

## **GREEN PROGRAM RULES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2008**

The purpose of the Green Program is to provide beginning riders the opportunity to become acquainted with the basic reined cow horse skills in a competitive, yet non-threatening environment. There are no restrictions placed upon horse ownership, breed, age or training level. Horses must be shown in a NRCHA or NRHA approved headgear. Headstall, bits, reins, curb strap etc. Also a snaffle bit will be allowed with no age limit. Once the Program has been completed, riders and horses should have developed the skills necessary to be a competent NRCHA exhibitor.

Exhibitors in the Green Program pay an entry fee and are scored based upon the execution of maneuvers as sanctioned by the NRCHA and as modified below. Points towards graduation from the program are accrued by subtracting 120 from the total score (Reined Work & Cow Work) of each class the rider shows in. Points begin accruing with entry in their first show.

The Green Rider has two levels - Green I or II. Each level increases in complexity and builds upon the skills practiced each time the rider enters the pen. Accumulation of 100 points in Green I, automatically moves rider on from Green I to Green II. Accumulation of 200 points in Green Rider Class (Level I and II Boxing Only) earns the rider an Ohio RCHA Green Buckle. In order to be eligible for the buckle, rider must be a member of Ohio RCHA and 75% of the points must be from the Green Program. Non-Pro's may only earn (1) buckle in the Green Program.

Points accrue from all classes shown at Ohio RCHA approved shows. Entrants may continue to show in their class for the remainder of the year in which they earn enough points to graduate out.

### **GREEN RIDER (BOXING ONLY) GREEN I (up to 100 points)**

#### **Reined Work the same as NRCHA, except:**

Rider may use two hands.

Rider does one or one & half spins only instead of the pattern specified number.

Rider may break down to a trot or stop for a lead change with no penalty.

Rider may break down to a trot before stopping with no penalty. A sliding stop is not required.

#### **Cow Work (Boxing only) Same as NRCHA, except:**

The same penalties apply except the no score for losing the cow a second time. (The 3 point penalty will apply.)

### **GREEN II (100-200 points)**

#### **Reined Work the same as NRCHA except:**

Rider may go to two hands, if necessary. Rider must return to using one hand. (The exception to this rule is for riders competing on horses five years old or under. They may show in a snaffle bit or hackamore and the rider may remain two-handed. The two-handed rule does not apply to horses five and under being shown in a bridle.)

Rider does two or two and half spins only where three or more spins are specified.

Rider must attempt a sliding stop.

Rider must do a flying lead change.

#### **Cow Work (Boxing Only) Same as NRCHA except:**

If the rider loses the cow 2 or more times, the 3 point penalty will continue to apply instead of the contestant receiving a no score.