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RHAA 2024 NATIONAL SHOW
WHITE PARK - SCONE
Friday 4th to Monday 7th October 2024

ENTRY CONDITIONS:

The following conditions apply:

All horses on the grounds must be entered in the show & ridden by a current financial member (for insurance purposes) Exception being horses used for turnback or herd help

Horses can only be entered into a max of three (3) different divisions at the show.

To be eligible for overall division Hi Point, a horse/rider must show in the conformation class and a minimum of two ridden classes within the same division.

Scratching and refunds;

a) Scratch before closing date without penalty. (entries & levies refunded in full)

b) Scratching after closing date with a copy of vet or doctors certificate for refund in full, less office levy of \$30.00 per horse.

c) Scratch after closing date without a vet or doctors certificate – entries & levies are forfeited.

Youth competitors are to wear an approved safety helmet whilst mounted. Youth must not ride or handle a stallion at any time.

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Guidelines, Gear, Attire

- No horse under 3 years of age may be exhibited;(Exception of Prospect classes)
- No hoof polish/black;
- No braided or banded manes/tails or tail extensions;
- Trimming inside ears is discouraged.
- Trimming bridle path is allowed, along with trimming of fetlocks or excessive (long) facial hair;
- Equipment with silver does not count over a good working outfit. Silver on bridles and saddles is discouraged;
- Holding the saddle horn with either hand will not be penalised in any class;
- Posting or standing in stirrups at **extended trot** is acceptable
- Snaffle Bit may be used on Junior horses in all classes except Open competitors attempting the Roping section of Ranch Cow Work;
- Bosal or Mecate may be used on Junior horses in all classes except Open competitors attempting the Roping section of Ranch Cow Work;
The use of two-rein is only allowed in Ranch Reining, Ranch Cow Work and Limited Ranch Cow Work

LEVEL – GREEN:

Green Rider – A class for inexperienced adult riders, open riders are NOT eligible for this class. Riders will be required to show their horses at the **walk & trot** only. The purpose of this class is to encourage those new to riding and/or new to showing in Ranch events. Those entered in this class are *Ineligible for any INTERMEDIATE or OPEN classes.*

- Any age horse may be ridden two handed in a *Snaffle Bit or hackamore.* (No curb/shank bits)
- Any 'safe' saddle, with the exclusion of bareback pads. Includes; English, Western, stock, fender or half breed saddles.
- Ownership of horse not required – a borrowed horse may be used (owner of the horse must be a financial member)

Green Horse. Open to all riders – professional and nonprofessional – wanting to bring inexperienced or young horses (3 Yr and over) into the show arena. Horses will be required to show at the walk, trot & lope. Horse may be ridden one or two handed in any legal headgear (**see Intermediate Horse gear**) Any safe saddle, with the exception of bareback pads. Includes; English, Western, stock, fender or half breed saddles permitted.



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Green Youth – A class for inexperienced Youth riders. Open to Youth up to 18 years as at 1st August. Riders will be required to show their horses at the walk & trot only. Must have written permission from their parent/guardian to compete. Parent/guardian must sign the entry form. All Youth competing or taking part in an RHAA sanctioned event must be in the care of a responsible adult who is in attendance for the duration of that event, whilst the Youth attends that event. The purpose of this class is to encourage Youth who are new to riding and/or new to showing in Ranch events

LEVEL – INTERMEDIATE

- Horse may be ridden one or two handed in any legal headgear (see RHAA rules 'Gear')
- Rider must not swap from one to two hands or visa versa during the class
- Any safe saddle, with the exception of bareback pads. Includes; English, Western, stock, fender or half breed saddles permitted
- Rider must own (or lease) the horse they are riding

Intermediate Rider – A class for nonprofessional adult riders with some previous show experience, professional riders are NOT eligible for this class. Riders will be required to show their horses at the walk, trot & lope. Riders can

ride in a snaffle, hackamore or a curb bit with split reins or a romal.

Intermediate Horse – Open to all riders – professional and nonprofessional. Horses with previous show experience may be shown in this class. Horses will be required to show at the walk, trot & lope.

