



## Beginner (with #3 or higher)

The “Beginner (with #3 or higher)” is a new class in 2020 for MNSCHA-sanctioned shows. The class is designed for beginning riders and will provide an opportunity to ride with more advanced riders. The ride fees will be collected for Beginner rider only and will be set by producer. Ride fees are intended to be lower than typical classes to encourage new rider participation. There is no payback in this class.

Beginner riders can Pick or Draw partners. However, even if someone new attends a show and doesn't know other riders, they will be paired up via Draws up to the number of rides chosen, a maximum of 6 rides or based on available higher rated riders for this class.

This class will be a stand-alone class and have different qualification requirements from all other classes to ride at the year-end Finals. Points will not be tracked in the Beginner class. There will be buckles awarded to the Champion and Reserve Champion riders at the Finals show based on most cows sorted at Finals show.

The #3 or higher rated riders in this class can be picked or drawn and will ride for free.

### Beginner Rider Eligibility

- Any new adult or youth rider at MNSCHA with limited to no sorting experience.
- Must be rated a “1” in MNSCHA or not yet rated.
- A current or past member of MNSCHA who has not placed in the “Top 10” Rookie #1 division at MNSCHA in the past 2 years.

### Fees and Membership

- A new Beginner can pay \$10 Membership to ride at a Producer show or pay regular MNSCHA membership at any time. Note: Regular MNSCHA membership is required to ride at Finals show.
- Recommended rider fee is \$15 per RIDE (includes \$2.50 sanctioning) for Beginner rider only.
- The \$2.50 sanctioning fee will be applied to the Beginner rider only.
- There will be \$0 entries for the #3 or higher rated rider.
- There is no payback in this class during the regular season.
- Must be a MNSCHA member to:
  - Ride in any other MNSCHA classes during the regular season.
  - Obtain qualification, points and ride in any other MNSCHA classes at the Finals show.

### Class and Round Rules

- Regular 2-man sorting. The Beginner rider must start and get the first cow out. All other rules apply.
- This will be a single Round class. However, a Producer may choose to offer more rounds.
- Pick or draw up to 6 different partners

### Finals Qualifications for Beginner class ONLY

- Must have ridden at one MNSCHA-sanctioned event throughout current season.
- No ride minimums are required.
- Must be a MNSCHA member, e.g. Individual, Family or Youth to ride at Finals show.
- The Beginner class will be clean slate at Finals.
- Champion and Reserve Champion buckles will be awarded to Beginner riders sorting the greatest number of cattle during the Finals weekend.
- There may be payback or additional prizes at Finals for both riders.