

Guidelines for The Ranch Horse Classes

The following are guidelines for all Ranch Horse Classes (Open Ranch, Non-Pro Ranch, 500 Novice Horse/Novice Rider, 250 Novice Horse, and 250 Novice Horse/Novice Rider).

A horse may be shown in any bit that is legal with the NCHA. A horse may be shown with one hand on the reins or two hands on the reins. There will be no reining points imposed, or any other penalty associated with reining penalties (holding on to long, two hands on the reins, hands to far forward). All other penalties, that are on the NCHA score sheet will be applicable.

Credit should be given to a horse that is willingly guided throughout the run, that remains soft in the rider's hand, and that stays in the correct position with the cow.

Deductions in run content: A horse that resists the riders cues to stay in position with the cow, a horse that charges the cow, excessive changing from one hand to two hands, and anytime the rider seems to be training or schooling his horse.