Intermediate Youth – A class for Youth riders with some previous show experience. Open to Youth riders, 7 to 18 years as at 1st August. If one (1) class is held to be: 7 to 18 years old if two (2) classes held: 7 to 13 years and 14 to 18 years. Riders will be required to show their horses at the walk, trot & lope.

Youth competitors are to wear an approved safety helmet whilst mounted. Youth must not ride or handle a stallion at any time

LEADLINE: A lead at least 1.8 m long must be attached to a halter that is under the bridle so that while the rider is mounted, the horse is controlled by the adult. The chain on the halter cannot be under the chin or over the nose, it must come straight off the halter ring. No two (2) or three (3) year old horses can be used in this class. No rider entering this class can enter any other ridden class on the program.

ATTIRE:

WESTERN ATTIRE MANDATORY; (All divisions)

- long sleeved, collared button up shirt.
- western hat (the hat must be on the rider's head when the exhibitor enters the arena) or ASS approved safety helmet.
- western pants/jeans
- western boots.

Optional Attire – Necktie, scarf, Spurs, chinks and chaps in ridden classes.

CLASSES:

RANCH CUTTING

This class is judged on the ability of the horse to work a cow by separating it from the herd and holding it to demonstrate the horse's ability to work the cow. A single cow is cut from the herd and the horse must demonstrate its ability to work the cow.

Objective is to cut one or two cows, based on the division, from the herd and work the cow(s) with the assistance of two turn- back riders and two herd holders. Show Management may supply two herd holders and two turn back riders, or exhibitors may supply their own helpers. If an exhibitor is a herd holder or turn back rider, he or she may use the horse that they are competing on or use a different horse. NB: Announcer to notify when one (1) minute remaining.

Open, Amateur and Intermediate; There will be a two-minute time limit. Each exhibitor must work two head and has the option of ending their run before the two-minute limit or working the full two minutes. Working more or less than two cows will incur an Off Pattern (OP) score. Youth and Green Horse
b) For **Youth and Green Horse competition**, there will be a one and a half minute time limit. Each exhibitor may work one cow and has the option of ending their run before the one and one-half minute time limit or working the full one and one-half minutes. Working more than one cow will incur an Off Pattern (OP) score.

RANCH ROPING

The intent of this class is to show the ability of the horse and rider skill of handling cattle as if they were doctoring injured or sick cattle. Cattle should be handled as calmly and slowly as possible. The judge should judge this class as if the cattle belonged to him or her. Entry does not have to separate their cow from herd and should not receive credit for separation from herd. When cow is separated from the herd there should be no excessive running or cutting of the cow.

b) This is a judged event with a 90 second time limit. Scoring is from 0 – 100, 70 denotes an average score. The rope must be thrown and the contestant may throw only two loops. Any attempt by exhibitor to trap, snare, or collar cow by holding onto the loop will be cause for disqualification. A second rope may be used, but the total number of loops thrown may not exceed two (2). If a second loop is used it must be recoiled. The Honda on the rope used must be of a factory plastic breakaway design. c) Horse and rider must start from behind a starting line which will be located 1/3 of the arena length away from where ten (10) calves are held as a herd with each bearing a number 0 - 9. A random draw will be used to select the calf to be roped, and will be announced to the contestant when the horse crosses the starting line. d) Each contestant may have the option of using one (1) herd holder. The herd holder may cross the starting line. The sole duty of the herd holder is to assist in holding the cattle at the working end of the arena.

e) The contestant must make a legal catch of the designated calf and dally up. A legal head catch is a loop that goes completely over the calf's head

and honda can be broken by any part of the calf's BODY, BUT must go over the calf's head first. When the calf breaks free from honda, the Flag Judge will signal the end of the run.

f) In youth division classes, only the youth exhibitor at their discretion may have their ropes tied to the saddle horn instead of dallying or they may dally. g) After catching, it is desired for the horse to remain facing the cow until the honda breaks. Turning away from the cow to make the honda break quicker will receive a 5 point penalty.

