

**Ranching Committee
2018 Convention
Jacksonville, Florida**

1. Add Ranch Cutting as a new class in Ranching Heritage Challenges adopting SHW565 VRH Ranch Cutting rules.
Executive Committee Action: Approved
2. Add an Open 7 and Up Working Ranch Horse Class as a new class in Ranch Heritage Challenges.
Executive Committee Action: Approved
3. Amend rule SHW550 to strike “RANCHING HERITAGE CHALLENGES” from the title.
Executive Committee Action: Approved
4. Add a new section for the current Ranching Heritage Challenge rules into the Official Handbook of Rules & Regulations.
Executive Committee Action: Approved
5. With regard to Ranching Heritage Challenge enrollment fees, approve offering two options:
 - a. Either pay a mandatory \$10 per foal weanling enrollment fee due at the time of registration, then continue the current payment schedule until fully enrolled; or
 - b. Fully enroll the entire year’s colt crop with a one-time enrollment fee of \$50 per foal due at the time of registration.**Executive Committee Action: Refer back to Ranching Committee for further research.**
6. Seek venues to hold new Ranching Heritage Challenges.
Executive Committee Action: Approved
7. Spend up to \$12,500 to expand the Ranching Heritage Bred Recognition Program to include more equine events.
Executive Committee Action: Approved
8. Use \$2,500 from the nomination funds to start a Ranching Heritage Intern Endowment Fund.
Executive Committee Action: Approved
9. Amend the third to last sentence of rule SHW305.6 to read: “In all other classes, including the reined portion of working cow horse, **boxing, VRH ranch reining, VRH ranch cow work, VRH limited ranch cow work and all RHC working ranch horse classes,** the free hand may be used to adjust the rider’s length of

rein.”

Executive Committee Action: Approved

10. Amend rule SHW305.7 by adding: When using a snaffle bit in working cow horse, boxing, ranch riding, ranch trail, all VRH classes, and all RHC classes, a leather or other woven material chin strap of any width is to be used and should be attached to the bit below the reins. No iron, chain, or other material is allowed. The chin strap is allowed to include metal buckles and/or keepers.

Executive Committee Action: Approved

11. Amend the first sentence of rule SHW305.8.1 to read: “The use of two-rein equipment is allowed in working cow horse, boxing, ranch riding, ranch trail, all VRH classes, all RHC classes, for a period of one year and at the subsequent World Show for which they qualified.”

Executive Committee Action: Approved

12. Amend the first two sentences of rule SHW509.1.6 to read: “The use of ‘two rein equipment’ is allowed as recognized by our NRCHA alliance in AQHA working cow horse, boxing, ranch riding, ranch trail, all VRH classes, and all RHC classes. The purpose of the two rein option is the transition between the hackamore and bridle and can be used on any aged horse in the youth, amateur, junior, senior or all age working cow horse class, amateur or youth boxing, or ranch riding, ranch trail, all VRH classes and all RHC classes for one year only.”

Executive Committee Action: Approved

13. Amend the first sentence of rule SHW556.11 to read: “The use of two-rein equipment is allowed in working cow horse, boxing, ranch riding, ranch trail, all VRH classes and all RHC classes for one year only.”

Executive Committee Action: Approved

14. Amend rule SHW560.3 regarding credits and penalties by:

Removing “gapping mouth” as a 1 point penalty.

Adding 3 point penalty for out of lead or cross-cantering more than two strides when changing leads.

Adding 3 point penalty for trotting more than three strides when making a simple lead change.

Removing the phrase “first or second cumulative” from the 5 point penalty.

Executive Committee Action: Approved

15. Add new rule SHW418.7 to read: “When exhibiting in a snaffle bit or hackamore, an exhibitor may switch between two hands and one hand on the reins at any time.”

Executive Committee Action: Approved

16. Add new rule SHW556.12 to read: **“When exhibiting in a snaffle bit or hackamore, an exhibitor may switch between two hands and one hand on the reins at any time.”**

Executive Committee Action: Approved

17. Amend rule SHW419.5 to include **“use of two hands (except junior and level 1 horses shown in a snaffle bit/hackamore).”**

With respect to rules SHW560.3, SHW561.10, SHW562.3, SHW563.2, SHW564.2, SHW565.9 and all RHC classes the **use of two hands (except junior and level 1 horses shown in a snaffle bit/hackamore)** shall be an Off-Pattern (OP) instead of a 5 point penalty.

