

GR-220 GENERAL RULES FOR ASSOCIATION EVENTS

All riders and owners of horses ridden and/or showing in Association events must be members in good standing. Class or clinic entry forms must contain the contestant's and owner's correct SHTX member number. Horses must be a minimum of 3 years old to compete in SHTX shows. No horse can be shown in any class in the same division by more than one rider.

GR-225 GENERAL RULES FOR ASSOCIATION COMPETITIONS

GR-225.1 Eligibility for all divisions is determined by a rider's accomplishments as of January 1 of the current year. Eligibility for SHTX Collegiate competitions is addressed in GR-301 and can differ from non-collegiate SHTX divisions.

GR-225.2 Open Division Eligibility: The Open Division is open to any professional or nonprofessional member in good standing with any horse regardless of past winnings. In addition to the normal entry fee, this division may collect and offer jackpot fees, which will be

paid back to winners according to the payout schedule below.

a) Class paybacks: A portion the jackpot will be for the class entered. Open class entries are competing for class points, plus a payback according to the following schedule.

b) All-Around paybacks: Exhibitors in all four classes will be eligible for the All-around paybacks – (½ of all Open entries go to jackpot money). The All-Around paybacks will be figured on the total number of All Around entries and will be paid according to GR225.2c.

c) Payout Schedule is as follows

# of Horses	1-3	4-6	7-10	11-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30+
# of Places	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	100%	60%	50%	40%	30%	30%	28%	25%
2		40%	30%	30%	25%	24%	23%	20%
3			20%	20%	20%	18%	16%	15%
4				10%	15%	12%	12%	12%
5					10%	9%	9%	10%
6						7%	7%	8%
7							5%	6%
8								4%
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

d) Cow work in this division is Fence Work, with the option to rope or circle. See EV-224.1.

e) Level 1 Open Division Eligibility: The Level 1 Open division is a subdivision of the Open for individuals with moderate to no showing experience. Any age horse may be ridden.

- Earnings Restrictions for Level 1 Open: No more than \$3,500 with any equine organization or association reported by Q Data and/or EquiStat in any judged western performance discipline (western pleasure, working cow horse, reining, cutting, trail, etc.). If a member loses Level 1 eligibility through competition, he or she may finish that year as an Level 1 Open rider. Thereafter, the member is eligible only for Junior Horse or Open Divisions.

- Class Format: The Level 1 Open division will be run concurrent with the Open division, but placed separately from Open entries. Entries in the Level 1 division will have a jackpot separate from the Open. However, a Level 1 entry may pay both entry fees and be eligible for both payouts and placement in both divisions.

f) Cow work in this division is Fence Work, with the option to rope or circle. See EV-224.1.

GR-225.3 Non Pro Division Eligibility: The description of Non Pro Eligibility is as follows:

a) The rider has not received payment directly or indirectly for riding, training astride, assisting in training astride, or showing horse(s) at any time during the past five years.

b) The rider has not received payment directly or indirectly for instructing another person or conducting a seminar in riding, training, driving or showing a horse any time during the past five years.

c) The rider has not had any expenses (including lodging, transportation, mileage, etc.) paid by someone other than family members or their own business.

d) EXCEPTIONS for "b" and "c" above:

i) A Non Pro who otherwise qualifies under these rules may conduct clinics provided the only remuneration they receive is for reasonable expenses. If questions are raised about Non Pro eligibility, the contestant must be able to document any remuneration.

ii) Collegiate riders who are enrolled in an equine program or as part of an educational curriculum are exempt from items b and c above.

iii) Certification as an instructor in equitherapy by Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH) or similar organizations recognized by national equine associations are exempt from b and c above, provided the instructor ONLY teaches students enrolled with the recognized organization or rehabilitation prescribed by a medical doctor.

e) A Non Pro who otherwise qualifies under these rules may receive payment for cowboying, horseback tour guides, feedlot or sale ring operations or activities on foot such as round pen, lunging, ground work, teaching a horse manners, etc.

f) A Non Pro who otherwise qualifies under these rules and works as an instructor at a recognized educational institution (college, high school, etc) may keep their Non Pro status provided their instruction astride is 50% or less of their appointment.

e) A person who does not meet the criteria for Non Pro status or a Professional seeking Non Pro status, may regain Non Pro status after said person has met the Non Pro definition for a period of one year for every year, or partial year, they did not meet the Non Pro definition, with a maximum of 5 years. The years of this compliance period must be served consecutively.

f) Money won is not considered remuneration.

