCHING HERITAGE-BRED HORSE AWARDS

The following awards will be given for the highest-placing RHB horses:

<p><u>Highest Placing RHB horse in AQHA VRH World Show:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trophy to the owner • Owner receives \$250 • Breeder receives \$250 	<p><u>Highest Placing RHB horse in AQHA Cattle Level 1 Championships – Amateur Division:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trophy to the owner • Owner receives \$250 • Breeder receives \$250
<p><u>Highest Placing RHB horse in NRSHA National Championships:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trophy to the owner • Owner receives \$250 • Breeder receives \$250 	<p><u>Highest Placing RHB horse in AQHA Cattle Level 1 Championships – Youth Division:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trophy to the owner • Owner receives \$250 • Breeder receives \$250

MEMBERSHIP

- All exhibitors and owners must be current AQHA members in good standing from the time of entry through the end of the show, except for exhibitors entered ONLY in NRSHA classes. NRSHA exhibitors must have a current membership with their alliance association.

CLASS ROUTINE

- A horse may be shown only once in any specific class.
- Work orders will be posted for all classes; all exhibitors must enter the arena at the direction of show officials in the order drawn.
- Exhibitors must be checked in with the paddock manager and ready to enter the arena at least 15 minutes prior to showing.
- Management will make every effort to announce the progress of the classes throughout the day.
- Show management may exclude horses from competition should there be any unnecessary delay on the part of the exhibitor in bringing their horse to the class. In the event a horse is excluded from competition, all entry fees and related charges will be forfeited without liability to AQHA.
- In conformation classes, movement of horses in any class will be at the discretion of the judges; however, horses will not be pulled out or lined up in placing order by any judge at any time.
- Any exhibitor or rider who refuses to obey the requests of the judge, ring steward or a Championship Show official is automatically barred from further competition and forfeits all previous winnings, together with entry fees and other charges. At the discretion of the show management the offending individual and their entire exhibit may be removed from the grounds.
- Any exhibitor or owner receiving disciplinary action by the AQHA Executive Committee for show rule violations at this year's AQHA Versatility Ranch Horse World Championships, AQHA Cattle Level 1 Championships, AQHA Ranching Heritage Challenge Finals and NRSHA National Championship Show, will be prohibited from participating in the next year's Championships. This rule excludes anyone receiving a first-time administration penalty for an overage of therapeutic medication.
- Every horse entered in the Championship Show shall be under the control of show management, but AQHA, the Lazy E Ranch, their agents, or employees, will not be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur.

BACK NUMBER PLACEMENT

- Each horse will be assigned an entry back number by the show secretary.
 - Exhibitors will be provided two copies of each horse's back number.
 - The correct number must be clearly visible on both sides of the saddle pad when the exhibitor enters the arena, except in ranch conformation classes where the correct number must be worn on the exhibitor's person.
 - Exhibitors not in compliance with proper number placement will be disqualified.

HELP HORSES

- Horses used as help horses must be registered American Quarter Horses, even if not officially entered in the show, except for horses used to help ONLY in NRSHA Ranch Cutting.

JUDGING / MONITORING PROCEDURES

- All AQHA events will be judged according to the rules listed in the 2022 AQHA Official Handbook of Rules and Regulations, and no other publication will supersede these rules.
- There will be three judges for all classes, and their placings will be combined.
- No horse may be shown under a judge if that judge has been the owner, trainer, conditioner, or agent in any capacity of that horse within the previous three months.

- Further, a judge may not judge a horse that is owned or exhibited by anyone from whom the judge has received a salary, has been in the employ or has represented such individual in any capacity for remuneration within three months from the date of the show, whether or not the horse being judged was concerned in the transaction
- Judges will score each class independently and will place all entrants in the class.
- Judges shall examine and check all horses in each class for lameness as per SHW325 of the 2022 AQHA Official Handbook.
 - In all classes, a horse shall automatically be disqualified if two or more judges call the horse lame during the class.
 - Lameness is evaluated on a class-by-class basis. A horse determined to be lame in a specific class will be disqualified in that class but remains eligible to be shown in remaining class(es) entered.
 - Should a horse not compete in the remaining class(es), it will receive all credits earned to that point from previous class(es) to be used toward calculating all-around awards and prize money. However, horse must compete in the minimum required classes to remain eligible for all-around awards and prize money.
- If an exhibitor or horse is disqualified from showing by show management or by officials of the Championship Show, the decision is final.
- The score sheets and/or placing cards for all classes will be given to show management for tabulation.
- A monitoring system to review major penalties will be in effect for all classes, except those classes held on the outdoor courses.
 - The monitoring system enhances the ability of judges to assess major penalties fairly and accurately.
 - The monitoring system will automatically be used to review any lack of concurrence in major penalties, disqualifications, or zero scores.
 - Judges cannot review for lameness, non-major penalties, maneuver evaluation, or lack of concurrence in score or placing.
 - Reviews will have no impact on run content except to add or subtract the penalty value to the score. Under no circumstances will the run content be adjusted.
- All reviews will take place during the next drag, break, cattle change, or at the end of the class.
 - It is possible that a public announcement may not be made for all pending reviews. Regardless of whether a public announcement is made, scores are not official until reviews are complete and scoresheets are mathematically verified.
- No judge shall be required to change his/her score following a video replay. Each judge's decision is made independently after reviewing the video replay.
- Any clear evidence of blood on the horse, including but not limited to the nose, chin, mouth, tongue, or gums, regardless of cause, shall be cause for disqualification.