RANCH BOXING

Boxing consists of single cow work (boxing) on the end of the arena. The goal of this class is to introduce the rider to the "boxing" phase of the cow work. Judging begins when the contestant enters the arena.

There will be no schooling between cows if a new cow is awarded. Each contestant upon receiving a cow in the arena will hold that cow on the prescribed end of the arena for fifty (50) seconds, demonstrating the ability of the horse and rider to control the cow. It is legal to hold the reins and Romal in one hand (rein hand) while boxing the cow. Time will begin when the gate closes behind the cow after being let into the arena. The Announcer or Judge will signal the completion of the fifty (50) seconds with a whistle or horn.

Scoring will be based on 60 - 80, with 70 denoting an average performance. The Judge may blow the whistle at any time to terminate the work. A score of zero (0) will be given if the work is not complete at that time. Each work will be limited to 50 seconds and, the Judge may request additional work at his/her option



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RANCH COW WORK

The ideal Ranch horse must also be a cow horse and this class demonstrates and measures the horse's ability to do cow work. Holding the saddle horn is permitted. There is a time limit per exhibitor to perform the work depending on the division and the time begins when the cow is turned into the arena. If the time has not elapsed and the Judge is satisfied that all requirements of the class have been met, the Judge should blow the whistle for the exhibitor to cease work. The Judge may blow a whistle at any time for the exhibitor to cease work for safety reasons. Judges will give credit for what they have seen. Only the Judge may award a new cow to a contestant to replace a cow that will not honour a horse. If the Judge awards a new cow, the exhibitor has the option to refuse the new cow by continuing to work. If the exhibitor accepts the new cow, the time for working the cow will start over. If the exhibitor intends to accept the new cow, the exhibitor must pull up immediately. When multiple Judges are scoring, any one of the Judges may terminate the work or signal for a new cow.

Time Limits

- All divisions are allotted three (3) minutes to complete the work.
- When there is one (1) minute left, the announcer will announce, "one minute remaining". At end of allotted time the announcer will call "time".

There are three (3) parts to the class:

- boxing
- fence work
- roping or circling.

Boxing the Cow: The rider shall ride into the arena, face the cattle entry gate and signal for their cow to be turned into the arena. The cow shall be controlled on the entry end of the arena for enough time to demonstrate the horse's ability to hold the cow. If the cow does not immediately challenge the horse, the rider shall aggressively move in on the cow to demonstrate his horse's ability to drive and block the cow on the entry fence.

Fence Work: After the cow has been controlled on the entry end of the arena, the rider shall set the cow up and drive it down either side of the arena. The cow should be turned on the fence at least once in each direction. The first run for a turn shall be past the half-way mark of the arena. All turns down the side shall be completed before reaching the end fence.

Roping or Circling:

The exhibitor has the option of circling the cow in the middle of the arena in both directions in lieu of roping. Open, Amateur or Youth exhibitor may circle or rope the cow but cannot combine the two to get credit for this portion of the run. To rope the cow, the exhibitor must be carrying a rope when the run starts. The exhibitor may pull up after the fence work, take down the rope and proceed to rope and stop the cow. The exhibitor must then rope the cow and bring it to a stop. In the roping portion of the class, two (2) throws are permitted, and the horse will be judged on two (2) manoeuvres: tracking/rating and stopping the cow. It is not necessary that the exhibitor catch to receive a score in the roping portion. The catch is legal if the cow looks through the loop and the rope pulls tight on any part of the animal. The rope may be tied on or dallied.

Circling the cow. The exhibitor will manoeuvre the cow smoothly at least 360° in each direction without interference from the fence. The circle's size, symmetry, speed, and relative balance from right and left show control. Tightening the circles down with fast head-to-head speed will be a credit situation. The circles should be completed before the cow is exhausted. Once an exhibitor has committed to circling a cow, if the cow falls no new cow will be awarded. The exhibitor will complete the run by riding around the fallen cow to fulfil circling requirements. In the circling portion of the judging, one whistle will terminate the work and two whistles will award a new cow.