g) A Non Pro rider may show in the Open Division without losing Non Pro eligibility as long as requirements for a Non Pro are still met.

h) The Non Pro Division is open to any nonprofessional member in good standing with any horse regardless of past winnings. In addition to the normal entry fee, this division may collect and offer jackpot fees, which will be paid back to winners according to the payout schedule below. These jackpot fees may range from a minimum of \$10 to a maximum of \$20 per class except for special events or championships.

i) Class paybacks: Half of the jackpot will be for the class entered. Non Pro class entries are competing for class points, plus a payback (½ of the jackpot monies collected for that class) according to GR225.1c.

j) All-Around paybacks: Exhibitors in all four classes will be eligible for the All-around paybacks – (½ of all Non Pro entries go to jackpot money). The All-Around paybacks will be figured on the total number of All Around entries and will be paid according to GR225.1c

k) Cow work in this division is Fence Work, with the option to rope or circle. See EV-224.1.

l) Eligibility for SHTX Collegiate competitions is addressed in GR-301 and can differ from non-collegiate SHTX divisions.

GR-225.4 Limited Non Pro Division Eligibility: Exhibitors who qualify as Non Pro riders may choose to show in this division because of class routine or other personal choice. Exhibitors may also show in the Open or Non Pro divisions without losing their eligibility in the Limited Non Pro division. There is an optional jackpot paid in the all around in this division.

a) Cow work in this division is the box-drive-box-drive class. See EV-224.3.

GR-225.5 Intermediate Division Eligibility and Restrictions: The Intermediate Division is reserved for individuals with moderate riding and showing experience who wish to learn more about showing in SHTX at a more advanced pace. There will be no jackpot in this division. Eligibility for the Intermediate division is as follows:

a) The rider must meet all Non Pro eligibility requirements listed above.

b) The rider has not won any combination of 2 of the following:

- champion or reserve champion All Around show title in Intermediate, Limited Non Pro, Non Pro, Non Pro Boxing, Open, Youth, Junior Horse at any

SHTX show (cumulative Stock Horse World Show awards do not apply);

- Year-End champion All Around/Year End class champion in SHTX ;
- champion or reserve champion All Around at Texas State 4-H finals in western performance classes;
- ~~All Around champion or reserve titles or year-end champion awards at an ASHA-approved show or other nationally-approved show in judged western performance classes;~~

Or have earned the following:

- no more than 10 points in any breed association (AQHA, APHA, AQHA VRH All Around, etc.; breed association Novice/Level 1 points do not count); or
- \$500 with any equine organization or association reported by Q Data and/or EquiStat in any judged western performance discipline (western pleasure, working cow horse, reining, cutting, trail, etc.)

c) If a member loses Intermediate eligibility through competition, he or she may finish that year as an Intermediate rider. Thereafter, the member is eligible only for Junior Horse, Youth, Limited Non Pro, Non Pro, Non Pro Boxing or Open Divisions.

d) Cow work in this division is the box-drive-box-drive class. See EV-224.3.

e) Stallions are prohibited in this division.

GR-225.6 Non Pro Boxing Eligibility and Restrictions: Exhibitors who qualify as Non Pro riders may choose to show in this division because of class routine or other personal choice. There will be no jackpot in this division. The Non Pro Boxing Division will not be concurrent with another division.

a) Riders cannot have earned more than \$750 in FENCE WORK CLASSES/DIVISIONS at any judged classes or events. The responsibility for eligibility lies with the competitor. Non Pro riders who have more than \$750 in FENCE WORK CLASS/DIVISION earnings may fall back into the Non Pro Boxing division for any reason only one time. However, they may not compete in a fence work class again in any judged class or event to remain in the Non Pro Boxing division. Fence Work Classes/Divisions mentioned above includes any earnings won in an event that includes fence work as part of the competition (NRCHA, SHTX/VRH All Around, High School Rodeo, AQHA cow horse, RHAA, local shows, etc).

b) Cow work in this division is a boxing class. See

EV-224.5. Riders in this division may not cross enter Non Pro Boxing Cow Work with another SHTX cow work class on the same horse at the same show.

c) The Non Pro Boxing division will be offered on a provisional basis in 2025 to provide a place for Non Pro eligible riders to participate in a boxing division. With Provisional Status, there is no guarantee of Year End awards in the first year. Year end awards will be considered based on entries and new sponsorship money for this division.

