



The Valley
Cow Horse Association

The Valley Cow Horse Association is an organization dedicated to the continuing development and growth of the Working Cow Horse sport. We offer an opportunity for riders and horses to further their education and gain experience through various activities. We sponsor horse shows offering a wide variety of classes to suit all levels of riders and horses. These include working cow horse classes, reining classes, and clinics. Competitors are encouraged to communicate with judges regarding scores or decisions. The ultimate goal of all VCHA activities is to establish a degree of proficiency that allows horses and riders to progress to more advanced levels of competition. Join today to ensure your notification of upcoming events. We look forward to offering you a great club and appreciate your support!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Duties and Responsibilities:

- (A) Attend all Board and special meetings.
- (B) Attend all Planning committee functions.
- (C) Participate and support all VCHA activities.
- (D) Assist in promoting the goals and objectives of the VCHA
- (E) Volunteer times and effort for special events.
- (F) Provide creative input to Board for continued growth of the organization.

Excerpt from the By-Laws:

Section 8: Absence: Any member of the Board of Directors who is unable to attend a board meeting shall

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telephone the reason for his/her absence. If a director is absent from two consecutive board meetings for reason which the majority of the board find insufficient, his/her resignation shall be demanded. The board will then fill the vacancy as provided in these by-laws.

SHOW CHECK LIST

FUNCTION: To organize, promote and manage horse shows.

A. SHOW REP

RESPONSIBILITES

1. Recommend dates, times and locations to the Board for monthly shows.
2. Arrange for facilities and judges, keeping within budget.
3. In conjunction with Site management Committee, order chemical toilets or other items needed such as coffee and refreshments, if necessary.
4. Order cattle for shows and clinics.
5. Arrange for volunteers to help at show.
6. Send show information to the judge which includes directions to the location and patterns to be used.
7. Prepare and maintain a budget for events and present to the Board for approval.
8. Arrange for and coordinate volunteers in the following capacities:
 - a. Scribe for Judge

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- b. Announcer (could also be scribe)
- c. Gate person(s)
- d. Parking (if necessary)
- e. Concession/Food (if necessary)

9. Preview facilities to make sure cattle pens, et., are available and safely constructed as needed for show.

10 .Inform show secretary of the set up and what is needed at the site. (panels, toilets, etc.)

11. Arrange for any necessary manpower to transport, set-up, etc.

12. Be responsible for the care of the cattle.

13. Make any repairs necessary to the facility necessitated by the Association's use.

14. Coordinate with Show Secretary and Site Management.

15. Convey Thank You's in the newsletters.

AUTHORITY

- 1. Purchase supplies as necessary to run the events up to \$100.00 per event without Board approval.
- 2. Contract with cattle supplier and facilities management at price levels that will allow the event to be profitable as budgeted.
- 3. Select Judge(s).

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**B. Show Secretary/MANAGEMENT
RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Maintain records of participants' points and other requirements for Year-End awards.
2. Compile for publication in the newsletter the top contenders in each class and the past show results.
3. Take reservations and entries for clinics and Shows.
4. Enter contestants in appropriate classes, collect entry fees and obtain signatures on release forms.
5. Instruct judges and announcers on show procedure; Prepare clipboard for judge, with patterns and score sheet.
6. Post patterns and other information, such as rules, regulations, class order and class draw.
7. Prepare an accounting for each show indicating income and expenses, and provide a copy to the treasure as soon as possible.
8. Prepare State Drug Gee form and calculate payment.
9. Provide information to the newsletter chairperson regarding announcements and entry forms in time to be mailed to membership or posted in web site.
10. Transport, maintain and set up PA system.

MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE

FUNCTION- To provide a variety of information services to the membership, and foster and outreach welcoming atmosphere for new members.

