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NEBRASKA STATE FAIR

AUGUST 27TH – SEPTEMBER 6TH

GRAND ISLAND, NE

**NEBRASKA RANCH HORSE ASSOCIATION
(NeHRA) OPEN RANCH SHOW
(SEPTEMBER 1 & 2, 2021)**

**Nothing More
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NeRHA OPEN RANCH SHOW

Open to all stock horses

SUPERINTENDENT

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JUDGES

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Check In Times: **Tuesday, August 31, 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm**
Wednesday, September 1, 6:30 am – 9:30 am

In place by: **Wednesday, September 1, 7:00 am**

Show: **Wednesday, September 1, 8:30 am - Thompson Foods Indoor Arena**
Thursday, September 2, 8:30 am - Thompson Foods Indoor Arena

Begin Release: **Wednesday, September 2, after the show**

All out by: **Thursday, September 3, 12:00 pm**

- **Please enter through the Check-in Trailer on Stuhr Road then proceed to Gate 9.**
- **No exhibitor will be allowed in the barn before 7:00 am on Thursday, August 26.**
- **All NeRHA and Open Horses must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI).**

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS/CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION

All horses being exhibited at the Nebraska State Fair must meet all of the equine health requirements prior to entering the Nebraska State Fairgrounds or at unloading time, which are found at the following link: [2021 Equine & Equine Event Livestock Health Requirements](#). For questions regarding Health and Coggins papers, please contact Dr. Steve Krull, State Fair Equine Veterinarian at 308-367-6754 or Les Zadina, Asst Equine Superintendent/Stall Manager at 308-289-6511.

ENTRY FEES

Entry Fee	\$20.00 (per class)
Cattle Class	\$40.00 (per class)
Stall Fee	\$35.00 (per horse)
Jump Out Fee	\$35.00 (per horse)
Tack Stall Fee	\$35.00 (per horse)
Exhibitor Ticket	\$5.00 (per day, per person)
Exhibitor Wristband	\$25.00 (per person, 11-day pass)
Parking Pass	\$15.00 for single day & \$25 for multi-day (per vehicle)
Late Fee	\$50.00 (per horse, for entries received after August 15, 2021)

ENTRY DEADLINE DATE

Entries must be made online at www.Horseshowing.com by on August 15, 2021.

PARKING

1. All vehicles are required to park in places designated by the Fair Management. The Fair management assumes no obligation and no liability for any theft or damage that may occur to the vehicle or its contents. No vehicle will be allowed to park for the sole purpose of advertising.
2. Designated equine parking areas will require a permit to enter. This permit must be requested on the entry form and is for the sole use of the exhibitor.

EQUINE EXHIBITOR RULES & REGULATIONS

1. The Nebraska State Fair [General Equine Information, Rules and Regulations](#) apply to this and every department. Please refer to these sections. By submitting entry to the Nebraska State Fair, you agree to and will abide by these rules.
2. An open blank check will be required at the show office at check-in to cover added classes and will be returned at check-out if not classes were added.

ENTRIES

For 2021, the Nebraska State Fair will be accepting online entries for the NeHRA/Open Horse Show. For information on entering go to: www.statefair.org. Click on the Competitions & Participate tab; Click GO under Competitions; Click GO under Equine Exhibitor; Scroll down to Equine Entry Books; Click on Foundation Quarter Horse. Late entries will be accepted until the barn is full. A late fee of \$50.00 per exhibitor will apply for all entries received after August 15, 2021.

STALLS / JUMP OUT FEES

1. The NeHRA Open Ranch Show horses will be stalled in the R Barn.
2. Stall assignments will be made by the NeHRA Open Ranch Horse Show superintendent(s). In the case of a shortage, the Superintendent(s) will have the right to reassign pens, tack pens, etc.

3. All horses occupying stalls must pay a stall fee. Whether entered for competition and judging. Stalls will not be assigned or available unless stall fees are accompanied.
4. Complete the stabling list for all owners and exhibitors who wish their animals to be stalled together.
5. All exhibitors must work out of stalls, rather than out of trailers, due to the lack of available parking around the arenas.
6. Assigned stall chart will be posted.

DOG POLICY

Due to requirements of the liability insurance carrier and policy of all major livestock shows, NO dogs are allowed on the Nebraska State Fairgrounds, in parking lots or in buildings other than those for direct competition or service animals. All dogs must be on a leash. There shall be no loose or unattended dogs on the fairgrounds. No dogs will be permitted in the animal barns, in tie outs or the Midway, except during authorized events and sanctioned dog shows. Dogs entered in Nebraska State Fair special performances or competitive events will be allowed on grounds or in buildings during performance or competition only.

