



2020 HICHA CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

CLASS NO.	CLASS NAME	CLASS DESCRIPTION
1	Open Cutting	Open to all riders and horses. Horses must be shown in approved NCHA equipment.
2	Non-Pro Cutting	Open to all riders who do not earn money through training horses or teaching. Horses must be shown in approved NCHA equipment.
3	\$3,500 Amateur Cutting	Hawaii's Own open to riders with cutting earnings of \$501 to \$3,500.
4	\$500 Amateur Cutting	Hawaii's Own open to riders with cutting earnings of \$500 or less.
5	Open 2-Handed Cutting	Open to all horses, ages five years old and younger. The horses age is calculated as the actual age on January 1st of the current show year.
6	Ranch Horse Cutting	Open to ALL HORSE / RIDER combinations where the Horse has not competed in any dropped cutting class. The Horse / Rider combination may remain in Ranch Horse Cutting for as long as they like or until the horse is entered in a dropped cutting class. DURING YOUR RUN: Visible cues will not be penalized, no penalties for reining and no restrictions on bits as long as they are NCHA and /or NRCHA approved. Riders may use one or two hands but will be penalized for switching between the two.
7	Amateur Ranch Cutting	Open to ALL HORSE / AMATEUR RIDER combinations where the Horse has not competed in any dropped cutting class. The Horse / Rider combination may remain in Ranch Horse Cutting for as long as they like or until the horse is entered in a dropped cutting class. DURING YOUR RUN: Visible cues will not be penalized, no penalties for reining and no restrictions on bits as long as they are NCHA and /or NRCHA approved. Riders may use one or two hands but will be penalized for switching between the two.
8	Youth Cutting	Open to any rider - age <u>18 and younger</u> . Age is calculated as actual age on January 1st of the current show year.
9	Keiki Cutting	Open to any rider – age <u>13 and younger</u> . Age is calculated as actual age on January 1st of the current show year.
10	Open Herd Work	Open to any rider. Horses must be shown in approved NRCHA equipment (snaffle, hackamore, two-rein or bridle).
11	Non-Pro Herd Work	Open to Non-Pro riders. Horses must be shown in approved NRCHA equipment (snaffle, hackamore, two-rein or bridle).
12	Ranch Challenge Cutting	Open to Horse / Rider combinations representing a formal RANCH / LIVESTOCK BUSINESS. The Horse may not have competed in any dropped cutting class. The Rider may not be a cutting horse trainer. The Horse / Rider combination may remain in Ranch Challenge Cutting for as long as they like or until the horse is entered in a dropped cutting class. DURING YOUR RUN: Visible cues will not be penalized, no penalties for reining and no restrictions on bits as long as they are NCHA and /or NRCHA approved. Riders may use one or two hands.
13	Practice Cutting	Open to all riders and horses – Practice occurs AFTER LAST Cutting Class.
14	Open Bridle	Open to any rider. Open to Horses of any age to be ridden in an approved bit. Reins with romal required.
15	Open Hackamore	Open to horse 5 years of age and under as of January 1 st of the current show year. The horse shall not have been shown in a bridle or two-rein down the fence. The rider shall use closed reins. Two hands must be used on the reins, except in the herd work.
16	Snaffle Bit	Open to 3, 4, and 5 year-old horses as of January 1 st of the current show year. Must show in approved snaffle bit. Open to any rider.
17	NHSRA Youth Cow Horse	Open to Youth. National High School Rodeo Association / NRCHA rules shall apply.
18	Non-Pro Limited (NPL)	Open to all riders - who qualify for Non-Pro Status. Horses must be shown in approved NRCHA equipment (snaffle, hackamore, two-rein or bridle).

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19	\$3,500 NPL	Open to all riders - who qualify for Non-Pro Status. Horses must be shown in approved NRCHA equipment (snaffle, hackamore, two-rein or bridle). With HICHA earnings of \$3,500 or less in reined cow horse events.
20	\$1,000 NPL	Open to all riders - who qualify for Non-Pro Status. Horses must be shown in approved NRCHA equipment (snaffle, hackamore, two-rein or bridle). With HICHA earnings of \$1,000 or less in reined cow horse events.
21	Amateur NPL	Hawaii's Own open to Amateur riders. Horses must be shown in approved NRCHA equipment (snaffle, hackamore, two-rein or bridle).
22	Novice Boxing	Open to all riders who qualify for Novice status. HICHA earnings of \$500 or less in reined cow horse events. 50-Second run, 1 Cow.
23	Youth Boxing	Open to any rider - age 18 and younger. Age is calculated as actual age on January 1st of the current show year. 50-Second Run, 1 Cow.
24	Senior Reining	Open to all horses over the age of six years old.
25	Non-Pro Reining	Open to all riders who qualify for Non-Pro status and has not trained/taught reining within the last 5 years.
26	Amateur Reining	Open to all riders holding an Amateur status. HICHA reining earnings of \$1,000 or less.
27	Junior Reining	Open to all horses ages five years old and under. Choice of 1 or 2 hands.
28	Novice Reining	Open to novice riders, ages 19 years old and older. HICHA reining earnings of \$150 or less.
29	Youth Reining	Open to any rider, ages 18 years old and younger. Age is calculated as actual age on January 1st of the current show year.
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30	Team Cutting	Open to all riders and horses. This class is a team event, consisting of two riders on the same horse. One rider will show on the first day. The second rider will show on the second day. The combined scores will be ranked from highest to lowest – the team with the highest score wins.
31	Super Horse	Open to any age horse. All four events (herd work, rein work, fence work, steer stopping) will be run in accordance with all NRCHA rules. The same NRCHA legal bit must be used in all four classes. The romal may be removed during the steer stopping only. The herd work for this event will be run concurrently with the "Herd Work" class. Rein and Fence work will be run concurrently with the Bridle Horse Class. Fence work score will be used as the tie breaker in the event a tie occurs.
32	Non- Pro Limited Super Horse	Open to any age horse. All four events (herd work, rein work, steer stopping) will be run in accordance with all NRCHA rules. The same NRCHA legal bit must be used in all four classes. The Romal may be removed during the steer stopping only, and rider must rope from the headers box. The herd work for this event will be run concurrently with the "Non-Pro Herd Work" class. Rein and Fence work will be run concurrent with the Bridle Horse Class. Fence work score will be used as the tie breaker in the event a tie occurs.

OFFICIAL RULES:

1. National Cutting Horse Association (NCHA)
2020 NHCA Official Handbook of Rules and Regulations
https://nchacutting.com/docs/default-source/miscellaneous-forms/rule_book.pdf?sfvrsn=9c21660b_40
2. National Reining Horse Association (NRHA)
NRHA 2020 Handbook
<https://nrha.com/media/pdf/handbook/2020/handbook.pdf>
3. National Reined Cow Horse Association (NRCHA)
2020 Rule Book: Official Handbook of the NRCHA
<http://nrchadata.com/pdf/news/2020/2020RuleBookWebFile.pdf>
4. National High School Rodeo Association Reined Cow Horse Rules 2019-2020
http://nrchadata.com/pdf/news/2019/2019_NHSRA_Reined_Cow_Horse_Rules.pdf