NEWSLETTER CHAIR-

Responsible for compiling information, assembling and mailing out a quarterly newsletter to the membership that includes show information, previous show results and other

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club information and reports. Also responsible for updating all information on website.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR-

Responsible for:

1. Maintaining a current membership list.
2. Providing all members with a current handbook, and sending out updated information as appropriate.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

FUNCTION- To assist all committees to achieve their stated yearly goals and objectives.

RESPONSIBILITIES-

To develop an overview of all VCHA activities, listing specific` goals and objectives to be obtained and to communicate it to the membership.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THIS COMMITTEE BE COMPRISED OF THE FOLLOWING:

Current President

Past President

Show Committee Chair

Rules Committee Chair

**BY-LAWS
OF
The Valley Cow Horse Association**

ARTICLE I

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Name, Purpose, Office

Section 1: Name: The name of this Corporation shall be and is The Valley Cow Horse Association, (the Association) and shall at all times be operated and conducted as a non-profit mutual benefit corporation in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this corporation is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which a corporation may be organized under the Non-profit Mutual Benefit Corporation Law. Such purposes for which this corporation is formed are educational, recreational, and other non-profit purposes in connection with cow horse and reining horse activities, contests and associated social events.

Section 3: Principal Office: The principal place of business of this corporation shall be at a place so established by the Board of Directors of the VCHA.

ARTICLE II

Membership

Section 1: Eligibility for membership: Any individual, firm, corporation (ranch, stable, etc.) dedicated to the purposes of the Association shall be eligible for regular membership in the Association upon approval of the Board of Directors and upon payment of such dues and fees as the Board of Directors may fix from time to time.

Section 2: Admission to membership: An application of regular membership shall be in writing on a form specified by the Board of Directors and shall be deemed provisionally accepted upon presentation to any board member, along with

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the advance payment of annual dues as provided for in these by-laws. Such application shall be subject to rejection by the Board of Directors for a period of sixty (60) days after such presentation. In the absence of such rejection, it shall be deemed approve. During said 60-day period, the applicant may participate in Association activities as a regular member, except that such applicant may not vote in Association elections or at membership meetings. If any applicant is rejected, all dues paid will be refunded.

Section 3: Life Member: Any regular member in good standing may elect to become a life member upon payment of a fee fixed by the Board of Directors. Thereafter, the life member will have no further obligation to pay annual dues.

Section 4: Honorary life member: An honorary life membership in the Association may, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, be bestowed upon a deserving individual, firm or corporation (ranch, stable, etc.). An honorary member may participate in all activities of the Association. Honorary members shall pay no dues.

Section 5: Voting Privileges: All regular, life and honorary life members in good standing shall have the right to vote on the election of directors and officers, on the disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Association, on any merger and its principal terms, and on any election to dissolve the corporation, each such member having one vote. In addition, each such member shall have all of the right afforded members under the California Non-profit Mutual Benefit Corporation Law; provided, however, that no such member who shall be delinquent by reason of non-payment of dues of other debts due the Association shall be entitle to vote while such delinquency continues. Family membership constitutes one membership and so receives one vote.

Section 6: Assessments: No member shall be subject to any assessments or liability by reason of membership in the Association.

Section 7: Dues and Fees: Each member must pay, within the time and upon the conditions set by the Board of Directors, dues and fees in the amounts fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Section 8: Good Standing: Those members who have paid the required dues and fees in accordance with these by-laws and who are not suspended, shall be members in good standing.

Section 9: Property Rights: The Association does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members thereof. Upon dissolution of the Association, all obligations and debts shall be paid and any assets remaining distributed in the manner designated by the Board of Directors, or in lieu of such designation, as provided by law.

Section 10: Termination and Suspension of Membership: A membership shall terminate on occurrence of any of the following events:

- A. Resignation of a member.
- B. Expiration of the period of membership unless the membership is renewed upon terms fixed by the Board of Directors.
- C. Failure of a member to pay dues or fees as set by the Board of Directors within 30 days after they become due and payable.
- D. Occurrence of any event that renders a member ineligible for membership or failure to satisfy membership qualifications.
- E. Expulsion of a member under Section 11 of these by-laws, based upon a good faith

determination of the Board of Directors that that the member has failed in a serious and material degree to observe the rules of conduct of the Association or has engaged in conduct materially and seriously prejudicial to the purpose and interests of the corporation.

