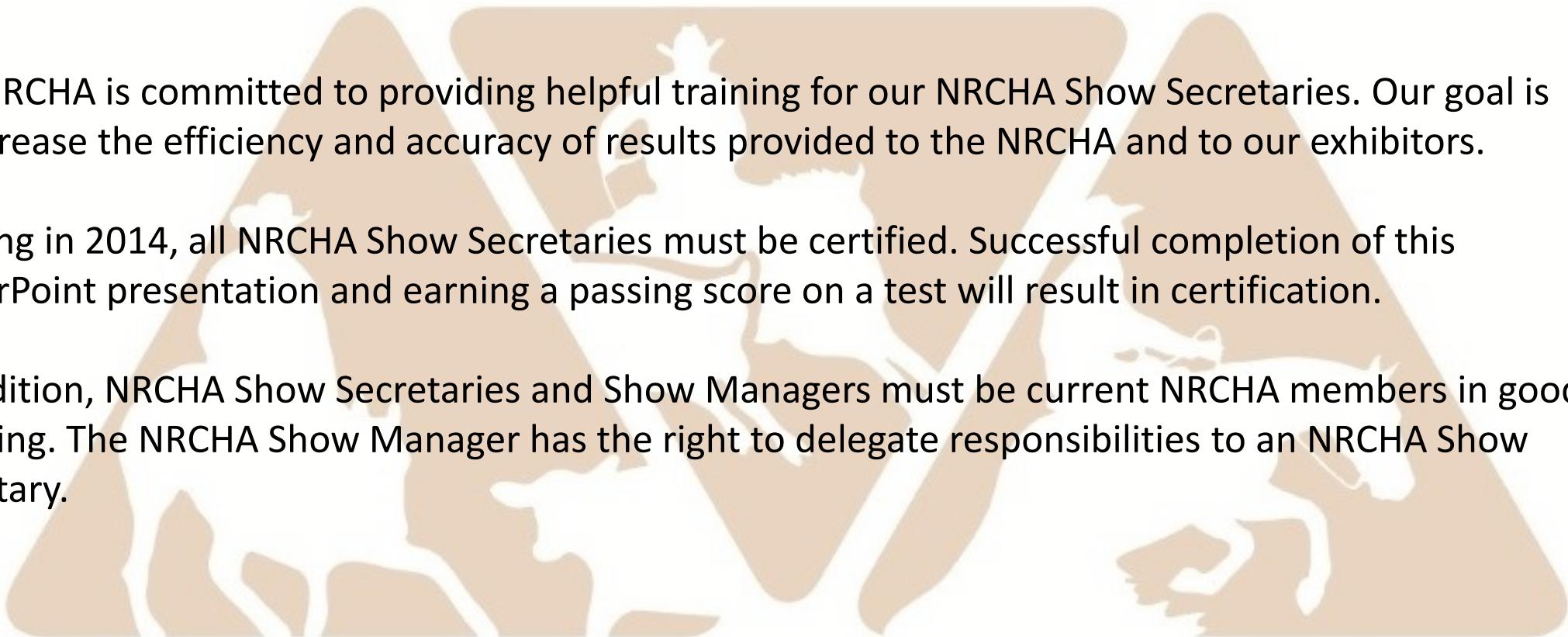


Show Secretary Training

National Reined Cow Horse Association



Overview



The NRCHA is committed to providing helpful training for our NRCHA Show Secretaries. Our goal is to increase the efficiency and accuracy of results provided to the NRCHA and to our exhibitors.

Starting in 2014, all NRCHA Show Secretaries must be certified. Successful completion of this PowerPoint presentation and earning a passing score on a test will result in certification.

In addition, NRCHA Show Secretaries and Show Managers must be current NRCHA members in good standing. The NRCHA Show Manager has the right to delegate responsibilities to an NRCHA Show Secretary.

So, you want to host an NRCHA event?

What happens next?

- Meet with the decision maker in your affiliate or group
- Determine what type of event you will be hosting
- Complete and send in an NRCHA Show Approval Application
- Understand the show budget - how much money you can spend, as well as the fees for the judges and other show personnel
- Work on all pre-show details
- Make sure all NRCHA requirements are met before, during and after the show
- Running an efficient and customer friendly show office
- Record accurate results
- Remit results and additional information to the NRCHA in a timely manner



Types of NRCHA Events

Premier Event

- An event produced by the NRCHA. These events include: Celebration of Champions, Stallion Stakes, Derby, Hackamore Classic, and the NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity®.

Affiliate Event

- An event produced by an approved NRCHA Affiliate.

Sanctioned Event

- An event produced by an organization other than an NRCHA Affiliate Member.

Affiliate Event

- ✓ Sixty (60) days needed for show approval
- ✓ \$100 show approval fee
- ✓ \$1,000 added money required for every **OTHER** horse show
- ✓ Open Bridle and Open Hackamore classes required for horse shows with a minimum of \$250 added for both classes
- ✓ Points are awarded for Regional and National awards
- ✓ Category 1 horse show classes eligible for World Show qualification



Sanctioned Event

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- ✓ Points are awarded for Regional and National awards
- ✓ Eligible for World Show qualification



Show Approval Application

The NRCHA Show Approval Application can be found on the NRCHA website under Programs / Show Management Material: <http://nrcha.com/show-management-material/>. The Excel file will automatically calculate all fees for you!

The show approval packet will contain a cover sheet and all form necessary for all categories of events. You will only need to complete one cover sheet and category form(s) specific to your event.

Please keep in mind, a show is not approved until you receive an approval letter from the NRCHA office. At that time, the show will appear on the calendar of events on the website and Reined Cow Horse News.

Things to keep in mind (refer to section 12.1 in the NRCHA Rulebook):

- Show approval applications must be sent in at least sixty (60) days prior to the event.
- Show approval applications received between thirty (30) and fifty-nine (59) days prior to the event are subject to a \$50 fine.
- If a show is cancelled without a thirty (30) day notice, the show approval fee is forfeited.
- Your approval CANNOT BE CHANGED unless a new approval form is sent in **thirty (30) days prior to the closing date of entry for the show for changes regarding the location, secretary, manager, approved classes, total entry fee, or decrease in added money. Changes regarding the cattle fees, office / retainage fee, addback / jackpot fee, judge fee, video fee, or increase in added money must be communicated no later than seven (7) days prior to the start of the show.**
- All NRCHA approved events must be at least 300 miles away from another NRCHA approved events. Any shows within a 300 mile driving distance will not be approved by the NRCHA.
- Any shows during the NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity® must be at least 1,250 miles away and have less than \$5,000.00 in added money. No show will be approved during the Finals weekend.
- Any shows held during the other NRCHA Premier Events must be more than 750 miles away.

Show Approval Application



Mandatory classes for NRCHA Approved Horse shows, other than LAE, are the Open Bridle and Open Hackamore classes. Show management cannot force entry into another horse show class except Intermediate Open, Limited Open, Select and Youth 13 & Under Horse Show classes. (Example: to enter Level 1 Non Pro Bridle, riders cannot be forced to enter the Non Pro Bridle). For a full roster of classes see Section 3 in the NRCHA Rulebook. Other classes may be approved as Category 2 Classes.

All approved classes must include both rein work and cow work.

A spectacular (rein, cow and herd) such as an Open Bridle Spectacular or Open Hackamore Spectacular may be used in place of the horse show class. When a spectacular is held in place of a horse show class, it is eligible for NRCHA points.

No double judged, double pointed shows or two NRCHA shows on one day in the same location will be approved by the NRCHA.

NRCHA shows with added money of more than \$40,000 must use two or more judges.

The same NRCHA approved judge(s) must be used for every aspect of the class. Ex: the same judge(s) must be used in the rein, cow and herd work. *Special approval may be given at the discretion of the board*

A show that is approved by the NRCHA must use the current Association rules.



National Reined Cow Horse Association 2026 Show Approval

9702 Mineral Wells Hwy, Weatherford, TX 76088

Show Name: _____

Affiliate Name: _____

Event Website: _____

Start Date: _____

End Date: _____

Facility Name: _____

Facility Address: _____

Show Secretary: _____

Phone: _____ NRCHA #: _____

Email: _____

Number of Show Types Included:

Horse Shows

Standard Divisions: _____

Special Category 1: _____

Special Category 2: _____

Limited Aged Events (LAE)

Standard Divisons: _____

Category 2: _____

Judge 1: _____ NRCHA #: _____

Judge 2: _____ NRCHA #: _____

Judge 3: _____ NRCHA #: _____

Judge 4: _____ NRCHA #: _____

Show Manager: _____

Phone: _____ NRCHA #: _____

Email: _____



By seeking approval for the event described in this show approval request form on the dates above, the applicant understands and acknowledges that the use of any NRCHA logos and trademarks is limited to the above-identified event if approved and this license does not extend to future events not specifically identified in this form.

!! All approved NRCHA shows must fully disclose ALL fees associated with competing at the show. This includes, but is not limited to, a complete breakdown by category of add back (jackpot), retainage, office fees, judge fees, video fees, stall fees, grounds fees, drug fees, cattle fees, etc. NRCHA reserves the right to penalize or unapprove events that do not disclose fees in a manner easily accessible by the public.

We hereby agree to abide by the National Reined Cow Horse Association rules and regulations. We guarantee payment of all prize monies to participants, as well as agree to forward results, required fees and forms to the NRCHA within 14 days after the competition of this event. We also acknowledge that because these rules have been established on the basis of experience and fairness to all who are interested in the betterment of the reined cow horse competition, the under signer therefore agrees to indemnify and hold harmless NRCHA for any injuries, damages or claims of whatever nature, arising from the performances conducted under the NRCHA rules and regulations.

Authorized Print: _____

Authorized Signature: [CLICK HERE TO SIGN - all show approvals must be signed](#)

Title: _____

Date: _____

Completing the Show Approval Application

Cover Page

Show Dates

- Did you have the same weekend last year? If not, confirm there is not another show within a 300-mile driving distance
- Shows with past show dates have priority in the scheduling of shows

Show Location

- If a group applies for an approved show within a 300 mile driving distance on previous held dates, it will not be approved
- No shows will be approved within 750 miles of a Premier Event (1,250 Miles for the NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity®, no shows will be approved during the NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity® Finals)

Show Secretary & Manager

- All show secretaries and managers are required to be current NRCHA members. NRCHA Show Secretaries must be certified.

A show may be approved without naming a judge or judges; however, the judge or judges must be named at least thirty days prior to the closing date of entries.

Horse Show Approval

Show Name: _____

Show Date: _____

Class	Add Back min. 1.5 x office fee	Office Fee	Judge Fee	Cattle Fee	NRCHA Fee	Video Fee	Total Entry Fee	Added Money
Open Bridle					\$10.00		\$10.00	
Intermediate Open Bridle*					\$10.00		\$10.00	
Limited Open Bridle*					\$10.00		\$10.00	
Level 1 Open Bridle					\$10.00		\$10.00	
Non Pro Bridle					\$10.00		\$10.00	
Intermediate Non Pro Bridle					\$10.00		\$10.00	
Level 1 Non Pro Bridle					\$10.00		\$10.00	
Select Non Pro Bridle*					\$10.00		\$10.00	
Open Hackamore					\$10.00		\$10.00	
Intermediate Open Hackamore*					\$10.00		\$10.00	
Limited Open Hackamore*					\$10.00		\$10.00	
Level 1 Open Hackamore					\$10.00		\$10.00	
Non Pro Hackamore					\$10.00		\$10.00	
Open Two Rein					\$10.00		\$10.00	
Intermediate Open Two Rein*					\$10.00		\$10.00	
Non Pro Two Rein					\$10.00		\$10.00	
Youth Cow Horse					\$10.00		\$10.00	
Youth Cow Horse 13 & under*					\$10.00		\$10.00	
Box Drive					\$10.00		\$10.00	
Non Pro Boxing					\$10.00		\$10.00	
Intermediate Non Pro Boxing					\$10.00		\$10.00	
Limited Non Pro Boxing					\$10.00		\$10.00	
Select Non Pro Boxing*					\$10.00		\$10.00	
Youth Boxing					\$10.00		\$10.00	
Youth Boxing 13 & under *					\$10.00		\$10.00	

Total Added Money: \$0.00

If the Add Back cell is red, it is too low. Decrease the Office Fee or increase the Add Back. NRCHA Fee is charged in USD, International shows may charge more to cover the exchange rate.

Horse Show Approval Requirements

- Minimum of \$1000.00 in added money
- Open Bridle and Open Hackamore must be offered with at least \$250.00 in added to each class
- Exhibitors in the Select and 13 & Under classes must enter a main Non Pro or Youth class
- Exhibitors in the Intermediate and Limited Open classes must enter the corresponding Open class.
- For Open/I/O/LO, if a single entry fee is used, entries must be auto-entered according to the rider's eligibility.
- For every \$1,000.00 added to an Affiliate Show, a second show with no added money

See sections 3 and 12 of the current NRCHA Rulebook for further details.



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Completing the Show Approval Application

Fee Breakdown

Add Back

- Also known as the jackpot and must be 1.5 times the Office Fee.
- This portion of the entry fee is multiplied by the number of entries.
- Then, you add in the added money to equal your total purse.
 - Example: You have an Open Bridle class with \$250 added money and the add back is \$50. You have 6 entries and all 6 showed. You'll take the $\$50 \times 6 = \300 (add back). $\$300$ (add back) + $\$250$ (added money) = $\$550$ (total purse).
- When using the Excel file, If your add back is not 1.5 times the Office Fee, the cell will be red.

Office Fee

- This is the amount that the host organization retains.

Judge Fee

- This is another fee that the host organization retains. We do recommend that you are transparent about this fee and what it contains. For example, if your organization requires a membership fee for all exhibitors, it can go under this fee.

Cattle Fee

- The fee charged for cattle. Most organizations do not charge the cattle fee twice if an exhibitor is entering multiple classes ran concurrently.

NRCHA Fee

- This is charged to every entry SHOWN. It is not charged to scratched entries.

Video Fee

- It is required to videotape any NRCHA approved events that have \$5,000 or more in added money.

Total Entry Fee

- This is the total cost to enter a class. This is automatically calculated in the workbook.

Added Money

- The added money can be **increased** up to **seven (7)** days before the start of the show. It cannot be **decreased** without a new show approval fee being sent into NRCHA within **thirty (30)** days of the start of the show.

