

RULE CHANGES FOR 2019

Words that are underlined are specific additions to the rule book. Words that are struck through will be removed from the rule book.

NOVICE DIVISION

Eligibility restrictions for the Novice division has been increased to allow riders to earn up to \$250 in a western performance discipline.

The Level 1 Novice recognition (*which was tested in the fall of 2018*) will remain in place in 2019. Level 1 Novice is not a separate division of the Novice, but is designed to recognize improvement and advancement in the Novice division at large shows at the discretion of show management. Level 1 Novice follows the “D” system (commonly used in barrel racing), dividing the Novice all around results at the 50% mark, and will recognize the top 5 riders in the second half of the Novice. There are no Year End awards in Level 1 Novice since these riders will be eligible to compete for Constant Competitor SHTX Year End awards.

CHANGES IN THE YOUTH; ADDING NOVICE YOUTH DIVISION

Youth Division Eligibility and Restrictions: (Box-drive-box-drive)

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. The modified working cow horse pattern will be a box-drive-box-drive pattern. The cow horse pattern will not involve turns down the fence, circling or roping. There will be no jackpot in this division. (For specific rules for the working cow horse pattern refer to the Limited Non Pro Working Cow Horse class rules)

- a) A youth may not show in both the Youth, Novice Youth and Novice Divisions at the same show.
- b) Stallions are prohibited in this division.

Novice Youth Division Eligibility and Restrictions: (Box only)

Exhibitors in the 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 or no riding and showing experience who wish to learn more about showing in SHTX at a beginner’s pace.

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 champion or reserve champion titles at any show or cumulative year-end award in SHTX, ASHA, or Texas State 4-H finals;

more than 10 points in any breed association (AQHA, APHA, AQHA VRH All Around, etc.); or \$500 in a national organization (NCHA, NRCHA, NRHA, RHAA, etc.) in any western performance discipline (western pleasure, working cow horse, reining, cutting, trail, etc.) SHTX 12 & Under awards and titles do not count toward eligibility since 12 & Under was not a separate SHTX division.

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, Limited Non Pro, Non Pro or Open Divisions.

d) Riders in this division will work a Novice/Novice Youth Working Cow Horse Pattern. The cow horse pattern is a shortened version of cow work that will not involve turns down the fence, circling or roping. The working cow horse pattern will be boxing only. (See Novice Working Cow Horse class rules for specifics on rules for this division.) There will be no jackpot in this division.

e) A youth may not show in both the Youth, Novice Youth and/or Novice Divisions at the same show.

f) Stallions are prohibited in this division.

CHANGES IN THE COLLEGIATE PROGRAM

The rulebook already allows for a separate collegiate show within regular competition (GR 301.10c) The following will explain that collegiate riders will compete within their own collegiate division only.

GR-301.10 Collegiate Competitions

d) Collegiate riders will enter classes in their respective collegiate divisions. The collegiate classes will be held with the regular SHTX classes. However, the scores and placing will be separate for the collegiate division. Collegiate riders wishing to compete in non-collegiate divisions of SHTX may do so by entering those divisions and, if possible, the runs will be concurrent. The collegiate division will be offered at specified shows during the spring and fall semester.

GR-303 CALCULATION OF POINTS FOR COLLEGIATE TEAM RIDERS AND TEAMS

Points in each class in each division are calculated on the total number of collegiate teams represented, not on the number of total ~~class entries~~ or collegiate individual entries.

GR304.2. SHTX Collegiate Individual All-Around Awards. ~~*Note: Individual all-around or class awards are not typically given for SHTX Collegiate shows within regular SHTX show since competitors are eligible for the regular SHTX show awards.~~ Collegiate Individual All-Around and Class Awards may be awarded in SHTX approved Collegiate-~~Only~~ Shows or Collegiate Team Challenges at the option of Show Management.

a) To be eligible for SHTX Collegiate Individual All-Around Awards, a collegiate rider must compete in all four classes within the collegiate division. Awards are based on points from all four classes within the division ~~earned based on the total number of collegiate riders.~~

b) ~~SHTX Collegiate Individual Class awards are based on the total number of collegiate riders per class. All SHTX collegiate members entered in the collegiate competition are eligible for individual class awards.~~

In the Year-End Awards section of the rule book GR-230....

