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2018 ARHA Rule Change Highlights

Allowed Shirts – Zipper shirts now are allowed. Shirts still must be free of crystals, glitter and/or sequins. (See page 45)

Ranch Trail – All exhibitors **must carry a rope** into the class for the stationary steer obstacle. If the rope is dropped before the stationary steer, the exhibitor will receive a DQ. The exhibitor shall not be penalized for a miss but shall receive credit for the horse being in correct position, standing quietly, pulling slack, and dallying the rope. (See page 66)

All REINING PATTERNS – Previous walk-in patterns are now **trot-in** patterns. Not trotting in will result in a DQ. If an exhibitor lope before reaching the center of arena, or fails to stop before executing a lope departure, it will result in a 2-point penalty in trot-in patterns. (See pages 71 and 77)

Ranch Cutting Rule Clarification – A cow is considered to be **“back in the herd”** when it touches another cow in the herd. This results in a DQ. **Excessive disturbance** of the herd may result in a DQ and the exhibitor being asked to leave the arena. (See page 83)

Boxing Time Limit - Changed from 60 seconds to **50 seconds**. (See page 87)

Ranch Roping – **Roping reins/one-piece reins** will be permitted in this class. Tie-downs or martingales are not allowed. (See page 98)

Accepted Breeds – ARHA Certificate of Eligibility is **open to all western type breed** (horse must walk, trot, lope). This includes Arabians, half-Arabians, Morgans, POAs/Quarter Pony (must be a minimum of 13’2 hands) and Mustangs. ARHA will also open up to Grade Horses under certain conditions. (See page 15 for all requirements)

ARHA Novice Eligibility – See page 37 for all eligibility requirements. In brief, the **point cap was raised from 200 to 1,000** points cumulatively in all divisions, excluding Conformation. Other restrictions based on ARHA World Championship and Year End titles (Ranch Horse of the Year, Regional Champion, Top 5, etc.) earned in upper divisions (excluding Novice) were added, as well.

Announcing Name of Horse/Rider - It is allowed to announce this prior to a run, as well as announce the judge(s) scores. (See page 44)

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This flyer does not supersede any rules found in the Handbook.