

# VINTAGE CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION

## 2026 SHOW SERIES RULES

**All Club Shows dates are tentative pending on weather (rain)**

**To comply with VCHA insurance requirements anyone mounted, riding or showing a horse on the show grounds or at any VCHA event must be a current member or registered loper in good-standing.**

**You must sign a release, be a member and settle your account prior to showing your horse (you may leave a blank check with the show secretary to settle the account).**

**Contestants are responsible for determining the eligibility of themselves and their horses to enter any class. Eligibility is based upon rider's and/or horse's LTE. Any points and/or monies earned by an ineligible horse or rider will automatically be revoked. Monies won in events restricted by age (futures, derbies, maturities, etc.) shall NOT be counted when determining eligibility.**

**Show Management** reserves the right to cancel any class or combine smaller classes. The cattle from the combined class will be added to make a sizable herd.

**Billing Fee:** A \$30.00 billing fee will be assessed to Rider/Owner/Trainer, if failure to pay any outstanding monies owed by the end of show.

**The above delinquent** rider/owner/trainer will not be allowed to show again until all outstanding fees are paid.

**All contestants will** work at the appointed time designated by the show management. Horses/riders arriving late may be allowed to show and receive a score if the class drawn into is still in the arena. Under no circumstances will a horse be allowed to show & compete after its designated class is finished.

**Entries are due** by 9pm the Tuesday before the show; Late entries *may be* accepted after the deadline depending on cattle availability.

**If you scratch** a class, you will be charged a cattle fee for each fresh cattle class scratched.

**Payment is due before the end of the show.**

**VCHA hosts 4** shows per season. All qualifying class points earned will accumulate and be included for the Year-End Non Pro High Point Award.

**The following are** the rules and regulations of the VCHA Miniseries Shows: VCHA will follow National Cutting Horse Association (NCHA) rules for all classes, except where otherwise noted:

1. **Any class(es) with less than 2 riders/entries** will be canceled.
1. **Year-end CLASS award eligibility:** To receive a year end class award, riders and/or horse appropriate classes, must compete in at least 3 out of 4 shows of the show series to qualify for class awards, and for the Non-Pro Overall High Point award. Class awards are given first through third place.

**Year-end high-point Non-Pro Award:** An award will be given to the Non Pro who accumulates the most points in the qualifying classes during the show series. A Reserve Non Pro high-point champion award will be annually given at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

**Overall Non-Pro High-point Award's** qualifying classes are as follows: Non-Pro, 35K Non-Pro, 15K Amateur & 25K Novice NP.

**Classes where the points accrued to the rider,** for the purpose of the Year-end award; If rider is riding multiple horses is one class; Rider must declare to the show secretary, **PRIOR to the start of the class, which run will be used to accumulate points towards the year-end awards. If this does not occur prior to the first horse, the lower score & points will be credited to standings.** Only one rider's entry per class will count towards Year-End Awards.

**Senior Youth Education Award:** This award of \$300 will be given to the youth who: (a) rides in any class at least 3 out of 4 VCHA shows in one season; (b) accumulates enough points (6); and (c) is a senior in high school with plans for continuing education.

**Equipment:** NCHA rules apply.

**Ranch Class (Open and Non Pro)** Rider or horse may not have exceeded \$2500 lifetime earnings in the NCHA, PCCHA, or any sanctioned cutting event. If the rider begins their run with two hands, they must complete showing with two hands. If the rider begins their run showing with one hand, they must complete their run with one hand. Any type of legal bit, snaffle or bosal may be used. Riders do not need to own the horse. No professional trainers in the discipline of NCHA or NRCHA may compete in the class.

**Attire:** The NCHA requirements for a western hat, a button/snap up long sleeve western shirt, full leg trousers (e.g., jeans), and boots are required **in all arenas during the course of the show when mounted.**

**The Show Secretary** has the discretion to not accommodate the request of an entrant to change a class after the cattle have been ordered, especially if the class change results in the cancellation of the class originally entered.

**Any abuse or inhumane** treatment of animals on the show grounds will not be permitted.

**\*\*ANY DISPUTES WILL BE DECIDED BY NCHA RULEBOOK\*\***