



2020-2021

California Collegiate Reined Cow Horse Association

Philosophy – California Collegiate Reined Cow Horse Association's mission is to help young men and women with the love and passion for the sport of reined cow horse grow into better horseman and have a place to compete in the State of California.

California Collegiate Reined Cow Horse Association (CCRCHA) will use the current NRCHA rulebook for all rules not in direct conflict with the CCRCHA rules listed below.

College Membership - Open to all California college individuals interested in participating in the activity of reined cow horse competitions and willing to subscribe to the rules of the CCRCHA is eligible to compete.

The college student is anyone currently enrolled in a community college, or a four year university/college or an online college residing in California AND in good academic standing with interest in reined cow horse competition. An official college team is not required.

Individual Eligibility - To compete in CCRCHA shows an individual must submit a completed CCRCHA Collegiate Rider Certification form prior to any runs counting towards the current year. Each student will be required to submit an unofficial transcript to prove eligibility and must designate which affiliate they will be showing at during the year.

Current Year - the current year follows NRCHA year or November 15-November 14

Collegiate Individuals must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- a) Students must be in good academic standing with their school, defined as at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA.
- b) Students will be limited to 4 years of collegiate eligibility to compete, including both graduate and undergraduate years.

An unlimited numbers of college individuals can be entered into their eligible classes. Any questions or disputes about eligibility should be directed to the CCRCHA management.

Falsification of Forms - The falsification of the College Membership Form, Individual Membership Form, or Eligibility Form may be cause for immediate expulsion of the individual or college.

- J) Collegiate Point System - Series hi-point will be awarded to horse/rider combination during a show season. Horse and rider combinations must compete in two shows and enter the same class to qualify for yearend awards. Points will be given to each rider who has completed the necessary collegiate paperwork prior to the show. Locations can vary. The first three event scores will be used with a minimum of two events and a maximum of three. The date of the shows will not dictate points. All first collegiate show scores for an individual will be considered the "first show" and a rider scores will determine placing. Placing may fluctuate throughout the year as riders participate in their local areas. Final stats will be made available in November 2021.

Each rider will get 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. For yearend awards the highest overall score for the series wins placing. 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.

Forfeiture of Points - A rider showing in a class for which she/he is ineligible shall forfeit any points, ribbons and trophies won in such class.

CCRCHA Collegiate Divisions

- J Non Pro Bridle Class (fence) - For Non Pro riders. Horses will be shown one handed in the bridle.
- J Non Pro Junior Horse (fence) – For Non Pro riders. This class is for horses (5) 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.
- J Non Pro Limited Class (boxing) - For Non Pro riders. Horses are to be shown one handed in the bridle.
- J Green as Grass Non Pro Limited Class (boxing) - For Non Pro and Amateur riders with less than \$1,000 lifetime reined cow horse earnings. Horses are to be shown one handed in the bridle.

Rider must show within like class at the approved event to count towards year end awards. Rider must follow event rules and check the collegiate box on the entry. A club class can be used if it follows NRCHA rules without exceptions.

- J Non Pro Bridle Class = NRCHA NPB
- J Non Pro Junior Horse = NRCHA NPH
- J Non Pro Limited Class = NRCHA NPL
- J Green as Grass Non Pro Limited Class = NRCHA \$1K

NRCHA Rule 3.8 applies and reads "Riders cannot have earned more than \$750 in fence work classes at any judged classes or events. A rider will be ineligible upon reaching the earnings threshold in any combination of officially published NRCHA earnings and/or earnings from any other association". Simply put - ANY fence earnings count toward the \$750 limit.

Ownership - NRCHA ownership rules apply with the following exceptions. In all classes, contestants may ride horses owned by themselves, their college equine programs or their immediate family. In addition, the Green as Grass class follow the ownership rules for the NRCHA 1K Non Pro Limited class and contestants can show horses owned by others. A contestant may change horses in the reined cow horse throughout the season, however season high point will be determined by horse/rider combination. A contestant may not change horses between the rein work and cow work portion of an event.

Point System and Awards – A horse/rider combination must compete at a minimum of two events per show season in the same class to qualify for the awards. Year-end calculations are based on collegiate points earned at the approved Collegiate Shows during a given calendar year.

Day Prizes/Payouts - Day prizes and earnings are contingent on classes entered at the location and not specific to the collegiate divisions.

California Collegiate Individual Year-End Awards – Champion and Reserve Champion awards are based on points from three shows and will be presented to the two highest-placing collegiate riders in each collegiate division. A rider must complete in a minimum of two shows to qualify. The locations can vary. The first three show scores will count towards year end.

California Collegiate Reined Cow Horse Achievement Award – the award will be given to one horse/rider team who embodies the sport of reined cow horse, competes in all four of our events, works to bring others together and celebrates one's victories as well as their own while exhibiting good sportsmanship and having a positive attitude. The recipient of this award will be determined by the Collegiate Committee and will be awarded with the yearend awards.

Approved Show Locations – In order for a show to be considered it must be a NRCHA sanctioned event. This will ensure all rules and class specific remain the same throughout California. Please see list of approved venues. If there is a local venue that you wish to be added, please send an email to info@syvch.org.

Personal Conduct of Exhibitors, coaches, and individual trainers - It is expected that exhibitors, spectators, coaches, and individual trainers will behave in a manner that reflects the dignity of the sport. This applies to all competitors, coaches and/or personal trainers. If a personal trainer exhibits bad behavior to judges, show management, show representatives, show stewards, staff, members, team members or other exhibitors the competitor in which they are there to help will be held accountable and disqualified.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct - (1) Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. Unsportsmanlike conduct shall be defined as any action of disrespect, misrepresentation, false statement, deceit, or fraud directed to judges, show management, show representatives, show stewards, staff, members, team members or other exhibitors. (2) Unsportsmanlike conduct shall also include failure to respond to any reasonable request by the show management, including failure to respond to disciplinary investigation inquiries.

Abuse - No one shall abuse or mistreat any horse in any manner whatsoever on the show grounds. Abuse is defined as an action, or failure to act, which a reasonably prudent person, informed and experienced in the customs, accepted training techniques, and exhibition procedures, would determine to be cruel, abusive, inhumane, or detrimental to the horse's health.

Show Management: _ Reserves the right to itself to interpret all questions and conditions regarding 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.