

## **SYV Super Cow Horse Rules and General Information**

- **ENTRY FORM +FEES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MAY 7, 2008** - There will be a \$50 penalty assessed for entries postmarked after May 7, 2008. Late entries will go first or last, according to the association's rules governing the event.
- **REFUNDS** – Entry fees will be refunded, less the cattle fee, upon receipt of a veterinarian's or physician's certification by the draw date of May 16, 2008.
- **SUBSTITUTIONS** – A substitute horse or rider is permissible prior to the draw.
- Make checks payable to: **Santa Ynez Valley Equestrian Association**  
Please mail entries directly to our show secretary. Camille Courtney, Rancho Cortina, 9575 Cramer Road, Auburn, CA 95602 Phone: 530-887-8877 Fax: 530-888-8721
- All events are open to tri-county residents **only**.
- All exhibitors must sign a liability release waiver. Minors must have release signed by a parent or legal guardian.

### **TRI-COUNTY DEFINITIONS/ELIGIBILITY**

- Tri-County Area: Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and Ventura counties.
- Tri-County Residents: An exhibitor who resides or maintains a full or part-time resident in the tri-counties as of April 1, 2008. Supporting documentation may be required.

### **ALL FIVE HORSE SHOW EVENTS**

- **DIVISIONS**; Open, Non-Pro, and Amateur
- Please carefully determine the division you are eligible to compete in for all five events. You may enter any division in which you are eligible.
- An amateur may not have gone down the fence three (3) times in a judged stock horse class, or won more than \$3,500 in lifetime earnings in cutting or ranch horse classes.
- An amateur or non pro may not show, train, or assist in the training of any horse, for remuneration, either directly or indirectly. Validation may be required. Example: Any major association non-pro card.
- The ownership rule applies in the amateur or non pro divisions only. The amateur or non pro, or a member of their immediate family, must own the horse as of April 1, 2008. "Immediate family" means spouse, children, parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. Proof of ownership may be required.
- You may enter more than one horse, points are given on horse/rider combination.
- All events will be judged.
- A judge's meeting will be conducted at the back gate before each event begins.
- Three, four and five-year-olds can show in a snaffle, hackamore or two-rein.
- Six-year-olds and older must show in a legal bridle as described by the governing associations rules. Example: NCHA rules for Ranch Cutting, NRCHA rules for Stock Horse, Santa Barbara Fiesta Stock Horse Show rules for Ranch Horse, Cowboy Pleasure and Cowboy Trail. The same bit is not required in all events.
  - Please refer to NCHA and NRCHA rule books.
  - Santa Barbara Fiesta Stock Horse Show - A curb, half-breed, or spade bit is permissible, but a bosal or cavason type noseband, martingale, choke rope, or tie down is prohibited. Leather chin straps only.
- Exhibitors must wear cowboy hats, long sleeve shirts, jeans, and boots.
- Chaps are required for all cattle classes, optional for the pleasure and trail classes.
- All Arabians and Half Arabians must be registered to be eligible for the breed awards.
- There must be three (3) horses entered or the class will be cancelled. If the class cancels, entry fees will be refunded.

## RANCH CUTTING CLASS

- NCHA rules apply.

## RANCH HORSE CLASS

- Santa Barbara Fiesta Stock Horse Show rules apply. Rules can be obtained at [www.sbfiestarodeo.org](http://www.sbfiestarodeo.org)
- This is a judged event with a time limit.
- Exhibitors are given four minutes to execute three events; cutting, penning, and roping.
  - Cutting:** Exhibitor must enter the herd quietly and drive out several cows. Exhibitor must hold one cow away from the herd and demonstrate control of the cow.
  - Penning:** Exhibitor must drive a cow to the pen and pen it. If a cow re-crosses the foul line, exhibitor will be immediately disqualified.
  - Roping:** Exhibitor must remove the cow from the pen, rope it and dally. Rope must be thrown before the cow crosses the foul line or a penalty will be assessed. A breakaway rope is required. One loop only.
- All phases will be judged equally. Horses are judged on attitude and ability to control the cow(s) in a quiet manner.

## STOCK HORSE CLASS

- NRCHA rules apply.
- Pattern will be posted at the office.
- Open and Non-Pros will go down the fence. Amateurs will only box the cow.

## COWBOY PLEASURE CLASS

This class shows the horse's ability to move at a working speed with a rider. Horses will be shown in three gaits – walk, jog, and lope – in each direction of the arena. Horses will be asked to change directions while on the rail, stop and back-up. A horse will be given credit for traveling with his head held in a normal position, ears alert and moving at a natural speed for the gait requested. Credit will also be given for making a smooth transition between the gaits, for keeping the correct lead, and maintaining the gait until the judge asks for a change. A rider must show his horse with only one hand on the reins, unless the horse is five-years-old or younger and being shown in the snaffle bit, hackamore, or two-rein. Split reins are permissible. AQHA versatility ranch rules apply.

## COWBOY TRAIL CLASS

This class contains a course with a minimum of six obstacles and is designed to show a horse's ability and willingness to perform several tasks that might be asked of him during the course of a normal day's ranch work. Whenever possible, realistic or natural obstacles are encouraged. The horse will be judged on three gaits - walk, jog, and lope – performed between the obstacles. A horse will be rewarded with higher credit for performing these gaits on the correct lead with an alert attitude. Mandatory obstacles include opening, passing through and closing a gate, dragging a log either in a straight line or around a set pattern, and crossing over a bridge. Some obstacles may include crossing a water hazard, being ground tied, side passing, or backing up. A rider must show his horse with only one hand on the reins, unless the horse is five-years-old or younger and being shown in the snaffle bit, hackamore, or two-rein. Split reins are permissible. AQHA versatility ranch rules apply. The trail pattern will be posted at the back gate.

## **SCORING**

- All events will be scored based upon a 60-80 point system. The average score for a typical work is 70. Half points may be used.
- Exhibitors will earn one point for simply entering each event.
- In the event of a hi-score or division tie, class placement will determine the winner.

## **AWARDS**

- Open, Non pro, Amateur Grand Champions – Bob’s Saddles, Crystal Trophies, Bronze to the Owner of the Open Horse, Perpetual Trophy engraved with the names of the grand champion horses and riders.
- Open, Non-Pro, and Amateur Reserve Champions – Gist Silversmith Buckles
- All five individual events will award class placement in all three divisions.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place – Yucca Flat Saddle Pad with engraved leather corners and 1<sup>st</sup> place ribbon.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place –Basket stamped headstall with engraved three-piece silver buckle sets, silver conchos and 2<sup>nd</sup> place ribbon.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Basket stamped breast collar with engraved center silver concho and 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon.
  - 4<sup>th</sup> place – Spyderco C11 knife with engraved silver and 4<sup>th</sup> place ribbon.
  - 5<sup>th</sup> place - Platinum Performance and 5<sup>th</sup> place ribbon.

## **PROTESTS**

- Protests must be presented to the show manager, in writing, prior to the conclusion of the show. A \$100 deposit must accompany the written protest.
- The SYV Super Cow Horse Executive Committee and the show manager shall adjudicate protests.
- Only rule violations, interpretation of the rules, eligibility, or execution of the event shall be considered.
- In any judged event, the judge’s decision is final.
- Contestants or horses found to be ineligible shall forfeit all entry fees and any prizes won at the show.