Shows

Horse Shows

- Category 1

Horse Show Special Events

- Category 1
- Category 2

Limited Aged Events

- Category 1
- Category 2



Horse Shows

Category 1

Event open to all horses

- Category 1 classes:
 - Open Bridle
 - Intermediate Open Bridle (*not a stand alone class – must enter “mothering” class*)
 - Limited Open Bridle (*not a stand alone class – must enter “mothering” class*)
 - Level 1 Open Bridle
 - Non Pro Bridle
 - Intermediate Non Pro Bridle
 - Level 1 Non Pro Bridle
 - Select Non Pro Bridle (*not a stand alone class – must enter “mothering” class*)
 - Open Hackamore
 - Intermediate Open Hackamore (*not a stand alone class – must enter “mothering” class*)
 - Limited Open Hackamore (*not a stand alone class – must enter “mothering” class*)
 - Level 1 Open Hackamore
 - Non Pro Hackamore
 - Open Two Rein
 - Intermediate Open Two Rein (*not a stand alone class – must enter “mothering” class*)
 - Non Pro Two Rein
 - Youth Cow Horse
 - Youth Cow Horse 13 & Under (*not a stand alone class – must enter “mothering” class*)
 - Box Drive
 - Non Pro Boxing
 - Intermediate Non Pro Boxing
 - Limited Non Pro Boxing
 - Select Non Pro Boxing (*not a stand alone class – must enter “mothering” class*)
 - Youth Boxing
 - Youth Boxing 13 & Under (*not a stand alone class – must enter “mothering” class*)
- Refer to 3.5 – 3.10 in the NRCHA Rulebook for additional information on HS classes
- Anything outside the classes listed will be considered a Category 2
- Equipment is age specific
- Monies won will count towards Lifetime Earnings and Merit Awards

Horse Show Special Events

Category 1

Category 1 Special Events are classes/divisions that are outside the standard Horse Show Divisions and/or are outside the LAE Divisions

- Approved Category 1 Special Events examples:
 - NRCHA World's Greatest Horseman®
 - All-Around Competitions
 - Spectaculars without entry restriction
- Spectaculars
 - Spectaculars are defined as classes that include herd work, rein work and cow work
 - Spectaculars can be defined by equipment requirements and/or exhibitor requirements
 - For example, a Non Pro Boxing Spectacular can require an exhibitor to be eligible for the Non Pro Boxing Division and show their horse in age appropriate head gear and comply with Non Pro ownership requirements. A Youth Cow Horse Spectacular can require an exhibitor to be a youth and show their horse in legal headgear that is horse age appropriate. A Two Rein Spectacular can require use of legal two rein equipment with no stipulation on exhibitor, etc.
 - Points will not be awarded when a regular class is offered. Points will be awarded when only a spectacular is offered and no regular classes were offered.
- Earnings from Category 1 Special Events will count toward Lifetime Earnings and Merit Awards
- Eligibility for these events is the same a Horse Show Classes

Category 2

Divisions / classes held at approved shows that do not meet Category 1 criteria or standard horse show divisions that involve some restriction of entry can be approved as a Category 2 event

- Event / Division Class must feature at least rein and cow work
- Restriction Examples:
 - Maximum rider earnings of \$500
 - A Non Pro Boxing Bridle Spectacular
 - Maximum horse earnings of \$2,000
 - Required cross entry into another class like Open Bridle (with the exception of LAE/HS Intermediate Open, / Limited Open into the Open and Intermediate Non Pro / Limited Non Pro into the Non Pro)
- Additional examples of Category 2 events:
 - Stallion programs other than the NRCHA Stakes
 - Invitational events other than the NRCHA World Show, horse sales or closed events that do not allow entry to everyone but still wish to be approved by the NRCHA for lifetime earnings
- Earnings from these events will count toward Lifetime Earnings and Limited Aged Event eligibilities where applicable but will not count toward Merit Awards

Limited Aged Events

Category 1

Event for which only horses of a specified age are eligible

- Futurities are limited to three (3) year olds only
- Derbies are restricted to four (4) and five (5) year olds only (*a 6 year old may be shown in the Non Pro Boxing Derby*)

- Category 1 classes:

- Open
- Intermediate Open
- Limited Open
- Level 1 Open
- Novice Horse
- Non Pro
- Intermediate Non Pro
- Limited Non Pro
- Ladies
- Level 1 Non Pro
- Non Pro Boxing (may show 6 year olds in a snaffle)
- Level 1 Non Pro Boxing
- Select (*not a stand alone class – must enter “mothering” class*)

- Refer to 10.4 in the NRCHA Rulebook for additional information on LAE classes
- Anything outside the classes listed above will be considered a Category 2
- Monies won will count towards Lifetime Earnings and Merit Awards

Category 2

Events that do not meet established NRCHA Limited Age Event guidelines

- Feature at least the Rein work and Cow work
- Examples:
 - Snaffle Bit 5 & Under
 - Stallion programs other than the NRCHA Stallion Stakes
 - Invitational events other than the NRCHA World Show, horse sales, or closed event
- Monies won will not count towards Merit Awards, but will count for Lifetime Earnings and Limited Aged Event eligibilities where applicable

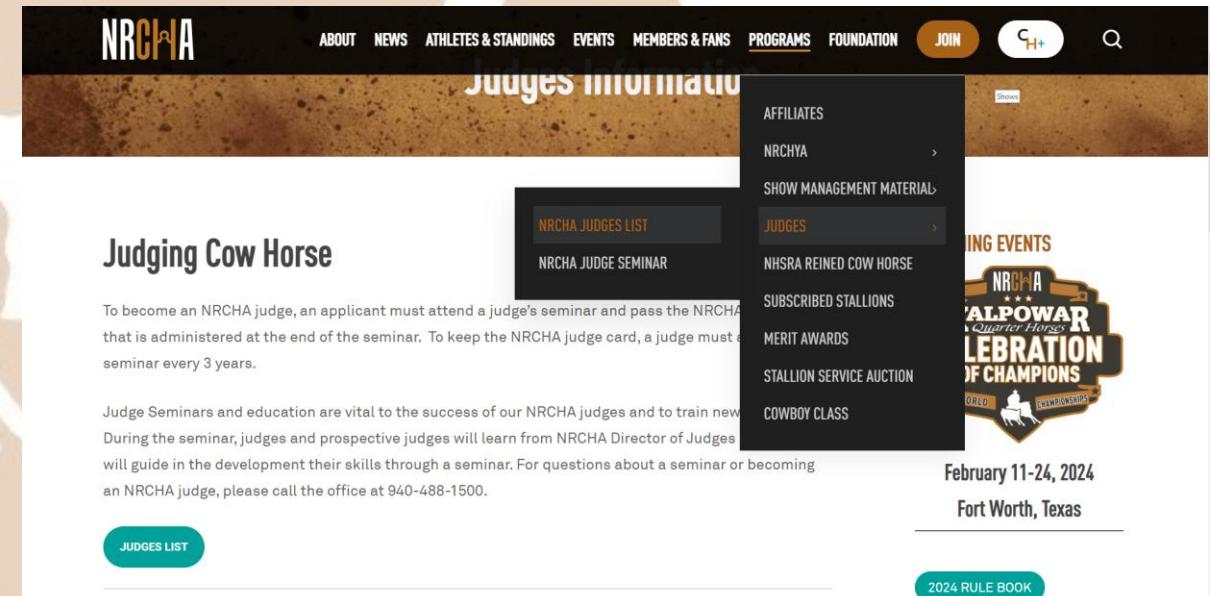
Show Details

Hiring an NRCHA Approved Judge

- To find an NRCHA approved judge, go to: <https://www.nrcha.com/nrcha-judges-list/>

Judge's Contract

- Get the contract signed
 - Send two copies of the contract to each judge; one for their file and one to be signed and returned to the show management
 - There is a judge's contract template available on the NRCHA website found under Programs / Show Management Materials
- Determine the daily rate
 - Typical rates are \$400 - \$650 per day
 - Overtime rates should be discussed
- Travel
 - Most organizations will cover all travel expenses
 - Book travel far enough in advanced to avoid increased fees
- Keep in contact
 - Be sure to stay in contact with your judge, especially 1-2 weeks before the show to finalize any details



The screenshot shows the NRCHA website with a horse silhouette background. The top navigation bar includes links for About, News, Athletes & Standings, Events, Members & Fans, Programs (highlighted), Foundation, Join, and a search bar. The main content area is titled "Judges Information" and features a sub-section titled "Judging Cow Horse". It includes a "NRCHA JUDGES LIST" button and a "NRCHA JUDGE SEMINAR" button. Below this, there is text about the seminar and a "JUDGES LIST" button. The right sidebar contains links for Affiliates, NRCHA, Show Management Materials, Judges (with a dropdown menu), NCHA Reined Cow Horse, Subscribed Stallions, Merit Awards, Stallion Service Auction, and Cowboy Class. A banner for the "NRCHA 2024 World Show" is visible on the right, along with event details: "February 11-24, 2024" and "Fort Worth, Texas". A "2024 RULE BOOK" link is at the bottom.

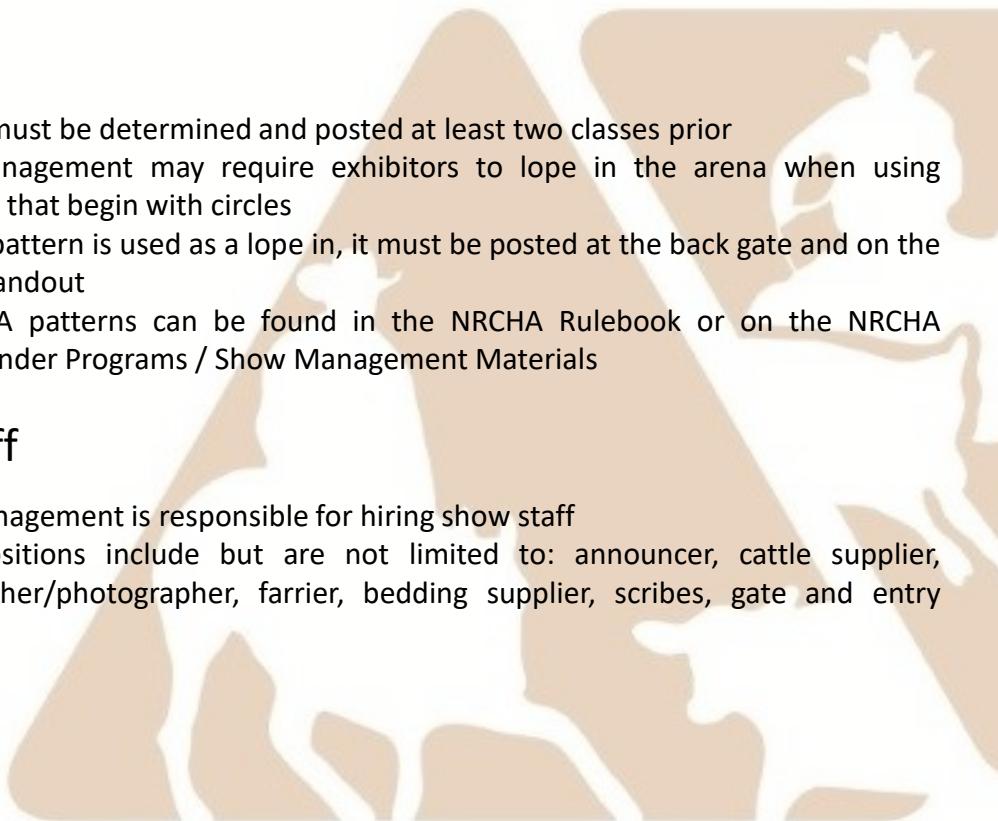
Show Details

Patterns

- Patterns must be determined and posted at least two classes prior
- Show Management may require exhibitors to lope in the arena when using pattern(s) that begin with circles
- If used a pattern is used as a lope in, it must be posted at the back gate and on the pattern handout
- All NRCHA patterns can be found in the NRCHA Rulebook or on the NRCHA website under Programs / Show Management Materials

Show Staff

- Show Management is responsible for hiring show staff
- These positions include but are not limited to: announcer, cattle supplier, videographer/photographer, farrier, bedding supplier, scribes, gate and entry personnel



2024 Boxing Judge Card
2024 Steer Stopping Judge Card

Card

Patterns

- Pattern 1
- Pattern 2
- Pattern 2 – Lope Toward
- Pattern 2 – Lope Away
- Pattern 3
- Pattern 3 – Lope Toward
- Pattern 3 – Lope Away
- Pattern 4**
- Pattern 5
- Pattern 6
- Pattern 6 – Lope Toward
- Pattern 6 – Lope Away
- Pattern 7
- Pattern 7 – Lope Toward
- Pattern 7 – Lope Away
- Pattern 8



Show Details

Bit Checking

- Show Management should appoint a Bit Checker
- Bit Checker's duties include standing at the back gate to inspect every NRCHA exhibitor's headgear/equipment after they have completed their run
- If the Bit Checker finds a violation (blood in the mouth or illegal equipment) the exhibitor and judge will be notified and the exhibitor will be disqualified
- The Bit Checker should have a very good understanding of the NRCHA rulebook - ideally an NRCHA approved judge

NRCHA Representative

- Show Management should appoint an NRCHA Representative
- NRCHA Representative acts as a liaison between the exhibitors, show management, and the judge
- This person should be a neutral party, who is a current NRCHA member in good standing, has a very good understanding of the NRCHA rulebook
- This person cannot be the Show Secretary or Show Manager
- Before the start of the show this person must be selected, announced, and posted

Emergency Medical Technician

- NRCHA strongly recommends that an EMT (Emergency Medical Technician), an Ambulance or other qualified medical personnel, along with suitable equipment, be on the show grounds while the show is in progress.
- If your show is small and cannot afford to have an ambulance on the grounds, you may want to contact your local EMT service personnel and make them aware of your upcoming show. Also provide them with the dates, times and directions if an emergency were to occur.

Show Details

Cattle

- Fresh cattle for the fence work CAN be cattle that were used in the herd work. Cattle that have gone down the fence should not be used in herd work, but can be used for boxing. Ideally, the schedule is set up so that your cattle can go from herd work to fence work to boxing.
- For every 8 head of cattle or fraction thereof, one extra head should be supplied. It is strongly suggested that a minimum of 2.5 cattle for each entry in the herd work should be supplied.
- At the NRCHA managed events, cattle start in the herd work and then a portion of the cattle move over to the practice pen and then rest are retained for the show pen and used down the fence and in the boxing.

Entries

- Per NRCHA Rulebook 12.1.15, entry forms must contain the following disclaimer and all participants must sign:
 - “By my signature below I hereby acknowledge that I meet the criteria for eligibility to compete in the classes entered according to the guidelines set forth in the NRCHA rulebook.”
- This is to ensure that competitors are aware of the criteria for the different classes in which they are indeed eligible to compete.

