

# Official Classes

**Note: Classes are listed with minimum number of go rounds, with a suggested maximum of 3 go rounds, with or without working finals as determined by the show manager/producer.**

## **Open Sort Class**

- Open to any level horse or rider
- Limited to 3 horses per rider
- May enter the same horse up to 4 times  
(Example: The same rider may enter the same horse 4 times with 4 different partners or the horse may be entered by 3 different riders as long as the horse has not been entered more than 4 times in this class)
- Rider cannot exceed more than 6 entries per class
- Minimum of 1 go round, with 50% or maximum of 10 teams to the finals
- Must sort or trash in each go round
- Two partners may enter the OPEN SORT CLASS ONLY up to 3 times together as long as both partners change horses for each entry (standard NSCHA rules still apply that no horse may enter a class more than 4 times and no rider may enter a class more than 6 times)

## **Open 3 Man / 2 Gate**

- Open to any level horse or rider
- Limited to 3 horses per rider
- May enter the same horse up to 4 times  
(Example: The same rider may enter the same horse 4 times with 4 different partners or the horse may be entered by 3 different riders as long as the horse has not been entered more than 4 times in this class)
- Rider cannot exceed more than 6 entries per class
- Minimum of 1 go round, with 50% or maximum of 10 teams to the finals
- Must sort or trash in each go round

## **9 Sort Class / Novice Horse (<\$10,000 LTE per Horse)**

- Riders combined rating cannot exceed 9

- No horse entered in the is class can have greater than \$10,000 LTE
- Limited to 3 horses per rider
- May enter the same horse up to 4 times
- Rider cannot exceed more than 6 entries per class
- Minimum of 1 go round, with 50% or maximum of 10 teams to the finals
- Must sort or trash in each go round

### **7 Sort Class**

- Riders combined rating cannot exceed 7
- Limited to 3 horses per rider
- May enter the same horse up to 4 times
- Rider cannot exceed more than 6 entries per class
- Minimum of 1 go round, with 50% or maximum of 10 teams to the finals
- Must sort or trash in each go round
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### **5 Sort Class**

- No open riders (rated 4 or higher) in this class
- Riders combined rating cannot exceed 5
- Limited to 3 horses per rider
- May enter the same horse up to 4 times
- Rider cannot exceed more than 6 entries per class
- Minimum or 1 go round, with 50% or maximum of 10 teams to the finals
- Must sort or trash in each go round
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### **Pro-Am Sort Class**

- Any #3 or higher rider can ride with any 1 or 2 amateur
- No #3 or higher rated rider may enter with any #3 or higher rated rider
- Any 1 or 2 amateur may enter with any other 1 or 2 amateur
- Limited to 3 horses per rider
- May enter the same horse up to 4 times
- Rider cannot exceed more than 6 entries per class
- Minimum of 1 go round, with 50% or maximum of 10 teams to the finals
- Must sort of trash in each go round

### **#10 Pro-Am 3 Man / 2 Gate Class**

- A team must contain at least 2 Amateur riders and the combined rating cannot exceed 10
- Limited to 3 horses per rider
- May enter the same horse up to 4 times
- Rider cannot exceed more than 6 entries per class
- Minimum 1 go round, with 50% or maximum of 10 teams to the finals
- Must sort or trash in each go round

### 3 Sort Class

- Amateur class only
- Riders combined rating cannot exceed 3
- Limited to 3 horses per rider
- May enter the same horse up to 4 times
- Rider cannot exceed more than 6 entries per class
- Minimum 1 go round, with 50% or maximum of 10 teams to the finals
- Must sort or trash in each go round

### Senior Youth Sort Class

- Youth class only, no riders over 18 years old based on the birthdate of that show year. For example: a youth that turns 18 in January 2016 will be eligible to ride this class for the 2015 Show season – through the 2015 finals. After the 2015 Finals the youth will no longer be eligible to ride the class.
- Junior Youth can ride this class
- Limited to 3 horses per rider
- May enter the same horse up to 4 times
- Rider cannot exceed more than 6 entries per class
- Minimum 1 go round, with 50% or maximum of 10 teams to the finals
- Must sort or trash in each go round
- Points to be awarded as follows:

# of teams in class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
3-4	1									
5-9	2	1								
10-14	3	2	1							

15-19	4	3	2	1						
20-24	5	4	3	2	1					
25-29	6	5	4	3	2	1				
30-34	7	6	5	4	3	2	1			
35-39	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
40-44	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
45&more	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

- A promoter can add cash or prize awards however those will not count towards the riders NSCHA earnings

### Junior Youth Ranch Hand Sort Class

- Youth class only, no riders over 13 years old based on the birthdate of that show year. For example: a youth that turns 13 in January 2016 will be eligible to ride this class for the 2015 Show season – through the 2015 finals. After the 2015 Finals the youth will no longer be eligible to ride the class.
- Any adult can hold the gate however the gate person can make no offensive moves on the cattle. An offense move by the gate person will result in the team being eliminated.
- There are no ride limits for the adult gate person however there is still a 4 ride per horse limit on horses.
- Any junior youth competitors may rotate with another junior youth competitor.
- Limited to 3 horses per youth rider
- May enter the same horse up to 4 times
- Youth rider cannot exceed more than 6 entries per class
- Minimum 1 go round, with 50% or maximum of 10 teams to the finals
- Must sort or trash in each go round
- Points to be awarded as follows:

# of teams in class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
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### **Junior Horse Class**

- Producer option 1: Gate horse may be any age or any level, but may not make any offensive move toward the cattle or team will be disqualified
- Producer option 2: Any three or four year old may rotate with another three or four year old \*\*\* this option is no longer available, option was voted down in 2011
- 3 & 4 year olds
- Gate horse may be any age or any level, gate horse may not make any offensive move toward a cow
- Snaffle bits only (no tie downs or training devices)
- Limited to 3 horses per rider
- Rider may enter same horse twice with a different partner, with the same partner if both riders change horses or horse may be entered with 2 different riders
- Rider cannot exceed more than 6 entries per class
- Minimum of 2 full go rounds
- Must sort or trash in each go round

### **Effective June 1st 2013**

**Every NSCHA Class will include a Mandatory Draw. Riders entering any class will place at least one entry into the draw, but are able to enter the draw up to the class ride limit.**

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