

## SHOW INFORMATION & RULES

Western attire is required in all classes and includes boots, long pants, chaps, long sleeve collared shirt and hat. No Sweatshirts or loungewear allowed.

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** SYVEA membership required to qualify SYVEA year-end points. Exhibitors may join SYVEA at the show. All exhibitors must be current members of the SYVEA to show in SYVCH classes. **All exhibitors must complete the entry form with all details.** Proof of membership is required to qualify for SYVCH end of year awards. If proof is not provided prior to event start date, rider will forfeit eligibility.

- **ALL CLASSES:** Are held in accordance with the NRCHA current handbook with the exceptions noted below for the SYVCH classes listed. Please refer to class list.
- **ENTRIES:** All entries **must include a copy of current SYVEA membership card plus proof of ownership.** Mail completed and signed entry form with payment or open check payable to SYVEA. **Entries may be faxed or emailed to the number on the entry form; however, will only be considered pre-entries if furnished with all required information and documents. Incomplete pre-entries may not be accepted and may be charged a post entry fee.** A post entry fee will be charged to entries received after entry deadline. The late fee will be \$50 per horse and rider combination. This rule will be enforced. **NOTE:** **Faxes and emails are official entries and as such, you are responsible for all charges (includes No Shows). Your balance must be paid before subsequent showing can occur in SYVEA shows.**
- **For the SYVCH Shows there will be no post entries excepted after the draw. The draw date will be shown on the entry. All post entry received after the deadline and before the draw will incur the late fee of \$50 per horse and rider combination.**
- **OWNERSHIP:** Non-Pros are not allowed to exhibit in Non-Pro classes any horses owned by any third party, but shall only exhibit horses solely owned by the exhibitor or the exhibitor's family. The exceptions to the rule are the \$5K Non-Pro, \$1K Non-Pro or Youth Classes. NRCHA \$1K rules apply to the SYVCH Rookie & Green as Grass Classes. The Step it up to Boxing Classes and Ranch Classes will follow SYVCH Class description regarding ownership.
- **TRANSFER ORDERS:** **NRCHA Rules do not allow horses to be shown under a transfer order.** If you recently purchased a horse, we strongly recommend paying the additional rush fee when processing your paperwork. The AQHA is historically slow on processing transfers through their system. You can request an email from AQHA to show proof of ownership if need be and supply that to our show staff. If a rider is unable to **produce proof of ownership by show day**, they will be removed from the class and the entries fees will not be refunded.
- **REFUNDS:** Pre-paid entries scratched before the pre-entry deadline will be refunded. For SYVCH classes ~ after the draw, but before the show date, refunds will only be made with a vet/doctor certificate less the cattle fees. If horse is scratched the morning of the show all fees will be payable. Cattle charges will not be refunded for any reason.
- **PRIZE MONEY:** Prize money will be paid per the NRCHA payback percentages within 30 days of completion of show. **Prize money will not be issued without a reported social security number on entry form and is payable to the owner of the horse unless showing in the \$1K Non-Pro, \$5K Non-Pro or Youth Classes. If Social Security number is not supplied, the payout will be forfeited. It is the responsibility of the rider to supply all necessary information prior to entering the arena on show day. Our show staff will request this information prior to supplying a rider's back number, but will NOT continue to contact a rider after the show for these details. The payout will be forfeited.**
- **AWARDS:** Day prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> place. Ties for day awards will be determined by the following: Highest cow score wins placing. If cow score is tied a coin toss will determine placing for day prize. **All day prizes are to be picked up the day of the show.** If a competitor leaves early, please work with another competitor to claim your prize. Show management will not be responsible for unclaimed prizes and they will be returned to the show inventory. Any year end awards not claimed by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the next year will be forfeited.
- **PAYOUTS AND POINTS ACCUMULATED FOR SYVCH CLASSES:** Series hi-point will be awarded to horse/rider combination. Horse and rider combinations must compete in **two** shows of a given year and enter the same class to qualify for year end awards. For points to count all information must be supplied prior to the event and the rider of a horse must a member of SYVEA prior to showing. You may join the day of the show.
- The Summer Games will not count towards yearend awards and is considered a standalone show.
- Payouts will follow current NRCHA payout system located in the current NRCHA Rulebook SYVCH Series Points will be given to each rider who is a current SYVEA Member prior to the show with each Rider getting one point in order that they place, depending on the class size. Example- If there are 16 in the class, 1st place will receive 16 points, 2nd, 15 points and so on. Ties are added together and split. No points are awarded for zero scores. For yearend awards the highest cumulative score for the series wins placing. In the event of a tie the rider with the highest individual cow score of the series wins the placing. If the individual cow score is tied then the overall cumulative cow score will be used.
- **SCHOOLING IN ANY SYVCH CLASS:** Your entry number must be upside down on your saddle pad. Rider must run pattern posted for said class. The purpose for the schooling rule is to keep the show running smoothly for all participants and must be followed. The Judge can excuse anyone not complying with these rules.
- **ANIMAL CONTROL:** Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times.
- **STABLING:** Flag Is Up Farms, 901 E. Hwy 246 Solvang, CA 93463 phone: 805-688-4382 fax: 805-688-9709.

