



2026 Class Rules

Horse Age:

The Horse age will be recognised as the 1st of August in the year they were born.

Youth are required to wear an approved safety helmet at all times (while competing or riding on the show grounds).

Australia's Greatest Horseman

Australia's Greatest Horseman Herd Work, Rein Work & Fence Work 1 Go Round & 1 Final	Description • This class is open to all competitors, and all horse aged 3 years and above. • Event consists of three phases- herd work, rein work and fence work
	Equipment • Competitor can compete in any legal snaffle bit, hackamore or bridle with romal reins (See NRCHA Rule Book for further clarification). • Competitors must use the same gear (bridle & saddle) for all 3 phases. • Competitor cans choose to ride two handed in a snaffle or a hackamore or one handed in a bridle with romal reins only but must compete in the selected gear for all 3 phases. • Competitors are required to wear a long sleeve, button up shirt, jeans, cowboy boots, cowboy hat or safety helmet are to be worn. • Competitors can compete in a fender or western saddle. • Chaps & Chinks are optional.
	Go Round Incentive Pay-out: • Herd Work: First \$1000, Second \$350, Third \$150. • Rein Work: First \$1000, Second \$350, Third \$150. • Fence Work: First \$1000, Second \$350, Third \$150.

Reined Cow Horse

Fence Work Showdown

Equipment

- Event consists of only a fencework run per competitor
- Competitor can compete in any legal snaffle bit, hackamore or bridle with romal reins (See NRCHA Rule Book for further clarification).
- Competitor can choose to ride two handed in a snaffle or a hackamore or one handed in a bridle with romal reins only
- Competitors are required to wear a long sleeve, button up shirt, jeans, cowboy boots, cowboy hat or safety helmet are to be worn.
- Competitors can compete in a fender or western saddle.
- Chaps & Chinks are optional.

Non-Pro Cowhorse

Description

This class is restricted to NON-PRO competitors only and all horse aged 3 years and above.

- Competitors must own the horse they compete on & must be able to produce proof of ownership in accordance with NRCHA rules.
- Competitors must have an approved NON-PRO Declaration.

Equipment

- Horses aged 6 years and under can be ridden two handed in a legal snaffle bit or hackamore.
 - Horses aged 7 years and older can compete in two rein set up (if eligible) or in the bridle with romal reins (one handed).
- (see NRCHA Rule Book section 5 APPOINTMENTS & EQUIPMENT for further clarification).
- Competitors must compete in a western saddle.
 - Competitors are required to wear a long sleeve, button up shirt, jeans, cowboy boots, cowboy hat or safety helmet are to be worn.
 - Chaps or Chinks are required.

Open Two Handed Cowhorse	Description This class is Open to all competitors and all horse aged 3 years and above. Equipment • Horses must be ridden two handed in legal snaffle bit or hackamore. (see NRCHA Rule Book section 5 APPOINTMENTS & EQUIPMENT for further clarification). • Competitors to compete in any style of saddle. • Competitors are required to wear a long sleeve, button up shirt, jeans, cowboy boots, cowboy hat or safety helmet are to be worn. • Chaps & Chinks are optional.
Non-Pro Two Handed Cowhorse	Description This class is restricted to NON-PRO competitors only and all horse aged 3 years and above. • Competitors must own the horse they compete on & must be able to produce proof of ownership in accordance with NRCHA rules. • Competitors must have an approved NON-PRO Declaration. Equipment • Horses must be ridden two handed in snaffle bit or hackamore (see NRCHA Rule Book section 5 APPOINTMENTS & EQUIPMENT for further clarification). • Competitors to compete in any style of saddle. • Competitors are required to wear a long sleeve, button up shirt, jeans, cowboy boots, cowboy hat or safety helmet are to be worn. • Chaps & Chinks are optional.

**Junior Youth
Boxing**

Description

- The class is open to all youths who are 13 & under as of 16 November of the current show year (2024) and all horse aged 3 years and above.
- Youth can show either two handed or one handed.
- Judging will be based on performance (Competitor's choice to show either one handed or two handed will have no bearing on their score).

Equipment

- Youth can show in any saddle and any equipment, regardless of the horse's age (i.e. 10-year-old horse can be shown in snaffle bit)
 - Training devices of any description are prohibited.
 - Youth are expected to wear suitable attire- i.e. jeans, long sleeve, collared button-down shirt and cowboy boots.
 - Youth are required to wear an approved safety helmet at all times (while competing or riding on the grounds).
- (see NRCHA Rule Book section 5 APPOINTMENTS & EQUIPMENT for further clarification).