ANIMAL WELFARE GUIDELINES

- Please refer to the [2022 Official AQHA Handbook](#) to familiarize yourself with the following rules: VIO100 through VIO406.
- Inhumane treatment of any horse or any other animal on show grounds is strictly prohibited. Treatment of any horse will be considered inhumane if a person, educated or experienced in accepted equine training techniques, would perceive the conduct of an individual to be inhumane.
- Prohibited equipment and/or devices may not be used anywhere on the grounds.

DRUG TESTING / TAIL TESTING

- All horses entered in the Championship Show, except those entered ONLY in NRSHA classes, are subject to medications testing and tail testing per the 2022 AQHA Official Handbook of Rules and Regulations.

ATTIRE / LOGOS

- AQHA rules cover the required apparel for each class, however this is a world class event that will receive worldwide publicity, so exhibitors are urged to be neat and clean at all times.

LIABILITY / RISK

- Participants (and, if 17 years old or younger, participants' parents and/or legal guardians) agree that they understand the nature of the AQHA Versatility Ranch Horse World Championships, the AQHA Cattle Level 1 Championships, the AQHA Ranching Heritage Challenge Finals, and the NRSHA National Championship Show participation and attendance activities ("Activities") and that the Activities include, but are not limited to, "inherent risks of equine activities" that may result in property damage and bodily injury, including, but not limited to, permanent disability, paralysis, and death (collectively "risks"); that such risks may be caused by participant's own action or inaction, the action or inaction of others participating in the activities, the condition of the premises at which the activities take place, and/or the negligence of the "releasees" named below.
- A participant understand that "inherent risk of equine activities" means dangers or conditions that are an integral part of equine activities, including, but not limited to, any of the following: (a) the propensity of an equine to behave in ways that may result in injury or loss to persons on or around the equine; (b) the unpredictability of an equine's reaction to sounds, sudden movements, unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals; (c) hazards, including, but not limited to, surface or subsurface conditions; (d) a collision with another equine, another animal, a person, or an object; and (e) the potential of an equine activity participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury or loss to the person of the participant or to other persons, including, but not limited to, failing to maintain control over an equine or failing to act within the ability of the participant.
- A participant fully accepts and assumes all such risks and all responsibility for losses, costs and damages participant incurs as a result of participant's participation in the activities. Participant hereby releases, discharges and covenants not to sue AQHA, AQHA Corporate Partners, or the owner and lessors of premises on which the activities take place or their respective administrators, directors, agents, officers, members, volunteers, and employees (each considered one of the "releasees" herein) from all liability, claims, demands, losses, or damages whenever or however arising as to injury, death and/or property damage occurring as a result of participant's participation in the activities or caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the releasees or otherwise.
- A participant agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend releasees from any and all liability, whenever or however arising, from all third-party claims, demands, causes of action, suits, judgments, liabilities, costs, and expenses of any nature arising out of (i) participant's negligent act(s) or omissions during or related in any way to the activities; and/or (ii) participant's willful act(s) or omission(s) during or related in any way to the activities.

AQHA PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOGRAPHY POLICY

- To learn more about the AQHA Photography and Videography Policy or to apply for media credentials, visit www.aqha.com/vrh-world-resources/media-resources.

VRH INFORMATION

OWNERSHIP / ELIGIBILITY

- **All entries must meet the 2022 VRH Qualification Guidelines [listed here](#).**
- Horses may NOT cross-enter the youth, limited youth, and rookie youth divisions in the same class type.
- Horses may NOT cross-enter the amateur, limited amateur, and rookie amateur divisions in the same class type.
- Riders may ride two handed in a snaffle bit, hackamore, or bosal on any age horse in the rookie division.
- An exhibitor is NOT required to own the horse to show in the rookie division; however, the horse must be a registered American Quarter Horse.
- Eligibility for the **rookie divisions** is explained in SHW552.4: for an exhibitor to be eligible in the amateur or youth rookie division, the exhibitor must have earned no more than ten (10) lifetime points in any breed association (including but not limited to AQHA, APHA, AQHA VRH All-Around); or \$500 in a national organization (including but not limited to NCHA, NRCHA, NRHA, RHAA, NRSHA, NSBA) in any western performance discipline (including but not limited to western pleasure, working cow horse, reining, cutting, trail.) Accuracy of eligibility is the responsibility of the exhibitor.
 - Rookie division eligibility is based on the exhibitor's eligibility as of 12/31/2021.
- Eligibility for the **cowboy division** is explained in SHW552.3. The cowboy division is for working ranch cowboys. The rider of the horse must either be an owner, family member or full-time employee of the ranch that owns the horse. Employees must have been employed for a minimum of 90 days prior to competing in the ranch horse competition. The rider must have less than \$15,000 per association lifetime earnings in any of the following: NRHA, NCHA, NRCHA, ACHA, RHAA, ASHA, NRSHA or SHTX or less than 25 AQHA or APHA open points in reining, cutting, ranch cow horse or versatility ranch horse within the previous 10 years, including earnings reported by Q Data, Equistat and other verifiable resources. No exhibitor can have earned more than \$15,000 in any individual association, including earnings reported by Q Data, Equistat and other verifiable resources.
- Horses marked *Excessive White* on registration papers are not eligible to compete in ranch conformation classes.
- To enter VRH ranch conformation classes, the horse must also be entered in at least **two** VRH riding class in the same division.
- Horses eligible for junior classes are those foaled in **2016, 2017, 2018, & 2019**.
- Horses eligible for senior classes are those foaled in **2015** or earlier.
- A horse/rider team is eligible for the all-around if it competes in at least one cattle class, at least one non-cattle riding class, and ranch conformation in the same division. Additionally, the horse must be qualified in the all-around for the Junior, Senior, and/or Cowboy divisions. The horse/exhibitor combination must be qualified in the all-around for all Youth and Amateur divisions.
- In each class, the entire class will be placed. In scored classes, all exhibitors in each class will be ranked according to score, placed from the highest to the lowest score.
- Cowboy, amateur, and youth exhibitors may show up to three horses in individual working events, so long as they are properly eligible. An exhibitor with multiple horses may have a different eligible exhibitor show their horse(s) in the ranch conformation class.
- Open exhibitors may show up to three junior horses and three senior horses in individual working events, so long as they are properly eligible. An exhibitor with multiple horses may have a different eligible exhibitor show their horse(s) in the ranch conformation class.

