

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 SYVCH 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 end of year awards. If proof is not provided prior to event start date, rider will forfeit eligibility.

J **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. For the California Collegiate Classes – please see their rules and information.

J **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.

J **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.

J All post entry received after the pre-entry deadline will incur the late fee of \$50 per horse and rider combination.

J **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.

J **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.

J **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. All herd practice slots are due and payable after the pre-entry deadline. No refunds will be given for scratched entries.

J **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.**

J **AWARDS:** Day prizes will be awarded for 1st thru 6th place for the SYVCH and Reining classes. Day prizes will be awarded for 1st for the NRCHA classes and all Youth Classes. 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.

J **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.

J **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. Only the first three shows in our calendar year will be considered for the yearend awards. The 4th show is a fun show or a potential rain date if needed. Our champions will be crowned at this event. 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.*

J **SYVCH SERIES POINTS:** *Riders attending all three shows in one season will be awarded 3 additional points (one for each show attended) at the end of the year towards the yearend award. Riders showing in less than three shows will not qualify for these points.*

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- J **SYVCH CLASS 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. Winner of the class shall be awarded one additional point. Example- If there are 16 in the class, 1st place will receive 17 points, 2nd, 15 points and so on. Ties are added together and split. For yearend awards the highest overall score for the series wins placing. The series points will be combined with the class points to determine yearend winners. In the event of a tie the rider with the highest cumulative scores for the series wins the placing. If the cumulative score is tied, then the overall cumulative cow score will be used. If this continues with a tie – a coin flip will determine placing.
- J **ANIMAL CONTROL:** Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times.
- J **STABLING:** Flag Is Up Farms phone: 805-688-4382 or Mankins Performance Hoses phone: 805-391-0408
- J **DRY LOT CAMPING:** Is allowed in the upper parking area. Campers must be fully contained. No open fires or use of the SYVEA pens.
- J **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.
- J **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.
- J **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.
- J **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.
- J **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)

- J **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.
- J **SYVCH OPEN JUNIOR HORSE** - open to any rider. Horses five (5) years and under shown two handed in a snaffle or hackamore. Proof of a horse's age is required.
- J **SYVCH NON-PRO JUNIOR HORSE** - Horses five (5) years and under shown two handed in a snaffle or hackamore. Proof of a horse's age is required.
- J **SYVCH NON-PRO JUNIOR HORSE LIMITED - For Non Pro, Youth riders.** Horses five (5) years and under shown two handed in a snaffle or hackamore. 6 year old may be shown in a snaffle. Proof of a horse's age is required.
- J **SYVCH GREEN AS GRASS- For Non Pro, Youth 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.
- J **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.
- J **SYVCH ADVANCED 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 2 rein in horses 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 cow portion 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.
- J **SYVCH OPEN BOXING--** Open to any riders showing any aged horse. Open to both fence and limited riders. NRCHA fence and ownership rules do not apply. Participants must complete the dry work as per the show premium followed by the boxing portion. If rider blatantly goes off pattern a zero score will be given, and the work ended. ***For the 2020 show season this will be a schooling run only*** and we kept the entry fee down to reflect this. The runs will be scored, but day prizes and year end awards will not apply. Depending on interest this may change for 2021.

Santa Ynez Valley Reining Series (SYVR)

- J **OPEN**-Open to any rider showing any aged horse one handed in a bridle.
- J **NON PRO**-Open to Youth and Non Pro riders; must own horse per AQHA rules.
- J **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.
- J **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.