

# CWC Ranch Horse Versatility Series

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Hello Everyone!

The CWC Ranch Horse Team, Equine Studies Students, and I are very excited to announce that we will be conducting a winter Ranch Horse Versatility Series! Our series will consist of four shows: November 9-10, December 7-8, January 11-12, and February 1-2. We will also be hosting practice sessions on each Friday before the show.

Through these shows, we hope to raise money for scholarships, educational clinics, Certified Horsemanship Association conferences, student emergencies, as well as for many other uses that help enhance the educational experiences of our students.

We look forward to seeing you!  
Thank you for your support!

-Jennifer Cole  
Professor Equine Studies  
Ranch Horse Team Coach

### **Rules**

The CWC Ranch Horse Versatility Series will follow all rules in accordance with the [Stock Horse Association of Texas \(SHTX\)](#).

- There will be four shows in CWC Ranch Horse Versatility Series.
- Contestants (horse/rider team) must enter all classes in a division and attend 3 out of 4 shows to be eligible for Stock Horse All Around Awards.
- Each show will place the all-around riders top to bottom and points will be awarded by the CWC Ranch Horse Versatility Series show management.
  - Point awarding example:
    - if there are 10 all-around entries in a division, then first place will receive 10 points, second place will receive 9 points, third place will receive 8 points, tenth place will receive 1 point
- The top three shows will be counted toward the year-end standings as long as contestant attends three out of four shows.
- Series awards will be given to the top end riders who enter all classes in a division and attend 3 out of 4 shows

- Each class at each show will be jackpotted and jackpot checks will be mailed out after the show. Contestants will need to fill out a W-9 form.

Show Dates	Friday ( Exhibitions)	Saturday (show)	Sunday ( Show)
November 8-10, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 8 am -10 am <b>Open Riding</b></li> <li>● 10 am -12 noon <b>Trail</b></li> <li>● 1 pm -5 pm <b>Cowwork</b> on live cattle</li> <li>● 5 pm -6:30 pm <b>Open Riding</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Arena opens at 7AM</li> <li>● Show starts at 8:30 AM</li> <li>● <b>Cowwork</b></li> <li>● <b>Reinwork</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Arena opens at 7AM</li> <li>● Show starts at 8:30 AM</li> <li>● <b>Trail</b></li> <li>● <b>Pleasure</b></li> </ul>
December 6-8, 2019			
January 10-12, 2020			
January 31-2, 2020			

**Class Descriptions:**

The CWC Ranch Horse Versatility Series will follow all class descriptions and rules in accordance with the [Stock Horse Association of Texas \(SHTX\)](#).

There will be four shows in CWC Ranch Horse Versatility Series and each show is divided into four categories that fit into practical ranch functions:

1. Ranch Riding- also called “Stock Horse Pleasure”. This class is evaluated on how the horse moves. The horse should have a cadenced stride and be able to cover ground comfortably while moving cattle across the pasture.
2. Ranch Trail- This class includes multiple obstacles that would be encountered while working on the ranch and/or feed yard.
3. Reining- The purpose of this class to show a horse’s athletic ability while being willfully guided. The class consists of a pattern that includes maneuvers such as spins, sliding stops, circles, speed changes, roll-backs, and lead changes.
4. Working Cow Horse- This class measures the horse's ability to respond to a cow in a working ranch environment

**Divisions:**

The CWC Ranch Horse Versatility Series will follow all division descriptions and rules in accordance with the [Stock Horse Association of Texas \(SHTX\)](#).

1. Open
2. Non Pro
3. Novice
4. Youth
5. Novice Youth
6. Junior Horse

**OPEN**

The Open Division is open to any professional or nonprofessional member in good standing with any horse regardless of past winnings. In addition to the normal entry fee, this division may collect and offer jackpot fees, which will be paid back to winners according to The CWC Ranch Horse Versatility Series payout schedule.

**NON PRO**

The description of Non Pro Eligibility is as follows:

The rider has not received payment directly or indirectly for riding, training, assisting in training, or showing horse(s) at any time during the past five years.

The rider has not received payment directly or indirectly for instructing another person or conducting a seminar in riding, training, driving or showing a horse any time during the past five years.

The rider has not had any expenses (including lodging, transportation, mileage, etc.) paid by someone other than family members.

**NOVICE**

The Novice Division is reserved for individuals with limited riding and showing experience who wish to learn more about showing in Ranch Horse Versatility at a beginner's pace. Advanced skills may be better suited for one of the other divisions. Eligibility for the Novice division is as follows:

The rider must meet all Non Pro eligibility requirements listed above.

