

SVRA CLASS RULES : (effective 1/1/12)

OPEN Open to any horse or rider regardless of age or status.

All riders will run the class as pattern is written.

NON PRO Open to any rider that holds a Non Pro status.

All youth riders (age 18 yrs & under) are eligible for this class.

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SVRA Non Pro Eligibility. *Anyone that does not train, show, give lessons, clinics or instruct riders in competition for remuneration. Nor anyone who solicits the fore mentioned. (exception: anyone who judges for SVRA for remuneration will not lose their SVRA Non Pro status)* **Read new Non Pro Rule**

YOUTH SHORT STIRRUP (12 years old and under)

Open to any rider who is age twelve or under on January 1 of the current year.

This class will run using the pattern (NRHA pattern 12).

There will be no penalty for trotting at any point in the pattern.

There will be no penalty for holding the saddle with either hand.

The rider may ride with standard split reins or any type of closed reins and may ride with two hands on the reins at any time during the class.

Participants will be eligible for year- end awards for this class but must nominate in order to compete for an award.

Points earned in this class will not count towards lifetime horse or rider points.

Participation by a Short Stirrup rider in any other class will result in permanent disqualification from further Short Stirrup competitions. (*beyond the current year*)

This class is to be scored and placed in accordance with the NRHA scoring system, modified to fit the specific requirements of this class.

SPLIT LEVEL (Two Division) CLASSES

LEVEL ONE Pattern requirements as per the corresponding NRHA pattern except :

Riders will **only do 2 spins** where the pattern calls for 4 spins.

Riders may choose to do simple lead changes where lead change are called for in the pattern but may opt to do flying changes if they prefer. * **See SVRA Simple Lead Change Rule**

Riders may ride with two hands using any legal western bit but may opt to use one hand if they prefer. A rider using two hands must continue to use two hands for the entire pattern. A rider using one hand must continue to use one hand for the entire pattern.

LEVEL TWO Pattern requirements as per the corresponding NRHA pattern except :

Riders may ride with two hands using any legal western bit but may opt to use one hand if they prefer. A rider using two hands must continue to use two hands for the entire pattern. A rider using one hand must continue to use one hand for the entire pattern.

In all split level classes LEVEL ONE will show first.

SVRA SIMPLE LEAD CHANE RULE

This rule applies only in Level One classes

SVRA defines a simple lead change as follows:

Cantering on a correct lead breaking to a trot for NO MORE THAN 4 strides then executing a canter into to the other lead.

An exhibitor will be allowed to execute a correct simple lead change where the pattern calls for a flying lead change in figure eights or circles. Anything other than correct will be considered and scored as a trotting into canter penalty. Any other break of gait or out of lead within the figure eights or circles will be scored as break of gait or out of lead penalty.

On run around patterns where the pattern calls for a correct lead when turning the end of the arena after a stop and roll back. A rider may do only one correct simple lead change before each turn after the rollback without penalty.

No rider will be penalized that executes correct flying lead changes any where they are called for or allowed in a pattern.

GREEN I RIDER (LEVEL ONE)

Open to any rider holding a Non Pro status starting in the sport of reining.

Any rider having won money in NRHA, NRCHA or earned breed show points in reining or working cowhorse is not eligible for this class.

Class requirements for Green I will perform in accordance to **SVRA LEVEL ONE .**

After a rider has earned **75 Green Rider points** he / or she will have completed the Green I rider program. When a rider starts the year in Green I they may finish the year in Green I even though they go over points within that year.

Green I riders are not limited to this class, but any score over 60 in any other class will count towards their **75 point Green I rider total**. (*Exceptions : Green Horse, Youth, & Prime Time*).

After a rider has earned 75 Green Rider points they will receive a SVRA Certificate Of Recognition at year end awards presentation.

GREEN II RIDER (LEVEL TWO)

To enter the Green II a rider must hold a Non Pro status.

Any rider having won \$ 200.00 or more in NRHA or NRCHA competition is NOT eligible for Green II .

For the purpose of determining eligibility for the Green II class only the first 50 Green I points earned will be considered and included in the **200 point** Green Rider division total.

Class requirements for Green II will perform in accordance to **SVRA LEVEL TWO.**

After a rider has earned **200** Green Rider points they have completed the SVRA Green Rider Program. When a rider starts the year in Green II they may finish the year in Green II even though they may go over the point limit within that year.

Green II riders are not limited to this class, but any score over 60 in any other class will count towards the 200 point Green Rider total. (*Exceptions : Green Horse, Youth & Prime Time*). At NO TIME may a Green II rider go back to GREEN I and compete.

