Reined Cow Horse is one of the fastest moving performance horse sports in the world. Horses are asked to work a single, live cow in an arena, performing certain maneuvers that include circling the cow and turning it in a specified manner, as well as performing a reining pattern.

The Reined Cow Horse class consists of two mandatory phases, the reined work and the cow work. Each phase will have equal bearing and the final placings will be determined by the total of both scores. All Reined Cow horses are to lope a figure-eight, run at speed and stop and turn easily to be judged on rein, conformation, manners and appointments.