

MCRA Class Requirements

Open and All Breed

Open to any rider. Horses through the age of 5 may be shown in a snaffle or hackamore, two hands must be used on the reins. All horses six years of age and up must be shown in the bridle, one handed. No training aids. Western show attire required. Follow AQHA rules.

Amateur

Open to any amateur rider. Horses through the age of 5 may be shown in a snaffle or hackamore, two hands must be used on the reins. All horses six years of age and up must be shown in the bridle, one handed. No training aids. Western show attire required. Amateur ownership rules must be followed. Follow AQHA rules.

Novice Amateur

Open to any novice amateur rider. To be eligible, you must not have earned 25 novice youth, youth, novice amateur, amateur or open combined lifetime points in that novice class. Rider must hold a Novice Amateur card with AQHA. Horses through the age of 5 may be shown in a snaffle or hackamore, two hands must be used on the reins. All horses six years of age and up must be shown in the bridle, one handed. No training aids. Western show attire required. Amateur ownership rules must be followed. Follow AQHA rules.

Green Horse

Open to any horse that has not won more than \$100 LTE in that event, and has not earned any breed points in that event, and has not earned more than 35 MCRA points in that event. Rider may ride with any bit with the exception of severe bits, twisted wire or chain bits. No training aids. Rider will commit to one hand or two when entering the arena. For Green Horse Working Cow Horse, there will be no fence run, boxing only, judge will blow whistle at 90 seconds to signal end of cow work. Western show attire required

Green Rider

Open to any rider who has not won more than \$200 LTE in that event, and has not earned any breed points in that event, and has not earned more than 35 MCRA points in that event. Rider may ride with any bit with the exception of severe bits, twisted wire or chain bits. No training aids. Rider will commit to one hand or two when entering the arena. For Green Rider Working Cow Horse, there will be no fence run, boxing only, judge will blow whistle at 90 seconds to signal end of cow work. Western show attire required

Youth

Any amateur rider 18 years of age and under as of January first of the current year who meets non-pro status. Stallions are prohibited in all youth classes. Horses through the age of 5 may be shown in a snaffle or hackamore, two hands must be used on the reins. All horses six years of age and up must be shown in the bridle, one handed. No training aids. Western show attire required. Helmets may be substituted for western hat. AQHA rules apply. Note: Although it is legal for a youth to show a non-owned horse in the AQHA open division, this action could violate rule 403(c) of the *AQHA Official Handbook* concerning amateur eligibility.