

Treasure State CHA | Show Rules

Classes offered for year-end awards

Open: Any professional trainer may ride and does not have to own the horse; however, if a Non-Pro elects to show in this class, they must own the horse they ride.

Cowhorse Bridle Open: Horses 6< years old. One-handed in closed rein and romel, shown straight-up in Cowhorse-legal equipment. Any professional trainer may ride and does not have to own the horse; however, if a Non-Pro elects to show in this class, they must own the horse they ride. Judging based on NRCHA guidelines.

Non-Pro: This class is open to individuals who hold an NCHA Amateur and/or Non-Pro card. If the TSCHA member does not belong to the NCHA and therefore does not hold an Amateur and/or Non-Pro card, they may show in this class if they meet the NCHA Non-Pro criteria. Generally, the criteria are that the rider has never professionally trained or professionally assisted in a horse operation for pay. Non-pro competitors must own the horse they ride.

Cowhorse Bridle Non-Pro: Horses 6< years old. One-handed in closed rein and romel, shown straight-up in Cowhorse-legal equipment. Non-pro competitors must own the horse they ride. Judging based on NRCHA guidelines. (Run separate unless necessary to combine with CH Bridle Open)

Cowhorse Hackamore/Snaffle Open: Horses <5 years old, shown two-handed in Cowhorse-legal equipment. Any professional trainer may ride and does not have to own the horse; however, if a Non-Pro elects to show in this class, they must own the horse they ride. Cowhorse classes may use the same herd but classes will be drawn separately and show separately (referring to the Bridle and Hackamore/Snaffle classes). If the total number of Bridle and Hackamore/Snaffle entries becomes too large for one herd, two herds may be provided at the show management's discretion. Bridle and Hackamore/Snaffle classes will alternate at the shows being the first class in the herd if one herd is used.

Cowhorse Hackamore/Snaffle Non-Pro*: Horses <5 years old. Non-pro competitors must own the horse they ride. Non-Pro's may show their horses in the same herd as the Open riders but are judged as a separate class. If the total number of Hackamore/Snaffle Open and Non-pro entries becomes too large for one herd, the classes may be run in separate herds at the show management's discretion. Riders can rein without any penalty and should be given credit for loose reins. **NOTE: Non-pros can show horses older than 5 years old for one year only if they have never been shown before and have no NCHA earnings.** Minimum of four (4) entries to run this class OR to combine with CH H/S Open.

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Ranch Horse: (New for 2022) **Used cattle.** Beginner class only! Contestant can ride any horse with any legal bit and is not required to own the horse they ride. This is a true beginner class and limitations are same as the \$500 Limit Rider in that earnings may not exceed this amount. The class will be judged using all the guidelines for judging an NCHA class EXCEPT reining will be excluded from penalty points. The rider may use two hands or one hand and can change throughout the class and rein as often as needed. All other items on the judge's card will be considered in judging. Class does not offer payouts, and **one** year-end buckle will be given for the high point earner in this class. Year-end winner does NOT graduate from class.

\$5,000 Novice Horse Open: Horse has < \$5,000 earnings in cutting competition. Any professional trainer may ride and does not have to own the horse; however, if a Non-Pro elects to show in this class, they must own the horse they ride. NCHA rules apply in that money won in Limited Age Events (LAE) does not count in horse earnings.

\$5,000 Novice Horse Non-Pro: Horse has < \$5,000 earnings in cutting competition. Non-pro competitors must own the horse they ride. NCHA rules apply in that money won in Limited Age Events (LAE) does not count in horse earnings.

Youth: This class will be the first used cattle class of the show. If the Producer donates fresh cattle and they are available, the class may have fresh cattle. Anyone <18 years old at the beginning of the show year to qualify to show. Judged as a regular cutting class and youth do not have to own the horse they show. Youth may not handle or show stallions on the show grounds. Parent or legal guardian must sign Membership Application for youth rider and provide DOB. (If youth is 18 years old at the start of the show year, they must obtain regular membership and move to next qualifying class.) **This class may have only one entry or rider may opt to ride in another lower-level class.**

\$10,000 Amateur: Used or fresh cattle. If the class offers fresh cattle, it will be run before the Youth Class. This class is open to qualified holders of an NCHA Amateur Card with earnings as of January 1 of the show year of less than \$10,000. If the TSCHA member does not belong to the NCHA and therefore does not hold an Amateur Card they may show in this class as long as they meet the NCHA Amateur criteria. Rider must own the horse that they show. This class will use fresh cattle IF they are available. If enough fresh cattle are not available to make up the herd, then the herd may be combined fresh and used cattle, or strictly used cattle. Entry fees will be adjusted accordingly.

\$2,000 Limit Rider: Used cattle. Rider has won less than \$2,000 in cutting competitions. Either Open or Non-Pro's may enter as long as their earnings qualify. Rider earnings must be under \$2,000 as of January 1 of the show year to qualify. Any horse may be ridden regardless of ownership.

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\$500 Limit Rider: Used cattle. Rider has won less than \$500 in cutting competitions. Rider does not have to own the horse they show. The class will be judged using all the guidelines for judging an NCHA class EXCEPT reining will be excluded from penalty points. The rider may use two hands or one hand and can change throughout the class and rein as often as needed. **CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN FOR LEAVING THE HAND DOWN THROUGHOUT RUN.** All other items on the judge's card will be considered in judging. *Year-end winner graduates from the class.*

\$1,500 Novice Open: Used cattle. Horse has under \$1,500 earnings in cutting competitions. Any professional trainer may ride and does not have to own the horse; however, if a Non-Pro elects to show in this class, they must own the horse they ride. NCHA rules apply in that money won in Limited Age Events does not count in horse earnings. Judged as a one-handed cutting class. **One** year-end buckle will be given for the high point earner in this class.

Never Won a Buckle: Used cattle. The rider cannot have won a buckle in a cutting or cowhorse competition. Riders do not have to own the horse they show, and it will be judged as a cutting class. The buckle will not be awarded unless there is a score of 61 or better and the judge will be instructed to break ties, if possible. If there is a tie of the two best scores of 61 or better, a "ride off" will be conducted at the end of the class in the same herd. Buckle awarded to the winner at the conclusion of the show. This class does NOT qualify for year-end awards. *(Minimum of three (3) entries to run this class.)*