CLASS OFFERING / FEES

- VRH will have 9 divisions – junior, senior, cowboy, amateur, limited amateur, rookie amateur, youth, limited youth, and rookie youth.
- There will be six classes offered in each division – ranch conformation, ranch cow work, ranch cutting, ranch reining, ranch riding, and ranch trail.
- Entry Fees will be as follows:
 - *All entrants:*
 - Drug testing fee (charged per division) - \$55
 - Drug testing divisions are defined as follows:
 - VRH open / VRH cowboy
 - VRH amateur / limited amateur / rookie amateur
 - VRH youth / limited youth / rookie youth
 - *Open, cowboy, amateur, and limited amateur:*
 - Entry Fee - \$125 per class
 - Cow Work Cattle Fee - \$85 per class
 - Cutting Cattle Fee - \$120 per class
 - Ranch Trail Obstacle Fee - \$35 per class
 - *Youth, limited youth, rookie youth, rookie amateur:*
 - Entry Fee - \$105 per class
 - Cow Work Cattle Fee - \$85 per class
 - Cutting Cattle Fee - \$95 per class
 - Ranch Trail Obstacle fee - \$35 per class
 - *Optional All-Around Jackpot* - \$250 per division.
 - **100% payback!** Only those qualified for the All-Around in their respective division will have the opportunity to enter the optional All-Around jackpot.

RULES FOR SPECIFIC CLASSES

- No horse/rider team shall be disqualified except for lameness, abuse, illegal equipment, leaving the working area before the pattern is complete, disrespect, misconduct, improper western attire, and or fall of horse/rider.
- Ranch Cow Work
 - Two (2) point, three (3) point, five (5) point, ten (10) point, disqualifications (DQ), and off pattern (OP) penalties may be monitored.
- Rookie/Limited Ranch Cow Work
 - Three (3) point, five (5) point, ten (10) point, disqualification (DQ), and off pattern (OP) penalties may be monitored.
- Ranch Conformation
 - In all ranch conformation classes, horses will walk one at a time to the three judges. Judges will inspect the teeth of any mare or stallion and testicles of any stallion at this time. After inspection, the judges will step to their 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 of the arena. After trotting, the horses will line up per the ring steward's instructions.
 - Judges will disqualify and excuse from the ring prior to the final placing any horse that fails to complete the prescribed pattern correctly in three (3) attempts (SHW362.4.8).
- Ranch Cutting
 - Three (3) point, five (5) point, ten (10) point, disqualification (DQ), and off pattern (OP) penalties may be monitored.
- Ranch Reining
 - Two (2) point, with the exception of marker penalties, five (5) point, ten (10) point, disqualification (DQ), and off pattern (OP) penalties may be monitored.
- Ranch Riding
 - Three (3) point, five (5) point, ten (10) point, disqualification (DQ), and off pattern (OP) penalties may be monitored.

TIES

- In all classes, judge number 1 is the first tie breaker.
 - If judge number 1 scored the tied horses alike, then judge number 2 becomes the tie breaker.
 - If judge number 2 scored the tied horses alike, then judge number 3 becomes the tie breaker.
- If horses remain tied, specific maneuvers, will be designated by the judges as tiebreakers prior to the start of the show and noted on the score sheets, will be ranked as first tiebreaker, second tiebreaker, and so on. These will be used to break ties, if necessary.
- Exhibitors competing for the all-around Versatility Ranch Horse and World Championship title will receive class placings credits which will be entered into the all-around tabulation. Ties for the all-around versatility ranch horse are broken first using the highest placing in the ranch cow work class, limited ranch cow work, or rookie ranch cow work, whichever is applicable. If this does not break the tie, other classes will be used in the following order: ranch cutting, ranch reining, ranch trail, ranch riding, and ranch conformation.

AWARDS / PAYOUT

- Awards will be given for each individual class, as well as for the all-around Versatility Ranch Horse in each division.
- Of the total class entry fee, 55% will be retained by AQHA. The remaining 45% of the entry fee will go toward payouts. Of the remaining amount that goes towards payouts, 50% will go toward class placing payouts, and 50% will go toward All-Around payouts.
- In 2022, there is an optional All-Around jackpot opportunity with a **100% payback**. Each exhibitor who pays into the jackpot option will be eligible for payback according to the overall placings in the all-around.

