

YOUTH FREESTYLE REINING SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

The Freestyle Reining is a fund raiser for the Youth Scholarship Program. Each year, SHTX awards 2 youth scholarships through the Darlene Hicks Memorial Scholarship and the Amy Bell “Pay It Forward” Scholarship.

Sponsored by Elliott Ranches

- ☐ Freestyle Reining will be at the end of Saturday’s classes prior to the awards ceremony.
- ☐ A maximum of 6 teams will be allowed to enter the Freestyle Reining. A team consists of 4 to 6 team members. One or two team members can be horseback; other team members serve as assistants.
- ☐ Entries will open October 4. A designated team member should call the SHTX office to enter his/her team. The team should consist of all SHTX youth members.
- ☐ Results will not be scored, but rather determined by the donations a team is able to collect at the conclusion of all performances for the scholarship fund.
- ☐ One rider must perform the following required maneuvers:
 - o a minimum of 3 consecutive spins to the right
 - o a minimum of 3 consecutive spins to the left
 - o a minimum of 2 stops
 - o a minimum of 1 lead change at the lope from right to left
 - o a minimum of 1 lead change at the lope from left to right
 - o Failure to perform all the required maneuvers or failure to complete the performance within the time limit will result in a 30 second delay for donation collection.
- ☐ Additional maneuvers such as rollbacks, backups, speed variations and nonclassical reining maneuvers such as two tracking are acceptable. The goal is to entertain the crowd & display your horsemanship ability!
- ☐ Time Limit: a maximum of 4 minutes including any introductions. The time limit will begin when the horse enters the arena and will end when the music stops.
- ☐ Costumes are encouraged, but not required. Arena assistants can be inside the arena to help with costumes, props or enhance the “story” of the performance. A team will be allowed 2 minutes maximum for set up, if needed. Team members are encouraged to dress similarly, or in costume, or somehow signify which team they are on.
- ☐ At the conclusion of the performances, all riders will be called into the center of the arena. Up to 4 team members will then enter the stands with a maximum of 2 donation buckets (buckets will be provided). The teams will have 3 minutes to gather donations for their team. At the end of 3 minutes, their donation buckets must be turned in to a SHTX representative.
- ☐ Donations will be tallied and the winning team will be announced during the SHTX World Show Awards Ceremony. Prizes will be awarded to the champion team.
- ☐ Show management will reserve the right to rule on music or dress which may be inappropriate or offensive to the spirit and nature of the show. Do not attempt to use any theme, costume or music that could be deemed inappropriate or offensive.



- ☐ Music is required and must be provided to and approved a minimum of 2 hours prior to the start of the class.
- ☐ Other animals (dogs, more than 2 horses, cattle, etc.) will NOT be allowed in the arena during the performance.
- ☐ Non-team members will not be allowed in the arena during the performance. Team members may be used to set up obstacles or hand obstacles to the rider. Vehicles are not allowed as part of the performance. No pyrotechnics, fire crackers, etc. will be allowed.
- ☐ Anything deemed unsafe by a SHTX Board of Director will not be allowed in the performance. If you're not sure if your idea is allowed, ASK!