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In 2013 CoWN Stock Horse, in partnership with American Stock Horse Association, is promoting and hosting a 4 and 5 year old Derby event. This event will showcase the abilities of the versatile four event horse at an early age. This event is open to 4 and 5 year old horses of all breeds. Horses will be shown in four classes including Pleasure, Reining, Trail and Working Cow Horse. The Champion will be the highest placing All-Around horse, showing in all four events.

Rules

- Horse(s) must be shown as a four or five years old determined by age as of January 1. Acceptable forms of age verification include breed registration papers or ASHA competition licenses. Non registered horses must provide a signed veterinary certificate with age verification and four photographs of the horse (right, left, front and rear views of horse). Markings and brands must be documented and identifiable on the photograph.
- Horse(s) will be exhibited in a snaffle bit, bosal or bridle (curb bit). Riders may change between snaffle, bosal and bridle for different classes if desired. Horse(s) ridden "In Bridle" must be ridden one handed.
- Horse(s) may be exhibited by only one rider in the derby, multiple horse and rider combinations are prohibited.
- Each horse and rider combination in the derby will have one opportunity to show in Pleasure, Reining, Trail and Working Cow Horse.
- All competition rules and guidelines of the derby will be those pursuant to the ASHA Open Division as related to the judging criteria and rules governing the individual classes. For additional scoring guidelines and rules, see the 2012 ASHA Handbook.
- Jackpot payback and added money payout for the derby will be determined according to ASHA EV 190.3.
- The National Champion will be determined by the highest placing horse and rider combination in the four event competition.
- The Open All Around Champion will be named the ASHA Derby Open National Champion
- The NonPro All Around Champion will be named the ASHA Derby Non-Pro National Champion

Nomination Fees and Procedures

- A nomination form with a nomination fee must be submitted for each horse. Nomination Fees are nonrefundable and the total amount will depend on the date the fee is submitted (see schedule).
- The nomination is linked to the horse and unaffected by sale of the horse or change of riders.

- Substitutions for a horse can only be made for death or injury which results in loss of use. A veterinarian certificate must be submitted with a fee of \$100. Substitution changes with fees must be made by the entry deadline of the Derby.
- Derby nomination fees will be over and above standard show fees which will be approximately \$150. After a horse is nominated and has paid for the derby, there will be an entry fee due at the derby to enter the horse in the show.

Nomination Schedule

- The earlier a horse is nominated, the lower the total nomination fee. For example, a horse nominated by June 1 will pay total nomination fees of \$300, while a horse nominated between August 2 and September 1 will pay total nomination fees of \$600.

Date Fee Paid	By June 1 st	By July 15 th	By September 1 st	By November 1 st
Amount Due	\$250	\$300	\$350	\$400

100% of all Derby Nomination Fees will be PAID BACK to Contestants.

Equipment Rules

- Horse(s) will be exhibited in a snaffle bit, bosal or bridle.
- If horse is to be shown in snaffle bit, it shall be "D" or "O" ring type, no larger than 4 inches and no smaller than 2 inches in diameter on inside of the ring. They must have a broken 2 piece mouthpiece, a minimum of 5/16 inches in diameter (measured 1 inch from the inside of the ring) with a gradual decrease to the center of the snaffle. The mouthpiece should be round, oval or egg shaped and made of smooth, unwrapped metal. A leather or fabric woven chin strap may be used. No iron, chain or other metal may be used.
- If horse is to be shown in hackamore, the bosal must be made of braided rawhide or braided leather and will be a maximum of ¼ inch at the cheek. There must be a minimum of 2 finger widths, approximately 1 ½ inch, between bosal and the nose. Absolutely no metal under the jaw or on the noseband in connection with the bosal is allowed.
- Horses ridden in a snaffle or bosal must use either split reins or mecate reins. Horses in a snaffle or bosal must be ridden 2-handed during the competition. If a horse is ridden one-handed, there will be a 2 point penalty for each maneuver performed one-handed (except in instances where one hand is required, such as roping, opening gate, etc.).
- If the horse is to be shown in the bridle, the mouthpiece must be at least 5/16" and not more than 3/4" in diameter measured one inch from cheek and must be smooth. Nothing may protrude below the mouthpiece such as extensions or prongs. Split reins or romal reins shall be used with all curb bits. Curb straps are required for curb bits and the curb chains or straps must be at least ½ inch in width and must lie flat against the horse's chin. No wire curbs are permitted, regardless of the amount of padding or tape. Horses shown in the bridle must be exhibited one-handed. Using two hands on a curb bit or using more than one finger between split reins or any finger between romal reins will result in a two point content deduction each maneuver performed, each time there is a violation. Continuous use of two hands on reins with curb bit is a **major** fault and will be reflected in the maneuver score.
- Mechanical hackamores, cavessons, tie downs and running martingales are prohibited.

- After each class headstalls may be inspected by the equipment official and mouth checked. A horse found to have blood present on the mouth or anywhere else on its body may be disqualified at the discretion of the judges.