



1st ANNUAL Spotted Cow Horse Derby: Limited Aged Event (LAE) Open Reined Cowhorse Derby Held at the ApHC World Show Open to all ApHC 4 & 5-year-olds

Event Details:

Modeled after an NRCHA Limited Aged Event (LAE) the Spotted Reined Cowhorse Derby is an event for 4&5 year-olds at the ApHC World Show. It is being organized to supposd Appaloosas in the cow horse events and includes all 3 portions of a traditional derby: herdwork, reining, fence. Entrants must complete all 3 events and a winner will be chosen based on the highest composite score.

Herdwork



Held with World Show Cutting, will follow ApCHA herdwork rules, outlined in the World Show Premium Book

Reining



Reining portion of the Jr Working Cowhorse will be used – scores taken from 2 pre-selected judges

Fence



Fence portion of the Jr Working Cowhorse will be used – scores taken from same pre-selected judges as reining

Entry Information:

- ❖ Entry Fee - \$250 plus admin, judge, and cattle fees (herdwork only)
 - Entry deadline will align with ApHC online entry deadline
 - Late entries will be accepted until 4pm CST the day before the herdwork class with an additional \$100 late fee
- ❖ Payback includes 60% of entry fees plus added money; payback follows NRCHA payout scale
- ❖ No qualification required to enter – open to all ApHC 4&5 year olds
- ❖ Managed by the Appaloosa Ranch Horse Association (ApRRA) – all questions can be sent to appyranchhorse@gmail.com
- ❖ Concurrent entry into Junior Working Cow Horse ApHC class is required, which is a separate entry fee – this class does not require qualification
- ❖ Herdwork will be a separate, stand-alone class held during the cutting classes
- ❖ Snaffle bit or hackamore required – event to align to NRCHA LAE equipment rules

Judging & Scoring:

- ❖ Herdwork portion will utilize slightly modified rules from NCHA to align with the ApCHA herd work class, which is similar to NRCHA herdwork in that reining the horse is not penalized. Class will utilize same (2) judges from the cutting classes and rules will be provided ahead of time. A participant shall not be penalized for guiding or reining the horse, one point reining penalties will not be charged by judge. A participant excessively reining a horse or using direct force by jerking or pulling a horse around may be penalized. This rule may be subject to each individual judge's interpretation. All horses should be judged based on run content. The class will run for 2 ½ minutes and exhibitors may work 2-3 cows. Penalties are below (from NCHA rulebook):
 - 1 point - (miss) Losing working advantage, Visible cue or positioning after cut, Toe, foot, or stirrup on horse shoulder, Noise directed to cattle
 - 3 point - Cattle picked up/scattering herd, Failure to make deep cut, Hot quit, Pawing or biting cattle, cueing in shoulder, Back Fence
 - 5 point - Horse quitting cow, Losing a cow, Changing cattle after commitment, Failure to separate, Turn Tail
 - Disqualification - Horse falls to ground, Leaving working area
- ❖ Reining and fence portions will be taken from the concurrent Jr Working Cowhorse class. 2 judges will be pre-selected from the 4 judging the Jr Cowhorse class and ONLY their scores will be used to determine the composite score
 - Since there are only 2 judges in the cutting, only 2 will be used for the other events to make all portions equal
 - The results of the Jr Working Cowhorse vs. the Derby could differ based on this – participants will be required to acknowledge when they enter

Scratch Policy:

- ❖ Post entry, scratches will be accepted for documented medical or veterinary reasons only. Cattle and admin fees will not be refunded
- ❖ No refunds for scratches made after the draw of the herdwork class (day before) for any reason. Payouts will be based on entries at that time.

Derby Rule Acknowledgement (Owner / Agent required to initial and sign):

_____ I understand that the ApRRA Spotted Cow Horse Derby does not follow the same judging guidelines as the ApHC Working Cow Horse class and that only 2 (pre-selected) judges scores will be used to determine the composite score. I understand this may lead to a different outcome for the derby placings vs. the Junior Working Cow Horse class.

_____ I acknowledge that this event is intended as a limited aged event and as such am required to ride in approved limited aged equipment (snaffle or hackamore) and that a two-rein or a curb bit are not permitted in the derby even though they are allowed in the Junior Working Cowhorse class per ApHC rules.

Owner / Agent: _____ Date: _____