<p><u>All-Around VRH World Champion</u> <i>(Junior, Senior, Cowboy, Amateur, Limited Amateur, Rookie Amateur, Youth, Limited Youth, Rookie Youth)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World champion trophy • Sterling-silver world champion buckle • Neck wreath • Logoed jacket and world champion patch • Hat, courtesy of Shorty's Caboy Hattery 	<p><u>4th-8th Place All-Around VRH Champions</u> <i>(Junior, Senior, Cowboy, Amateur, Limited Amateur, Rookie Amateur, Youth, Limited Youth, Rookie Youth)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classic Equine & Cashel Awards package • Top ten patch • Ribbon • 2nd to 10th place has the option to purchase a jacket
<p><u>Reserve All-Around VRH World Champion</u> <i>(Junior, Senior, Cowboy, Amateur, Limited Amateur, Rookie Amateur, Youth, Limited Youth, Rookie Youth)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reserve world champion trophy • Sterling-silver reserve world champion buckle • Reserve champion ribbon • Reserve champion patch • 2nd to 10th place has the option to purchase a jacket 	<p><u>9th-10th Place All-Around VRH Champions</u> <i>(Junior, Senior, Cowboy, Amateur, Limited Amateur, Rookie Amateur, Youth, Limited Youth, Rookie Youth)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top ten patch • Ribbon • 2nd to 10th place has the option to purchase a jacket
<p><u>Bronze All-Around VRH World Champion</u> <i>(Junior, Senior, Cowboy, Amateur, Limited Amateur, Rookie Amateur, Youth, Limited Youth, Rookie Youth)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bronze world champion trophy • Bronze champion ribbon • 3rd place patch • 2nd to 10th place has the option to purchase a jacket 	<p><u>VRH Class Awards</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First place – Trophy & Ribbon • 2nd-10th place – Ribbon • Class placings 1st-10th have the option to purchase a jacket

NRSHA INFORMATION

ELIGIBILITY

- **All entries must meet 2022 NRSHA qualification guidelines [listed here](#).**
- The novice division is reserved for individuals with limited riding and showing experience.
- To be eligible for the novice division a rider may not have more than 10 points in any breed association (including but not limited to AQHA, APHA, AQHA VRH All Around); or \$500 in a national organization (including but not limited to NCHA, NRCHA, NRHA, RHAA, NRSHA) in any western performance discipline (including but not limited to western pleasure, working cow horse, reining, cutting, trail).
- The rider must meet other amateur or youth eligibility requirements for their respective division per AQHA's definition of an amateur and a youth.
- Riders may ride two-handed in a snaffle bit, hackamore, or bosal on any age horse in the novice division. This is only allowed in novice divisions. All other AQHA equipment rules apply.
- A horse/rider team is eligible for the all-around if it competes in at least one cattle class and all other non-cattle riding classes in the same division.

CLASS OFFERING / FEES

- NRSHA will have 7 divisions – open, amateur, limited amateur, novice amateur, youth, limited youth, and novice youth.
- There will be five classes offered in each division – ranch reining, ranch riding, ranch trail, ranch cow work, and ranch cutting.
- NRSHA open classes will run concurrently with VRH junior and senior classes.
 - These classes will be placed as all age classes, even though they are run based on age of horse.
 - Horses foaled from 2016 through 2019 will show in the junior classes.
 - Horses foaled in 2015 and before will show in the senior classes.
- Entry fees will be as follows:
 - *Open Division:*
 - Entry Fee - \$130 per class (\$5 of each entry fee will go to NRSHA)
 - Cow Work Cattle Fee - \$85 per class
 - Cutting Cattle Fee - \$120 per class
 - Ranch Trail Obstacle Fee - \$35 per class
 - *Amateur/limited amateur Division:*
 - Entry Fee - \$130 per class (\$5 of each entry fee will go to NRSHA)
 - Cow Work Cattle Fee - \$85 per class
 - Cutting Cattle Fee - \$120 per class
 - Ranch Trail Obstacle Fee - \$35 per class
 - *Youth/limited youth/novice youth/novice amateur:*
 - Entry Fee - \$110 per class (\$5 of each entry fee will go to NRSHA)
 - Cow Work / Boxing Cattle Fee - \$85 per class
 - Cutting Cattle Fee - \$95 per class
 - Ranch Trail Obstacle Fee - \$35 per class
 - *Optional All-Around Jackpot* (charged in each of the 7 divisions – open, amateur, limited amateur, novice amateur, youth, limited youth, novice youth) - \$250 per division for those eligible for the All-Around in their respective division. **100% payback!**

RULES FOR SPECIFIC CLASSES

- All classes will be monitored for lack of concurrence on major penalties as outlined in the Versatility Ranch section of the handbook.
- Ranch Cow Work
 - In all NRSHA cow work the exhibitor has the option to rope the cow or circle the cow. However, any open entries showing concurrently in VRH junior or senior ranch cow work class must rope to meet VRH rules.

- Ranch Cutting
 - There will be a 2-minute time limit. Each exhibitor must work two cows and has the option of ending their run before the 2-minute time limit or working the full 2 minutes.
- Ranch Riding, Ranch Trail, Ranch Reining
 - Exhibitors in novice amateur and novice youth will follow the same class rules and class procedures as all other divisions in Ranch Riding, Ranch Reining and Ranch Trail (with the exception that novice riders DO NOT drag a log in the Ranch Trail class).

