



Atlantic Reined Cow Horse Association

An NRCHA affiliate

GREEN PROGRAM RULES

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2010 Rule changes, wording or additions are underscored with a dotted line.

The purpose of the green program is to provide inexperienced riders and/or horses the opportunity to become acquainted with the basic reined cow horse skills in a competitive, yet non-threatening environment. There are no restrictions placed upon horse ownership, breed, age or training level. Horses must be shown in an NRCHA or AQHA approved bridle, also snaffle bits will be allowed with no age limit, except in the Rookie classes. Once the program has been completed, riders and/or horses should have developed the skills necessary to be a competent NRCHA exhibitor.

AQHA dress code applies:

(Long sleeve shirt with collar, western hat or hard helmet and western riding boots. Chaps are optional.)

AQHA rules regarding acceptable western equipment apply.

The ARCHA adopts the AQHA's position on animal welfare for all ARCHA shows.

The ARCHA board reserves the right to evaluate all new riders to ensure that each rider is competing among similar abilities.

GREEN RIDER SECTION

Exhibitors pay an entry fee and are scored based upon the execution of maneuvers as sanctioned by the NRCHA and as modified below. Green Rider has two divisions, as well as, two Rookie levels (Formerly Intermediate Rider). Each level increases in complexity and builds upon the skills practiced each time the rider and horse enter the arena.

Graduation from the program is based upon accumulated points or money earned for placing in all classes shown, including Green Horse and ARCHA/ NRCHA classes. All points begin accruing upon entry of the rider's/horse's first show. Highest class placing per show day per rider will determine points toward year-end awards. No Green Rider shall earn year-end award points for more than one horse per show day in the Green Rider classes.

Graduation between levels within the program will occur as follows:

- ★ Any Green Rider I who accumulates a lifetime total of 100 points in any and all classes shown will graduate to Green Rider II.
- ★ Any Green Rider II who accumulates a lifetime total of 300 points in any and all classes shown will graduate out of Green Rider II. These riders will be eligible to compete in the Non-Pro Limited class provided they meet all NRCHA eligibility requirements, or may compete in the Rookie class.
- ★ Any Green Rider I who competes at a higher level three times will be considered graduated out of the Green Rider I level. [ie: Green Rider I decides to show in Green Rider II and in Non-Pro Limited on more than two occasions – they are no longer eligible to compete in Green Rider I]
- ★ Any Green Rider II may compete up into the Non-Pro Limited class without limitation. However, points earned in the Non-Pro Limited class count towards the rider's lifetime points in the Green Program.
- ★ Any rider who goes down the fence three times in any class shall automatically graduate to the Rookie class or to the NRCHA Novice Non-Pro Bridle class.
- ★ Any Rookie I Rider who earns a lifetime total of \$500 in any / all fence classes will graduate from Rookie I to Rookie II.
- ★ Any Rookie II Rider who earns a lifetime total of \$5,000 in any / all fence classes will graduate from Rookie II to the NRCHA Novice Non-Pro class.

NOTE: Being entered in a class, which includes fence work will be counted as going down the fence regardless if the rider boxed the cow and pulled up before the run was completed. The responsibility for eligibility lies with the competitor. If an individual feels a competitor is not eligible for a class, the burden of proof lies with the person who protests.

Entrants in all classes may continue to show in their class for the remainder of the year in which they earn enough points to graduate out of, provided they have not competed three times at a higher level class as Green I riders or been entered three times in any fence class.



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GREEN RIDER I (up to 100 points)

Rider must meet NRCHA Limited Non-Pro requirements.

This prohibits any rider who has shown down the fence 3 or more times and has an AQHA (or other breed association) working cow horse record.

Reined work the same as NRCHA classes, except:

- ★ Rider may use two hands, if a rider chooses to ride one-handed, that ride must be completed one-handed.
- ★ Rider who chooses to ride one-handed may go to two hands. However, rider must return to using one hand.
- ★ Rider does one or one & half spins only instead of the number specified in the pattern.
- ★ Rider may break down to a trot for a lead change with no penalty.
- ★ Rider may break down to a trot before stopping with no penalty. A sliding stop is not required, but will be credited if the judge sees fit.

