



Class Definitions (QWCHC)

1) Adult beginner

This class is targeted at those adult riders who have had minimal to no experience with cattle work and would like to learn the sport of Team Penning with the guidance of an experienced team penning rider.

- A beginner team consists of two (2) beginner riders and one (1) open rider for instruction. (The open rider CANNOT cut out from the herd at any time. The open rider will not be eligible for any major prizes).
- A beginner must not have won or placed more than three (3) times in any Team Penning competitions. QWCHC or other clubs at the beginning of the series.
- A beginner CANNOT have won a buckle series.
- A beginner can be of any age.
- Open or Junior competitors who compete or have competed in open or junior team penning cannot compete in beginner team penning other than in the instructor's role.
- Three (3) runs per team. This does not affect the open rider from riding in other classes. Only beginner Riders pay for runs. The instructor is not required to pay to ride.
- Same combination can be nominated for the three (3) runs.
- Open division riders cannot substitute in the beginner division. (except as the instructor).
- You may compete in this class for a maximum of two (2) years, unless you win or place in the series or discretion of the committee may have to occur.
- If you are a competent rider in another discipline for example Western Pleasure or Dressage, this does not exclude you, however if you are experienced in Cutting, Camp drafting or working cattle then this will exclude you from riding in this class.
- If you have been, or are currently competing in open team penning, Camp drafting, Cutting or working cow horse events at another club, you are NOT eligible to ride as an adult beginner at QWCHC events.
- In the event that the QWCHC committee deem a rider does not match the beginner class criteria, that team will be disqualified from that round and that rider will be asked to move to open class.

2) Junior beginner

An event for an experienced rider to instruct junior riders who have had minimal to no experience with cattle work.

- Junior riders are 17 years and under as of the first of January that year and who do not compete in the open/junior division.
- A junior is a person that is NOT 18 years of age as at the 1st January. For example: if you turn 18 after the 1st of January that year you are still classed as a junior for that year.
- A beginner rider 17 years and under may substitute for a junior division team.
- All Junior riders **MUST** wear a securely fastened riding helmet.
- An Open rider can ride in junior beginners as an instructor but CANNOT ride in and cut out.
- In the event that the QWCHC committee deem a rider does not match the beginner class criteria, that team will be disqualified from that round and that rider will be asked to move to the junior class.



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3) Junior

- Junior riders are 17 years and under as of the 1st of January that year and who do not compete in the Open Division.
- A junior can substitute in for an open team.
- A junior is a person that is NOT 18 years of age as at the 1st January. For example, if you turn 18 after the 1st January that year you are still classed as a junior for that year.
- All junior riders **MUST** wear a securely fastened riding helmet whenever they are on their horse at any QWCHC event.

4) Opens

- Open to all riders.