- F. A member may be suspended under Section 11 of these by-laws based upon a good faith determination of the Board of Directors that the member has failed in a material and serious degree to observe the Association's rules of conduct or has engaged in conduct materially and seriously prejudicial to the purpose and interests of the Association. A person whose membership is suspended shall not be considered a member during the period of suspension.

Section 11: Procedure for Suspension and Expulsion: If grounds appear to exist for expulsion or suspension of a member under Section 10 of these by-laws, the procedure set forth will be followed:

- A. The member shall be given fifteen (15) days prior notice of the proposed expulsion or suspension and the reasons thereof. Notices shall be by any method reasonably calculated to provide actual notice.
- B. The member shall be given an opportunity to be heard either orally or in writing at least five (5) days before the effective date of the proposed expulsion or suspension. The hearing shall be held and/or written statement considered by the Board of Directors.
- C. The Board of Directors shall decide whether or not the member should be expelled or suspended.

- D. Any ruling by the Board of Directors resulting in suspension or expulsion may be appealed by the suspended or expelled member to the general membership at a special meeting of the membership called at the request of the expelled or suspended member and duly noticed pursuant to Article IV, Section 3, of these by-laws for the purpose of considering such an appeal. At such meeting both the expelled or suspended member and the Board of Directors shall have the opportunity to be heard by the membership and the membership shall then vote by secret ballot on the questions of expulsion or suspension. It shall require the vote of a majority of a quorum of the membership as defined in Section 4 of Article IV of these by-laws against expulsion or suspension to overturn the ruling of the Board of Directors. If a quorum does not appear at the time and place designated in the special meeting, the action of the board shall be final.

Section 12: Transfer of Membership: Neither membership nor any right arising from membership shall be transferred. All membership rights shall cease upon a member's death or dissolution of the Association.

ARTICLE III

Dues

Section 1: Dues: Each regular member's dues in the amount fixed by the Board of Directors are due and payable on the first of each year. Anyone joining and paying dues

after the September show, or the next show closest to that date, will be considered paid up for the following year.

ARTICLE IV

Membership Meetings

Section 1: Regular Membership Meetings: There shall be one meeting of the members of the Association during the course of each calendar year for receiving the reports of the previous years' activities and the transactions of other business. Said regular meeting shall be held in January or at the time of the Awards Banquet, or on such a date as designated by the Board of Directors.

Section 2: Notice of Regular Membership Meetings: Notice of each regular meeting of the membership shall be given to each voting member in writing at least ten (10) days prior to said meeting. Approval by members of any of the following proposals, other than by unanimous approval of those entitled to vote, is valid only if the notice states the general nature of the proposal or proposals:

- A. Removing a director without cause.
- B. Filling vacancies on the Board of Directors.
- C. Amending the Articles of Incorporation.
- D. Electing to wind-up and dissolve the Association.

Section 3: Special Membership Meetings: Special meetings of the Association may be called by the President or the Board of Directors provided, that written notice of such a meeting shall be sent to all voting members in good standing at least five (5) days prior to the date of the meeting and that said notice shall specify the general nature of the business to

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be transacted at said meeting, and no other business may be transacted.

Section 4: Quorum: Ten percent (10%) of the voting power shall constitute a quorum. However, if any regular meeting of the membership is attended by less than one-third of the voting power, the only matters that may be voted on are those of which notice of their general nature were given.

Section 5: Loss of Quorum: Members present at a duly called or held meeting at which a quorum is present may continue to transact business until adjournment even if enough members approved by a majority of the members required to constitute a quorum.

