**ORCHA Rules and Class Descriptions**

**NRCHA** rules apply to all classes with the exception of these following amendments
**YOUTH** must be 18 and younger. Must be 17 or younger as of January 1st of the current show year **PEEWEE** must be 12 and younger. Must be 11 as of January 1st of the current show year.

**BEGINNER RIDER HERD WORK**
Rider will not have won any herd work or any cutting event. Riders who are professional horse trainers are not eligible for this class. Horses of any age are eligible. Horses may be ridden with any NRCHA approved snaffle, hackamore or bridle. Not age specific.

**GREEN HORSE** Horses can only be shown in this class for two years running. Horses of any age are eligible. Horses may be ridden with any NRCHA approved snaffle, hackamore or bridle. Not age specific. Open to any rider.

**OPEN or NON-PRO BRIDLE HERD WORK**
Horses must be ridden in approved NRCHA bridle with romal reins.

**ORCHA OPEN BOXING** (reining pattern/ boxing)
Open to all riders, trainers and horses regardless of experience or age. Any approved NRCHA snaffles, hackamores or bridles does not have to be age specific. Down the fence does not determine eligibility of this class.

**ORCHA GREEN HORSE BOXING** (simple reining pattern / boxing) Open to any horse for 1st and 2nd year of showing in boxing. Any approved NRCHA snaffle, hackamore, or bridle does not have to be age specific. Horses can only be shown in this class for two years running. Horses must not have been shown down the fence. Open to any rider.

**ORCHA BEGINNER RIDER BOXING** Rider will not have won any boxing event. Riders who are professional horse trainers are not eligible for this class. Horses of any age are eligible. Horses may be ridden with any NRCHA approved snaffle, hackamore or bridle. Not age specific.

**BEGINING FENCE WORK** Open to all riders and trainers. Horses of any age are eligible. Must be ridden in appropriate NRCHA approved head gear. Class will consist of an NRCHA reining pattern followed by boxing, taking the cow down the fence showing rate and control, stopping horse straight after cow passes center marker but before reining stop marker, then boxing at the opposite end. Horse never been down the fence.

 **BOXING & DRIVING** 60 Seconds of boxing. At the buzzer the rider will then have 60 seconds to drive the cow between the two markers, around the barrel and back through the two markers. Showing rate, control and cow sense.

**ORCHA ROOKIE COW HORSE**
This a beginner down the fence class for riders that have never been down the fence.
Riders who are professional horse trainers are not eligible for this class. Horses of any age are eligible. Horses must be ridden in age appropriate NRCHA approved head gear.

**ORCHA JR. COW HORSE**
Horse must be five or younger as of January 1st of the current show year. Horses will be ridden two handed in an approved snaffle or hackamore. NRCHA rules apply.

**OPEN SR. HORSE** Horse must be 6 years old or older on January 1st of current show year. Must be ridden in an approved NRCHA bit. NRCHA rules apply.

 **ORCHA RANCH ROPOING** Horses of all ages are eligible. Horses five years old or younger may be ridden one handed in a snaffle or hackamore. Horses six years old or older will be ridden in an NRCHA approved bridle or two rein. Riders may switch romal reins for roping reins for this class only. Cattle will be marked and penned at end of arena. Time begins when you cross the line. Announcer will call the color or number, you will cut the cow from the herd and drive it across the line. Then you will rope and dalley. A breakaway rope must be used. Scored [ Cut 25pts, Drive 25 pts, Catch 25pts, Stop and Dally 25pts.] Judge will disqualify for excessive misuse. 90 Second time limit, unlimited loops.

**ORCHA ALL-AROUND**
Same horse and rider will show in the herd work, cow horse fence work and ranch roping.
Horses will be ridden in the same approved head gear in all three classes. Must designate classes upon first show entry. Must ride in 2 of the 3 shows to qualify.

**INTRO LEVEL-** Please enter at a level at which you feel comfortable. Level 1 beginner, Level 2 Intermediate, Level 3 advanced. Year end buckle winners will move to the next level. To qualify for yearend all-round awards you must enter 2 of the 3 shows and ride in herdwork, boxing & driving, and boxing at your level.

**YOUTH & PEEWEE-** Must compete in herdwork, tracking and driving and boxing for yearend all-round awards.

**TRAIL** class will be open from 9:00 am to 12:00pm. Open and Youth divisions.

**Roping for Dummies** is a sled (cow) pulled with an ATV and a breakaway rope. (We will have a rope if you don't) Judged as you enter arena: building your loop 15%, horse rate and willingness 15%, the catch 35% and dally35%. 2 loop maximum,

Shows will start at 8:00 am SHARP.

Riders meeting at 7:45.

The ORCHA promotes compliance with NRCHA rules and regulations. As such, proper show attire requires a western hat or helmet, long sleeved collared shirt and chaps or chinks. We understand that some may not have all the appropriate attire, but an effort to comply is appreciated.

In the same essence, bits/bridals/show equipment should also fall within NRCHA guidelines for approved headgear. Rules can be found on the NRCHA web site/ rule book.

**Time Limits:**

**Herd Work**  2.5 minutes with a 30 second warning

**Boxing** 60 seconds

**Boxing and Drive** 60 seconds boxing, 60 seconds driving

**Ranch Roping** 90 Seconds