Back Numbers

- Back numbers are not required, but if you provide them, exhibitors must wear them. Many feed companies will supply them to you at no cost.

Show Details

Stalling

- Create a stall chart prior to the show. A simple diagram of the barn(s) and number of stalls will do.
- A larger show may require a stall manager.

Sponsors

- Contact sponsors for their contributions.
- Secretaries for small shows may be able to take care of this more quickly, but the earlier more thorough the planning, the better the results.

Hotels

- Contact local hotels. They may donate rooms or give a special show rate. Reserve all required rooms for staff.

Publicity

- Arrange for someone to handle publicity and press releases. There are many newspapers and/or horse publications that have a free Calendar of Events section. Post show dates and locations of the show at local tack shops and feed stores.

Awards

- Determine awards, order saddles, trophies and plaques
- Be sure to order awards with plenty of time for them to arrive and be inspected

At the Show

When processing entries, show secretaries are responsible for the following:

- ✓ Memberships
- ✓ Eligibility
- ✓ Ownership
- ✓ Grade horses



NRCHA Memberships

- All owners and exhibitors MUST be current NRCHA members
- Anyone can renew or join at the show
- First year members are free!
- If an owner or rider is found to not be current, they will be subject to a \$50 fine. Show management may also be fined \$50 or charged for the missing membership
- Memberships can be verified at any time on NRCHA.com under Members & Fans/Member Resources/Membership Directory
- You can also call the NRCHA Office prior to the show and request a list of all current NRCHA members

NRCHA Eligibility

- All eligibilities are figured as of November 16th (beginning of the show year)
- Class eligibility can be found:
 - On the back of their NRCHA membership card
 - Online in the NRCHA Membership Directory
- Non Pros
 - Non Pros must fill out a Non Pro Declaration every year
 - FALL BACK
 - Non Pro competitors may fall back into the Non Pro Boxing class at any time for any reason.
 - Competitors may fall back to the Non Pro Boxing Class only one time, unless they are over 70.
 - Competitors must notify the NRCHA Office if they would like to use their fall back.
 - Select classes are open to riders 60 years of age and over as of November 16th
- Youth
 - Youth exhibitors must be 18 years and under as of November 16th
 - Youth members may show in Youth and Non Pro classes provided they possess a Non Pro Membership and have a completed and approved Non Pro Declaration
- Ineligible Riders
 - He/She will be removed from the show results and forfeit all earnings and points.
 - No part of the entry fee will be refunded.
 - He/She can be placed on probation for minimum of 30 days for the first offense. Second and subsequent offense will result in a 90-day suspension and a fine of \$500.

NRCHA NATIONAL REINED COW HORSE ASSOCIATION
2026 NON PRO DECLARATION
Valid November 16, 2025-November 15, 2026

Complete Online! 

Name: _____ First _____ M.I. _____ Last _____ Membership ID: _____

Occupation: _____

Answering YES to any of the following questions does NOT automatically disqualify you from gaining Non Pro Status.

1. Within the last 5 years have you for renumeration (as defined in the NRCHA rulebook) done any of the following:

a. Given lessons (in any equine related situations) NO YES
b. Given clinics (in any equine related situations) NO YES
c. Trained horses ASTRIDE or assisted in training horses ASTRIDE NO YES

If YES, to any of the above, explain and include date(s): _____

2. Within the last 5 years, have you:

a. Shown a horse not owned by you or an immediate family member? NO YES
b. Had your entry fees paid for any horse (regardless of owner) by anyone who was not an immediate family member? NO YES
c. Had any show expenses / horse expenses paid (directly or indirectly) by any one who was NOT an immediate family member? NO YES

If YES, to any of the above, explain and include date(s): _____

3. Within the last 5 years have you:

a. Been employed as an intern for a horse trainer in any discipline? NO YES
b. Participated in a recognized intern/sponsor program (such as NRHA)? NO YES

If YES, to either, list program/trainer name and dates and explain the structure of the program: _____

4. Are you currently:

a. Residing on a horse training facility? NO YES
b. Working for a horse training facility? NO YES
c. Publicly identified with horse trainer or horse training facility? NO YES
(Examples: business owner, trainer spouse and/or significant other, etc.)
d. Participating in an equine science program? NO YES
e. Receive monetary or non-monetary renumeration directly or indirectly from ANY business that is involved in the equine industry? NO YES
(Examples: Western Apparel, Equine Feeds/Supplement Companies, Tack Stores, Horse Equipment Companies, Farm/Ranch Equipment Companies, Insurance Companies, etc.)

If YES, to any of the above, explain: _____

5. Do you have more than \$750 in combined, down the fence earnings? NO YES
(Please include earnings from any & all approved national/regional horse organizations like AQHA, APHA, ApHC, SHTX, Ranch Horse Versatility, etc.)

If YES, to any of the above, explain and include date(s): _____

6. Are you a Youth (18 or under as of November 16, 2025)? NO YES

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the National Reined Cow Horse Association Non Pro definitions and rules and will abide by them. I also understand that if there is a change in my status or eligibility that I must inform the National Reined Cow Horse Association within 30 days of that change. I understand that my Non Pro application will be reviewed by the Non Pro Committee and it may be reviewed by the NRCHA Board of Directors, and their decisions shall be final.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return to: NRCHA 9702 Mineral Wells Hwy, Weatherford, TX 76088 Phone: 940.488.1500 Email: membership@nrcha.com

Ownership

- Verifying ownership is very important because both owners and exhibitors must be NRCHA members
- In addition, if a Non Pro shows a horse that they or an immediate family member does not own, they are in violation and could have their Non Pro status revoked
- Ownership can be verified through the breed association
- Open, Limited Non Pro Boxing and Youth exhibitors do not have to own their horses
 - Keep in mind, if a Non Pro shows a horse that they do not own in an Open class, their Non Pro status is **STILL** at risk
- **Horses CANNOT be shown on a transfer or a lease!**

NRCHA Rulebook

2.4 Non Pro Ownership Requirements / Rules

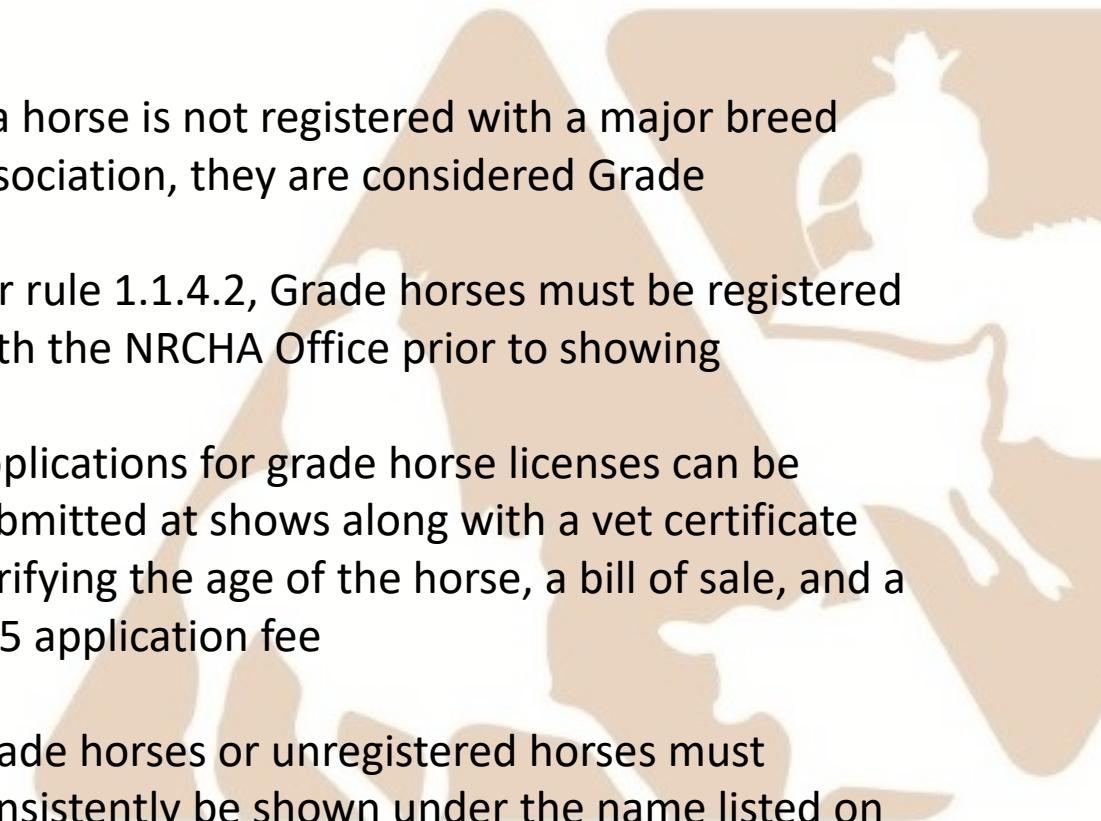
2.4.1 Non Pros must not exhibit in Non Pro classes (except as noted in 2.4.5.3) any horses owned by any third party, but shall only exhibit horses solely owned by the exhibitor or the exhibitor's family, which is the exhibitor's spouse, legal domestic partner, child, stepchild, parent, grandparent, grandchild, aunt, uncle, cousin, step-parent, sibling, half-sibling, spouse's parent, spouse's step-parent, spouse's sibling, spouse's half sibling, spouse's step sibling, sibling's spouse, half-sibling's spouse, step-sibling's spouse, legal ward, or legal guardian. Separate legal entities such as family corporations, trusts or partnerships, are also authorized by this rule and must meet the family requirements as stated above. "Owned" means, in addition to other legitimate methods of acquiring ownership, the bona fide legal ownership obtained for adequate consideration in reasonable relationship with the actual market value of the horse. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification from the class shown

2.4.2 Any transaction relating to the sale of a horse to a Non Pro other than by family members must be at fair market value. The Non Pro is responsible for documenting said transaction in a satisfactory manner in the event of a protest.

2.4.3 Horses owned in partnership or jointly with any person other than immediate family are not considered as fulfilling ownership requirements.

Grade Horses

- If a horse is not registered with a major breed association, they are considered Grade
- Per rule 1.1.4.2, Grade horses must be registered with the NRCHA Office prior to showing
- Applications for grade horse licenses can be submitted at shows along with a vet certificate verifying the age of the horse, a bill of sale, and a \$25 application fee
- Grade horses or unregistered horses must consistently be shown under the name listed on their Grade Horse Certificate



NRCHA
NATIONAL REINED COW HORSE ASSOCIATION

Grade Horse Competition License Application / Transfer Request

Beginning in 2017, the National Reined Cow Horse Association will require horses not registered with a breed association to obtain a Grade Horse Competition License to accurately document age and ownership BEFORE showing. The name selected must be unique, available and not a registered horse's name.

SECTION 1 – TO BE COMPLETED IF THIS IS THE INITIAL LICENSE APPLICATION

Horse Name: _____

Horse Gender: _____ Horse Foal Year: _____

Owner Name: _____

Owner NRCHA #: _____ Date of Ownership: _____

Phone Number / Best Contact: _____

Additional Requirements: Please attach the following:

A vet certificate confirming the age of the horse

A bill of sale (with date of sale) and/or Brand Inspection indicating proof of ownership

\$25.00 application fee

SECTION 2 – TO BE COMPLETED IF THIS IS AN OWNERSHIP TRANSFER REQUEST

Horse License Number: _____

New Owner Name: _____

New Owner NRCHA #: _____ Date of Ownership Change: _____

Phone Number / Best Contact: _____

A bill of sale (with date of sale) and/or Brand Inspection indicating proof of ownership

\$10.00 transfer fee

SECTION 3 – CERTIFICATION

By signing below, I signify that all the information provided regarding this unregistered horse is true and correct. I agree that I will provide the competition license number to show management when competing at NRCHA approved shows. I agree that if this horse becomes registered with any breed association, prior NRCHA earnings / show records will not transfer to the new registered horse name, but will remain associated to this grade license number.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____ NRCHA #: _____

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At the Show

Once entries are processed, the show secretary is responsible for:

- ✓ Draws
 - ✓ Judge cards
 - ✓ Late Entries
 - ✓ Scratches
- ✓ Recording Results
 - ✓ Payouts
 - ✓ Ties
 - ✓ Ineligible riders
- ✓ Payment
 - ✓ Bounced Checks



Draws

- Draws should be completed by either the Show Secretary or the Show Manager
- Horse show classes MUST be drawn and posted at least two classes prior
- We recommend that Limited Aged Event draws be posted before the show begins
- Conflicts – if a show is using two pens, the draw order may be adjusted for the rider with the conflict.
- Failure to work in the proper order or proper adjusted order will result in a score of 0



Judge Cards

- Judge cards can be found on the NRCHA website under Resources / Show Management Material
- We recommend that you color coordinate your judge cards
 - Herd work – tan
 - Rein work – pink
 - Fence/cow work – blue
 - Boxing – green
 - Box Drive- Purple
 - Steer Stopping - White
- Make sure your cards are completely filled out including the event name, date, judge name, and class name
 - If classes run concurrently, be sure to include all class names on the judge card
- Always, always, always check your rein work scores!