Executive Committee Action: Approved

18. Amend rule SHW552 to read: **“Three divisions will be offered: open, amateur, and youth. Within these divisions there will be the following sub-divisions: open and cowboy; amateur, limited amateur and rookie amateur; youth, limited youth and rookie youth.”**

Executive Committee Action: Approved

19. Amend the second sentence of rule SHW554 to read: “Points earned **in each individual** class only count toward any award or qualification for the ranch division and do not count toward any other award or qualification for any other approved AQHA class or AQHA show award, **and shall not affect leveling in any other class.**”

Executive Committee Action: Approved at convention effective immediately

20. Amend rule SHW555 such that the credit system is a 50 to 1 system instead of a 9 to 1 system. The first place horse in each class that is eligible for the all-around will receive 50 credits no matter the number of other horses entered or eligible. To be effective at 2018 VRH World Show 2018.

Executive Committee Action: Approved

21. Amend rule SHW556.10 to include **“When ground-tying with split reins, one or both reins may be dropped; romal reins may be loosely draped over the horn when used with or without a get-down rope. Hobbles are allowed.”**

Executive Committee Action: Approved

22. Amend rule SHW556.3 to read: “No braided or banded manes/tails or tail extensions, **except in any VRH or RHC class where roping is involved, the horse’s mane may be braided for a distance of 12”-16” in front of the saddle pad. No ribbons or other kind of ornamentation will be allowed.**”

Executive Committee Action: Approved

23. Amend rule SHW557.2 by deleting the phrase "leaving working area before pattern is complete."

Executive Committee Action: Approved

24. Amend the first sentence of rule SHW557.3 by adding the phrase "or leaving working area before pattern is complete."

Executive Committee Action: Approved

25. Amend rule SHW561.10 to include the phrase "failure to open and shut gate or failure to complete gate" as an Off-Pattern.

Executive Committee Action: Approved

26. Amend rule 561.10 regarding penalties by:

Adding 1 point penalty for one to two steps on mount/dismount or ground tie, except shifting to balance.

Adding 3 point penalty for three to four steps on mount/dismount on ground tie.

Adding 5 point penalty for five or more steps on mount/dismount or ground tie.

Executive Committee Action: Approved

27. Amend rule SHW 561.6 subsection 2 to specify that Gate is required to be a hinged swinging gate (not a rope gate).

Executive Committee Action: Approved

28. Remove Pattern 6 from SHW562.

Executive Committee Action: Approved

29. Amend the first two sentences of rule SHW562.2 to read: "To rein a horse is not only to guide him but also to control his movement. The best reined horse should be willingly guided or controlled with little or no apparent resistance." Delete the third sentence of rule SHW562.2 which reads "Any movement on his own must be considered a lack of control."

Executive Committee Action: Approved

30. Amend rule SHW562.3 by adding the phrase "trotting in excess of 1/2 circle or 1/2 the length of the arena" to the Off-Pattern penalties.

Executive Committee Action: Approve

31. Amend rule SHW563.2 by adding the phrase "bringing the cow straight over backwards landing on its back or head with all four feet in the air" to the Disqualifications penalties.

Executive Committee Action: Approved

32. Amend rule SHW564.2 by adding "driving cow down the opposite fence (changing sides)" as a 1 point penalty.

Executive Committee Action: Approved

33. Amend the first sentence of rule SHW565.2 to read: "In all divisions, there will be a two minute time limit."

Executive Committee Action: Approved

34. Delete existing rule SWH565.3 which currently reads: "For youth competition, there will be a one and one-half minute time limit. Each exhibitor may work one or two cows and has the option of ending their run before the one and one-half minute time limit or working the full one and one-half minutes. Working two cows does not assure extra credit to the run."

Executive Committee Action: Approved

35. Amend rule SHW565.9 by adding the phrase "lameness, abuse, disrespect or misconduct" to the Disqualification penalties.

Executive Committee Action: Approved

36. Amend rule SHW566 by deleting the following sentence: "The ranch conformation class must be held after the conclusion of the other events, except at the AQHA All-Around Ranch Horse World Championship Show."

Executive Committee Action: Approved

37. Table proposal to add new rule SHW550 for new award for VRH Champion and Ranching Heritage Challenge Champion for further study regarding IT programming requirements.

Executive Committee Action: Approved