Section 6: Parliamentary Rules: The usual parliamentary rules as laid down in "Roberts Ruled of Order," as may be amended from time to time, shall govern all deliberations, insofar as such rules are not inconsistent with or in conflict with these by-laws, the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation, or the law.

Section 7: Manner of casting Votes: Voting may be by voice or ballot except that any election of directors or officers must be by ballot.

Section 8: Approval by Majority Vote: If a quorum is present, the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting power present at the meeting, entitled to vote and voting on any matter, shall be the act of the members unless vote of a greater number is required by the California Non-profit Mutual Benefit Corporation Laws.

ARTICLE V

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Board of Directors

Section 1: Number of members: The Board of Directors shall consist of seven voting members of the Association, in good standing. Four of the directors shall be the elected officers. The remaining three directors shall consist of the immediate past president and the two elected directors or, if the past president does not serve, then three elected members.

Section 2: Term of Office: Each director shall serve a period of two years, and may be re-elected. Provided, however, that no director may serve more than four consecutive terms, except for the immediate past president.

Section 3: Election: The election of directors shall be held each year prior to or at the January meeting or awards banquet. Directors shall assume office at the first board meeting of the new year. Election shall be held by secret ballot. No more than two persons of the same immediate family may hold office at the same time. Only voting members who have been members in good standing may hold office in the Association.

Section 4: Vacancies: Any vacancy on the Board of Directors caused by death, resignation, or any other cause, shall be filled by appointment by a majority of the remaining directors, though less than a quorum. Any qualified voting member of the Association, so appointed, shall serve for the balance of the unexpired term of his predecessor in office, or until the qualification and election of his successor.

Section 5: Quorum: Five members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any and all business which may come before it. If a quorum is present at the beginning of a meeting, the board may continue to act by majority vote until adjournment notwithstanding the withdrawal of sufficient members to leave less than a quorum.

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Section 6: Powers:

- A. The corporate powers of this Association shall be vested in the Board of Directors.
- B. The directors, by majority vote, shall have the power to incur indebtedness within the limits fixed by the corporation law or the State of California. The terms and amounts of such indebtedness shall be entered in a cashbook or journal and ledger of the corporation and reported at the next directors and membership meeting and entered in the minutes of such meetings.

Section 7: Duties:

- A. It shall be the duties of the directors to conduct, manage, and control the affairs and business of the Association and to promulgate and enforce rules and regulations therefore not inconsistent with the laws and regulations of the by-laws of the Association.
- B. It shall be the duty if the directors to cause to be kept a complete record of all their minutes and acts of all proceedings of the members, and to present a full statement of the board meetings, showing detail the assets and liabilities of the Association and the condition of its affairs.
- C. The directors shall, by resolution, regularly passed and recorded in the minutes of their meetings, designate the manner in which checks on any bank account of the Association shall be signed, as well as the form of endorsement of the Association to be placed upon checks or other instrument for the purpose of there deposit or otherwise.

Section 8: Absence: Any member of the Board of Directors who is unable to attend a board meeting shall telephone the reason for his absence. If a director is absent from two (2) consecutive board meetings for reasons which a majority of the board find insufficient, his resignation shall be demanded. The board will then fill the vacancy caused by his resignation as provided by these by-laws.

ARTICLE VI

Officers

Section 1: Elected Officers: The elective officers of the Association shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, to be elected by the Board of Directors. Such election shall take place annually at the first board meeting of the new year. Each elective officer shall assume office at the first board meeting of the new year and shall serve for a term of one year or until his successor is duly elected and installed. No more than two members of the same immediate family may hold office at the same time. All officers may be re-elected but may not serve more than four consecutive terms. All officers may not stand for election to any office or the board for one year following their completion of service of four consecutive terms on the Board of Directors. In four consecutive years no director shall serve more than two terms as President. The immediate past president will serve as a director for the next year following his presidency as provided in article V, section 1, of these by-laws.

Section 2: Vacancies: Vacancies in any office may be filled for the balance of the term thereof by a majority vote of the directors at any board meeting.