Late Entries

- If a horse was properly entered but left out of the draw, the entry should be chipped in
 - A numbered token shall be drawn based on the number of entries
 - This token represents the “left out” entry and shall work behind the number drawn
 - Example: If token nine (9) was drawn, the entry shall work after draw nine (9) and before draw (10)
- If an entry is received after the draw, they should be put in the draw as follows:
 - Herd work – last in the first set
 - Rein work – first
 - Cow work – first
- An organization may elect to put all late entries last in all phases so that on time entries are ensured fresh cattle



Scratches

Horse Shows

- Scratching BEFORE the draw
 - Most shows refund / remove all charges
- Scratching AFTER the draw
 - The add back portion of their entry fee MUST remain in the total purse. Total payout is based on the number of horses shown.
 - Example: You have five horses entered in the Non Pro Bridle but one scratched after the draw. The total purse is based on five entries. However, the payout percentages is based on the four horses actually shown. Based on rule 7.2, four horses pays two places. Points will also be based on the number of horses shown, which is four, in this example.
 - Scratches should still be listed in the results as a scratched entry

Limited Aged Events

- Scratching BEFORE the draw
 - Most shows refund / remove all charges
 - Some shows keep the cattle fee if cattle was specifically ordered for the entry
- Scratching AFTER the draw
 - The add back portion of their entry fee must remain in the total purse. The \$8 NRCHA and video fee may be refunded.
 - The total purse and payout scale are both based on the number of horses ENTERED
 - Scratches should still be listed in the results as a scratched entry

Results

Payouts – Horse Show Classes

- Payouts are based on the number of horses SHOWN
 - Add back from scratched horses stays in the total money, but is not accounted for in the total number of horses shown
- To calculate payout, multiply the add back money by the number of entries
- Add in the added money for the total payout
- The NRCHA Payout Chart can be found in the NRCHA Rulebook, 7.2 and must be used for NRCHA category 1 approved horse shows

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Payout Chart

Results

Payouts – Limited Aged Events

- Payouts are based on the number of horses ENTERED
- The NRCHA Payout Chart can be found in the NRCHA Rulebook, 7.2 and must be used for NRCHA category 1 approved LAE shows, unless there is a finals. If there is a finals, all finalists must receive a payout.
- For events that pay out in any of the phases (Herd Work / Rein Work / Cow Work), the total of the Go-Rounds plus the composite should equal the Add Back plus added money.
- Go-Round results (money and placings) must be recorded on their own results forms and should not be combined in the total results

# of placers	Number of Horses Shown																																
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7.2 Payout Chart

Results

Ties

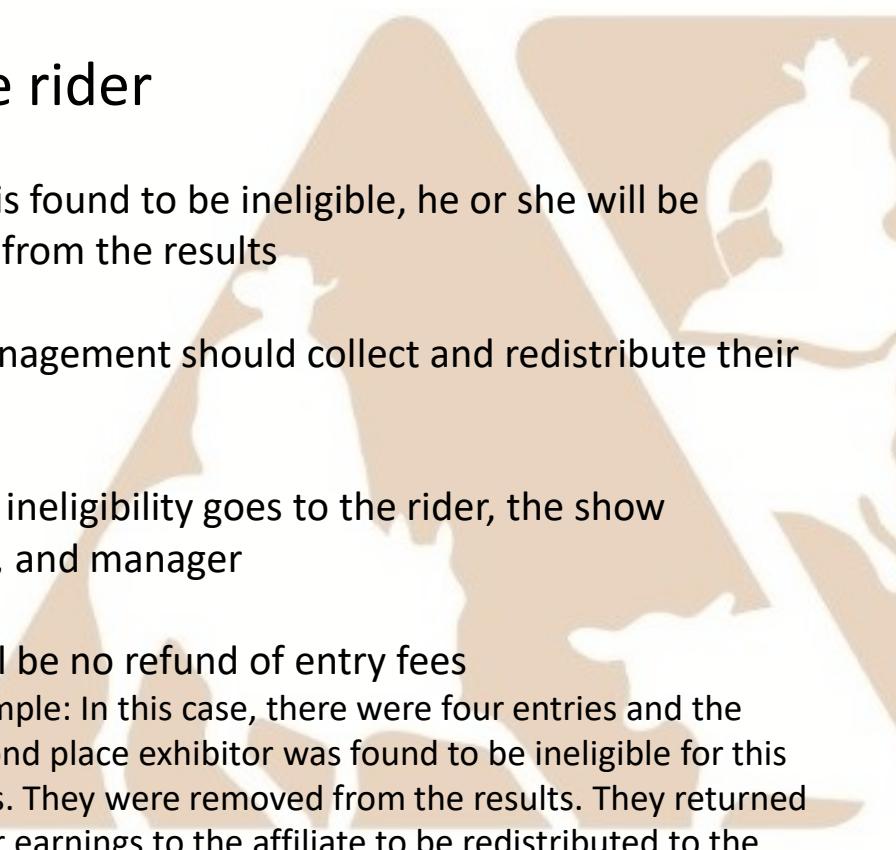
- If there is a tie for first place
 - In the event of a tie for first, the winner is determined by the high cow score
 - If the cow score is also tied, then for events with prelims, the high prelim score breaks the tie
 - If a tie still exists or there were no prelims, a cow work off may take, or if mutually agreed upon by the exhibitors they will be named Co-Champions and a coin will be tossed to determine prizes
 - If a tie is not discovered on the day it happens the contestants will be declared Co-Champions and a coin will be flipped for the prizes
- Ties may occur between any placing after first, the money and points for placings will be combined and divided by the number of entries that have tied

ney	\$0.00	Total Money		\$400.00	Points
Rein	Steer Stopping	Fence	Composite	Amount	
74.00	0.00	74.00	148.00	\$160.00	12
72.50	0.00	73.00	145.50	\$120.00	10
71.50	0.00	73.00	144.50	\$60.00	8 7
69.50	0.00	75.00	144.50	\$60.00	6 7

Results

Ineligible rider

- If a rider is found to be ineligible, he or she will be removed from the results
- Show management should collect and redistribute their winnings
- Notice of ineligibility goes to the rider, the show secretary, and manager
- There will be no refund of entry fees
 - Example: In this case, there were four entries and the second place exhibitor was found to be ineligible for this class. They were removed from the results. They returned their earnings to the affiliate to be redistributed to the original third place exhibitor. Total purse remained the same.



Number of Horses Shown		4			
Added Money		\$200		Total Money	
Herd	Rein	Fence	Composite	Amount	Points
71	67.5	69	207.5	\$420.00	office use only
60	66.5	61	187.5	\$280.00	
72	0	68	140	\$280.00	
72	0	67	139		

Results

Zero Scores vs. No Score vs. Non Entry

A no score is not eligible for placing or points but WILL count as an entry in the class

- Abuse such as exhibiting a lame horse, abusive showing or schooling techniques
 - Abuse will not be tolerated and should be whistled out immediately

A zero score is eligible for placing or points and will count as an entry in the class

- Off pattern
- Work is not completed when the whistle is blown
- Lameness that appeared visibly sound at the beginning of the run
- Schooling between the rein and cow work when cow work immediately follows
- Out of control and endangering themselves or their horse
- Bloody mouth
- Illegal Equipment
- Fall of horse or rider
- Broken equipment and unable to finish
 - More examples of zero scores can be found in the NRCHA Rulebook under section 19

A non entry is not eligible for placing or points and will not count as an entry in the class and should be marked by the judge as NE in the score box of the judge's cards

- Failure to attempt to take the cow down the fence
- Failure to attempt to complete the rein work
- Failure to attempt the herd work
- Failure to attempt the cow work pattern in a limited class

Protests

If an exhibitor brings to your attention an issue with the judge's scoring, how is this handled?

Example: An error in addition to a rein work score.

This can be resolved at the show IF the show is still in progress.

- An error in addition to a rein work score can be reviewed by the show secretary. The show secretary can then bring it to the judge's attention. The judge can review the score and make any changes necessary. The results should be corrected and the earnings and prizes should be redistributed by the show secretary.

If the show is already complete and the judge has left, an official protest must be filed with NRCHA.

- An Intent to Protest must be submitted in writing to NRCHA within 7 days of discovery
- A written protest must then be filed to NRCHA within 30 days of discovery and include \$100 cashier's check.
 - Any complaints filed by an NRCHA Director, Show Representative, Show Management or Judges are not required to submit the \$100 fee.
- Upon receipt, the Ethics Committee will investigate and consider the protest.

Protests

If an exhibitor brings to your attention an issue with the judge's scoring, how is this handled?

Example: The judge scored and placed a horse that went off pattern.

This issue can be resolved at the show IF the show is still in progress.

- The NRCHA Show Representative should be notified as soon as possible. If there is a videographer, the judge and the NRCHA Rep can review the video and make any changes necessary. The results should be corrected and the earnings and prizes should be redistributed by the show secretary.

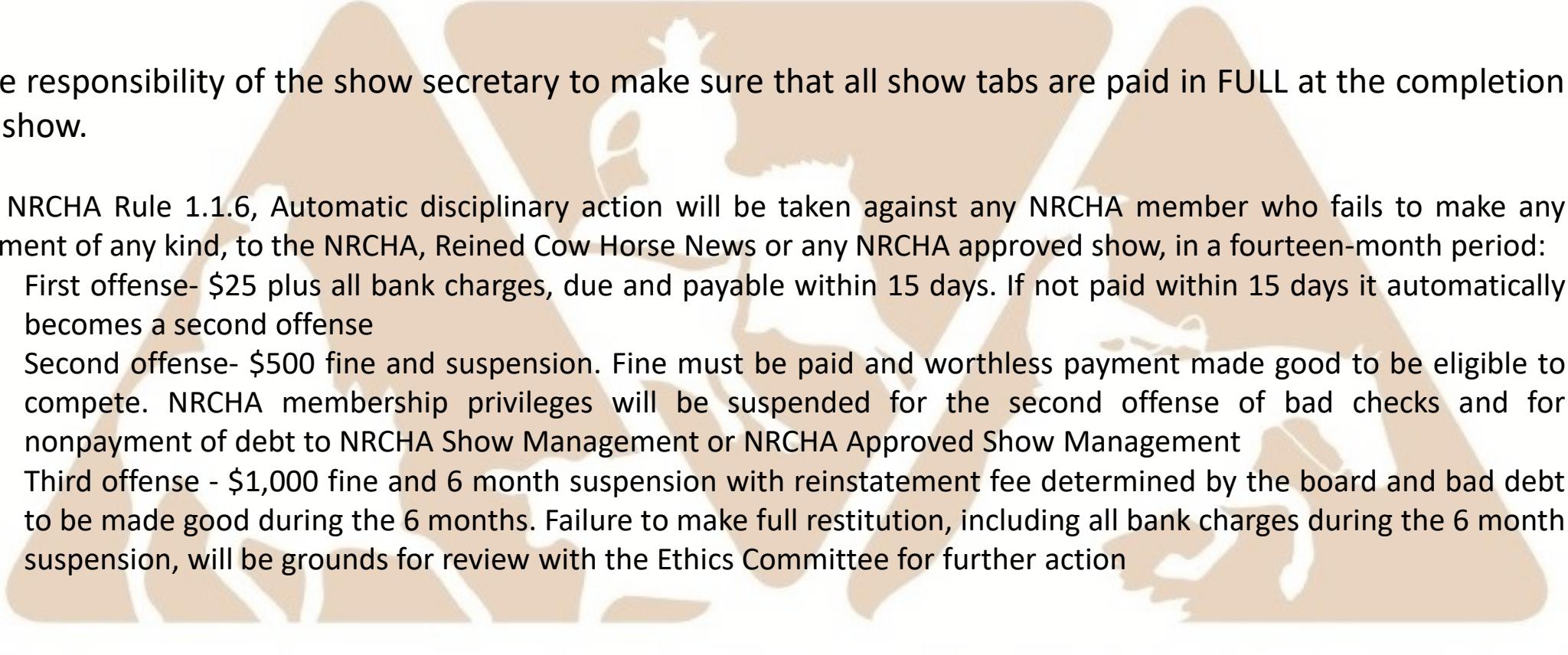
If the show is complete and the judge has left but there IS a videographer, an official protest must be filed with NRCHA and a copy of the video should be requested.

- An Intent to Protest must be submitted in writing to NRCHA within 7 days of discovery
- A written protest must then be filed to NRCHA within 30 days of discovery and include \$100 cashier's check.
 - Any complaints filed by an NRCHA Director, Show Representative, Show Management or Judges are not required to submit the \$100 fee.
- Upon receipt, the Ethics Committee will investigate and consider the protest.

If the show is complete and the judge has left and there is NOT a videographer, then the results are final.

- The show secretary will fill out a judge evaluation at the show – Question 9 asks “Did the judge mark his/her cards properly, and without partiality?” That is NO. Check the Box and explain the situation in the space by question 12. Send it to NRCHA and we will make sure it gets to the appropriate people.

Payment



It is the responsibility of the show secretary to make sure that all show tabs are paid in FULL at the completion of the show.

- Per NRCHA Rule 1.1.6, Automatic disciplinary action will be taken against any NRCHA member who fails to make any payment of any kind, to the NRCHA, Reined Cow Horse News or any NRCHA approved show, in a fourteen-month period:
 - First offense- \$25 plus all bank charges, due and payable within 15 days. If not paid within 15 days it automatically becomes a second offense
 - Second offense- \$500 fine and suspension. Fine must be paid and worthless payment made good to be eligible to compete. NRCHA membership privileges will be suspended for the second offense of bad checks and for nonpayment of debt to NRCHA Show Management or NRCHA Approved Show Management
 - Third offense - \$1,000 fine and 6 month suspension with reinstatement fee determined by the board and bad debt to be made good during the 6 months. Failure to make full restitution, including all bank charges during the 6 month suspension, will be grounds for review with the Ethics Committee for further action

Payment

If you have a bounced check....

- Report them to NRCHA as soon as possible!
- Automatic disciplinary action will be taken against any member who fails to make any payment of any kind, to the NRCHA, Reined Cow Horse News or any NRCHA approved show, in a fourteen month period. Rule 1.1.6
- No points or certificates shall be awarded to owner, rider, or horse until full restitution has been made on outstanding fees.



After the Show

After the show, the Show Secretary is responsible for sending results and other required paperwork to the NRCHA Office in a timely manner.

- Results should be received within 14 days of the last day of the show
- Results received after 14 days – \$100 fine
- Results received after 30 days - \$500 fine
- Results received after 60 days – the show is not recognized

Any errors MUST be reported within 30 days of posting to the NRCHA website to be corrected.



After the Show

In addition to receiving the results, the Show Secretary is also responsible for the following:

- NRCHA fees must be paid within 14 days of the last day of the show
- Membership applications collected at the show must be received by the NRCHA Office within 14 days of the last day of the show
- Responses to the NRCHA Office regarding results questions must be answered within two business days
- All show payouts must be made within 14 days of the last day of the show
- Results must include a complete list of all entries for each class along with the show scores, original judges' sheets, membership applications, and all other NRCHA documents as required

Failure to comply with any or all of these requirements will result in the possibility of fines (see NRCHA 12.1.19) and unapproval of future shows imposed by the Executive Committee.

What to send to NRCHA?

All results and post show forms can be submitted through the upload link provided or emailed to shows@nrcha.com. They do not need to be mailed into the office if they are sent electronically.

Final Show Report

- This form should be completed in its entirety. The number of horses SHOWN does not include scratched horses.

Class Entry Report

- This form should show the number of entries in each class (not including scratches). This does not need to include any club classes.

Representative Report

- This form should be completed by the NRCHA Representative at the show.

Judge Evaluation

- This form should be completed by the Show Manager or Show Secretary for each judge.

Show Management Evaluation

- This form should be completed by the judge(s) to evaluate the show.

Class Results in NRCHA Format

- Results MUST be sent in on the NRCHA Results Form or exported from the Horse Show for Windows program.

Original Judges' Cards

- The original judges' cards must be provided. Please make sure they are all labeled, dated and signed.

Membership Forms

- Any membership forms collected at the show should be sent in with the results. Payment can be made separately or included in the total.