TIES

- In all classes, judge number 1 is the first tie breaker.
 - If judge number 1 scored the tied horses alike, then judge number 2 becomes the tie breaker.
 - If judge number 2 scored the tied horses alike, then judge number 3 becomes the tie breaker.
- If horses remain tied, specific maneuvers, will be designated by the judges as tiebreakers prior to the start of the show and noted on the score sheets, will be ranked as first tiebreaker, second tiebreaker, and so on. These will be used to break ties, if necessary.
- Exhibitors competing for the all-around National Ranch Stock Horse National Championship title will receive class placings credits which will be entered into the all-around tabulation. Ties for the all-around versatility ranch horse are broken first using the highest placing in the ranch cow work class, limited ranch cow work, or novice ranch cow work, whichever is applicable. If this does not break the tie, other classes will be used in the following order: ranch cutting, ranch reining, ranch trail, and ranch riding.

AWARDS / PAYOUT

- Of the total class entry fee, 55% will be retained by AQHA. The remaining 45% of the entry fee will go toward payouts. Of the remaining amount that goes towards payouts, 50% will go toward class placing payouts, and 50% will go toward All-Around payouts.
- There is an optional all-around jackpot opportunity, with a **100% payback**. Each exhibitor that pays into the jackpot option will be eligible for payback according to the overall placings in the all-around.
- Payouts in the amateur and youth classes will be paid to the individual exhibitor, so an individual social security number will be required.
- Payouts in the open classes will be paid to the owner of the horse.
- For specific payout percentages please refer to the previously listed payout chart.

<p><u>All-Around NRSHA National Champion</u> <i>(Open, Amateur, Limited Amateur, Novice Amateur, Youth, Limited Youth, Novice Youth)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National champion trophy • National champion buckle • National champion ribbon • Logoed jacket and champion patch 	<p><u>4th-8th Place All-Around NRSHA Champions</u> <i>(Open, Amateur, Limited Amateur, Novice Amateur, Youth, Limited Youth, Novice Youth)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classic Equine & Cashel Awards package • Top ten patch • Ribbon • 2nd to 10th place has the option to purchase a jacket
<p><u>Reserve All-Around NRSHA National Champion</u> <i>(Open, Amateur, Limited Amateur, Novice Amateur, Youth, Limited Youth, Novice Youth)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reserve national champion buckle • Reserve champion ribbon • Reserve champion patch • 2nd to 10th place has the option to purchase a jacket 	<p><u>9th-10th Place All-Around NRSHA Champions</u> <i>(Open, Amateur, Limited Amateur, Novice Amateur, Youth, Limited Youth, Novice Youth)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top ten patch • Ribbon • 2nd to 10th place has the option to purchase a jacket

3rd Place All-Around NRSHA National Champion

(Open, Amateur, Limited Amateur, Novice Amateur, Youth, Limited Youth, Novice Youth)

- 3rd place ribbon
- 3rd place patch
- 2nd to 10th place has the option to purchase a jacket

NRSHA Class Awards

- First place – Trophy & Ribbon
- 2nd-10th place – Ribbon
- Class placings 1st-10th have the option to purchase a jacket



CATTLE LEVEL 1 INFORMATION

OWNERSHIP / ELIGIBILITY

- Level 1 eligibility is based on the exhibitor's 2021 AQHA leveling eligibility.
- **SWH245.3** To be eligible for Level 1 competition, an individual may **NOT**:
 - Have exceeded the point cap for that class as of January 1, 2021.
 - Have earned a superior award in the past 10 years for that particular class in any equine organization with a membership of more than 7,500 members (including but not limited to AQHA, APHA, ApHC).
 - Have placed in the top three at any AQHA World Championship Show in that particular class.
 - Have won a world, reserve world, national or reserve national championship title in that particular class, (excluding Level 1 classes) in any equine organization with a membership of more than 7,500 members (including, but not limited to AQHA, APHA, ApHC).
 - Have won a total of \$5,000 or more in cash with any equine organization or association by class including earning reported by Q Data, Equistat and other verifiable resources
 - Competed on an NCEA equestrian team on a scholarship, or ride as a starting exhibitor, in a particular discipline within the last 10 years.
 - Have been an accredited horse show judge or has trained professionally
- **SHW246** If an exhibitor wins a class at the Level 1 Championships, he/she is no longer eligible to compete in that class type at any future Level 1 Championships; however, if an exhibitor is Level 1 eligible, he/she may continue to show in that class in Level 1 competition.
- A horse/rider combination may only show in the Level 1 ranch riding at one AQHA Championship Show per year. For example, if a horse/rider combination competes in the Level 1 youth Ranch Riding at the Cattle Level 1 Championships they are not eligible to compete in Level 1 Ranch Riding at the Level 1 East or Level 1 West Championships in the same year.
- Anyone with a current AQHA membership riding a registered American Quarter Horse may assist in cutting, heading and/or heeling.
- Any age horse may be shown in a snaffle or hackamore in a Level 1 class.

CLASS OFFERING / FEES

- Cattle Level 1 will have two divisions – Level 1 amateur and Level 1 youth.
- **New for 2022! Cattle Level 1 exhibitors will no longer have to pay office or drug testing fees.**
- The following classes will be offered in each division – cutting, heading, heeling, working cow horse, boxing, and ranch riding.
 - *All entrants:*
 - Entry Fee - \$125 / class
 - Cattle Fees
 - Cow Work / Boxing Cattle Fee - \$85 per class
 - Roping Cattle Fee - \$65 per class
 - Cutting Cattle Fee - \$135 per class
 - *Optional Jackpot (100% payback) - \$75 per class*

RULES FOR SPECIFIC CLASSES

- Level 1 Cutting
 - National Cutting Horse Association rules will be used for judging the Level 1 Cutting. AQHA equipment rules apply to all Level 1 Cutting entries.
 - Three (3) point, five (5) point penalties and zero (0) scores may be monitored.
- Level 1 Ranch Riding
 - Three (3) point, five (5) point, ten (10) point, and off pattern (OP) penalties may be monitored.

