

## **AMATEUR & YOUTH BEGINNING CLASS RULES:**

1. Rider may not have earned more than \$50 in recorded earnings at any working horse show approved by one of the following: NRHA / NRCHA / NCHA / AQHA or SHOT or earned more than 2.5 points in any Breed approved competition (includes level 1 and Rookie category points) as of the date of the show weekend in the class entered. This rule is on a per class basis. Example: exhibitor won money in reining but is eligible to compete in cowhorse boxing. Once an exhibitor wins a buckle in a beginning class, they are no longer eligible for that class.
2. A Belt Buckle will be awarded to the winner in all Beginning classes.
3. Year-End Awards will not be offered for any of the Beginning classes.
4. Chaps are not required to show in any Beginning class. A long sleeve shirt, western hat and boots are required.
5. Horses need not be a registered Quarter Horse to show in the Beginning class. Exhibitor does not need to own the horse. Rider may cross-enter into other AQHA classes at our show, but must meet all ownership and membership requirements for AQHA.
6. Beginning Halter is open to mares or geldings of any age to compete in one class.
7. Beginning roping will be either heading or heeling. Must declare to gate prior to entering the roping box.
8. Beginning cowhorse will be boxing only, no fence work. Exhibitor cannot have shown down the fence more than 3 actual runs in any judged class or event.
9. Beginning reining class may do a simple or flying lead change in the pattern.
10. Horse must be show in legal equipment for age of horse per AQHA or VRH equipment rules.
11. If it is determined that an exhibitor is ineligible for a beginning class, they will be disqualified and any awards will be forfeited.

### **Class List:**

Western Pleasure  
Horsemanship  
Showmanship  
Trail  
Hunter Under Saddle  
Hunt Seat Equitation  
Reining  
Cowhorse - boxing only.  
Ranch Riding  
Roping –heading or heeling  
Cutting  
Halter  
HP Beginning Rider