Grade Horse License Forms

- Any grade horse forms completed at the show should be sent in with the results. If a horse is not registered with a major breed association, they must have an NRCHA grade horse license on file at the NRCHA office. A completed grade horse license includes a initial license application, a vet certificate, bill of sale and \$25 application fee. If a transfer of a grade horse is completed at the show, the ownership transfer request portion of the application must be completed along with a bill of sale and a \$10 transfer fee.

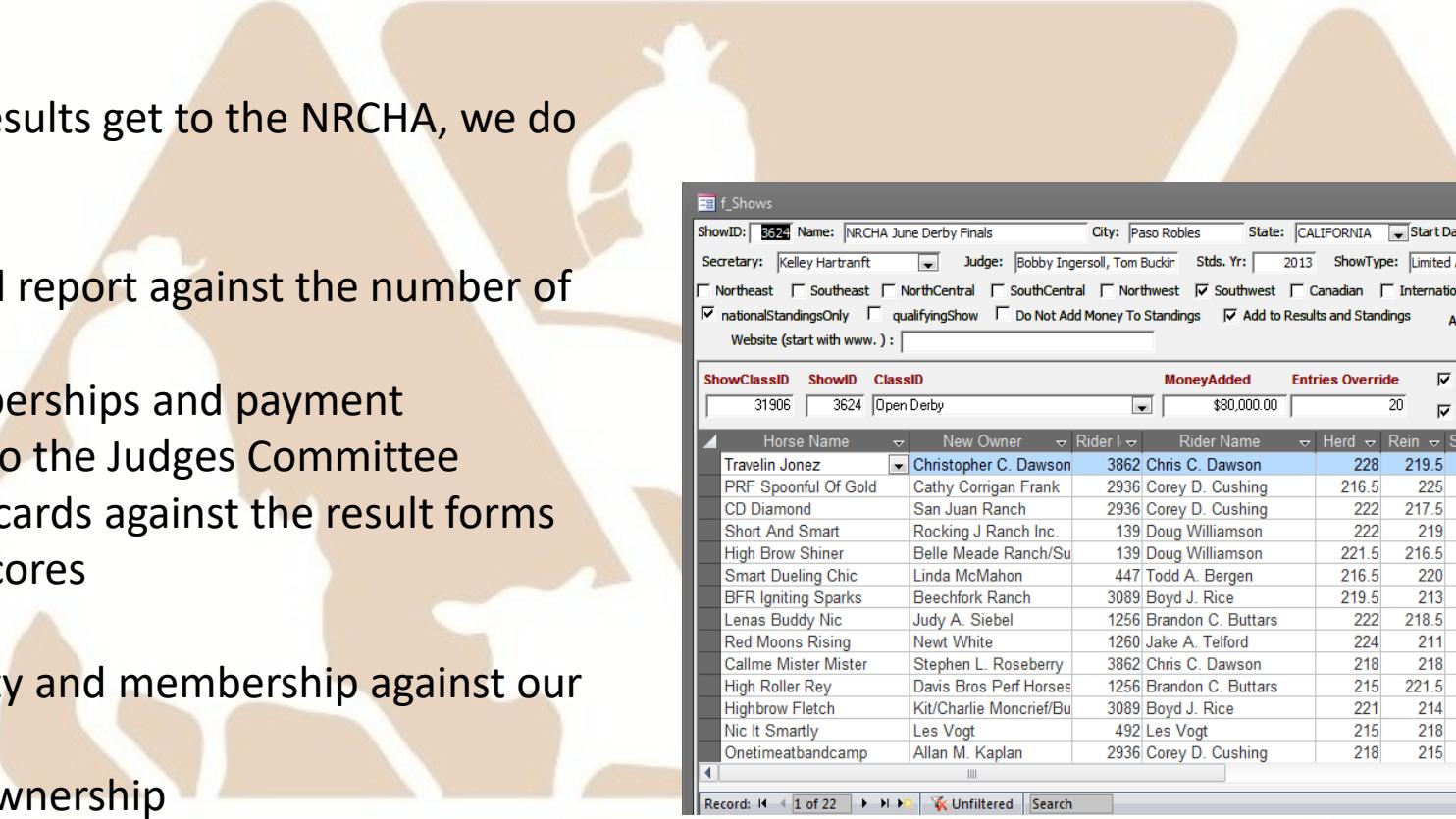
Premium / Showbill

- The premium / showbill shows the price of the classes offered and other additional fees. This is checked against the show approval fees. This is not a schedule of events.

What does NRCHA do with the results?

Once the show results get to the NRCHA, we do the following:

- ✓ Verify the final report against the number of entries
- ✓ Process memberships and payment
- ✓ Send reports to the Judges Committee
- ✓ Verify judge's cards against the result forms for accurate scores
- ✓ Assign points
- ✓ Check eligibility and membership against our database
- ✓ Verify horse ownership
- ✓ Post results to the web
- ✓ Send result to Equistat weekly, AQHA and APHA annually



A screenshot of a Microsoft Access database window titled "f_Shows". The window displays a list of show results for the "NRCHA June Derby Finals" held in Paso Robles, California, from June 10 to 15, 2013. The results are categorized by ShowClassID (31906, 3624) and ClassID (Open Derby). The table includes columns for Horse Name, New Owner, Rider I, Rider Name, Herd, Rein, SteerS, Cow, Totals, Points, and Earnings. The "Enforce Rider Classes" checkbox is checked. The "ShowCategoryID" dropdown is set to 1, and the "specialShow" checkbox is checked. The "Affiliate" dropdown is empty. The "Website" field is empty. The "ShowType" dropdown is set to "Limited Age". The "Start Date" and "End Date" fields are set to 6/10/2013 and 6/15/2013 respectively. The "Secretary" dropdown is set to "Kelley Hartranft" and the "Judge" dropdown is set to "Bobby Ingersoll, Tom Buckin". The "Stds. Yr" dropdown is set to 2013. The "ShowCategoryID" dropdown is set to 1. The "specialShow" checkbox is checked. The "nationalStandingsOnly" checkbox is checked. The "qualifyingShow" checkbox is checked. The "Do Not Add Money To Standings" checkbox is checked. The "Add to Results and Standings" checkbox is checked. The "Affiliate" dropdown is empty. The "Website (start with www.):" field is empty. The "Enforce Rider Classes" checkbox is checked. The "ShowClassID" and "ShowID" dropdowns are set to 31906 and 3624 respectively. The "ClassID" dropdown is set to Open Derby. The "MoneyAdded" field is set to \$80,000.00. The "Entries Override" field is set to 20. The "Enforce Membership" checkbox is checked. The "Year" dropdown is set to 2013. The "Enforce Rider Classes" checkbox is checked. The "Record" dropdown is set to 1 of 22. The "Unfiltered" and "Search" buttons are visible at the bottom.

ShowClassID	ShowID	ClassID	MoneyAdded	Entries Override	Enforce Membership	2013	Year	
31906	3624	Open Derby	\$80,000.00	20				
Travelin Jones	Christopher C. Dawson	3862	Chris C. Dawson	228	219.5	223	670.5	\$35,465.59
PRF Spoonful Of Gold	Cathy Corrigan Frank	2936	Corey D. Cushing	216.5	225	221	662.5	\$26,132.54
CD Diamond	San Juan Ranch	2936	Corey D. Cushing	222	217.5	219	658.5	\$21,466.02
Short And Smart	Rocking J Ranch Inc.	139	Doug Williamson	222	219	216.5	657.5	\$16,799.49
High Brow Shiner	Belle Meade Ranch/Su	139	Doug Williamson	221.5	216.5	218	656	\$13,066.27
Smart Dueling Chic	Linda McMahon	447	Todd A. Bergen	216.5	220	219	655.5	\$11,199.66
BFR Igniting Sparks	Beechfork Ranch	3089	Boyd J. Rice	219.5	213	222.5	655	\$9,333.05
Lenas Buddy Nic	Judy A. Siebel	1256	Brandon C. Buttars	222	218.5	214	654.5	\$7,466.44
Red Moons Rising	Newt White	1260	Jake A. Telford	224	211	218	653	\$5,599.83
Callme Mister Mister	Stephen L. Roseberry	3862	Chris C. Dawson	218	218	216.5	652.5	\$5,599.83
High Roller Rey	Davis Bros Perf Horses	1256	Brandon C. Buttars	215	221.5	215.5	652	\$4,666.53
Highbrow Fletch	Kit/Charlie Moncrief/Bu	3089	Boyd J. Rice	221	214	216.5	651.5	\$4,199.88
Nic It Smartly	Les Vogt	492	Les Vogt	215	218	218.5	651.5	\$4,199.88
Onetimeatbandcamp	Allan M. Kaplan	2936	Corey D. Cushing	218	215	217	650	\$3,733.22

Animal Welfare

The National Reined Cow Horse Association acknowledges the valuable role of animals in our lives, in our history and in horse shows and is committed to providing a proper environment for the animals in competition, in transportation and at rest and providing humane guidelines for care and treatment of both horses and cattle.

- A veterinarian should be in attendance, or reasonably available at every cow horse show.
- Please refer to list of forbidden medications beginning with rule 14.2.3 of the NRCHA Rulebook.
- If there is any doubt if the administered medication is acceptable or not, a medication report must be filed with show management. This can be found on the NRCHA website under resources, show management materials.
- Zero Tolerance Policy signs should be placed in an easily visible and high traffic area.



Practice Question #1

There is an Open Hackamore class with five entries. The add back is \$50. The added money is \$250. The class has been drawn. Before the class begins, one horse scratches. How will this class pay out?

- A) You will pay out \$250. You will pay three places.
- B) You will pay out \$250. You will pay two places.
- C) You will pay out \$500. You will pay three places.
- D) You will pay out \$500. You will pay two places.

Practice Question #1 - Answer

There is an Open Hackamore class with five entries. The add back is \$50. The added money is \$250. The class has been drawn. Before the class begins, one horse scratches. How will this class pay out?

If you answered D, you are correct!

5 total entries x \$50 add back = \$250 + \$250 added money

TOTAL PURSE = \$500

A scratched horse's add back stays in the pot. In this scenario, only four horses are actually shown. Per 7.2, this pays two holes.

1st place = \$300

2nd place = \$200

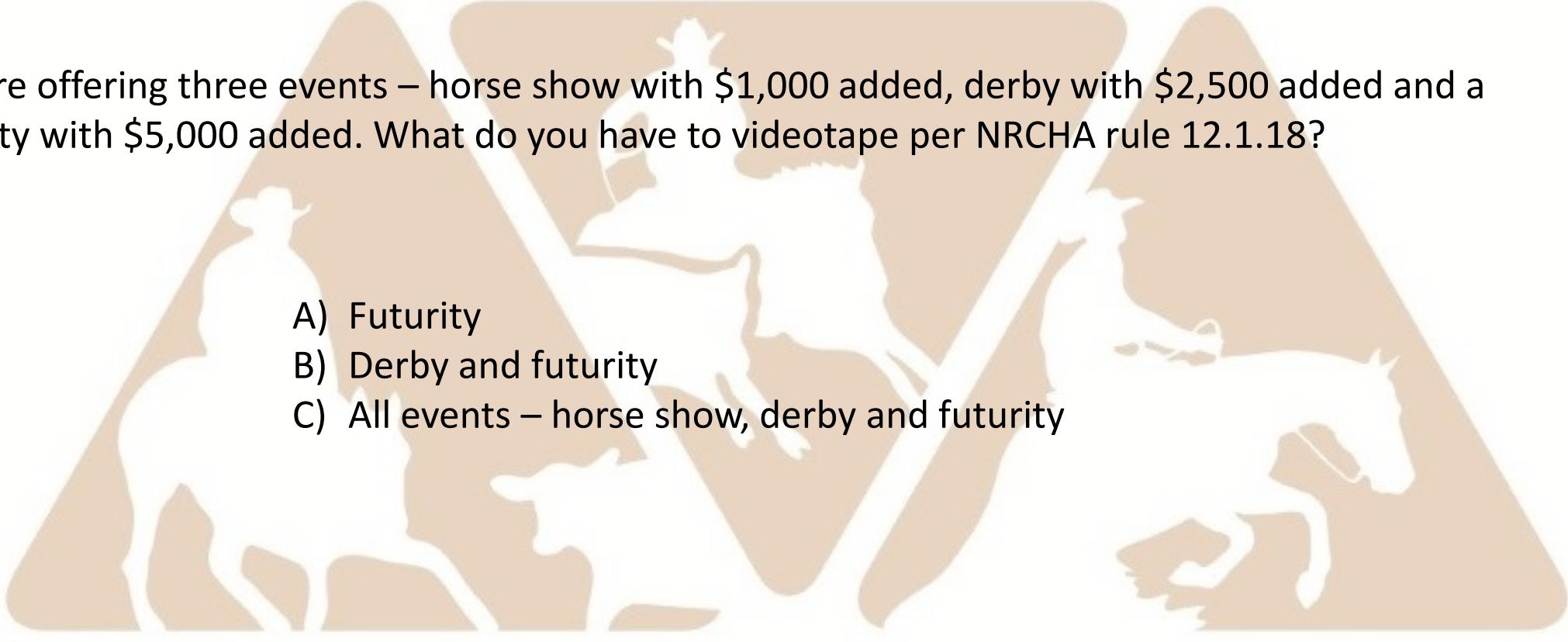
7.2

Number of Horses Shown

# of Places	1-2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-15	16-20	21-25	26-30	31-35	36-40	41-45	46-50	51-55	56-60	61-65	66-70	71-75	76-80	80+
1	100%	60%	50%	40%	30%	30%	28%	25%	23%	20%	20%	20%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	19.5%	19.0%	19.0%	
2		40%	30%	30%	25%	24%	22%	20%	18%	16%	16%	16%	15.0%	15.0%	15.0%	15.0%	15.0%	14.0%	
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5					10%	9%	9%	10%	9%	9%	8%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%
6						7%	7%	8%	8%	8%	7%	7%	7.0%	6.5%	6.0%	6.0%	6.0%	6.0%	6.0%
7							5%	6%	7%	7%	6%	6.0%	5.5%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%
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9									4%	5%	4%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	3.5%	3.5%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
10										4%	4%	4%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.0%	3.0%
11											3%	3%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%
12												3%	3.0%	3.0%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%
13													2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%
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15														2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%
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Payout Chart

