

## **NMBHA Boxing Rules**

Boxing only consists of a single cow work at the designated end of the arena. Each contestant, upon receiving a cow in the arena, shall hold that cow on the designated end of the arena for 1.5 minutes, demonstrating the ability of the horse & the rider to control the cow. However, the rider will not be disqualified if they lose their cow. They should return the cow to the designated end & continue. Time shall begin when the gate closes behind the cow after being let into the arena. The announcer or judge will signal the completion of the 1.5 minutes with a whistle or horn. Arena will have a marker on each side designating line of working plane. If cow crosses this line & goes out of this working plane, than this will be considered a loss of cow at which time penalty points shall apply.

This is a training class & training equipment is allowed as long as it is humane. NMBHA's equipment judge will have the final decision. Two hands are allowed for all entries. A fall of the rider or horse, leaving the arena before time is up, failure to quit a cow after a new cow has been awarded, & a bloody mouth (inside) or chin or bloody sides, shall be cause for a disqualification. All other entries will be judged the entire 1.5 minutes with the AQHA Boxing scoring system as a guideline.