

SHOW INFORMATION & RULES

Western attire is required in all classes and includes boots, long pants, chaps, long sleeve collared shirt and hat. Chaps not required for reining classes.

No Sweatshirts or loungewear allowed.

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

- **ALL COW HORSE 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. If not noted, NRCHA rules apply with the exception of the Collegiate Challenge – these classes follow the SHTX Rulebook.
- **ALL REINING CLASSES:** Are held in accordance with the AQHA current handbook with the exceptions noted below for the SYVR classes listed. Please refer to class list. If not noted, AQHA rules apply.
- **ENTRIES:** All entries **must include a copy of current SYVEA/NRCHA membership card if applicable 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 within 30 days before subsequent showing can occur in SYVEA shows. If payment is not made in 30 days your rights to the SYVEA events and shows will be suspended until the debt is settled.**
- All post entry received after the pre-entry deadline will incur the late fee of \$50 per horse and rider combination.
- **OWNERSHIP:** For Cow Horse Classes the current NRCHA ownership rules apply. 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 Novice Non-Pro and Green as Grass Classes. For Reining Classes, the current AQHA ownership rules apply.
- **TRANSFER ORDERS:** SYVCH 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 entry deadline will be refunded. Refund of entry fees will be offered after the pre-entry deadline and before the draw with a vet/doctor certificate less the cattle fees if applicable. The draw date is clearly marked on the entry. All entries after the draw will be due and payable and not 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. There are no payouts related to the SYVCH club class or the SYV reining classes – only day prizes apply.**
- **AWARDS:** Day prizes will be awarded for 1st thru 6th 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.
- **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.
- **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 be a member of SYVEA prior to showing. You may join the day of the show. At this time, the SYVR classes will not qualify for yearend awards. The show staff reserves the right to gauge interest in these classes and will add these awards if participation allows it.*
- **ANIMAL CONTROL:** Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times.
- **STABLING:** Flag Is Up Farms phone: 805-688-4382 or Mankins Performance Hoses phone: 805-391-0408
- **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)

- **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 6 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 6 and under can be shown snaffle or hackamore, two handed. Proof of age will be required.
- **SYVCH STEP IT UP TO BOXING - For All Riders – Open to any riders showing any aged horse.** NRCHA fence rules do not apply. Horses are to be shown one handed in the bridle or horse 6 and under can be shown snaffle or hackamore, two handed. Once run is started rider must stay either one or two handed and cannot switch throughout the run. Open to both fence and limited riders. Participants must complete the dry work and the boxing class will be “advanced boxing” Each entry will be judged for boxing, rate, box rate, position and control, degree of difficulty eye appeal and courage/working time. Each entry will have one minute forty five seconds (1:45) 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 and drive it back down the same side they brought it down. Either side of the arena can be used without penalty. Judge can blow the whistle once the work is complete if all actions are completed.

Santa Ynez Valley Reining Series (SYVR)

- **OPEN**-Open to any rider showing any aged horse one handed in a bridle.
- **GREEN AS GRASS-** For Non Pro, Youth, and Amateur riders with less than \$500 lifetime reining show earnings (from any and all shows). Horses are to be shown one handed. Rider may not have won a first place year-end award from any organization for a reining event.
- **NON PRO**-Open to Youth and Non Pro riders; must own horse per AQHA rules.
- **PRIME TIME NON PRO-** For riders 50 & older as of January 1st.
- **ROOKIE** - For Non Pro, Youth, and Amateur riders with less than \$1,500 lifetime reining show earnings (from any and all shows). Horses are to be shown one handed.
- **JUNIOR HORSE-** Horses five (5) years and under shown one handed in the bridle or two handed in a snaffle or hackamore. Proof of a horse's age may be required.

- **TWO-HANDED BRIDLE**-Any age horse may be shown two-handed in a bridle. Rider may not switch back and forth from one hand to two hands during the run; this will result in a zero score.

Collegiate Cow Horse Challenge

- The SYVCH proudly sponsors this group of riders. The SHTX rules and specifics of this class are at the discretion of the Cal Poly Reined Cow Horse club. Any questions regarding the rules will need to go through the club captain and club members. If changes are to be made to this event, the captain will need to contact the show staff and we will make concessions as needed.