



# 2026 SHTX - NRCHA Collegiate Challenge

Sunday, February 22, 2026

Will Rogers Coliseum, Fort Worth, Texas

Held in conjunction with the

NRCHA Kalpowar Celebration of Champions



The SHTX NRCHA Collegiate Challenge will be held as part of the NRCHA Celebration of Champions. Class rules are per the SHTX Rule Book. All eligibility is per the National Intercollegiate Ranch and Stock Horse Association (NIRSHA) rulebook. Reining and Cow Work classes are offered. A rider will enter the arena and first complete a reining pattern. Then the rider will call for a cow and complete the cow work portion of the event. The reining and cow work will each be scored and placed separately. Points received from placing in each event will determine the individual and team

champions.

## STUDENT / TEAM ELIGIBILITY

Collegiate Stock Horse Teams and Collegiate Individuals must meet eligibility requirements according to NIRSHA. All team members must be current NIRSHA members.

Collegiate Stock Horse Team shall consist of three members and shall consist of one rider in each of the divisions of Open/ Non Pro, Limited/Intermediate Non Pro and Novice.

- One (1) Open/Non Pro
- One (1) Limited Non Pro/Intermediate
- One (1) Novice

A school may enter a team with less than three members, but must have riders in at least two of the divisions. Each team member must ride a different horse.

## DIVISION ELIGIBILITY & CLASS DESCRIPTION

**Open/Non Pro Division:** Any rider is eligible to compete in this division. Cow work consists of “down the fence” work with boxing, fence turns and circling.

**Limited Non Pro Division Eligibility:** Exhibitors who qualify as Non Pro riders per the NIRSHA Rule Book may choose to show in this division. There are no earnings/eligibility caps as long as the rider is a Non Pro. Cow work follows the SHTX Box-Drive-Box-Drive rules.

**Novice Division Eligibility:** Exhibitors in this division must meet NIRSHA Novice eligibility. Cow work is a 50 second boxing class.

## PLACING & SCORING

Each class will be placed in each division based on the judge(s) scores. If 2 judges are used, then both judges' scores will be added together for the placing of each class.

Points will be assigned based on the placing. Points in each class in each division are determined by the total number of collegiate teams represented. Example: With 8 teams represented, there will be 8 points up for grabs in each class, in each division. The highest points a rider can earn in each class is 8. If a school does not field a full team, there will still be the same number of points available in each class in each division.

Points earned for the reining and the cow work will be added together to determine the individual champions in each division. Total points earned by each rider will be added to their school total. The school with the most overall points from all 3 divisions added together wins the team competition.

In the event of a tie between teams, the tie will be broken on the basis of most first place class wins and then on points won in the working cow horse class.

## CLASS & EQUIPMENT RULES

Classes will be held per the SHTX Rule Book with one exception: in the Open/Non Pro division, riders must box, fence and circle the cow. Roping is not permitted in lieu of circling. SHTX Score Sheets will be used. Legal equipment is as defined in the SHTX Rule Book.

Questions related to rules, eligibility & show format, call SHTX at 855-846-7468.

Questions related to entries, stalling, etc, call NRCHA 940-488-1500.