Section 3: President: The President shall be the chief officer of the organization and shall preside at meetings of the Association and of the Board of Directors and shall be a

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member ex-officer of all committees. He/she shall also preside at the general meeting of the Association and at such other times as he/she shall deem proper, communicate to the Association or the Board of Directors such matters and make suggestions as may, in his/her opinion, tend to promote the welfare and increase the usefulness of the Association. He/she shall perform such other duties as are necessarily incident to the office of President or as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

Section 4: Vice-President: In the absence of the president, the Vice-President shall have the powers and shall perform the duties of the President and other such duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

Section 5: Secretary: The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all membership and board meetings. It shall be the Secretary's duty to give notice of, and attend all board and membership meetings. The Secretary shall conduct correspondence and carry into execution all orders, votes and resolutions not otherwise specified by the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall keep all records of membership.

Section 6: Treasurer: The Treasurer shall cause to be kept an account of all monies received and expended for the use of the Association. The Treasurer shall deposit all sums received in the bank, or banks, approved by the Board of Directors, and shall make a report at meetings or when called upon by the President. At the expiration of the term of office, the Treasurer shall deliver over to his/her successor all books, monies, or other property, or in his/her absence of the Treasurer-elect, to the President.

ARTICLE VII

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Past President

Section 1: Past president: Immediate past president shall remain as a member of the Board of Directors with voting privileges. The immediate past president's term shall be as long as their successor is in office, unless the past president should resign. Refer to Article V, Sections 1 and 2, of these by-laws.

ARTICLE VIII

Calendar Year

Section 1: Calendar year and auditing accounts: The Association shall conduct its affairs on the calendar year basis, same to begin on January 1 and end December 31 of the same year. An annual auditing of the account of the Association shall be made by three members in good standing or CPA selected by them appointed by the Board of Directors. The results of said audit shall be available to all members of the Association.

ARTICLE IX

Meetings of Directors

Section 1: Meetings of Board of Directors: Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at a time and place designated by the Board of Directors. Meetings shall be monthly or at six week intervals, whichever the Board feels is appropriate.

ARTICLE X

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Committees

Section 1: Committees and standing committees: The President, subject to approval of the Board of Directors, shall annually appoint such standing committees as may be required by the by-laws, and such special committees as deemed necessary. Each committee shall have one chairman. Committee members shall be appointed from the Board of Directors or the voting membership.

- A. **Nominating committee:** To be appointed on or before September 15 of each year. It shall consist of three members.
- B. **Sponsorship committee:** To be appointed by the new President each year at the first meeting of the Board of Directors. This committee shall consist of members and shall handle all sponsorship related duties, including but not limited to fund raising for the Futurity and year end awards.
- C. **Banquet/Party committee:** To be appointed by the new President each year at the first meeting of the Board of Directors. This committee will have the responsibility organizing Futurity exhibitors party and awards banquets.
- D. **Membership Services committee:** To be appointed by the new President each year at the first meeting of the Board of Directors. This committee shall provide a variety of information services to the membership and foster an outreach and welcoming atmosphere for new members. This committee shall compose and distribute the monthly newsletter.
- E. **Futurity committee:** To be appointed by the new President each year at the first meeting of the Board of Directors. This committee shall provide all information for the Futurity. It shall be their

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responsibility to put together budget, hire judges, rent facilities and any other duties crucial to the organizing of the Futurity.

- F. **Rules, Judging and By-laws committee:** To be appointed by the new President each year at the first meeting of the Board of Directors. This committee shall annually review, for adoption or change, the by-laws, rules and judging system for the Association. The committee chairperson shall also be the parliamentarian of the Association.
- G. **Awards committee:** To be appointed by the new President each year at the first meeting of the Board of Directors. This committee shall organize, research and order all awards for the Association.