SHOW RULES

Classes will be governed by the rules of General **Equine Information, Rules and Regulations**. By signing the entry form the exhibitor agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of The Nebraska State Fair. Exhibitor also agrees to abide by the International Association of Fairs and Exhibition National Code of Show Ring Ethics found in the Equine Rules and Regulations Handbook and also in the front of the premium book.

1. Division High Point Awards for horse/rider combo will accumulate per division. (For example: A horse/rider combo accumulates 6 points in Open division and 6 points in Youth division, these points will not be combined for High Point Awards)
2. An open signed blank check will be left at the show office at check-in to cover added classes and will be returned at check-out if no classes were added.

STATE FAIR AWARDS & PREMIUMS

Plaques to first-place winners. Ribbons to 1 – 6 place winners.

Trophy Spurs to TOP RANCH HAND

BUCKLES to High Point & Reserve High Point per Division

Class Payback

- 1st Place: \$23.00
2nd Place: \$15.00
3rd Place: \$8.00

ARENAS

Show will be held in the **THOMPSON FOODS INDOOR ARENA**.

A warm up arena provided outdoors.

CLASS LIST / SHOW BILL

WEDNESDAY, September 1, 2021

Class # - Description

(THOMPSON FOODS INDOOR ARENA 8:00 AM)

1. Ranch Boxing - Open
2. Ranch Boxing - Amateur
3. Ranch Boxing - Youth
4. Working Cow – Open
5. Working Cow – Amateur
6. Working Cow – Youth
7. Ranch Roping – Open
8. Ranch Roping – Amateur
9. Ranch Roping - Youth
10. Ranchmanship – Open
11. Ranchmanship – Amateur
12. Ranchmanship – Youth
13. Ranch Reining – Open
14. Ranch Reining – Amateur
15. Ranch Reining – Youth

THURSDAY, September 2, 2021

Class # - Description

(THOMPSON FOODS INDOOR ARENA 8:00 AM)

16. Showmanship – Open
17. Showmanship – Amateur
18. Showmanship – Youth
19. Conformation Geldings – Open
20. Conformation Geldings – Amateur
21. Conformation Geldings – Youth
22. Conformation Mares – Open
23. Conformation Mares – Amateur
24. Conformation Mare – Youth
25. Horsemanship – Open
26. Horsemanship – Amateur
27. Horsemanship – Youth

Class # - Description

(THOMPSONS FOODS INDOOR ARENA AT 8:00 AM) - CONTINUED

- 28. Ranch Riding – Open
- 29. Ranch Riding – Amateur
- 30. Ranch Riding – Youth
- 31. Ranch Trail – Open
- 32. Ranch Trail – Amateur
- 33. Ranch Trail – Youth

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Ranch Boxing:

The Ranch Boxing class will consist of a single cow worked (boxing) on the end of the arena. The time limit for the class is fifty (50) seconds.

This class is designed to demonstrate and measure a horse's ability to do cow work. Holding the saddle horn is permitted in this class.

This class will be judged on run, rate, control, degree of difficulty and eye appeal.

There will be no schooling between cows if a new cow is awarded. The rider will face the cow end of the arena and call for a cow. Each exhibitor upon receiving a cow, shall hold that cow on the prescribed end of the arena for fifty (50) seconds, demonstrating the ability of the horse and rider to control the cow. Time shall begin when the gate closes behind the cow after being let into the arena. Timing will be done by the announcer or judge starting when the cow is turned into the arena. At fifty (50) seconds, the announcer will call time. The judge may blow a whistle at any time for the contestant to cease work for any safety reasons. If blown out the contestant shall receive a no-score.

Scoring will be on the basis of 0 - 100 with 70 denoting an average performance. This class will be judged from $-1\frac{1}{2}$ to $+1\frac{1}{2}$ in $\frac{1}{2}$ point increments. a) The judge may blow the whistle at any time to terminate work. A score of zero will be given if the work is not completed at that time. Each work will be limited to fifty (50) seconds. b) There will be no schooling between cows if a new one is awarded. The penalty for this is a -0-.

Working Cow:

Both the cow work portion of this event and the reined work portion are mandatory. Scoring emphasis on the cow work portion shall be based on the horse maintaining control of the cow at all times, exhibiting superior cow sense and natural cow working ability without excessive reining or spurring. Failure of an exhibitor to attempt to complete the cow work portion of the class, as well as the reined work result in the exhibitor not being considered an entry in the class. In the cow work portion of the class the exhibitor will keep working until the judge blows the whistle to signify completion of work. If the exhibitor quits before the whistle is blown, the score shall be a 0 for the cow work portion. A horse going off pattern in the reined work and the cow work portion may be placed even if disqualified in one portion of the class (example: If a horse is disqualified and receives a 0 score for the reined work, but scores a 70 for the cow work, its total score would be a 70 and the horse would be eligible for placing).