- Level 1 Heading / Level 1 Heeling
 - Two (2) point, three (3) point, five (5) point penalties, and zero (0) scores may be monitored.
 - In tie-down roping, the roper may throw only two loops and must complete the run within a one-minute time limit.
 - The one-minute time limit is from the time the calf leaves the chute until the roper signals the time is complete. Although the time limit stops when the roper signals the tie is complete, the horse will continue to be judged until the rider has mounted the horse and ridden forward.
 - In heading/heeling, each roper may throw two loops and must complete the run within a one-minute time limit.
 - In heading/heeling, the rope must be wrapped around the saddle horn at least one complete turn.
 - In the heeling class, any head catch made by the header must be a legal catch. Legal catches are both horns, half-head and around the neck.
- Level 1 Working Cow Horse / Boxing
 - Two (2) point penalties, except marker penalties, three (3) point five, five (5) point, and zero (0) scores may be monitored.
 - All exhibitors will complete their reined work and will immediately work their cow.
 - The judges may, at their discretion, award new cattle to enable the contestant to show his or her horse's ability on the cow.
 - In the boxing, there is a 50 second time limit.
 - In the working cow horse, horses should keep working until the judge blows the whistle. If exhibitor quits working before the judge blows the whistle, a score of 0 will be given.
 - All horses must be shown in the same bit, snaffle, hackamore, and reins in the cow work that were used in the reined work.
 - One score will be tabulated from the reined work and one score will be tabulated from the cow work. A total score will then be tabulated from both work scores.

TIES

- In all classes, except working cow horse and boxing, judge number 1 is the first tie breaker.
 - If judge number 1 scored the tied horses alike, then judge number 2 becomes the tie breaker.
 - If judge number 2 scored the tied horses alike, then judge number 3 becomes the tie breaker.
 - If ties still cannot be broken, and there is a tie for the Level 1 Championship, the tie will be worked off. Ties that cannot be broken for 2nd to 10th place will be broken by a coin flip.
- In working cow horse and boxing classes, the cow work is the first tie breaker.
 - The cow work of judge number 1 is the 2nd tie breaker, followed by cow work of judge number 2, and cow work of judge number 3. If necessary, total score of judge number 1 is the fifth tie breaker and so on.

AWARDS / PAYOUT

- There is no payout for individual class placings. Only those entered in the optional jackpot are eligible for payouts.
- In 2022, there is an optional jackpot opportunity, with 100% payback. Each exhibitor that pays into the jackpot option will be eligible for payback according to the overall class placings.
- Payouts in the Level 1 amateur and Level 1 youth classes will be paid to the individual exhibitor, so an individual social security number will be required.
- For specific payout percentages please refer to the payout chart previously listed.

<p><u>Cattle Level 1 Champion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Champion trophy • Champion buckle • Neck wreath • Logoed jacket and champion patch 	<p><u>Cattle Level 1 4th-10th Place</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ribbon • Top ten patch • 2nd place to finalist placings has the option to purchase a jacket
<p><u>Cattle Level 1 Reserve Champion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reserve champion trophy • Reserve champion ribbon • Reserve champion patch • 2nd place to finalist placings has the option to purchase a jacket 	<p><u>Cattle Level 1 11th-15th Finalists</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top ten patch • Finalist medallion • 2nd place to finalist placings has the option to purchase a jacket
<p><u>Cattle Level 1 Bronze Champion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bronze champion trophy • Bronze champion ribbon • Wrangler jeans certificate • 3rd place patch • 2nd place to finalist placings has the option to purchase a jacket 	

RHC FINALS INFORMATION

OWNERSHIP / ELIGIBILITY

- **All entries must meet 2022 qualification guidelines [listed here](#).**
- The RHC classes are available exclusively to horses bred by AQHA Ranching Heritage Breeders.
- To be eligible to enter the RHC division, the horse must be fully enrolled in the Ranching Heritage program by entry deadline and meet 2022 qualification guidelines for the RHC Finals. For enrollment questions please contact ranching@aqha.org.
- It is not required that the exhibitor own the horse to show in the Level 1 classes; however, the horse must be a registered American Quarter Horse and fully enrolled in the Ranching Heritage program by entry deadline of May 13, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Central.
- No official AQHA points will be earned by participation in the AQHA Ranching Heritage Challenge Finals; however, any placings in the top 10, Reserve Challenge Finals Champion, and Challenge Finals Champion will be recognized on the permanent record of the respective horse.
- Eligibility for the **cowboy division** is explained in SHW552.3 The cowboy division is for working ranch cowboys. The rider of the horse must either be an owner, family member or full-time employee of the ranch that owns the horse. Employees must have been employed for a minimum of 90 days prior to competing in the ranch horse competition. The rider must have less than \$15,000 per association lifetime earnings in any of the following: NRHA, NCHA, NRCHA, ACHA, RHAA, ASHA, NRSWA or SHTX and 25 or fewer AQHA or APHA open points in reining, cutting, ranch cow horse or versatility ranch horse within the previous 10 years, including earnings reported by Q Data, Equistat and other verifiable resources. No exhibitor can have earned more than \$15,000 in any individual association, including earnings reported by Q Data, Equistat and other verifiable resources.
- Open Exhibitors may show up to four horses in the open Division.
- Cowboy, amateur, and youth exhibitors may show up to three horses in individual working events, so long as they are properly eligible.