ARTICLE XI

Amendment or Repeal of By-laws

Section 1: Power to repeal or amend by-laws: Said power is hereby delegated to the Board of Directors, subject to the conditions and limitations expressed in section 7150 of the Corporations Code of the State of California (Non-profit Mutual Benefit Corporation) as it may be amended from time to time.

VALLEY COW HORSE ASSOCIATION

STANDING RULES

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1. ABUSE-Anyone abusing or mistreating a horse will be excused from the show ring by the judge or show management. Abuse in arena or on grounds is NOT permitted.

2. ATTIRE-Riding boots, long sleeved shirt and a western hat, or a helmet approved for riding by an equine organization shall be required of those members riding in club functions. Chaps are optional, no T-shirts or tank tops allowed.

3. CHALLENGE OF RIDER OR HORSE ELIGIBILITY FOR CLASS-Any member who challenges a competitor's eligibility must present the Show Secretary in writing their complaint and shall furnish information to back up such complaint. The Show Secretary shall then take that information to the Rules Committee, which will act upon the information and shall require the competitor to answer such complaint. The burden of proof is on the competitor that lodged the complaint. The Rules Committee will determine whether rider is eligible or not.

4. DEBTS-It shall be the policy of the club that any member who gives a check that does not clear the bank shall be responsible for paying a \$15.00 fee each time it does not clear. Said member cannot participate in club functions until debt is paid by cash or money order only.

5. DEFINITIONS

OPEN-(Working Cow Horse and Reining) Open to any rider.

NON PRO-(Reining) Any rider who qualifies for a NRHA Non Pro card, or is a Youth under 18 years old.

NON PRO.(Working Cow Horse) Any rider who qualifies for a NRCHA Non Pro card, or is a Youth under 18 years old.

YOUTH-(Working Cow Horse and Reining)- Riders that are 18 years of age and under as of November 16th of the current show year.

\$5000 NON PRO LIMITED- Riders may not have shown down the fence 3 times.(in lifetime) Rider must be a non pro. No ownership requirement.

NOVICE Non pro limited- Open to BEGINNING riders Only. 200 points or \$1500 limit to qualify for this class. Year end awards will be given. The show year may be finished if points or money exceed limit after the start of the show year. No ownership requirement.

8. DRAW-Order or work will be drawn. Whenever possible there will be two horses between horses ridden by the same person.

9. EQUIPMENT- Per NRCHA rules for cow works and NRHA rules for reining works.

TWO-REIN, HACKAMORE & SNAFFLE BIT, ALL NRCHA RULES WILL BE USED

NOT ALLOWED- Crops, bats, whips, tack collars, cavessons, twisted wire snaffles, or any gimmick (i.e. martingale, tiedown) .All bits must be free of any mechanical device or wire. Use of romal or spurs in front of the cinch will result in a penalty.

10. JUDGING- VCHA will use NRHA Rules for Reining classes and NRCHA rules for Working Cow Horse classes. VCHA reserves the right to modify these rules. The judge's ruling is Final.

11. MEMBERSHIP- All owners and riders must be members of VCHA and have signed a current year Release of Liability form.

12. NEW COW -A new cow will be given to an exhibitor at the judge's discretion. Cows may be reused at the discretion of Show Management.

13. NUMBER OF HORSES RIDDEN- An exhibitor may ride any number of horses in any class.

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14. PATTERNS-Patterns will be posted at least 1/2 hour before class begins. NRHA patterns for Reining classes and NRCHA patterns for Working Cow Horse classes.

15. POST ENTRIES- Post entries will be accepted in the Reining classes only until one class before the one entered. Cow horse late entries will only be accepted if cattle are available.

16. RAINED-OUT SHOWS- If a show is rained-out and no makeup show is scheduled, all current members are given credit for Year-End awards requirements.

17. REFUNDS- VCHA will not refund any fees, clinic reservations or cattle charges, unless those charges can be "sold" to someone else.

