

## **AMATEUR & YOUTH BEGINNING CLASS RULES:**

- 1. Rider may not have earned more than \$50 in recorded earnings at any working horse show approved by one of the following: NRHA / NRCHA / NCHA / AQHA or SHOT or earned more than 2.5 points in any Breed approved competition (includes level 1 and Rookie category points) as of the date of the show weekend in the class entered. This rule is on a per class basis. Example: exhibitor won money in reining but is eligible to compete in cowhorse boxing. Once an exhibitor wins a buckle in a beginning class, they are no longer eligible for that class.
- 2. A Belt Buckle will be awarded to the winner in all Beginning classes.
- 3. Year-End Awards will not be offered for any of the Beginning classes.
- 4. Chaps are not required to show in any Beginning class. A long sleeve shirt, western hat and boots are required.
- 5. Beginning classes are open to any breed. Exhibitor does not need to own the horse. Rider may cross-enter into other AQHA / APHA classes at our show, but must meet all ownership and membership requirements for AQHA or APHA.
- 6. Beginning Halter is open to mares or geldings of any age to compete in one class.
- 7. Beginning roping will be either heading or heeling. Must declare to gate prior to entering the roping box.
- 8. Beginning cowhorse will be boxing only, no fence work. Exhibitor cannot have shown down the fence more than 3 actual runs in any judged class or event.
- 9. Beginning reining class may do a simple or flying lead change in the pattern.
- 10. Horse must be show in legal equipment for age of horse per AQHA or VRH equipment rules.
- 11. If it is determined that an exhibitor is ineligible for a beginning class, they will be disqualified and any awards will be forfeited.

## Class List:

Western Pleasure Horsemanship Showmanship Trail Hunter Under Saddle Hunt Seat Equitation Reining
Cowhorse - boxing only.
Ranch Riding
Roping –heading or heeling
Cutting
Halter
HP Beginning Rider