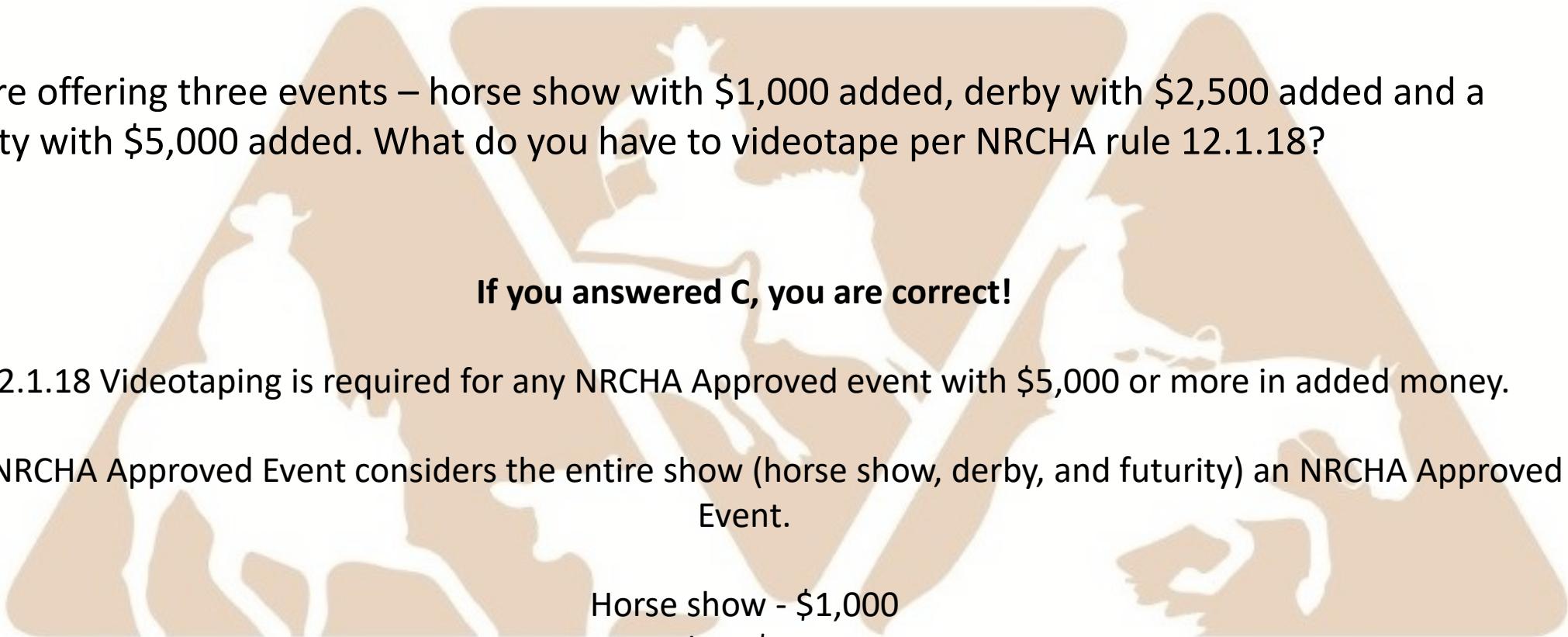
Practice Question #2



You are offering three events – horse show with \$1,000 added, derby with \$2,500 added and a futurity with \$5,000 added. What do you have to videotape per NRCHA rule 12.1.18?

- A) Futurity
- B) Derby and futurity
- C) All events – horse show, derby and futurity

Practice Question #2 - Answer



You are offering three events – horse show with \$1,000 added, derby with \$2,500 added and a futurity with \$5,000 added. What do you have to videotape per NRCHA rule 12.1.18?

If you answered C, you are correct!

12.1.18 Videotaping is required for any NRCHA Approved event with \$5,000 or more in added money.

The NRCHA Approved Event considers the entire show (horse show, derby, and futurity) an NRCHA Approved Event.

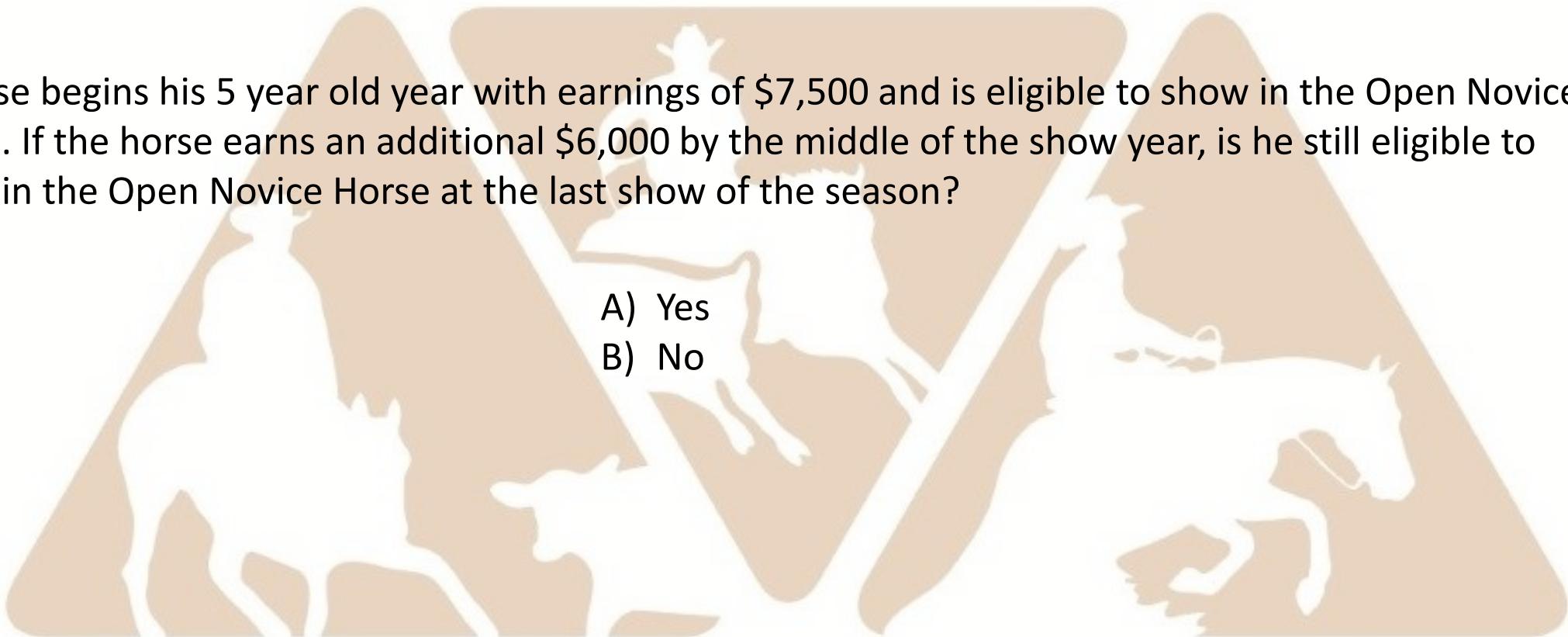
Horse show - \$1,000

Derby - \$2,500

Futurity - \$5,000

TOTAL ADDED MONEY TO THE EVENT - \$8,500

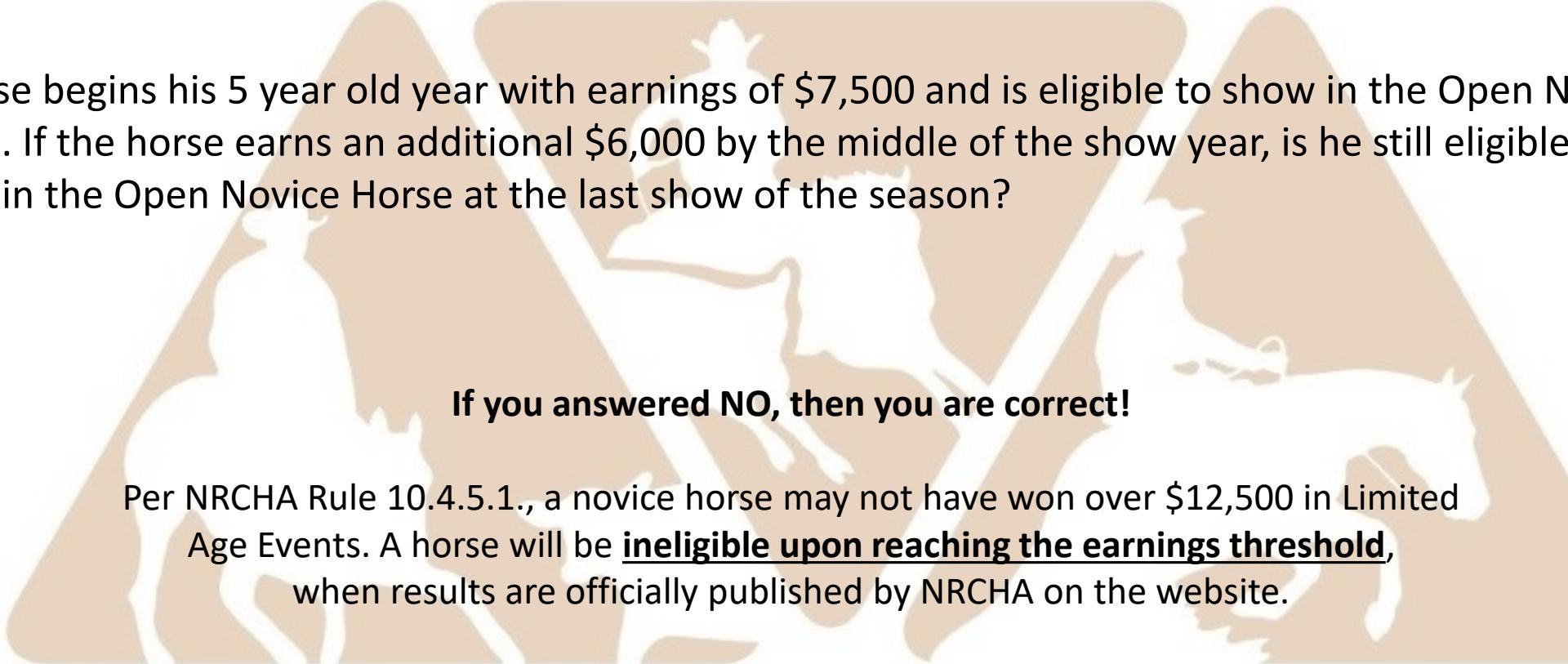
Practice Question #3



A horse begins his 5 year old year with earnings of \$7,500 and is eligible to show in the Open Novice Horse. If the horse earns an additional \$6,000 by the middle of the show year, is he still eligible to show in the Open Novice Horse at the last show of the season?

- A) Yes
- B) No

Practice Question #3 - Answer



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If you answered NO, then you are correct!

Per NRCHA Rule 10.4.5.1., a novice horse may not have won over \$12,500 in Limited Age Events. A horse will be ineligible upon reaching the earnings threshold, when results are officially published by NRCHA on the website.

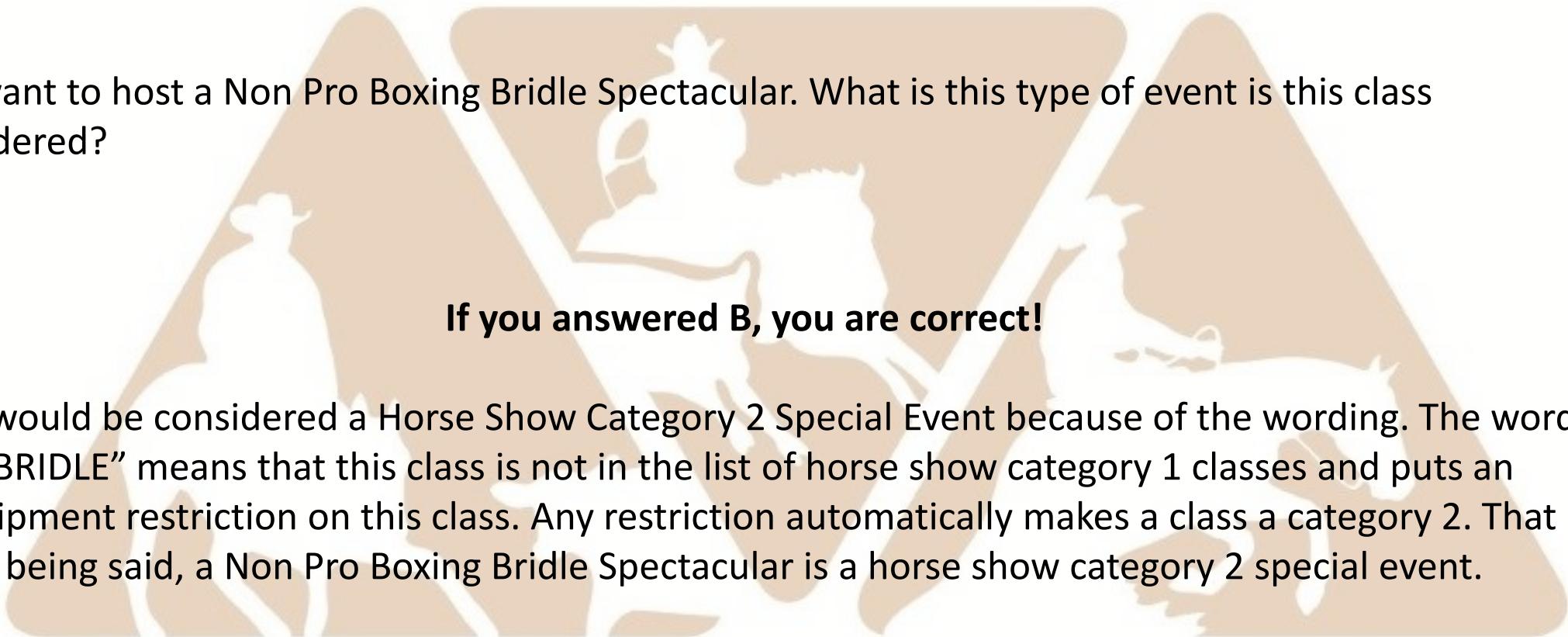
Keep in mind, if the horse earned that money on the first day of the horse show, they can still continue to show in that class on day two or three, etc. of that particular show because the results have not yet been officially published by NRCHA.

Practice Question #4

You want to host a Non Pro Boxing Bridle Spectacular. What is this type of event is this class considered?