Cow work (boxing only) same as NRCHA limited non-pro class, except:

- ★ If the rider loses the cow two or more times, the 3 point penalty will continue to apply instead of the contestant receiving a no score.

GREEN RIDER II (101-300 points)

Rider must meet NRCHA Limited Non-Pro requirements.

This prohibits any rider who has been down the fence 3 or more times and has an AQHA (or other breed association) working cow horse record.

Reined work the same as NRCHA classes, except:

- ★ All horses 6 yrs. old & older must be shown in 1 hand in a bridle, horses 5 yrs. and under may be shown in a snaffle or approved hackamore. (Bosal, no mechanical parts).
- ★ Rider may go to two hands, if necessary. However, rider must return to using one hand.
- ★ Horses 5 years old and younger may be shown in a snaffle bit or hackamore and the rider may remain two-handed. (The two-handed rule does not apply to horses five and under being shown in a bridle.)
- ★ Rider does two or two and half spins only instead of the number specified in the pattern.
IE: If the specified pattern calls for 3 spins the rider completes 2.
If the specified pattern calls for 3 ½ spins the rider completes 2 ½.
- ★ Rider must attempt a sliding stop.
- ★ Rider must attempt a flying lead change.

Cow Work (boxing only) same as NRCHA limited non-pro class, except:

- ★ If the rider loses the cow two or more times, the 3 point penalty will continue to apply instead of the contestant receiving a no score.

NOTE: The Intermediate Rider Class is now being called Rookie I and there is also a Rookie II.

ROOKIE I (Limited earnings up to \$500 lifetime earnings in fence classes)

- ★ All horses 6 yrs. old & older must be shown in 1 hand in a bridle, horses 5 yrs. and under may be shown in a snaffle or approved hackamore. (Bosal, no mechanical parts).
- ★ Rider must meet NRCHA Novice Non-Pro requirements (But is not required to be a member of the NRCHA)
- ★ Reined work & Cow work will be the same as NRCHA fence classes.
- ★ Rider may have been down the fence but has not earned \$500 in fence class earnings as of Jan 1st of the current year. Including NRCHA, AQHA, affiliate shows or any other association fence class.

ROOKIE II (Limited earnings up to \$5,000 lifetime earnings in fence classes)

- ★ Same as Rookie I rules except:
- ★ The rider has not earned \$5,000 in fence class earnings as of Jan 1st of the current year. Including NRCHA, AQHA, affiliate shows or any other association fence class.



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GREEN HORSE SECTION

Exhibitors pay an entry fee and are scored based upon the execution of maneuvers as sanctioned by the NRCHA and as modified below. Green Horse has two divisions. Each level increases in complexity and builds upon the skills practiced each time the rider and horse enter the pen. Accumulation of 200 points in Green Horse Box automatically graduates a horse to Green Horse + fence.

Entrants in all classes may continue to show in their class for the remainder of the year in which they earn enough points to graduate out.

GREEN HORSE BOX (maximum of 200 points)

All Professional and Non-Professional Riders Welcome

Eligible horses are: any age horse which has not been down the fence 3 or more times and has no NRCHA, AQHA (or other breed association) working cow horse record.

Reined work the same as NRCHA classes except:

- ★ Horses may be ridden in any NRCHA or AQHA bridle.
- ★ All horses may be ridden in 2 hands regardless of bridle.
- ★ Rider does 2 or 2 ½ spins only instead of the number specified in the pattern.
IE: If the specified pattern calls for 3 spins the rider completes 2.
If the specified pattern calls for 3 ½ spins the rider completes 2 ½.

Cow Work (boxing only) same as NRCHA limited non-pro class, except:

- ★ If the rider/horse loses the cow two or more times, the 3 point penalty will continue to apply instead of the contestant receiving a no score.

GREEN HORSE + Fence Work (maximum of 300 points)

All Professional and Non-Professional Riders Welcome

Eligible horses are: any age horse, which has no NRCHA, AQHA or other breed association working cow horse record.

Reined work & Cow work will be the same as NRCHA fence classes except:

- ★ Horses may be ridden in any NRCHA or AQHA bridle.
- ★ All horses may be ridden in 2 hands regardless of bridle.
- ★ Rider performs pattern the same as NRCHA bridle classes.