

# Treasure State CHA | 2025 Show Rules

## *Classes offered for year-end awards (must show min 3 shows)*

**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. Show management has the option of allowing riders to ride two (2) horses in this class (SR 18). Open to all horses regardless of monies earned.

**Fresh | Points: Horse | Awards: 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>**

**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.

**Fresh | Points: Horse | Awards: 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>**

**NON-PRO:** Anyone may ride in this class regardless of earnings. 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.

**Fresh | Horse Ownership required | Points: Rider | Awards: 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>**

**COWHORSE BRIDLE NON-PRO:** Horses >6 years old. One-handed in closed rein and romel, shown straight-up in Cowhorse-legal equipment udging based on NRCHA guidelines. (Run separate unless necessary to combine with CH Bridle Open. If combined, class is held prior to the Non-Pro.)

**Fresh | Horse ownership required | Points: Rider | Awards: 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>**

**COWHORSE SNAFFLE OPEN:** Horses <5 years old, shown two-handed in Cowhorse-legal equipment (including hackamore). 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. If the total number of entries becomes too large for one herd, two herds may be provided at the show management's discretion

**Fresh | Points: Horse | Awards: 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>**

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**COWHORSE SNAFFLE NON-PRO\***: Horses <5 years old. 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 may combine with CH Snaffle Open.

**Fresh | Horse ownership required | Points: Rider | Awards: 1st – 4th**

**RANCH HORSE**: Beginner class only! Contestant can ride any horse with any legal bit. This is a true beginner class and limits are same as the \$500 Limit Rider in that NCHA 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. This class does not offer payouts as no entry fee is collected. Year-end winner does NOT graduate from class.

**Used | Horse ownership not required | Points: Rider | Awards: First place buckle only.**

**\$5,000 NOVICE HORSE OPEN**: Horse has \$5,000 or less in NCHA earnings. 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.

**Fresh | Horse ownership required | Points: Horse | Awards: 1st – 4th**

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**Fresh | Horse ownership required | Points: Horse | Awards: 1st – 4th**

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**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. **Youth may not handle, warmup 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.) If this class has less than three entries, show management may offer for them to ride as a class within a class in a used cattle class.

**Used | Horse ownership not required | Points: Rider | Awards: First place only may choose (2) TSCHA Merchandise items**

**\$10,000 AMATEUR:** Rider has less than \$10,000 in NCHA earnings as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the show year. If the class offers fresh cattle, it will be run before the Youth Class. 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 for fresh or used.

**Fresh or Used | Horse Ownership Required | Points: Rider | Awards: 1st – 4th**

**\$2,000 LIMIT RIDER:** Rider has less than \$2,000 in NCHA earnings as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the show year. Either Open or Non-Pro's may enter as long as their earnings qualify.

**Used | Horse ownership not required | Points: Rider | Awards: 1st – 4th**

**\$500 LIMIT RIDER:** Rider has less than \$500 in NCHA earnings as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the show year. The class will be judged using all the guidelines for judging 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.*

**Used | Horse ownership not required | Points: Rider | Awards: 1st – 4th**

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**\$1,500 NOVICE OPEN:** Horse has under \$1,500 in NCHA earnings. 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. Judged as a one-handed cutting class. Novice Horse classes held within or during an NCHA approved show may allow riders to show an unlimited number of horses.

**Horse ownership not required\* | Points: Horse | Awards: Buckle only**

**Never Won a Buckle:** The rider cannot have won a buckle in a cutting or cowhorse competition. 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 is generally held over a two-day show with the highest point/money earner winning the buckle. This class does NOT qualify for year-end awards. (Minimum of three (3) entries to run this class.)

**Used | Horse ownership not required**

### NOTE:

- Please refer to TSCHA Protocol, Rules & Policies for further clarification.
- Either (2) or (2 ½) head of fresh cattle per entry will be provided in fresh cattle classes.
- Chaps are required in Cowhorse classes but are optional in Cutting classes.
- A contestant may ride two horses to the same herd in the Cowhorse Non-Pro classes; however, they must specify which horse they wish to track points on for the show year as points will not be combined for multiple horses in those classes.