

ASHA WORKING COWHORSE CLASS

OPEN & NON-PRO

(Total of 3 Minutes)

Part One – Boxing the Cow

The rider shall ride into the arena and face the cattle entry gate. The rider shall signal for their cow to be turned into the arena. Upon entry into the arena, the cow shall be controlled on the entry end of the arena for a sufficient amount of time to demonstrate the horse's ability to "hold" the cow. If the cow does not immediately challenge the horse, the rider shall aggressively move in on the cow to demonstrate his horse's ability to drive and block the cow on the entry fence.

Part Two – Fence Work

After the cow has been controlled on the end of the arena, the rider shall deliberately release the cow and drive it down the side of the arena. The cow should be turned on the fence at least once in each direction. The first run out for a turn shall be past the half-way mark of the arena. All turns down the side shall be completed before reaching the end fence.

Part Three – Optional Roping or Circling

For the third part of this class, the rider has the option to either rope and stop the cow or to take the cow to the middle of the arena and circle it at least once each direction. A rider may circle or rope the cow, but cannot combine the two to get credit for this portion of the class.

To rope the cow, the rider must be carrying a rope when the class starts. The rider may pull up after the fence work, take down the rope, and proceed to rope and stop the cow. The rider may only throw two loops. A no catch does not mean a score of zero for this portion of the class. A horse must be given credit for rating and tracking, but should not be scored higher than a horse that has also demonstrated the ability to stop and hold the cow.