CLASS OFFERING / FEES

- RHC will have 11 divisions – open, limited open, cowboy, amateur, limited amateur, Level 1 amateur, Level 1 limited amateur, youth, limited youth, Level 1 youth, and Level 1 limited youth.
- Six classes will be offered - working ranch horse, limited working ranch horse, ranch riding, ranch cutting, team roping, and barrel racing.
- Equipment, tack, and exhibitor attire should reflect the ranching traditions of the working ranch horse classes and meet all AQHA rules.
- The following criteria are used to determine in which division the rider would qualify:
 - **Open** – Any exhibitor, both the owner and the exhibitor must be members of AQHA in good standing.
 - **Limited open** – Any exhibitor with 25 or fewer AQHA or APHA open Points in Reining, Cutting or Working Cow Horse within the previous 10 years and less than \$15,000 lifetime earnings in any of the following: NRCHA, NCHA, NRHA, ACHA, RHAA, ASHA, or SHTX. No exhibitor can have earned more than \$15,000 in any individual association.
 - **Amateur** – Any exhibitor meeting AQHA amateur eligibility and ownership requirements as described in the 2022 AQHA Official Handbook of Rules and Regulations. Must possess a current amateur card at time of entry.
 - **Level 1 amateur** – Any amateur member meeting AQHA Level 1 eligibility requirements as described in SHW245 of the 2022 AQHA Official Handbook of Rules and Regulations. A Level 1 amateur must annually file a Level 1 application, available at aqha.com/level1. Level 1 class eligibility is based on the exhibitor's 2021 Leveling Eligibility. [Check your Level 1 eligibility here.](#)

- **Cowboy** - Working ranch cowboys who are full-time employees of a working ranch. The horse must be owned by a family member or the full-time employee of the ranch. Employees must have been employed for a minimum of 90 days prior to competing in the Ranching Heritage Challenge. The rider must have less than \$15,000 lifetime earnings in any of the following: NRCHA, NCHA, NRHA, ACHA, RHAA, ASHA or SHXT and 25 or fewer AQHA or APHA open Points in Reining, Cutting, Working Cow Horse or Versatility Ranch Horse within the previous 10 years. No exhibitor can have earned more than \$15,000 in any individual association.
- **Youth** – Any AQHYA member in good standing.
- **Level 1 youth** – Any AQHYA member meeting AQHA Level 1 eligibility requirements as described in Rule SHW245 of the 2022 AQHA Official Handbook of Rules and Regulations. A Level 1 youth must annually file a Level 1 application, available at aqha.com/level1. Level 1 class eligibility is based on the exhibitor's 2021 Leveling Eligibility. [Check your Level 1 eligibility here.](#)

- Entry Fees will be as follows:
 - Drug testing fee - \$55 per horse

Class Name	Class Fee	Cattle Fee / run
Open 4YO Working Ranch Horse	\$425 / class	\$85 / run
LTD Open 4YO Working Ranch Horse	\$325 / class	\$85 / run
Cowboy 4 & Up Working Ranch Horse	\$325 / class	\$85 / run
Open / LTD Open 5 & 6 YO Working Ranch Horse	\$325 / class	\$85 / run
Open 7 YO & Up Working Ranch Horse	\$325 / class	\$85 / run
Amateur / LTD Amateur 4 & Up Working Ranch Horse	\$225 / class	\$85 / run
Youth / Level 1 Youth 4 & Up Working Ranch Horse	\$125 / class	\$85 / run
LTD Amateur 4 & Up Working Ranch Horse	\$225 / class	\$85 / run
Level 1 LTD Amateur 4 & Up Working Ranch Horse	\$175 / class	\$85 / run
LTD Youth / Level 1 LTD Youth 4 & Up Working Ranch Horse	\$125 / class	\$85 / run
Open / Amateur Team Roping	\$225 / class	\$65 / run
Youth Team Roping	\$125 / class	\$65 / run
Open / Amateur 4 & Up Ranch Cutting	\$225 / class	\$120 / run
Youth 4 & Up Ranch Cutting	\$125 / class	\$95 / run
Open / Amateur Barrel Racing	\$175 / class	
Youth Barrel Racing	\$125 / class	
Open / Amateur 3 & Up Ranch Riding	\$225 / class	
Youth 3 & Up Ranch Riding	\$125 / class	

- Cattle Fees & Concurrent Classes
 - Where classes run concurrently, only 1 cattle fee will be incurred.
 - The following classes will run concurrently:

Open 4YO Working Ranch Horse	AND	LTD Open 4YO Working Ranch Horse
Open 5 & 6 YO Working Ranch Horse	AND	LTD Open 5 & 6 YO Working Ranch Horse
Amateur 4 & Up Working Ranch Horse	AND	Level 1 Amateur 4 & Up Working Ranch Horse
Youth 4 & Up Working Ranch Horse	AND	Level 1 Youth 4 & Up Working Ranch Horse
LTD Amateur 4 & Up Working Ranch Horse	AND	Level 1 LTD Amateur 4 & Up Working Ranch Horse
LTD Youth 4 & Up Working Ranch Horse	AND	Level 1 LTD Youth 4 & Up Working Ranch Horse

ADDED MONEY

For any class with added money there must be 5 entries in the class to payout the full amount of added money. If there are 3-4 entries, then 50% of the added money will be paid out. Classes with 1-2 entries will not receive added money.