The same approved pattern will be used by each exhibitor in the class and exhibitor will have his horse to travel at the gait indicated for each part of the pattern. When judging reined work, the judge should refer to the reining portion of the ARHA rule book for guidelines.

Between dry work and cow work the exhibitor shall make their way to the center of the arena towards the end where cow will be entering. There shall be no schooling between reined work and cow work. Judge may disqualify any entry that is stopping or turning their horses between works. Exhibitor shall call the cow when they are ready for staff to release cow, horse should be relaxed but ready for work. If judge whistles for new cow, exhibitor should stop work and return to center part of arena and let show staff remove cow from arena.

For the ideal cow work, each exhibitor, upon receiving a cow in the arena, shall hold the cow on the prescribed end of the arena for sufficient time to demonstrate the ability of the horse to contain the cow on that end. After a reasonable amount of time, the exhibitor shall take the cow down the fence, making at least one turn each way on the fence. The exhibitor shall then take the cow to an open part of the arena and circle it at least once each direction. The required pattern for the cow work is boxing, fence turns and circles, in that order. It is the judge's responsibility to control the pen and treatment of all cattle.

Ranch Roping:

This class allows exhibitors to show their horses one handed with romel reins. Exhibitors are permitted to hold romels and tail in one hand while holding horn with other hand. If exhibitor chooses to show this way, they must enter the arena with reins in one hand and are not allowed to touch rein with off hand at any time during the class. If exhibitor comes in with both hands on the romels they are required to keep both hands on the reins, the way they entered the pen. The use of Roping reins/one-piece reins will be allowed. No tie-downs or martingales etc. may be used in this class.

The intent of this class is to show the ability of the horse and rider skill of handling cattle as if they were

doctoring injured or sick cattle. Cattle should be handled as calmly and slowly as possible. The judge should judge this class as if the cattle belonged to him or her. Entry does not have to separate their cow from herd and should not receive credit for separation from herd. When cow is separated from the herd there should be no excessive running or cutting of the cow.

This is a judged event with a 90 second time limit. 70 denotes an average score. The rope must be thrown and the contestant may throw only two loops. Any attempt by exhibitor to trap, snare, or collar cow by holding onto the loop will be cause for disqualification. A second rope may be used, but the total number of loops thrown may not exceed two (2). If a second loop is used it must be recoiled. The Honda on the rope used must be of a factory plastic breakaway design.

Horse and rider must start from behind a starting line which will be located 1/3 of the arena length away from where ten (10) calves are held as a herd with each bearing a number 0 - 9. A random draw will be used to select the calf to be roped, which will be announced to the contestant when the horse crosses the starting line.

The contestant must make a legal catch of the designated calf and dally up. A legal head catch is a loop that goes completely over the calf's head and Honda can be broken by any part of the calf's body, but must go over the calf's head first. When the calf breaks free from Honda, the Flag Judge will signal the end of the run.

Ranchmanship:

The purpose of this class is to bring forth the versatility in both the ranch horse and exhibitor, in the task of performing 1 of the 8 ARHA designated patterns, constructed of both Ranch Trail obstacles and Ranch Reining maneuvers. Obstacle and maneuvers are to be judged to the standards written in Ranch Trail, Ranch Riding, and Ranch Reining in each part of the patterns that pertains to these classes.

Horses will be scored on a basis of 0-100, with 70 denoting an average performance.

There will be no time-limit.

A simple or flying lead change should be executed precisely in the specified number of strides and/or at the designated location. A simple lead change is performed by breaking to a walk or trot for one to five strides (before break of gait penalty applies). Flying lead changes should be simultaneous front to rear. All changes should be smooth and timely.

This class will also be judged on quality of movement on horse by standards written in the Ranch Riding portion of the ARHA Rulebook. For specifics and details of credits, deductions, and penalties refer to class in question. The Ranch Riding portion will be scored in ½ point increments from -1½ to +1½ on the score sheets on the overall quality of the horse's movement. Judge will score on all gaits performed at the end of the pattern on overall average of each gait. Transitions should be performed where designated, with smoothness and responsiveness. Posting at extended trot is acceptable. Exhibitor may not hold the saddle horn.

Ranch Reining:

This class denotes the ability of the ranch horse to be reined willfully through all maneuvers of the approved patterns. There are ten ARHA approved patterns that can be selected from to use. Contestant should not be penalized for reining their horse through the pattern in a reasonable manner. Stops should be hard and deep as if needed to stop and go in the other direction. Stop should be square and done without resistance (it should be at the judge's discretion on what he/she considers an excessive slide. Excessive stops beyond 10 feet should be minus in ½ point increments. Turn a rounds should be those of a working horse, they should be correct and job efficient.