**Junior Youth
Boxing**

General

- Youth do not have to own the horse they are showing.
- If the Youth choose to compete in another class other than youth classes, I.E. Non-Pro, they will be required to follow the rules and regulations that govern that class.
- Youth are required to wear an approved safety helmet at all times (while competing or riding on the grounds).
- Youth can ride in this class for as long as they want until such time as they become ineligible according to the above rules.

Senior Youth Boxing

Description

- The youth class is open to all youths aged 14-18 years of age as of 16 November of the current show year (2024) and all horse aged 3 years and above.
- Youth can show either two handed or one handed.
- Judging will be based on performance (Competitor's choice to show either one handed or two handed will have no bearing on their score).

Equipment

- Youth can show in any saddle and any equipment, regardless of the horse's age (i.e. 10-year-old horse can be shown in snaffle bit)
 - Training devices of any description are prohibited.
 - Youth are expected to wear suitable attire- i.e. jeans, long sleeve, collared button-down shirt and cowboy boots.
 - Youth are required to wear an approved safety helmet at all times (while competing or riding on the grounds).
- (see NRCHA Rule Book section 5 APPOINTMENTS & EQUIPMENT for further clarification).

General

- Youth do not have to own the horse they are showing.
- If the Youth choose to compete in another class other than youth classes, I.E. Non-Pro, they will be required to follow the rules and regulations that govern that class.
- Youth are required to wear an approved safety helmet in any class that they enter.
- Youth can ride in this class for as long as they want until such time as they become ineligible according to the above rules

Two Handed Boxing	Description This class is restricted to NON-PRO competitors only, and all horse aged 3 years and above. • Competitors must own the horse they compete on & must be able to produce proof of ownership in accordance with NRCHA rules. • Competitors must have an approved NON-PRO Declaration.
	Equipment • Must be ridden two handed in a legal snaffle bit or hackamore. (see NRCHA Rule Book section 5 APPOINTMENTS & EQUIPMENT for further clarification). • Competitors to compete in any style of saddle. • Competitors are required to wear a long sleeve, button up shirt, jeans, cowboy boots, cowboy hat or safety helmet are to be worn. • Chaps & Chinks are optional.
Two Handed Box Drive	Description This class is restricted to NON-PRO competitors only, and all horse aged 3 years and above. • Competitors must own the horse they compete on & must be able to produce proof of ownership in accordance with NRCHA rules. • Competitors must have an approved NON-PRO Declaration.
	Equipment • Must be ridden two handed in a legal snaffle bit or hackamore. (see NRCHA Rule Book section 5 APPOINTMENTS & EQUIPMENT for further clarification). • Competitors to compete in any style of saddle. • Competitors are required to wear a long sleeve, button up shirt, jeans, cowboy boots, cowboy hat or safety helmet are to be worn. • Chaps & Chinks are optional.

Rookie Spectacular	Description This class is restricted to NON-PRO competitors only that are eligible for Rookie Status under ARCHA / NRCHAA and all horse aged 3 years and above. • Competitors must have an approved NON-PRO Declaration.
	Equipment • Horses must be ridden two handed in snaffle bit or hackamore (see NRCHA Rule Book section 5 APPOINTMENTS & EQUIPMENT for further clarification). • Competitors to compete in any style of saddle. • Competitors are required to wear a long sleeve, button up shirt, jeans, cowboy boots, cowboy hat or safety helmet are to be worn. • Chaps & Chinks are optional.

