



NORTH EAST RANCH HORSE ASSOCIATION RULES

ALL BREED CLASS RULES

- All Breed Classes are open to any exhibitor whether an ARHA/NERHA member or not.
- All Breed Classes are open to any horse whether ARHA registered or not.
- All Breed Classes are a 3-gait class.
- All Breed Classes will run according to the ARHA rules for each individual class with the following exception:
 1. Horses may be shown in any ARHA legal equipment regardless of age.
 2. Any horse may be shown 2 handed in any ARHA legal equipment.
 3. Reference the ARHA rule book for full class detail

WALK/TROT CLASS RULES

- Walk/Trot Classes are youth (18 & under) or adults (19 & over) whether an ARHA/NERHA member or not.
- Walk/Trot Classes are open to any horse whether ARHA registered or not.
- Walk/Trot exhibitors can NOT show in a class that has a lope gait.
- Break of gate (lope) will incur a 3 point penalty but not a disqualification.
- Walk/Trot Classes will run according to the ARHA rules for each individual class with the following exception:
 1. Horses may be shown in any ARHA legal equipment regardless of age.
 2. Any horse may be shown 2 handed in any ARHA legal equipment.
 3. Reference the rule book for full details.

RANCH DRIVE CLASS RULES

- This class is designed to be an introductory class for step up to the ranch boxing class.
- This class is limited to rider/horse combinations who haven't entered any ARHA cattle classes previously.
- This class will be offered in the All Breed & Walk/Trot divisions. In the Walk/Trot divisions a break of gait (lope) will incur a 3 point penalty but not a disqualification.
- A cow will be let into the arena. The exhibitor will then drive the cow around the arena for 50 seconds or until the judge blows the whistle to signal the end of the class.
- A credit earning run will be a run where the exhibitor stays in the driving position and keeps the cow on the fence, while going around the arena.

LEADLINE CLASS RULES

- Leadline Classes do not require an ARHA/NERHA membership.
- Leadline Class is open to youth exhibitors, who have never shown astride without a leader/handler before. Leadline exhibitors cannot show in any other class.

WEEKEND AWARDS & BUCKLE CLASS RULES

- **Exhibitor & Owner must be** NERHA members to qualify for all circuit / day end awards and sponsored buckle classes.
- Points will begin to accumulate once membership fees for both owner & exhibitor have been received.
- Leadline exhibitors excluded from membership requirement
- Buckle class point tie breaker will be exhibitor with highest combined judge's score. If a tie still occurs the tie breaker judge will determine the winner.

VERSATILITY AWARD RULES

- **Exhibitor & Owner must be** NERHA members to qualify for Versatility awards.
- Points will begin to accumulate once membership fees for both owner & exhibitor have been received.
- Versatility awards will be offered at each show and as year-end awards. All exhibitors who meet the requirements will automatically be qualified for the awards. Versatility awards are based on one rider / one horse combination in ARHA Open, Amateur, Youth, Novice Amateur & Novice Youth Divisions
- **Versatility classes are conformation, ranch riding, ranch trail, ranch boxing and ranch roping.** Rider / horse combination must enter all 5 classes in their division to be eligible.
- Novice Amateur & Novice Youth will use Amateur or Youth conformation classes for your versatility conformation.

YEAR END AWARD RULES

- **NERHA Membership for both owner and rider are required to be eligible for year-end awards.**
- Points will begin to accumulate once membership fees for both owner & exhibitor have been received.
- Awards are based on a one rider / one horse combination, with the exception of Open division & Leadline
- Versatility awards are based on one rider/one horse combination in all ARHA divisions.
- Exhibitors must attend a minimum of 2 shows and 1 NERHA membership meeting to be eligible for year-end awards.
- Special awards may be offered at year end at the discretion of the NERHA board.

Always reference the ARHA rulebook for full details on all ARHA rules.
See the NERHA board with any questions or concerns. Thank you!