The rider has not won any champion titles or reserve champion titles at any show or cumulative year-end award in SHTX, ASHA, or State 4-H finals; more than 5 points in any breed association (AQHA, APHA, etc.); or \$250 in a national organization (NCHA, NRCHA, NRHA, RHAA, etc.) in any western performance discipline (western pleasure, working cow horse, reining, cutting, trail, etc.)

If a member loses novice eligibility through competition, he or she may finish that year as a novice rider. Thereafter, the member is eligible only for Junior Horse, Youth, Limited Non Pro, Intermediate, Non Pro or Open Divisions.

Riders in this division will work Novice and Youth Reining Patterns and a Novice and Youth Working Cow Horse Pattern. The cow horse pattern is a shortened version of cow work that will not involve turns down the fence, circling or roping. (See Novice/Youth Reining and Novice/Youth Working Cow Horse class rules for specifics on rules for this division.)

Stallions are prohibited in this division.

**YOUTH (BOX, DRIVE, BOX, DRIVE)**

Exhibitors in the youth division must be aged 8 through 18 as of January 1 of the current year. The Youth Division is for individuals with more riding and showing experience who wish to learn more about

showing at a more advanced pace. The modified working cow horse pattern will be a box-drive-box-drive pattern. The cow horse pattern will not involve turns down the fence, circling or roping. (For specific rules for the working cow horse pattern refer to the Limited Non Pro Working Cow Horse class rules)

A youth may not show in both the Youth and Novice Divisions at the same show.  
Stallions are prohibited in this division.

#### **NOVICE YOUTH DIVISION ELIGIBILITY AND RESTRICTIONS: (BOX ONLY)**

Exhibitors in the youth division must be aged 8 through 18 as of January 1 of the current year. The Novice Youth Division is reserved for individuals with limited or no riding and showing experience who wish to learn more about showing at a beginner's pace.

Eligibility for the Novice Youth division is as follows:

The rider must meet all Non Pro eligibility requirements listed above.

The rider has not won any combination of 2 champion or reserve champion titles at any show or cumulative year-end award in SHTX, ASHA, or State 4-H finals; more than 10 points in any breed association (AQHA, APHA, AQHA VRH All Around, etc.); or \$500 in a national organization (NCHA, NRCHA, NRHA, RHAA, etc.) in any western performance discipline (western pleasure, working cow horse, reining, cutting, trail, etc.)

If a member loses Novice Youth eligibility through competition, he or she may finish that year as a Novice Youth rider. Thereafter, the member is eligible only for Youth, Junior Horse, Limited Non Pro, Non Pro or Open Divisions.

Riders in this division will work the Novice and Youth Working Cow Horse Pattern. The cow horse pattern is a shortened version of cow work that will not involve turns down the fence, circling or roping.

The working cow horse pattern will be boxing only. (See Novice Working Cow Horse class rules for specifics on rules for this division.) There will be no jackpot in this division.

A youth may not show in both the Youth, Youth Level 1 and/or Novice Divisions at the same show.  
Stallions are prohibited in this division.

#### **JUNIOR HORSE**

Horses in this division will show in the same patterns as the Open and Non Pro with the exception of the working cow horse class which uses the Modified Working Cow Horse pattern. There will be no jackpot in this division. (See LTD Non Pro and Junior Horse Working Cow Horse class rules for specifics on rules for this division.)

A horse is eligible to be shown in this division if the following criteria are met:

The horse is five years of age or younger as of January 1 of the current year.

A junior horse may be shown by a rider from any division.

## **CWC Equine Center Rules**

- **NO DOGS ALLOWED! THIS MEANS NO DOGS IN VEHICLES, TRAILERS, TRUCKS, etc.**
- Arena gate must be closed at all times.
- Boots with heels are required at all times.
- NO horses are to be tied in the arena, round corral or roping boxes without permission.
- No equipment or articles of clothing are to be hung on the arena fence.
- NO riding bareback and NO riding with a halter without a bridle.
- SEI approved riding helmets must be worn when riding in an English saddle.
- Jumping equipment cannot be used without prior approval and proper supervision.
- All horses are required to have current rhino and flu vaccinations
- The equine center closes after the last class or after practice. Gates are locked after class or practice. Equine center closes at 6:00 pm.
- CWC reserves the right to restrict anyone from the complex who is in violation of these safety rules
- NO horses are to be turned loose in the arena, round corral or roping boxes when another horse is present without the owner of the horse permission.
- Possession and/or consumption of alcoholic and/or illegal drugs are not tolerated (regardless of age).

### **Safety**

An equine instructor's first job is to keep his or her class safe, and because all horses have the potential to be dangerous animals, the CWC Equine Program instructors reserve the right to remove any student and/or horse from the arena at any time the instructor feels a student's horse is unsafe for the rider or is causing an unsafe situation for the student, the horse, other students, other horses, or the instructor.