GR-225.7 Novice Division Eligibility and Restrictions: The Novice Division is reserved for individuals with limited riding and showing experience. New members in SHTX do not necessarily need to ride in the Novice division. Advanced skills may be better suited for one of the other divisions. There will be no jackpot in this division. Eligibility for the Novice division is as follows:

a) The rider must meet all Non Pro eligibility requirements listed above.

b) The rider has not won any of the following:

- champion or reserve champion All Around show title in Novice, Novice Youth, Intermediate, Limited Non Pro, Non Pro, Non Pro Boxing, Open, Youth, Junior Horse at any SHTX show; (cumulative Stock Horse World Show awards do not apply);
- Year-End champion All Around/Year End class champion in SHTX;
- champion or reserve champion All Around at Texas State 4-H finals in western performance classes;
- ~~All Around champion or reserve titles or year-end champion awards at an ASHA-approved show or other nationally-approved show in judged western performance classes;~~

Or have earned the following:

- no more than 5 points in any breed association (AQHA, APHA, AQHA VRH All Around, etc.; breed association Novice/Level 1 points do not count); or
- \$250 with any equine organization or association reported by Q Data and/or EquiStat in any judged western performance discipline (western pleasure, working cow horse, reining, cutting, trail, etc.)

c) If a member loses novice eligibility through competition, he or she may finish that year as a novice rider. Thereafter, the member is eligible only for Junior Horse, Youth, Limited Non Pro, Intermediate, Non Pro, Non Pro Boxing or Open Divisions.

d) Cow work in this division is a boxing class. See EV-224.5. Riders in this division may not cross enter a fence cow work class (boxing, fence turns and circle/roping) at the same show.)

e) Stallions are prohibited in this division.

f) Eligibility for SHTX Collegiate competitions is addressed in GR-301 and can differ from non-collegiate SHTX divisions.

GR-225.8 Level 1 Novice Division Eligibility and Restrictions: The Level 1 Novice Division is reserved for individuals with very limited riding and showing experience. This is truly an entry level division for those new to showing. There will be no jackpot in this division. Eligibility for the Level 1 Novice division is as follows:

a) The rider must meet all Novice eligibility requirements listed above.

b) The rider has not accomplished any of the following:

- champion or reserve champion All Around title in any division at a SHTX show; (cumulative Stock Horse World Show awards do not apply);
- Year-End champion All Around/Year End class champion in SHTX;
- placed in the Top 10 in the All Around at any SHTX show other than in the Level 1 Novice division;
- any points in any breed association (AQHA, APHA, AQHA VRH All Around, etc.); breed association Novice/Level 1 points do not count); or
- ANY EARNINGS FROM ANY COMPETITION in a judged western performance discipline (western pleasure, working cow horse, reining, cutting, trail, etc.)

c) If a member loses Level 1 Novice eligibility through competition, he or she may finish that year as a Level 1 novice rider. Thereafter, the member is eligible only for Junior Horse, Youth, Novice Youth, Limited Non Pro, Intermediate, Novice, Non Pro, Non Pro Boxing or Open Divisions.

d) Cow work in this division is a boxing class. See EV-224.5. Riders in this division may not cross enter a fence cow work class (boxing, fence turns and circle/roping) at the same show.)

e) A rider may not cross enter in the Novice Division at the same show.

f) Stallions are prohibited in this division.

GR-225.9 Youth Division Eligibility and Restrictions: Exhibitors in the youth division must be aged 8

through 18 as of January 1 of the current year. The Youth Division is for individuals with more riding and showing experience who wish to learn more about showing in SHTX at a more advanced pace. There will be no jackpot in this division.

a) A youth may not cross enter in the Youth, Novice Youth or Novice Divisions at the same show.

b) Cow work in this division is the box-drive-box-drive class. See EV-224.3.

c) Stallions are prohibited in this division.

GR-225.10 Novice Youth Division Eligibility and Restrictions: Exhibitors in the Novice Youth division must be aged 8 through 18 as of January 1 of the current year.

The Novice Youth Division is reserved for individuals with limited riding and showing experience who wish to learn more about showing in SHTX at a beginner's pace. There will be no jackpot in this division.