Showmanship:

Showmanship is designed to evaluate the exhibitor's ability to execute a pattern prescribed by the judge. Exhibitors' movements should be workman line and efficient and the horse should be obedient and cooperative. This class is judged on 0-100 score scale with 70 denoting average with 1/2-point increment scoring.

Exhibitors will perform a designated pattern approved by the judge. The following maneuvers are considered acceptable: lead a horse at a walk, jog or extended trot, or back in a straight or curved line or a combination of both, stop; or turn 90 (1/4), 180 (1/2), 270 (3/4), 360 (full turn) degrees or any combination or multiple of these turns. No pull turns are allowed. The judge must have exhibitors set the horse up squarely for inspection sometime during the class. Judge will approve pattern.

Ranch Horse Conformation:

The horse will be judged on type, conformation correctness, and athletic ability with the all-around equine in mind. Ranch Horse Conformation is defined as the physical attributes necessary to perform under saddle in multiple ARHA events. The horse should possess eye appeal with an attractive head; refined throat-latch; well-proportioned trim neck; long sloping shoulder; deep heart girth; short back; strong loin and coupling; long hip and croup. The horse should show balance and uniform muscling with enough athletic ability to perform different tasks on the ranch and ARHA events. Horses should be strong boned and have an appearance of durability

Horsemanship:

The horsemanship class is designed to evaluate the rider's ability to execute, in concert with their horse, a set of maneuvers prescribed by the judge with precision and smoothness while exhibiting poise and confidence, and maintaining a balanced, functional, and fundamentally correct seat. Horses should have forward motion. The ideal horsemanship pattern is extremely precise with the horse and rider working in complete unison, executing each maneuver with subtle aids and cues. The horses head and neck should be carried in a relaxed, natural position.

The following maneuvers are acceptable in a pattern: walk, jog, lope, extended jog in a straight line, curved line, serpentine, circle or figure 8, or a combination of these gaits and maneuvers; stop, back in straight or curved line, turn or pivot, including spins and rollbacks on the haunches and/or on the forehand, sidepass, two-track or leg-yield, flying or simple lead changes, counter-canter, or any other maneuver, or ride without stirrups.

A back should be asked for at some time during the class. Judges should not ask exhibitors to mount or dismount. Judge will approve pattern.

Ranch Riding:

Ranch Riding showcases a ranch horse's gates on the rail of the arena. Horses must work both ways of the ring at all three gaits to demonstrate their ability with different leads. At the option of the judge, horses may be asked to extend the walk and the jog, one or both ways of the ring. The extended jog is a definite two-beat lengthening of the stride, covering more ground. Cadence and balance with smoothness are more essential than speed. Passing is Permissible and should not be penalized as long as the horse maintains a proper and even cadence and rhythm. Horses are required to back easily and stand quietly. Horses are to be reversed to the inside (away from the rail). They may be required to reverse at the walk or jog at the discretion of the judge, but shall not be asked to reverse at the lope.

Ranch Trail:

This class will be judged on the performance of the horse over obstacles with emphasis on manners, response to the rider and quality of movement. Credit will be given to horses negotiating the obstacles with style and some degree of speed, providing correctness is not sacrificed. Horses should receive credit for showing attentiveness to the obstacles and the capability of picking their own way through the course when obstacles warrant it, and willingly responding to the rider's cues on more difficult obstacles.

The course must be designed to require each horse to show the three gaits (walk, jog, and lope) somewhere between obstacles as part of its work, and the quality of movement and cadence should be considered as part of the maneuver score. While on the line of travel between obstacles, the horse shall be balanced, carrying his head and neck in a relaxed, natural position. The head should not be carried behind the vertical, giving the appearance of intimidation, or be excessively nosed out, giving the appearance of resistance. Gaits between obstacles shall be at the discretion of the judge. The pattern and obstacles will be selected by the judge.

SHOW RESULTS

Please check show results at <http://www.statefair.org>. No results will be given by phone.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS DURING FAIR

308-367-6754 – Dr. Steve Krull – Horse Department Superintendent
308 289-6511- Les Zadina –Asst Horse Department Superintendent/Stall Manager

**This concludes the 2021 Nebraska State Fair
Nebraska Ranch Horse Association Open
Horse Show.**

152TH FAIRABRATION!



We want to thank all of our exhibitors for helping to make The Nebraska State Fair such a success. We also wish all of our exhibitors a safe trip home.