

## **WESTERN PRIZE BOOK CHANGES**

- Increase entry fees by \$2.00:
  - Pre-Entry IHA Members: From \$15.00 to \$17.00
  - Pre-Entry NON-Members: From \$20.00 to \$22.00
  - All Pre- and Post-Entries (after deadline): From \$25.00 to \$27.00
- Amend EOD and EOY overall high-point awards to limit exhibitors to two (2) divisions and allow only one horse/rider combination may qualify for EOD and EOY Overall High-Point Awards. If an exhibitor is riding more than one (1) horse, he/she must declare at their first show which divisions and horse will be used for EOD and EOY Overall High-Point awards.
- Allow Beginner and Open Western pleasure riders to cross-enter the corresponding Ranch classes (Beginner Ranch and Open Ranch) and vice versa. In the past, Beginner Ranch and Open Ranch riders could only enter the All Age division. This was done in order to boost entries in the All Age division, which were lacking at the time. Presently, we don't think it's fair to Beginner Western riders, who have just moved up from walk/jog, to compete against trainers. This also resulted in having no riders in the Open division for the past two or three years. We are hoping this change will encourage Beginner riders to enter the All Age division/classes.
- Ranch Equipment:
  - Adding explanation as to what reins are to be used with bits and bosal and how the reins are to be held.
  - Prohibited Equipment: add use of training forks.
- Rule #16 regarding coaching:
  - Add: This rule will be strictly enforced throughout the duration of the show.
- Rule #18 regarding Proper Tack:
  - Add: to use of shank or curb bit:
    - Riders must ride one-handed with any shank or curb bit with either one or no fingers between the reins and with the excess rein on one side of the horse (left-handed on left side, right-handed on right side). The exception would be those competitors using romal reins.