



# Longreach Rodeo Association

## PO Box 25, Longreach, QLD, 4730



### Central West Stockman's Challenge Series RULES:

**Divisions** – Junior, Juvenile, Rookie, Novice & Open

**Junior** – Open to riders 12yrs & under, open to any horse

**Juvenile** – Open to riders 13yrs to 17yrs, open to any horse

**Rookie Rider** – Restricted to *riders* that have never won an Encouragement, Rookie, Beginner, Novice or Open Stockman's Challenge. Competitors who win a Rookie Challenge will remain eligible to compete in Rookie events for that calendar year only. A Rookie competitor who wins 3 Novice Horse Challenges or an Open Challenge is no longer eligible to compete as a Rookie. Any competitor who wins the Rookie division at the end of the series will no longer be eligible to compete in a Rookie Challenge. (Open to all horses).

**Novice Horse** – Eligible *horses* are not to have won 3 Novice Challenges or won an Open Challenge. If a horse wins 3 Novice Challenges during that calendar year, they will remain eligible to compete in Novice events for that calendar year only. A Novice horse who wins an Open Challenge is no longer eligible to compete as a Novice. Any horse who wins the Novice division at the end of the series will no longer be eligible to compete in a Novice Challenge. (Open to all riders)

**Open** – Open to all horses and riders.

Phases will not be restricted to specifically 'Dry work' & 'Wet work' as cattle can be hard to source for some clubs. The Phases are at the discretion of the committee running their event – however there must be a minimum of 2 phases per division. Phases can include the following examples: dry work, hack, working, obstacle, mechanical cow, cattle work, whip crack etc.

Each event committee can select their own patterns, score and pay out at their discretion. Only the overall score will be taken for the series – not individual scores from each phase.

Horse and rider combinations are to remain the same throughout the series to be eligible for points. You may have multiple combinations throughout the series.

Horses and riders may 'compete up', but cannot 'compete down' – e.g., Junior, Juvenile and Rookie riders may compete in the Open but Open riders cannot compete in the Junior, Juvenile or Rookie. Novice horses may compete in the Open but Open horses cannot compete in the Novice etc.

A horse may be ridden by 2 different riders at each event but must be in different divisions. For example, a horse can be ridden by one person in the Juvenile and a second person in the open. Horses are restricted to 2 runs over all events e.g., one in the Rookie and one entry in the Open.

Riders are restricted to 3 runs over all events e.g., two entries in the Rookie (on 2 different horses) and one entry in the Novice. Only one run per horse rider combination per division. (This allows riders to have up to 3 horses entered over a few events).

Horse and rider combinations accrue points in their eligible divisions they nominated in at each event. As soon as you place in the top 6 at an event you are automatically in the series. Nominating for the series is not required.

Points are to remain the same at each event

1<sup>st</sup> = 6 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 5 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> = 4 points, 4<sup>th</sup> = 3 points, 5<sup>th</sup> = 2 points, 6<sup>th</sup> = 1 point

After the event, committees are to send the results to Laura from Longreach Rodeo Association for the leaderboard score keeping. Please send the top 6 in each division - horse & rider name and their placing is all that is required.

Presentations will be held at the last round in Longreach. Should there be tie, and all the competitors in the tie are present, a run-off will be held at the last round at Longreach. If a competitor is not present for the run-off, they forfeit. The run-off event is at the discretion of the committee and will be relevant to the division. It may be a dry work pattern, obstacle course, mechanical cow or wet work.

The overall series champion in each division will receive a trophy buckle kindly donated by Pitman's mechanical. Second & third place prizes will also be awarded at the end of the series.