- A) Horse Show Category 1 Special Event
- B) Horse Show Category 2 Special Event
- C) Limited Age Event Category 1
- D) Limited Age Event Category 2

Practice Question #4 - Answer

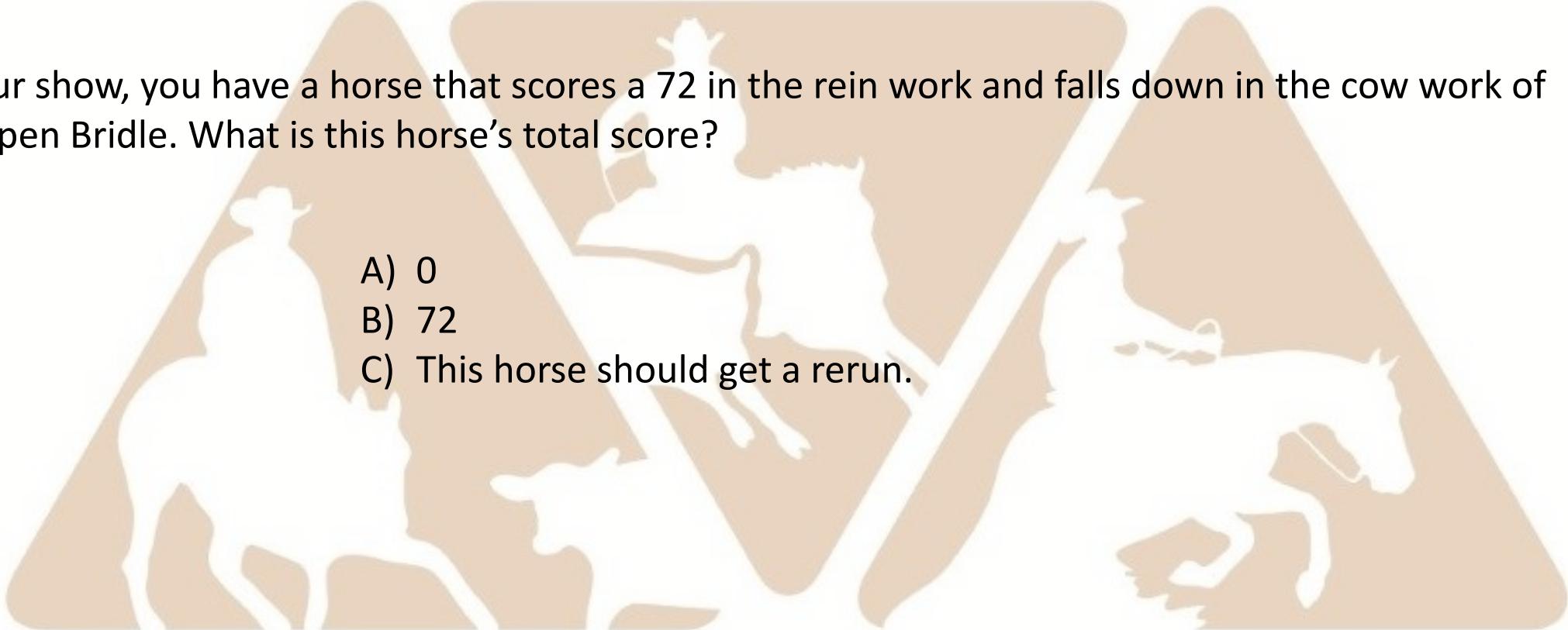


You want to host a Non Pro Boxing Bridle Spectacular. What is this type of event is this class considered?

If you answered B, you are correct!

This would be considered a Horse Show Category 2 Special Event because of the wording. The word “BRIDLE” means that this class is not in the list of horse show category 1 classes and puts an equipment restriction on this class. Any restriction automatically makes a class a category 2. That being said, a Non Pro Boxing Bridle Spectacular is a horse show category 2 special event.

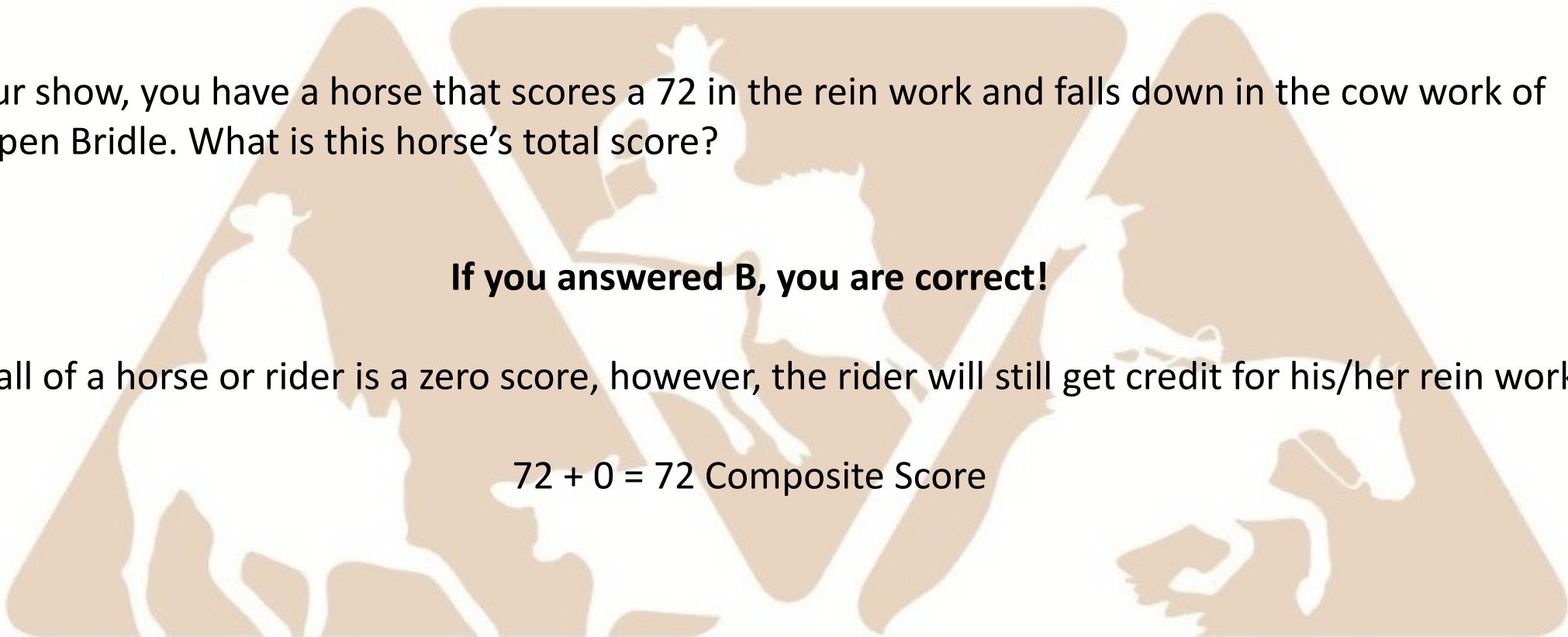
Practice Question #5



At your show, you have a horse that scores a 72 in the rein work and falls down in the cow work of the Open Bridle. What is this horse's total score?

- A) 0
- B) 72
- C) This horse should get a rerun.

Practice Question #5 - Answer



At your show, you have a horse that scores a 72 in the rein work and falls down in the cow work of the Open Bridle. What is this horse's total score?

If you answered B, you are correct!

The fall of a horse or rider is a zero score, however, the rider will still get credit for his/her rein work.

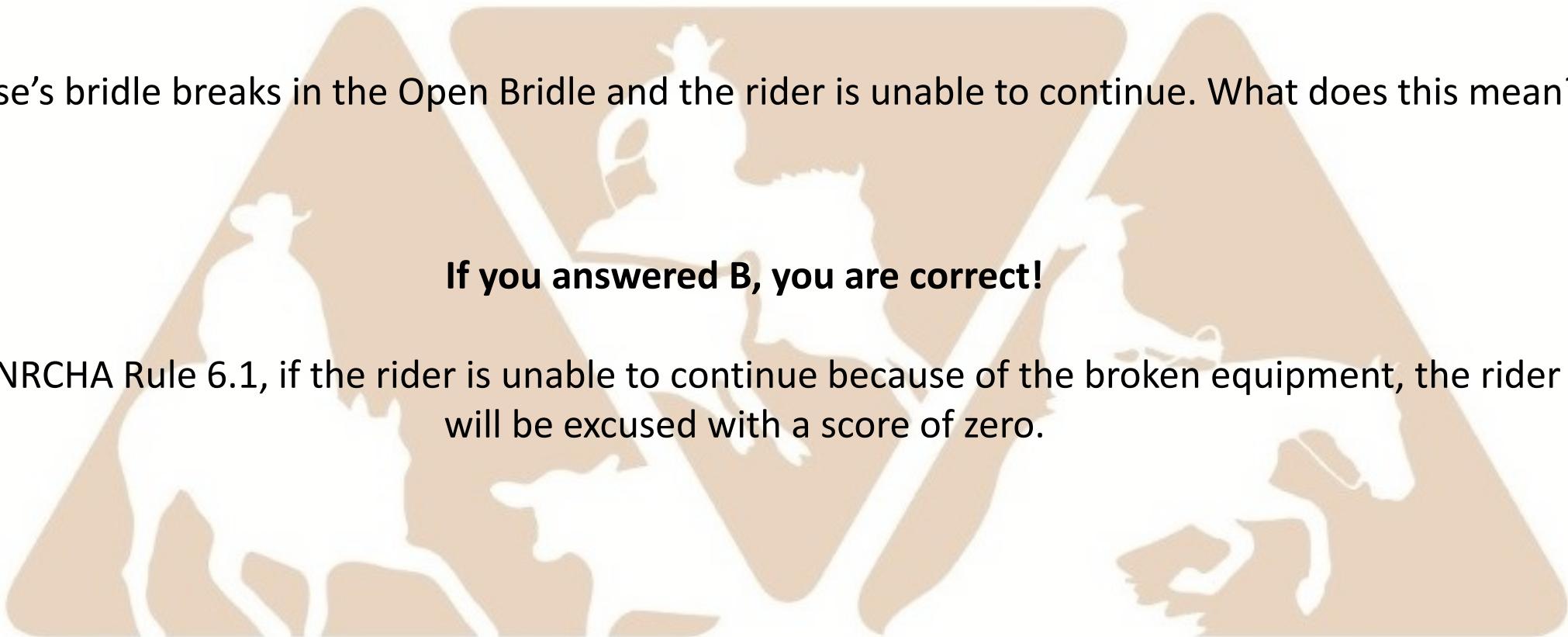
$$72 + 0 = 72 \text{ Composite Score}$$

Practice Question #6

A horse's bridle breaks in the Open Bridle and the rider is unable to continue. What does this mean?

- A) No Score
- B) Zero Score
- C) Non Entry
- D) Rerun

Practice Question #6 - Answer



A horse's bridle breaks in the Open Bridle and the rider is unable to continue. What does this mean?

If you answered B, you are correct!

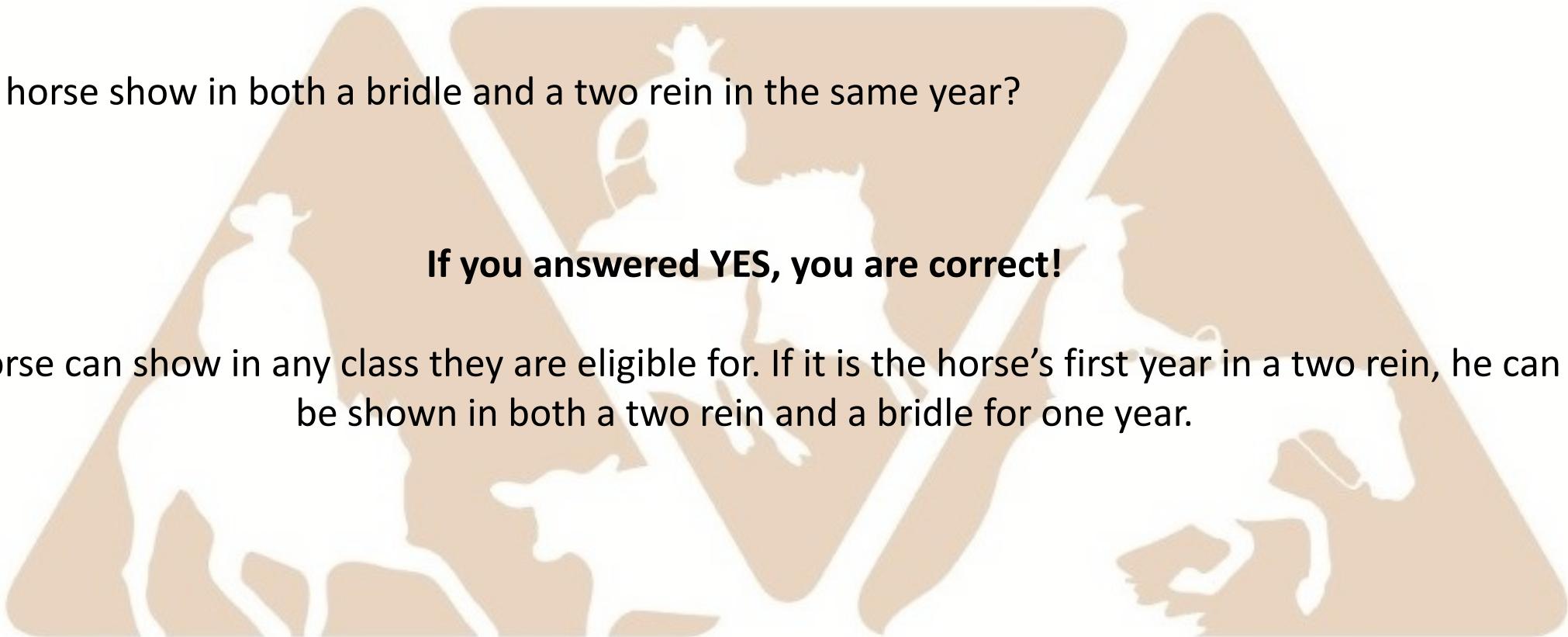
Per NRCHA Rule 6.1, if the rider is unable to continue because of the broken equipment, the rider will be excused with a score of zero.

Practice Question #7

Can a horse show in both a bridle and a two rein in the same year?