LIMITED RANCH COW WORK

Content. Limited ranch cow work exhibitors are allotted one minute and forty-five seconds to complete the work. When there is 50 seconds left, the announcer will announce, "50 seconds remaining". At one minute and forty-five seconds, the announcer will call for time. Exhibitors are not required to use all the allotted time but must ride until the judge whistles the end of the run or time expires, whichever occurs first.

There are four parts to the work: boxing the cow, setting up the cow and driving it down the fence to the opposite end of the arena, boxing it at the opposite end of the arena, and then driving the cow past the middle marker again.

There is no expectation that the exhibitor will make a fence turn, instead the drive down the fence demonstrates correct position and control around the corner.



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Boxing the Cow --The rider shall ride into the arena, face the cattle entry gate, and signal for their cow to be turned into the arena. The cow shall be controlled on the entry end of the arena for a sufficient amount of time to demonstrate the horse's ability to hold the cow. If the cow does not immediately challenge the horse, the rider shall aggressively move in on the cow to demonstrate his horse's ability to drive and block the cow.

Set Up Cow, Drive Down Fence to Opposite End of Arena - After the cow has been controlled on the entry end of the arena, the rider shall set the cow up for driving down the side of the arena. When coming out of corner, the horse shall be close enough to cow to demonstrate control with cow against the fence. This distance and control should be maintained for approximately 1/2 to 3/4 the length of arena. Rider will then stop and release the cow and move horse toward centre of arena to set the cow up for boxing.

Boxing the Cow at Opposite End of Arena - The exhibitor will regain control or hold the cow at end of the arena to demonstrate the horse's ability to "hold" the cow.

RANCH PROSPECT Yearlings and two (2) year old only

RANCH PROSPECT LUNGE LINE

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The purpose of showing a horse on a lunge line is to demonstrate that the horse has the movement, manners/expression/attitude, and conformation to become competitive under saddle. This class defines what it means to be a "Ranch Prospect". Yearlings

are not expected to demonstrate the behaviour or quality of a finished show horse, but only that performance necessary for a reasonable presentation to the Judge. Therefore, the purpose of this class is to reward: quality of movement, manners, expression, attitude and conformation suitable to future performance and the horse is to be judged with its suitability as a future performer under saddle in mind.

RANCH PROSPECT TRAIL

Mandatory obstacles choose three (3) from this list and at least three (3) different other obstacles are to be selected from the list of optional obstacles:

- Opening, passing through and closing gate. Use a gate that does not endanger horse or handler. Must be left hand push away gate.
- Horse must go over at least four (4) logs or poles. These can be in a straight line, curved or zig zag. Spacing must be: Walk over 30-50cm. Jog over 75-90cm.
- Backing obstacles to be spaced a minimum of 70cm apart. Back thru L Shape, V shape, U shape or similar shape

RANCH PROSPECT CONFORMATION

The purpose of ranch conformation is to preserve the ranch horse type, by selecting well-mannered horses in the order of their resemblance to the breed ideal and that are the most positive combination of balance, structural correctness, and movement with appropriate breed and sex characteristics and adequate muscling. The ideal Ranch conformation horse should have a natural ranch horse appearance from head to tail.

- The Ranch conformation class must be held after the conclusion of the Ranch Prospect Lungeline and Ranch Prospect Trail.
- To be eligible to compete in the Ranch Conformation class the horse must be shown in at least one other Prospect class in division on the day of the show.
- Stallions, geldings and mares are exhibited in the same class. Exception: Youth – geldings and mares only.
- Horses are to be shown in a good plain working halter, rope, braided, nylon or plain leather. Horses will walk to the Judge one at a time.
- As the horse approaches, the Judge will step to the right to enable the horse to trot straight to a cone placed 15 m away. At the cone, the horse will continue trotting, turn to the left and trot toward the left wall or fence of the arena. After trotting, horses will be lined up head to tail for inspection by the Judge. Horses that fail to trot after 3 attempts will be disqualified. Judges may ask a competitor to trot their horse again if inadequate distance or soundness is at question.
- The Judge shall inspect each horse from both sides, front and rear and place the horses in order of preference.

**FOR REMAINING DRY
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