Eligibility for the Novice Youth division is as follows:

a) The rider must meet all Non Pro eligibility requirements listed above.

b) The rider has not won any combination of 2 of the following:

- champion or reserve champion All Around show title in Novice Youth, Novice, Intermediate, Limited Non Pro, Non Pro, Non Pro Boxing, Open, Youth, Junior Horse at any SHTX show; (cumulative Stock Horse World Show awards do not apply);

- Year-End champion All Around/Year End class champion in SHTX;

- champion or reserve champion All Around at Texas State 4-H finals in western performance classes;

- ~~• All Around champion or reserve titles or year-end champion awards at an ASHA-approved show or other nationally-approved show in judged western performance classes;~~

Or have earned the following:

- no more than 10 points in any breed association (AQHA, APHA, AQHA VRH All Around, etc.; breed association Novice/Level 1 points do not count); or

- \$500 with any equine organization or association reported by Q Data and/or EquiStat in any judged western performance discipline (western pleasure, working cow horse, reining, cutting, trail, etc.)

c) If a member loses Novice Youth eligibility through competition, he or she may finish that year as a Novice Youth rider. Thereafter, the member is eligible only for

Youth, Junior Horse, Intermediate, Limited Non Pro, Non Pro, Non Pro Boxing or Open Divisions.

d) Cow work in this division is a boxing class. See EV-224.5. Riders in this division may not cross enter a fence cow work class (boxing, fence turns and circle/roping) at the same show.)

e) A youth may not cross enter the Youth, Novice Youth and Novice Divisions at the same show.

f) Stallions are prohibited in this division.

GR-225.11 Junior Horse Division Eligibility and Restrictions: Horses eligible to be shown in this division are five years of age or younger as of January 1 of current year. There is an optional jackpot paid in the all around in this division.

b) A junior horse may be shown by a rider from any division.

c) Cow work in this division is the box-drive-box-drive class. See EV-224.3.

GR-225.12 Division Eligibility Exceptions

a) 10-year rule: Any rider who is deemed ineligible for the Intermediate, Novice, or Level 1 Open divisions due to earnings, points, or awards they received more than 10 years ago may step down one division from their current eligibility to compete at SHTX shows with approval of the SHTX Board of Directors. However, if the Board of Directors feels that a rider is competing in a division lower than their current skill level, they can be excluded from that division. The board of directors is committed to the integrity of these divisions. Please consider your personal riding experience and ability before stepping down one division according to the 10-year rule. If a rider is found to be competing at a level higher than designed for the division, they will not receive a refund of their entry fees and their points earned cannot transfer to another division.

b) A member may petition, in writing, the Association Board of Directors for a change in division eligibility. The written petition will be reviewed and the member notified of the ruling. In addition, the board may reclassify a member for a division.

c) Eligibility Violations. Riders who compete in a division and are discovered to be ineligible for that division will be disqualified. They will not receive a refund of entry fees and the points earned are not transferable to another division. It is the rider's responsibility to know the divisions for which they are eligible. Eligibility may be revoked at any time for violations of any SHTX rule or

regulation. A person who loses eligibility statuses must relinquish their membership card and return it to the SHTX office upon notice, if requested.

GR-226 Recommendations for Association Approved Competitions:

SHTX Association-approved competitions must offer all four classes and eight divisions - Open, Non Pro, Limited Non Pro, Intermediate, Novice, Youth, Novice Youth and Junior Horse. It is recommended that buckles or other awards have the words Stock Horse of Texas or the SHTX logo visible or identified. It is recommended that entry fees be kept as low as possible. This is in keeping with the SHTX goal of offering affordable education and competitions.

GR-230 YEAR-END AWARDS AND MERIT AWARDS IN SHTX-APPROVED COMPETITIONS

GR-230 Year End Awards

Year-End awards shall be given to the All-Around High Point and Reserve High Point (one horse/one rider) in the Non Pro, Limited Non Pro, Intermediate, Novice, L1 Novice, Youth, Novice Youth and Junior Horse divisions. Open division awards will be calculated on the horse only (any rider), in accordance with industry standards of Open competition. Year-End High Point Individual Class winners shall also be recognized (one-horse/one-rider for all divisions, except the Open, which will be calculated on the horse). All SHTX awards are considered All Around awards unless otherwise noted.

GR-230.1 Year-End Awards will be based on a total of the approved shows at which a horse/rider combination competes. All but two shows will count for year-end All-Around and Class points, regardless of how many shows are held. For example: If there are 13 shows, points for the top 11 shows will count toward year-end standings. If there are 10, the top 8 shows will count, and so on.

GR-230.2 Top points earned in the All-Around standings and the individual classes are figured separately and may be taken from different shows, thereby giving each horse/rider combination every advantage for highest year-end points in each class or the All-Around. Year End standings are based on points, no matter the number of shows. However to be eligible for All Around Year-End awards, a horse/rider combination must compete as an All Around entry in at least 50% or more of the total shows in a specific division held within a given