

# **WASHINGTON STATE HORSEMEN GAMES DIVISION**

## **RULES GOVERNING ABCD CLASSIFICATION**

1. Classification will be assigned to horses on the basis of the horse's three fastest times set since August 1, 1968 at WSH Games Division approved shows.
2. Horse will have to run three times in a faster time classification before reclassification upward will occur. Horses shall move up for the next show.
3. Zones shall issue wallet-sized cards stating horse's classification upward in each event. When a horse's classification is upward in any event, a new card will be issued.
4. To be dropped from present classification to the next lower class (i.e. A to B, B to C, or C to D) will require five (5) consecutive times slower (excluding times with penalties) than the present classification.
5. An unknown or unclassified member horse appearing at a show will be placed in the appropriate ABCD category for the next show according to the first qualifying time run in each event and will remain in that category until reclassification occurs. Horse shall retain any awards won at the first show.
6. Out-of-State horses shall retain their current ABCD classification when entering a WSH Western Games Division approved show.
7. Non-WSH riders may ride in the ABCD Jackpot classified events with an "X" number and may not compete for year-end awards or five time averages, but may ride for day awards in all classes. Non-Classified "X" riders will be placed in the appropriate ABCD class based on the time of their run and placed accordingly.
8. Classified horses may compete in any higher classification, but may not ride down in class. All times will count toward reclassification. Any horse found to be illegally entered in a class shall lose all times in that event for the day.
9. Buckaroo Riders aging into Juniors will immediately begin riding the horse's current classification (if classified earlier by another rider). If the horse has never been ridden by an older rider, the first clean run in each event will determine the horse's classification for the new junior rider.
10. Times earned at closed or restricted shows (i.e. Washington State Championship Show) will be used for reclassification.
11. The same horse/rider combination may appear only once in the same classification of an event (i.e. A Barrels). The same horse or rider may appear multiple times in an event (i.e. Horse A with Rider A then Horse A with Rider B or Horse B with Rider A), including the Washington State Championship Show. Junior, Intermediate, Senior A, Senior B, Super Senior A, Super Senior B, and ABCD classified events are considered separate events. Classified horses cannot enter below their classification. Horse or rider may not appear multiple times in payback events.
12. Show management will offer a Jackpot Open Class for all individual events and an optional Team Jackpot Class (two and four-man team events) at any WSH approved show. Entry fee will be a minimum of \$5.00. State and Zone to receive the same cents per ride as in ABCD Buckaroo Leadline classes. Times run in this class will count for classifications and five-time averages.