GR-236 Collegiate Year-End Award

The Collegiate Year-End Award will be presented to the two highest-placing collegiate riders in the Open/Non Pro, Limited Non Pro/Intermediate and Novice collegiate divisions. Year-End calculations will be based on points earned in the collegiate divisions ~~at all SHTX sanctioned shows.~~ Winners will be presented their awards during the SHTX Year-End Awards Banquet.

GR-236.1 To be eligible for All Around Year-End awards in the collegiate division, a horse/rider combination must compete as an All Around collegiate entry in at least 75% or more of all ~~total collegiate shows a single division in enough shows throughout the year to equate one of the following whichever is less:~~

- ~~at least 75% or more of the total collegiate shows within the collegiate academic year (spring/fall semesters), or~~
- ~~At least 50% or more of the total shows in a given year.~~

~~For example, if there are 7 out of 11 shows held within the academic collegiate year, a horse/rider combination must compete as a collegiate All Around entry in at least 5 shows throughout the year in a given division under the 75% rule.~~

CHANGES TO CLASS RULES...

ADDITIONAL STOCK HORSE PLEASURE PATTERNS

In an effort to keep horses from anticipating stock horse pleasure transitions, additional patterns have been proposed. These patterns are with the same rules, standards and gaits as set forth in the rules but with different transitions.

PATTERN III

- Ordinary Walk - 30 feet
- Lope - 150 feet
- Extended Trot - 240 feet
- Trot - 120 feet
- Stop and Reverse
- Trot - 90 feet

- Lope - 150 feet
- Extended Lope - 200 feet
- Extended Walk - 75 feet
- Stop and Back

PATTERN IV

- Trot - 120 feet
- Extended Walk - 75 feet
- Lope - 150 feet
- Extended Trot - 240 feet
- Stop and Reverse
- Lope - 150 feet
- Extended Lope - 200 feet
- Ordinary Walk - 30 feet
- Trot - 90 feet
- Stop and Back

PATTERN V

- Lope - 150 feet
- Extended Lope - 200 feet
- Ordinary Walk - 30 feet
- Trot - 120 feet
- Stop and Reverse
- Extended Trot - 240 feet
- Trot - 90 feet
- Extended Walk - 75 feet
- Lope - 150 feet
- Stop and Back

LEAVING WORKING AREA BEFORE PATTERN IS COMPLETE IS A DQ

USE OF 2 HANDS IN A CURB BIT IS OFF PATTERN (NOT 5PT PENALTY)

These rules will be implemented in every SHTX class:

- 5 Point Penalties: Spurring in front of cinch; Blatant disobedience; Use of either hand to instill fear/praise; Use of two hands (except in snaffle bit or hackamore) per maneuver; ~~More than one finger between split reins or any fingers between romal reins (except two rein) per maneuver.~~

- Off-Pattern (OP): Breaking pattern; Repeated disobedience; ~~Leaving working area before pattern is complete;~~ More than one finger between split reins or any fingers between romal reins (except two rein); Cannot place above others who complete pattern correctly.

- Disqualification (DQ): Lameness; Abuse; Illegal equipment; Disrespect or misconduct; Leaving working area before pattern is complete; Fall of horse/rider (run ends; scores will be given for work done but the horse/rider team will be disqualified and will not be placed),

Improper western attire. Disqualified entries are counted as an entry in the class but can not receive points or credits for that class toward the all around.

CHANGE IN THE PENALTY ON A GROUND TIE IN TRAIL

- 3 Point Penalties: Wrong lead or out of lead; draped reins; break of gait at lope; break of gait at walk or trot for more than two (2) strides; three to four steps on mount/dismount on ground tie.
- 5 Point Penalties: Spurring in front of cinch; blatant dis-obedience; use of either hand to instill fear/praise; knocking over, stepping out of or falling off an obstacle; dropping an object required to be carried; 1st or 2nd cumulative; letting go of gate; five or more steps on mount/dismount or ground tie.

CHANGE / CLARIFICATION ON A PENALTY IN REINING

Off-Pattern (OP): Breaking pattern; Repeated disobedience; ~~Leaving working area before pattern is complete~~; trotting in excess of 1/2 circle or 1/2 length of the arena; More than one finger between split reins or any fingers between romal reins (except two rein); Cannot place above others who complete pattern correctly.

ADDITION OF A PENALTY IN THE BOX/DRIVE/BOX/DRIVE COW WORK

1 Point Penalties: Over-bridled (per maneuver); out of frame (per maneuver); loss of working advantage; driving cow down the opposite fence (changing sides); working out of position; slipping rein; in limited cow work, failure to drive cow past the middle marker on second drive before time expired.