- **DRY LOT CAMPING:** Is allowed in the upper parking area. Campers must be fully contained. No open fires or use of the SYVEA pens.
- **RETURNED CHECKS:** Checks returned by the bank for any reason will be charged a 10% penalty or a \$35.00 fee whichever is greater. Accounts will be allowed ten days to pay their debt including fee by cash or money order. All unpaid accounts will be reported to the organization for further action.
- **SHOW MANAGEMENT:** Reserves the right to itself to interpret all questions and conditions in regard to or rising out of or incident to the show without claims for damages or recourse of any kind. All questions not covered in these rules and regulations shall be decided by the Horse Show Management and their decision shall be final. Horse Show Management reserves to itself the right to: refuse, accept conditionally, or to cancel any prizes without claim for damages; to change any course, to cancel or combine any unfilled classes with insufficient horses, reschedule classes, change rings or rotate judges after due notice to exhibitors. All inquiries about payouts and prizes must be handled within 60 days of the event.
- **UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT** - in the show arena or show grounds is prohibited. Show management reserves the right to refuse service to anyone. If a competitor shows disrespect for the rules or the show staff, they will be asked to leave the grounds. All class fees will be forfeited, and the competitor will ineligible to return for the balance of the show season.
- **MINOR EXHIBITORS:** Parents or guardians of minor exhibitors shall hold the SYVEA & its membership and members of the show staff harmless from injury for such minor.
- **CONDITION OF ENTRY:** Every horse entered for competition must abide by the rules and regulations of the horse show, but the Horse Show Management will in no case, be responsible for condition of horses entered. Each exhibitor shall hold the Horse Show, SYVEA, NRCHA, its membership and/or members of the show staff, harmless for any loss or accident to his horse(s) or equipment which may occur from sickness, fire, or otherwise.

## **CLASS DESCRIPTIONS**

### **Santa Ynez Valley Cow Horse Series (SYVCH)**

Series hi-point will be awarded to horse/rider combination. Horse and rider combinations must compete in three shows and enter the same class to qualify. For points to count all information must be supplied prior to the event and the rider of a horse must a member of SYVEA prior to showing.

- **SYVCH CLASSES:** Are held in accordance with the NRCHA current handbook with the exceptions noted below for the SYVCH Junior Horse, SYVCH Non Pro Junior Horse, SYVCH Non Pro Limited Junior Horse, SYVCH Rookie and SYVCH Green as Grass. Please refer to below class list. If not noted, NRCHA Rules apply.
- **SYVCH JUNIOR HORSE** - open to any rider. Horses six (6) years and under shown two handed in a snaffle or hackamore or two rein if applicable for horses age. Proof of a horse's age is required.
- **SYVCH NON-PRO JUNIOR HORSE, SYVCH NON-PRO JUNIOR HORSE LIMITED - For Non Pro, Youth, and Amateur** riders who has not won more than \$15,000 lifetime reined cow earnings (from any and all shows). Horses s (6) years and under shown two handed in a snaffle or hackamore or two rein if applicable for horses age. Proof of a horse's age is required.
- **SYVCH GREEN AS GRASS- For Non Pro, Youth, and Amateur riders** with less than \$500 lifetime reined cow horse earnings (from any and all shows). SYVEA Green as Grass points will count toward SYVCH year-end awards if the rider is a member of the SYVEA prior to competing in a show during the series. An eligible Green as Grass rider can compete in the division for the entire calendar year even if their earnings exceed the limit during the year. Rider may not have won a first place year-end award from any organization for a reined cow horse event. Horses are to be shown one handed in the bridle or horse 5 and under can be shown snaffle or hackamore, two handed. Proof of age will be required.
- **SYVCH ROOKIE - For Non Pro, Youth, and Amateur riders** with less than \$1,500 lifetime reined cow horse earnings (from any and all shows). SYVEA Rookie points will count toward year-end awards if the rider is a member of the SYVEA prior to competing in a show during the series. An eligible Rookie rider can compete in the division for the entire calendar year even if their earnings exceed the limit during the year. Horses are to be shown one handed in the bridle or horse 5 and under can be shown snaffle or hackamore, two handed. Proof of age will be required.
- **SYVCH NOVICE NON PRO LTD - For Non Pro, Youth, and Amateur riders** with less than \$2,500 lifetime reined cow horse earnings (from any and all shows). Horses are to be shown one handed in the bridle or horse 5 and under can be shown snaffle or hackamore, two handed. Proof of age will be required.
- **SYVCH STEP IT UP TO BOXING - For Non-Pro, Youth, and Amateur riders** – No open riders, NRCHA fence and ownership rules do not apply. Open to both fence and limited riders. Participants must complete the dry work and the boxing class will be “step it up to boxing” Each entry will be judged for boxing, run and rate, position and control, degree of difficulty eye appeal and courage/working time. Each entry will have one minute thirty seconds (1:30) to box the cow at one end of the arena and then drive the cow to the other end of the arena and box the cow at the other end.