



## Divisions:

**Open:** an individual that does not meet any of the below qualifications.

**Amateur:** An individual must be nineteen (19) years of age or older as of January 1.

For a period of 60 months (five years), an individual may not have shown, ridden, judged, trained or assisted in training a horse for remuneration, either directly or indirectly; not received remuneration for instructing another person in riding, driving or instructing another person in showing a horse in competition.

An individual may not have accepted remuneration in the previous 5 years for having conducted seminars, clinics, given instruction in equitation, or horse training or judging.

Premium money is not considered remuneration but payment of entry fees, expenses, ect., by any person other than the contestant or the contestant's father, mother, sister, brother, grandparent, legal guardian, or spouse, shall be considered remuneration.

**See Amateur Eligibility form**

**Novice:** Exhibitors cannot have won an open/amateur class in which there were more than 2 qualifying rides.

Exhibitors must meet all Amateur requirements.

Novice classes are open to all horses & riders. Exhibitors do not need to be ARHA members.

Novice classes are not ARHA pointed classes.

**See Novice Division Eligibility form.**

**Youth:** a person must be eighteen (18) years of age or younger on/or before January 1.

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### **Novice Divisions Eligibility:**

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Exhibitors have **not** ridden or trained horses for remuneration directly or indirectly.

Exhibitors have **not** assisted in training horses or riders for remunerations directly or indirectly within the past 10 years.

Exhibitors have **not** been married to or lived with a professional trainer in the last 10 years.

Exhibitors have **not** resided on premises with a parent, stepparent or foster parent who was, while living there, a professional trainer.

Exhibitors **cannot** be directly or indirectly employed by a professional trainer or work at a horse training operation.

Exhibitors have **not** been an apprentice trainer at any time.

Novice must use the legal bits and equipment, in reference to their horse's age, according to the ARHA rulebook.

Novice riders may choose to use two hands at any time while competing. Of course, riding one handed with a shanked bridle will be a credit situation but they are allowed to ride two handed if they choose with any bit.

Novice classes do not earn ARHA points BUT do earn HVRHA points

NOTE: All Novice Exhibitors will be judged on their run content.

Novice exhibitors may lose points but will **not** be disqualifications from class.

Novice class is designed to encourage inexperienced riders.

Novice Rider Eligibility was compiled from the ARHA, AQHA and NCHA Amateur requirements.



### Novice Divisions Class Description:

**Novice Working Ranch Horse-** will be run the same as the Open and Youth Working Ranch Horse with the following exceptions: Contestant is NOT required to drop bridle and pick up horses feet. They will enter arena on horseback and complete their required pattern. They will be allowed to perform simple lead changes **WITHOUT** penalty. Contestant is only required to make ONE turn on the fence, not one each way, just one total. Contestant then has the option of just tracking the steer around the arena with their rope out and being swung to show horses ability to rate and track the cow OR they may take the opportunity and rope it as well. Contestant will not be penalized for NOT roping the steer but they will receive extra credit for roping it and bringing it to a stop. Roping description/ legal catches, ect..... can be found in the ARHA rulebook. If contestant chooses not to rope the steer, then the judge will whistle them off, once he feels they have performed the task of rating and tracking the steer, while in the position to "rope". **NO disqualifications**

**Novice Ranch Reining-** will run the same pattern as the Open and Youth Ranch Reining but with the following exceptions: Only required to do 1 (one) spin in each direction and are allowed to do a simple lead change **WITHOUT** penalty. Refer to the ARHA rulebook for the Open and Youth class descriptions. **NO disqualifications**

**Novice Ranch Roping-** will be run the same as the Open and Youth Ranch Roping classes. Refer to the ARHA rulebook for the class descriptions. **NO disqualifications**

**Novice Working Cow Horse-** will be run the same as Open and Youth Working Cow Horse. Refer to the ARHA rulebook for Open and Youth class descriptions. The following exceptions are allowed in Novice Working Cow Horse: Same pattern will be used as the Open and Youth Working Cow Horse **BUT** only 1 spin in each direction is required and simple lead changes are allowed **WITHOUT** penalty. Contestant will call for cow when pattern is completed, box cow on the far end and then do only 1 (one) turn on the fence. They then track the cow around the arena until the judge whistles them off. **NO disqualifications**

**Novice Ranch Cutting-** will be run the same as Open and Youth Ranch Cutting *but* with the following exceptions: **NO** disqualifications. A loss of cow back to the herd is a 5-point penalty per incidence, not a DQ. Once a rider designates the cow they chose to cut/work, they must stay with that same cow throughout the run, even if it is lost back to the herd at any point in time. They must re-cut the same cow and attempt to complete the run. Refer to the ARHA rulebook for Open and Youth Ranch Cutting class descriptions. **A loss of cow back to the herd is a 5-point penalty per incidence, NO disqualifications.**

**Novice Ranch Riding-** will be run the same as the Open and Youth Ranch Riding. Refer to the ARHA rulebook for Open and Youth class descriptions. **NO disqualifications**

**Novice Ranch Trail-** will be run the same as the Open and Youth Ranch Trail. Refer to the ARHA rulebook for the Open and Youth class descriptions. **NO disqualifications**



### **AMATEUR ELIGIBILITY:**

- A) Every person competing in an Amateur class must possess a current ARHA Amateur card issued by ARHA. Show Management must inspect the card, or a photocopy of card, at time of entry. Failure for an exhibitor to produce their membership card or a photocopy of their card at time of entry will result in denial of entry or they may purchase a replacement card. An exhibitor that is not a current ARHA member may fill out ARHA membership temporary application that is specially provided by show management. Any temporary application that is submitted at an ARHA approved show will incur a \$10 rush fee in addition to any other applicable fees.
- B) All Amateurs must have a current ARHA membership listed in their name.
- C) There shall be an annual fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) for Amateur card, payable in U.S. funds. This fee is in addition to the ARHA membership fee. Cards are valid through December 31 of the current year.
- D) An amateur card may be revoked at any time for violation of any ARHA rule or regulation. A person revoked from amateur status must relinquish their amateur card and return it to ARHA upon notice.

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

To qualify as an Amateur exhibitor with ARHA, an individual must meet the following requirements.

- A) Age: An individual must be nineteen (19) years of age or older as of January 1 of the year applying or must otherwise be ineligible for Youth events. For ARHA show purposes, the age of the individual as of January 1 will be maintained throughout the year.

### **REMUNERATION RESTRICTIONS:**

- A) For period of 60 months (five years) prior to the date of application for Amateur status is received in the ARHA office, an applicant may not have shown, ridden, judged, trained or assisted in training a horse for remuneration, either directly or indirectly; not received remuneration for instructing another person in riding, driving or instructing another person in showing a horse in competition.
- B) An individual may not have accepted remuneration in the previous 5 years for having conducted seminars, clinics, given instruction in equitation or horse training or judging.
- C) Premium money won is not considered remuneration.