



2023 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	Open Herd Work	Open to any rider. Horses must be shown in approved NRCHA equipment (snaffle, hackamore, two-rein or bridle).
10	Non-Pro Herd Work	Open to Non-Pro riders. Horses must be shown in approved NRCHA equipment (snaffle, hackamore, two-rein or bridle).
11	Green As Grass Herd Work	Open to Novice riders (participation limited to 2 years). Horses must be shown in approved NRCHA equipment (snaffle, hackamore, two-rein or bridle) (see HICHA 2023 Rules Doc).
12	Youth Herd Work	Open to any rider - age <u>18 and younger</u> . Age is calculated as actual age on January 1st of the current show year. Horses must be shown in approved NRCHA equipment (snaffle, hackamore, two-rein or bridle).
13	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.

14	NHSRA Youth Cow Horse	Open to Youth. High School Rodeo / NRCHA rules apply.
15	Open Bridle	Open to any rider. Open to Horses of any age to be ridden in an approved bit. Romal reins required.
16	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.
17	Snaffle Bit Open Futurity	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.
18	Open Boxing	Open to ANY rider. Horses must be shown in approved NRCHA equipment (snaffle, hackamore, two-rein or bridle). Contestants will complete a reining pattern and then box a cow.
19	NRCHA Non Pro Boxing	Open to all riders - who qualify for Non-Pro Status. Horses must be shown in approved NRCHA equipment (snaffle, hackamore, two-rein or bridle). Contestants will complete a reining pattern and then box a cow.
20	Amateur Non Pro Boxing	Hawaii's Own open to Amateur riders. Horses must be shown in approved NRCHA equipment (snaffle, hackamore, two-rein or bridle). Contestants will complete a reining pattern and then box a cow.
21	Green As Grass Boxing	Open to Novice riders (participation limited to 2 years). Horses must be shown in approved NRCHA equipment (snaffle, hackamore, two-rein or bridle). Contestants will complete a reining pattern and then box a cow.
22	Youth Boxing	Open to any rider - age <u>18 and younger</u> . Age is calculated as actual age on January 1 st of the current show year. Horses must be shown in approved NRCHA equipment (snaffle, hackamore, two-rein or bridle). Contestants will complete a reining pattern and then box a cow.
23	Open Breakaway Roping	Open to any rider. 1 loop, 25 second time limit. See Breakaway rules for additional information.
24	Wahine Breakaway Roping	Open to any female rider. 1 loop. 25 second time limit. See Breakaway rules for additional information.
25	Makule Breakaway Roping	Open to any rider 55 and older. 1 loop. 25 second time limit. See Breakaway rules for additional information.
26	Youth Breakaway Roping	Open to Youth riders 18 & Younger. 1 loop. 25 second time limit. See Breakaway rules for additional information.
27	Open Barrel Racing	Open to any rider. Timed event, clover leaf pattern. 5 sec penalty for each barrel knocked down. See Barrel Racing rules for additional information.
28	Wahine Barrel Racing	Open to any female rider. Timed event, clover leaf pattern. 5 sec penalty for each barrel knocked down. See Barrel Racing rules for additional information.
29	Makule Barrel Racing	Open to and rider 55 and older. Timed event, clover leaf pattern. 5 sec penalty for each barrel knocked down. See Barrel Racing rules for additional information.
30	Youth Barrel Racing	Open to youth riders 18 and younger. Timed event, clover leaf pattern. 5 sec penalty for each barrel knocked down. See Barrel Racing rules for additional information.

31	Hawaii Hold 'Em	HICHA's own timed event. Teams of 3 have 90 seconds to get the cow in a designated box and "hold 'em" in the box for 10 seconds.
32	Keiki Ranch Trail	Open to riders 12 years and younger. A judged class where riders will complete pattern.
33	Keiki Reining	Open to riders 12 years and younger. A judged class where riders will complete a reining pattern designed for our beginning Reiners.
34	Keiki Key Hole	Open to riders 12 years and younger. Timed event. Riders must ride into the key hole turn around and run out. Rider is disqualified for riding over the Keyhole lines.
35	Keiki Barrel Racing	Open to riders 12 years and younger. Timed event clover leaf pattern. 5 sec penalty for each barrel knocked down. See Barrel Racing rules for additional information.

PANILO CHALLENGE DIVISIONS OFFERED AT THE ANNUAL BIG ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

	Open Paniolo Challenge	Open to any rider. Must be same horse and rider combination throughout each event. Must enter All four events (herd work, Boxing class, breakaway class, and barrel racing class in that specified division. Boxing class consists of a reining pattern and then box a cow. Boxing work score will be used as the tie breaker in the event a tie occurs.
	Wahine Paniolo Challenge	Open to any female rider. Must be same horse and rider combination throughout each event. Must enter All four events (herd work, Boxing class, breakaway class, and barrel racing class in that specified division. Boxing class consists of a reining pattern and then box a cow. Boxing work score will be used as the tie breaker in the event a tie occurs.
	Makule Paniolo Challenge	Open to any rider age 55 and over. Must be same horse and rider combination throughout each event. Must enter All four events (herd work, Boxing class, breakaway class, and barrel racing class in that specified division. Boxing class consists of a reining pattern and then box a cow. Boxing work score will be used as the tie breaker in the event a tie occurs.
	Youth Paniolo Challenge	Open to any rider - age <u>18 and younger</u> . Must be same horse and rider combination throughout each event. Must enter All four events (herd work, Boxing class, breakaway class, and barrel racing class in that specified division. Boxing class consists of a reining pattern and then box a cow. Boxing work score will be used as the tie breaker in the event a tie occurs.

OFFICIAL RULES:

1. National Cutting Horse Association (NCHA)
2022 NHCA Official Handbook of Rules and Regulations
2. National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) NRHA 2022 Handbook
3. National Reined Cow Horse Association (NRCHA) 2022 Rule Book: Official Handbook of the NRCHA