18. REPAIR TIME- In accordance with NRCHA rules.

19. RESERVING CATTLE- Any member reserving cattle for club functions must give prior notice if they are unable to attend. Notice must be given in time to cancel the cattle ordered from the supplier, or the member must pay for the work missed, unless the cattle can be "sold" to another exhibitor.

20. SADDLE HORN-Working Cow Horse- In the cow work phase of any class one hand may be used to prevent the fall of the rider.

Reining:- Penalty points will be assessed rider for holding saddle with free hand.

21. SAFETY -Show management or judge may stop a work at any time in consideration of the safety of the horse, rider
or cow.

22. SCHOOLING IN A CLASS-Schooling is allowed but no score will be given and entry will count towards Year-End award qualification.

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Riders are encouraged to stay on pattern while schooling.
The judge can whistle a rider out at his/her discretion for
excess time.

23. SCORING- Scoring will be in accordance with whichever
patterns and rules are used in the class in question.

24. TIES- Reining:-Ties will remain ties and points will be
split evenly. Working: Cow Horse- Ties for 1st place will be
broken using the highest cow work score. If there is still a tie,
points will be split evenly.

25. YEAR-END AWARDS-A rider must participate in 1/2 of
the shows in a given show season to qualify for Year-End
points and awards.

YEAR END AWARDS

WORKING COW HORSE

Buckle to Champion: Awards given through 5th place

Class 4: Open working cow horse

Class 6: Youth working cow horse

Class 8: Non pro working cow horse

Class 9: Non pro limited

Class 10: Novice non pro limited

REINING

Buckle to Champion: Awards given through 5th place

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Class 3: Open reining

Class 5: Youth reining

Class 7: Non pro reining

VCHA CLASS LIST

The VALLEY COW HORSE ASSOCIATION, formed in 1998, is an all breeds association. VCHA offers the following classes at its shows: Reining classes using NRHA rules and patterns and Working Cow Horse classes using NRCHA rules and patterns. Classes may be combined, split and/or cancelled if necessary. Added classes such as schooling classes are offered and clinics may be offered from time to time. VCHA also offers a Year-End Awards Program. All riders must be VCHA members.

1. Reining-Schooling
2. Cow Work-Schooling
3. Open Reining
4. Open Working Cow Horse

5. Youth Reining
6. Youth Working Cow Horse
7. Youth limited
8. Non Pro Reining
9. Non Pro Working Cow Horse
10. Non Pro Limited (Rein pattern and box cow)
11. Novice Non-Pro Limited

NON PRO LIMITED : Work to consist of reining pattern and single cow work (boxing) at the end of the arena. Amount of time to be 50 seconds from the gate closing behind the cow. Horses 5 years and under may be shown in

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either a snaffle bit or a hackamore. Horses of any age may be shown in a bridle or two-rein. Riders may not have shown down the fence three times in a lifetime. Rider must be a Non-Pro. The rider is required to do a NRCHA reining pattern and to box a cow, showing control of the cow. Rider is NOT required to take a cow down the fence nor to circle the cow. Riders do not have to meet the ownership requirement.

NOVICE NON PRO LIMITED/GREENER THAN GRASS: Open to beginning level riders who have not accumulated more than 200 points or more than \$1500. Horses of all ages may be shown in either a snaffle bit, hackamore or bridle (two-rein or roma). Rider does not have to own the horse they are riding. (VCHA rule)

DEFINITIONS

OPEN: Open to any rider

NON-PRO: Non -Pro status may be given to any rider who would qualify for a NRCHA Non-Pro card (For WCH classes) or a NRHA Non-Pro card (for Reining classes).

LIMITED: Riders may not have shown/been judged down the fence three times in a lifetime. Rider must be a non-pro.

YOUTH: Riders must be 18 years of age and under as of January 1st of the current show year. Youth riders may ride as Non-Pros.

NOVICE: For beginning riders *ONLY*. May not have accumulated more than 200 points or more than \$1500 lifetime earnings.

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