Class Name	Added Money Amount
Open 4YO Working Ranch Horse	\$5000
Open 5 & 6 YO Working Ranch Horse	\$3000
Cowboy 4 YO & Up Working Ranch Horse	\$3000
Open 3 YO & Up Ranch Riding	\$2000
Open 4 YO & Up Team Roping	\$2000
Open 4 YO & Up Ranch Cutting	\$2000
LTD Open 4YO Working Ranch Horse	\$2000
LTD Open 5- & 6-Year-Old Working Ranch Horse	\$2000
Open 7 YO & Up Working Ranch Horse	\$2000
Open 4 YO & Up Barrel Racing	\$1000
Amateur 3 YO & Up Ranch Riding	\$3000
Amateur 4 YO & Up Working Ranch Horse	\$3000
Amateur 4 YO & Up Team Roping	\$2000
LTD Amateur 4 YO and Up Working Ranch Horse	\$2000
Amateur 4 YO & Up Barrel Racing	\$1000
Amateur 4 YO & Up Ranch Cutting	\$1000

RULES FOR SPECIFIC CLASSES

For more specific rules please refer to the 2022 AQHA Official Handbook (starting at SHW559).

- RHC Working Ranch Horse – this class will be judged in two parts: reined work and cow work. The scores for the two portions will be added together for the final score.
 - The judges may, at their discretion, award new cattle to enable the contestant to show his/her horse's ability on the cow. Horses should keep working until the judge blows the whistle. If exhibitor quits working before the judge blows the whistle, a score of 0 will be given.
- RHC Limited Working Ranch Horse – this class will be judged in two parts: reined work and cow work. The scores for the two portions will be added together for the final score.
 - Limited Cow Work (Box-Drive-Box-Drive) will be offered only in amateur and youth.
- RHC Ranch Riding
 - Three (3) point, five (5) point, ten (10) point, disqualification (DQ), and off pattern (OP) penalties may be monitored.
- RHC Ranch Cutting
 - There will be a 2-minute time limit. Each exhibitor must work two cows and has the option of ending their run before the 2-minute time limit or working the full 2 minutes.
 - Three (3) point, five (5) point, ten (10) point, disqualification (DQ), and off pattern (OP) penalties may be monitored.
- RHC Team Roping
 - Judged/Timed format (following American Rope Horse Futurity Association format):
 - The time is subtracted from 80 to determine the 'score'.
 - Example: 7 second run = $80 - 7 = 73$
 - Example: 13.5 second run = $80 - 13.5 = 66.5$
 - The time 'score' is added to the judges' scores to determine the final total score.
- RHC Barrel Racing
 - The following disqualifications may be monitored:
 - Failure to follow the pattern.
 - Excessive use of whip, rope, crop, bat or reins anywhere on the horse.
 - In the case of electric timer malfunction, re-runs may be required as directed by show management and their decision will be final.

AGE OF HORSE

- Horse's age will be determined by the age of the horse as of December 31, 2021.
- 3 & Up: Horses must be foaled in 2018 or prior.
- 4 & Up: Horses must be foaled in 2017 or prior.
- 4-year-old: Horses must be foaled in 2017
- 5- & 6-year-old: Horses must be foaled in 2015 or 2016
- 7 & Up: Horses must be foaled in 2014 or prior.
- Horses foaled in **2016, 2017, or 2018** may be shown according to AQHA junior horse equipment rules.
- Horses foaled in **2015** or earlier must be shown according to senior horse equipment rules, except in Level 1 working ranch horse classes.

TIES

- In the RHC working ranch horse classes, the cow work will be the first tie breaker.
- In the RHC non-ranch horse classes, judge number 1 is the first tie breaker.
- If judge number 1 scored the tied horses alike, then judge number 2 becomes the tie breaker.
- If judge number 2 scored the tied horses alike, then judge number 3 becomes the tie breaker.

AWARDS / PAYOUT

- Awards will be given for each individual class.
- Of the total class entry fee, 50% will be retained by AQHA. The remaining 50% of the entry fee will go toward class payouts.
- Payouts in the open classes will be paid to the horse owner of record at time of entry deadline.
- Payouts in the amateur and youth classes will be paid to the individual exhibitor. An individual social security number of the exhibitor will be required.
- For specific payout percentages please refer to the payout chart previously listed.

RHC Finals Champion

- Champion trophy
- Champion buckle
- Neck wreath
- Logoed jacket and champion patch

RHC Finals Reserve Champion to 5th Place

- Ribbon
- 2nd to 5th place have the option to purchase a jacket

Shorty's Caboy Hattery RHC Finals Awards

Winners in the following classes will receive a Shorty's Caboy Hattery hat:

- Amateur Ranch Riding
- LTD Amateur Working Ranch Horse
- Cowboy 4 & Up Working Ranch Horse
- Open 5- & 6-Year-Old Working Ranch Horse
- Open Ranch Cutting
- Open Team Roping
- Amateur Team Roping
- Youth 4 & Up Working Ranch Horse
- Youth Ranch Riding
- Limited Youth Working Ranch Horse

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