After a rider has earned 200 Green Rider points they will receive a SVRA Certificate Of Achievement, to be presented at the year end awards presentation. (*This certificate marks the completion of an exhibitors competing in the SVRA Green Rider Program*).

PRIME TIME (LEVEL ONE) Open to any rider age 55 years and older having a SVRA Non Pro status.

All riders will perform in accordance to **SVRA LEVEL ONE** .

Points earned in this class will not count towards rider eligibility, but will be counted towards lifetime horse and / or rider points for purposes of awards.

YOUTH RIDER (18 years and under as of January 1 of the current year)

This class will be divided into LEVEL ONE and LEVEL TWO

Youth will run as a separate class.

Youth Riders eligible for GREEN I RIDER competition **(may perform in accordance with Level One requirements but may use Level Two requirements at their option)**.

Youth Riders who are NOT eligible for GREEN I RIDER competition will be required to perform in accordance with LEVEL TWO requirements.

The level at which the youth rider will perform MUST BE shown on the riders entry form **(including those Level One riders who voluntarily choose to show under Level Two requirements)**.

Points earned in this class will not count towards rider eligibility, but will be counted towards lifetime horse and / or rider points for purposes of awards.

The judge will score each maneuver in accordance with requirements for the appropriate level. The scores from both levels will be tabulated for placement as a single class.

GREEN HORSE Open and Non Pro

This class will be divided into LEVEL ONE and LEVEL TWO

This class is open to any horse which has not won money in NRHA, NRCHA, or points in reining or working cowhorse in breed show competition.

All points earned in any division (except Short Stirrup) of SVRA competition shall count toward the 75 point total which is allowed for Green Horse eligibility. A horse attaining in excess of 75 lifetime points shall remain eligible for Green Horse competition for the balance of the show season in which that point total is achieved but shall be disqualified from Green Horse competition in subsequent seasons.

All SVRA Green Horse classes will be split Level One and Level Two

The level at which a horse is to be shown at any show shall be the option of the exhibitor.

Exhibitors must designate his/her choice of levels on the class entry form. Horses may be shown at different levels at different shows at the discretion of the exhibitor.

This class is also split Open and Non Pro riders for purpose of year-end awards only.(please make sure you mark on the entry form if you are a non pro or open rider).

The judge will score each maneuver in accordance with requirements for the appropriate level. The scores from both levels will be tabulated for placement as a single class.

SVRA LIFETIME POINTS (short stirrup does not receive lifetime points)

All rider and horse points are based on an exhibitors score. All points are lifetime with SVRA and are used to determine eligibility in certain rider and horse classes and also for various lifetime awards. An exhibitor will receive the number of lifetime points on any score over 60. (**example: A rider scoring a 68 will receive 8 lifetime points for the horse and 8 lifetime points for the rider as long as the rider holds a non pro status.**)

YEAR-END AWARD POINTS

Year-End Award points are accumulated annually. An exhibitor must nominate to receive year-end points and be eligible for any year-end awards. An exhibitor accumulates points by the number of exhibitors they place above. (**example: a class of ten horses 1st place receives 9 points, 2nd place receives 8 points , 3rd place receives 7 points etc.)** For nomination forms go to forms and print out YEAR-END AWARD Nomination Form.

Non Pro Rider Definition (SVRA)

Non – Professional Status:

A non-professional rider for purposes of SVRA competition is :

1. A person who has not directly (in money) or indirectly (in goods or services) received remuneration for;
 - a. Training of reining horses;
 - b. Showing of reining horses;
 - c. Instructing or coaching a reining horse rider;
2. Any person holding a valid , current non-pro or amateur card from NRHA, NRCHA, AQHA, APHA, ApHC or other national equine organizations or registry shall be considered a non-professional. The above notwithstanding, SVRA reserves the right to revoke non-pro status for SVRA competition to individuals holding amateur or non professional status in organizations should compelling evidence be presented establishing that said individual has received remuneration as described above during the time periods relevant to SVRA non-professional status qualification.
3. All youth riders shall be considered non=professional riders.
4. Any individual previously receiving remuneration as defined above who has ceased receiving such remuneration during the current year and the previous full calendar year will be considered to have regained non-pro status for SVRA purposes.
5. A non-pro need not own the horse exhibited and exhibition of a non-owned horse shall not forfeit non-pro status. However , in any such instance the non-pro must pay his/her own entry fees. As payment of entry fees/expenses on behalf of a non-professional will be considered remuneration.

, All SVRA classes concerning points, age eligibility and money earned of horse and or rider is as of January 1 of the current year. Youth are 18 years and under

