

VRH FAQs

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1. Must all divisions be offered?
 - No. Management has the option to offer some or all divisions.
2. What classes can be held together?
 - Cowboy and Open may be run together.
3. What are the criteria for the rookie and limited classes?
 - There are no eligibility restrictions for limited classes except the same horse/rider combination may not also enter another subdivision at the same show.
 - Eligibility for the Rookie divisions is explained in SHW552.4: for an exhibitor to be eligible in the amateur or youth rookie division, the exhibitor must have earned no more than ten (10) lifetime points in any breed association (including but not limited to AQHA, APHA, AQHA VRH All-Around); or \$500 in a national organization (including but not limited to NCHA, NRCHA, NRHA, RHAA, NRSWA, NSBA) in any western performance discipline (western pleasure, working cow horse and boxing, western riding, reining, cutting, trail, ranch riding, ranch trail, western horsemanship, VRH ranch riding, VRH ranch trail, VRH ranch reining VRH ranch cow work, and VRH ranch cutting, VRH All-Around.) Accuracy of eligibility is the responsibility of the exhibitor.
 - o Roping, speed events, showmanship, English classes do not count towards the VRH Rookie point cap.
4. What VRH classes can be held concurrently with AQHA classes?
 - Show management may run AQHA ranch riding and VRH ranch riding concurrently if held within a full Versatility Ranch Horse show. If held concurrently, AQHA ranch riding rules (SHW416-419.8) will apply.
 - Show management may run AQHA ranch trail and VRH ranch trail concurrently if held within a full Versatility Ranch Horse show. If held concurrently, AQHA ranch trail rules (SHW420-SHW422) will apply.
5. Can RHC classes be held with VRH?
 - RHC working ranch horse classes, including RHC limited ranch horse, may be held concurrently with VRH ranch reining and ranch cow work or VRH limited ranch reining and ranch cow work, respectively. (Ranch reining and ranch cow work may be run concurrently or as separate classes. If held separately, the reined portion of the RHC working ranch

- horse should be held with the corresponding VRH Ranch Reining division and the cow portion of the RHC working ranch horse should be held with the corresponding VRH Ranch cow work classes.)
- RHC ranch cutting and RHC ranch riding may be held with the corresponding VRH ranch cutting and VRH ranch riding classes, respectively.
 - RHC barrel racing may be held concurrently with the corresponding AQHA barrel racing classes.
 - RHC team roping may NOT be held concurrently with AQHA heading or heeling classes, unless management has received advanced approval with AQHA Ranching Department.
6. Do VRH ranch conformation classes have the same requirements as regular halter classes?
- All horses whose registration certificates are marked with parrot mouth, cryptorchid or excessive white notations are ineligible to compete in VRH ranch conformation classes. (SHW567.3)
 - Horse/rider combination must compete in two other VRH classes in the same division to be eligible to show in VRH ranch conformation.
 - Mares, geldings, and stallions in each division/subdivision are shown in one VRH ranch conformation class, except stallions are prohibited in all youth subdivisions.
7. How are VRH All-Arounds calculated?
- All VRH All-Around eligible horse/rider combinations are placed against each other based on individual class placings. The highest placing VRH All-Around eligible horse/rider in each individual class will receive 50 credits, the next highest placing VRH eligible horse/rider will receive 49 credits, and so on. The horse/rider combination earning the highest number of credits will be placed first in the VRH All-Around class and will receive points based on the number horses competing for the VRH All-Around title. (SHW555) All entries in every VRH class **MUST** be placed.
8. What is the eligibility for a VRH All-Around?
- To be eligible for the VRH All-Around, one horse/rider combination must enter and show within a single division in the following: VRH conformation, at least one cattle class and at least one non-cattle riding class.
9. What does it take to qualify for the VRH Limited or Rookie All-Around?
- Identical requirements as stated above.

10. What is the difference between VRH and Limited VRH?

- VRH ranch cow work is a “full” cow work with a boxing portion, a fence work, and either circling or roping the cow. VRH limited ranch cow work is box-drive-box-drive format.
- There are no eligibility restrictions, except one horse/rider combination must compete in all limited classes to be eligible for the VRH Limited All-Around.
- VRH Limited and VRH Rookie classes cannot be run concurrently.

11. Can Cowboy classes be in the Amateur division?

- The Cowboy classes are Open division only.

12. Do VRH class points count towards level eligibility?

- Points earned in individual VRH classes do not affect leveling in any other class. (SHW554) VRH All-Around points do not either.

13. Must Rookie and/or Limited be run before regular Amateur/Youth?

- Rookie and/or Limited classes do not have to be run before the Amateur/Youth classes.

14. Can a horse/rider combination cross enter the same class(es) in VRH Youth or Amateur subdivisions?

- No, a horse/rider combination cannot enter more than one subdivision within the Amateur or Youth divisions. I.E horse/rider combo enters Amateur VRH trail, same combination cannot enter Amateur VRH Limited or Amateur VRH Rookie trail at the same show.

15. Can a horse/rider combination enter the same class(es) in multiple divisions?

- Yes, if eligible, a horse/rider combination can enter more than one division. I.E., horse/rider combo enters Amateur VRH trail, same horse/rider combo can ALSO enter Open VRH trail.

16. Is it possible for a horse/rider combination to win both the Amateur VRH All-Around and the Open VRH All-Around?

- Yes, it is possible for a horse/rider combination to win both the Amateur and Open VRH All-Around if that team has earned the most credits in both divisions.

17. Do VRH All-Around points count towards VRH Rookie eligibility?

- Yes, VRH All-Around points count towards VRH Rookie eligibility. Individual VRH class points also count towards VRH Rookie eligibility. (See SHW552.4)