Australian Stockman's Challenge

Dress	6.1 HATS: Australian style hat to be worn whilst competing. 6.2 HELMETS: Optional, although it is recommended, they be worn during the cattle work phase. All riders under the age of 18 years are required to wear a riding helmet when mounted on a horse, anywhere on the grounds at an ASCA affiliated event. 6.3 SHIRT: Long Sleeve button up shirt with a collar, with the sleeves buttoned down. 6.4 TROUSERS: Jeans or moleskins. No jodhpurs. 6.5 TIE: Must be worn. Women may wear a tidy scarf to replace a tie. 6.6 BOOTS: Riding boots must be worn. Riding boots that enable the foot to come free of the stirrup iron and prevents the foot from sliding through the stirrup iron, must be worn. Covered shoes should be worn whenever handling horses.
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Equipment	7.1 BRIDLE: Personal choice. One ear bridles and double headstall bridles are not to be used. 7.2 BIT: In all phases a snaffle bit must be used. The Bit : a) must be free rolling, loose ring snaffle with a single join (two piece bit) b) must be a smooth mouthpiece (a sweet iron may be used) c) must not be twisted wires or have sharp edges c) must be no thinner than 3/8 (9.5mm) measured against the cheek. e) ring must measure no more than 4" (100mm) in diameter. f) No part of the bit shall have any locking or other type of mechanism that creates or changes any kind of leverage to that of a standard snaffle bit. g) A bar on the side of the horse mouth may be used if the ring is free rolling. h) Any competitor that is under 13 and competing in a junior or mini standard event may use any bit or similar equipment that improves safety for that competitor 7.3 REINS: Personal choice. 7.4 SADDLE: Australian type stock saddle with knee pads and no horn. Competitors will not be penalised for the use of a back girth. NOT ALLOWED: Tie-downs or martingales of any description, nosebands or any other artificial device are not to be used.
Classic Challenge	5.1 CLASSIC CHALLENGE Open to horses that are under five years of age and no restriction for rider.
Limited Classic Challenge	5.2 LIMITED CLASSIC CHALLENGE Restricted to riders competing in the Classic Challenge who have never won a Classic Challenge or Limited Classic Challenge at an ASCA Affiliated event. Open to all Classic horses.
Open Challenge	5.3 OPEN CHALLENGE Open to all horses and riders.
Derby Challenge	5.5 DERBY CHALLENGE Restricted to horses that are five and six years of age. Classic horses are not eligible.
Rookie Challenge	5.9 ROOKIE CHALLENGE Restricted to riders who have never won a Classic, Derby, Novice Challenge or Open Challenge at an ASCA affiliated event. Competitors who win a Rookie Challenge will remain eligible to compete in Rookie events for the remainder of that point score year as per 17.3 a) Rookie competitor who wins, or has won, a Derby, Classic, Novice or Open Challenge is no longer eligible to compete as a Rookie after the completion of that show b) Any competitor who wins the Rookie Premiership will no longer be eligible to compete in a Rookie Challenge.

Juvenile Challenge	5.12 JUVENILE CHALLENGE Open to riders 13-16 years of age. Competitors that turn 17 years of age are no longer eligible.
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Cowhorse Snaffle Bit Cutting

	Equipment • Snaffle bits are to be a minimum of 10mm (3/8”) and have a smooth single jointed mouthpiece. • Bosals and hackamores may be used. They shall be of rope or braided rawhide and have no metal parts. • Competitors may compete in any style of saddle. • Chaps & Chinks are not required. • Twisted wire snaffles, gag snaffles or shank snaffles shall <u>not</u> be used.
Non-Pro Snaffle Bit Cutting	Description • The Snaffle Bit is a two-handed contest, open to Non Pro riders.
Open Snaffle Bit Cutting	Description • The Snaffle Bit is a two-handed contest, open to all riders.

Campdraft

Equipment

Dress: Competitors must be suitably attired and mount for presentations. At all times in competition, campdraft competitors must wear a hat or safety helmet; boots; a collared buttons long-sleeved shirt; and long trousers. Caps are not permissible. Competitors must be neat and presentable.

Saddlery: Competitors are allowed to ride in saddlery of their own choice, and horses can be worked in any bits, bosals or hackamores; however, the horse must have free use of its head, and any type of head tie-down, running reins, head checks and so forth, must not be used. The judge has the right to call on any competitor to inspect their gear and if the gear is illegal, the competitor is compelled to remove the offending article before competing.

Spurs: Suitable spurs are allowed but no whip of any kind may be carried or used by a competitor in a campdraft.

Nosebands: All nosebands attached to the bit are to be a minimum of 20mm in width and of leather construction.

Illegal Entries: Persons found guilty of an illegal entry of a horse must return all winnings relating to the offence to the committee where the offence took place and the guilty party, including the horse, may be suspended for a minimum of three calendar months.

Novice Campdraft

Description

- Event is one go round and one final (top 10%).
- A Novice horse is a horse which has won a first prize in a Maiden, Novice, Ladies or restricted Campdraft and remains a Novice until the horse has won a further three novice drafts. A horse that has won an Open campdraft ceases to be a Novice.
- A horse can win four Novice drafts if it has not won first prize in a Maiden.

Open Campdraft

Description

- Event is one go round and one final (top 10%).
- A horse which has won a first prize in an Open Campdraft or has completed its Novice status.