- A) Yes
- B) No

Practice Question #7 - Answer

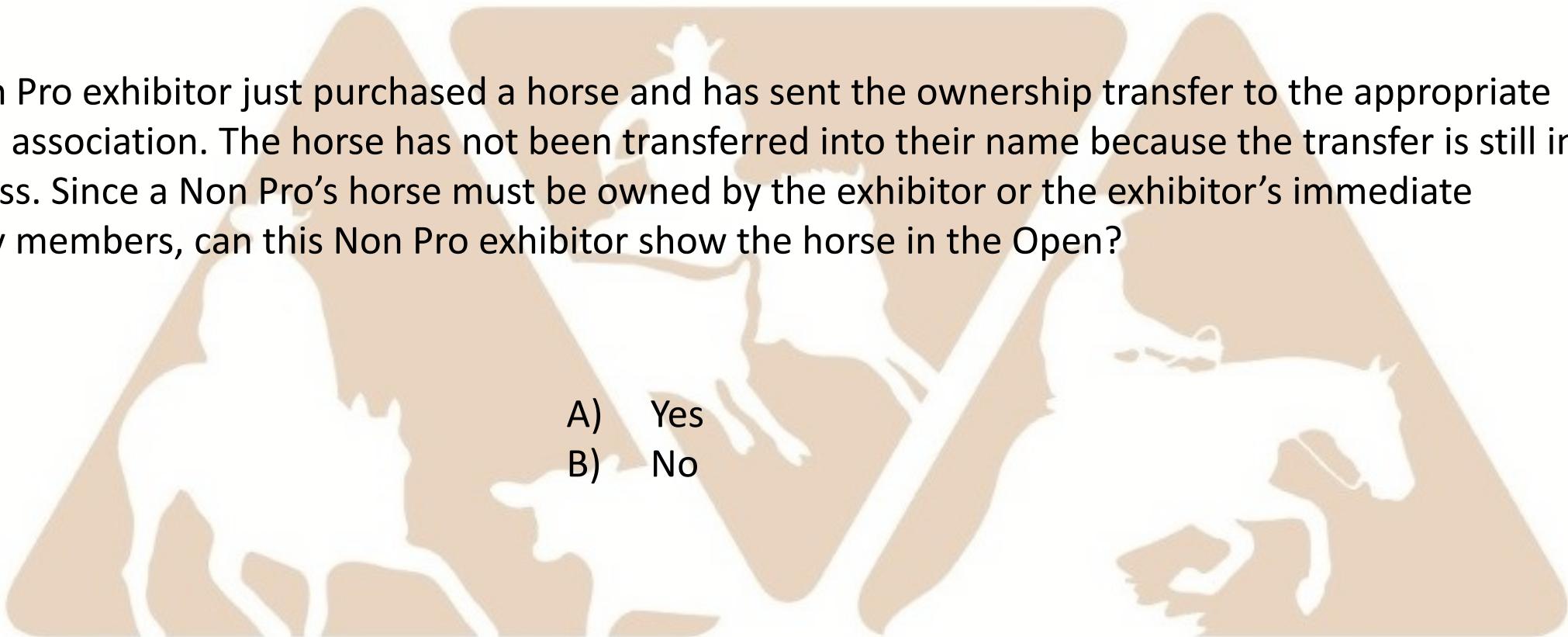


Can a horse show in both a bridle and a two rein in the same year?

If you answered YES, you are correct!

A horse can show in any class they are eligible for. If it is the horse's first year in a two rein, he can be shown in both a two rein and a bridle for one year.

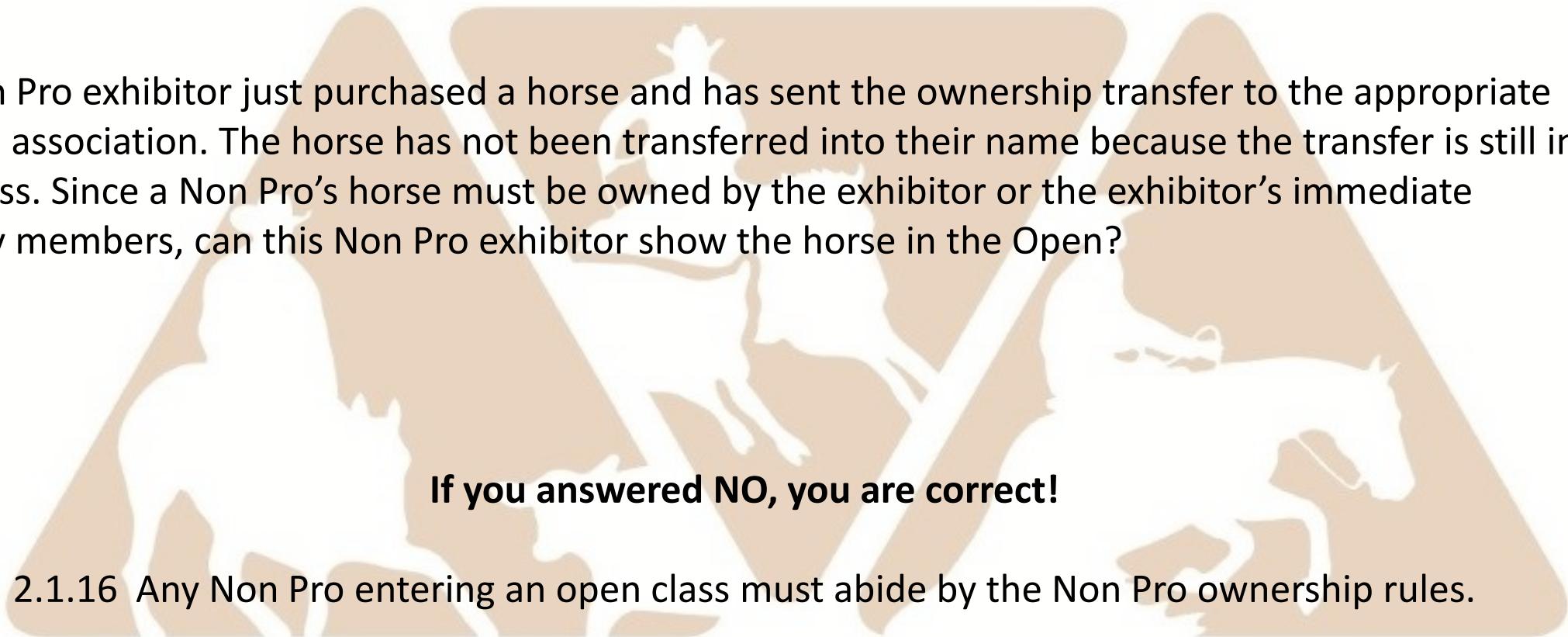
Practice Question #8



A Non Pro exhibitor just purchased a horse and has sent the ownership transfer to the appropriate breed association. The horse has not been transferred into their name because the transfer is still in process. Since a Non Pro's horse must be owned by the exhibitor or the exhibitor's immediate family members, can this Non Pro exhibitor show the horse in the Open?

- A) Yes
- B) No

Practice Question #8 - Answer



A Non Pro exhibitor just purchased a horse and has sent the ownership transfer to the appropriate breed association. The horse has not been transferred into their name because the transfer is still in process. Since a Non Pro's horse must be owned by the exhibitor or the exhibitor's immediate family members, can this Non Pro exhibitor show the horse in the Open?

If you answered NO, you are correct!

2.1.16 Any Non Pro entering an open class must abide by the Non Pro ownership rules.

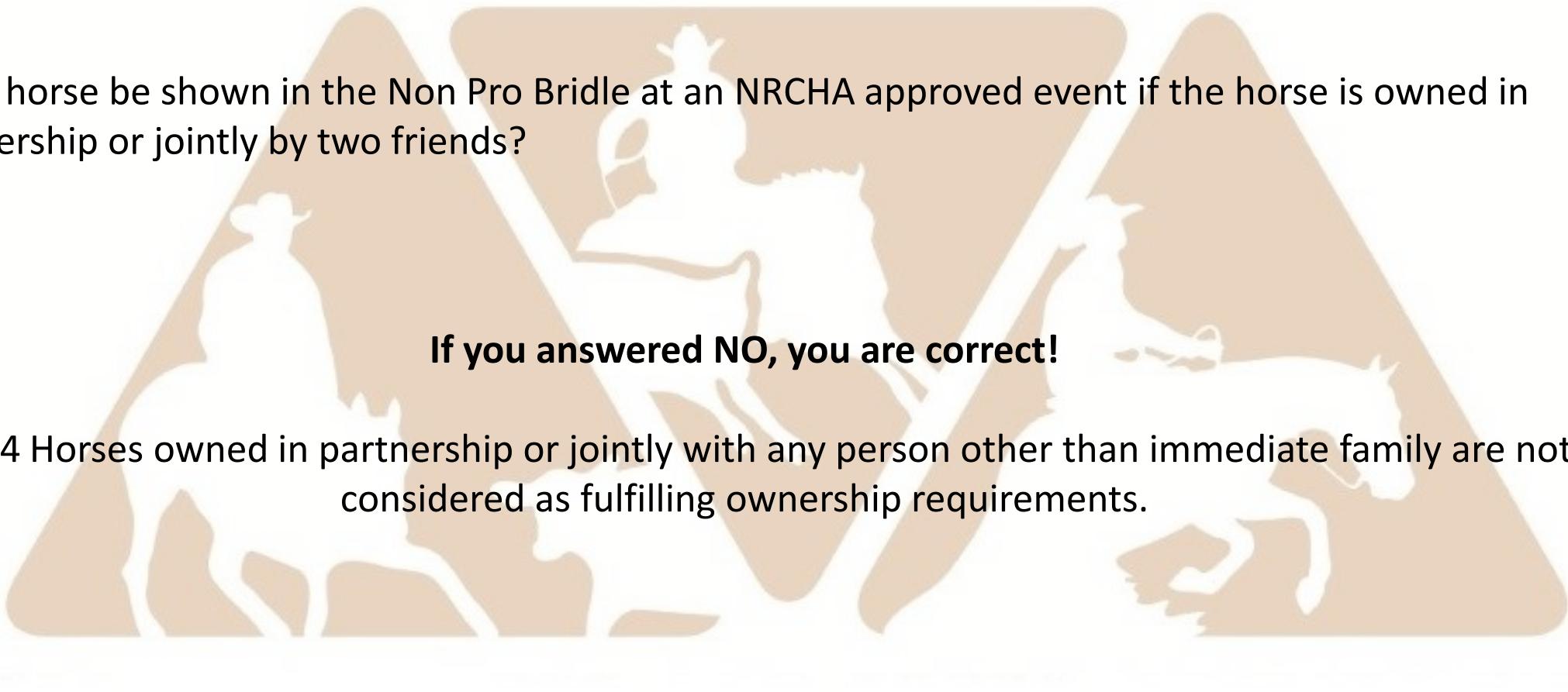
Practice Question #9



Can a horse be shown in the Non Pro Bridle at an NRCHA approved event if the horse is owned in partnership or jointly with two friends?

- A) Yes
- B) No

Practice Question #9 - Answer



Can a horse be shown in the Non Pro Bridle at an NRCHA approved event if the horse is owned in partnership or jointly by two friends?

If you answered NO, you are correct!

2.1.14 Horses owned in partnership or jointly with any person other than immediate family are not considered as fulfilling ownership requirements.

Practice Question #10

The Box Drive (both the rein and cow work) runs as a standalone class.

- A) True
- B) False

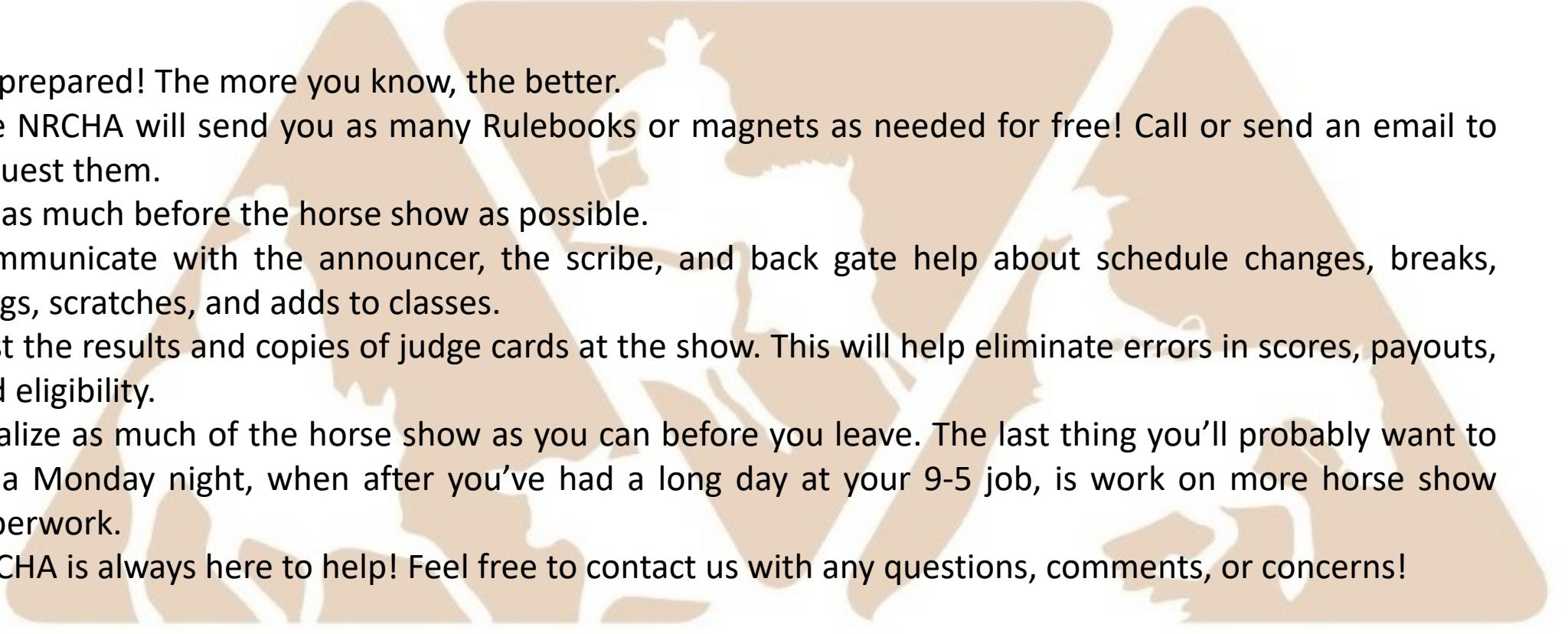
Practice Question #10

The Box Drive (both the rein and cow work) runs as a standalone class.

If you answered TRUE, you are correct!

As of the 2022 show year, the Box Drive is an approved stand alone class.

Helpful Hints



- ✓ Be prepared! The more you know, the better.
- ✓ The NRCHA will send you as many Rulebooks or magnets as needed for free! Call or send an email to request them.
- ✓ Do as much before the horse show as possible.
- ✓ Communicate with the announcer, the scribe, and back gate help about schedule changes, breaks, drags, scratches, and adds to classes.
- ✓ Post the results and copies of judge cards at the show. This will help eliminate errors in scores, payouts, and eligibility.
- ✓ Finalize as much of the horse show as you can before you leave. The last thing you'll probably want to do on a Monday night, when after you've had a long day at your 9-5 job, is work on more horse show paperwork.
- ✓ NRCHA is always here to help! Feel free to contact us with any questions, comments, or concerns!

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