

CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS
OF THE
WESTERN NEVADA CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

The name of this organization shall be the WESTERN NEVADA CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION (hereinafter referred to as WNCHA).

ARTICLE II

This Association is formed for these purposes:

Section 1: To encourage the development of, and public interest in promoting and sponsoring public cutting horse contests, public exhibition of cutting horses in conjunction with cattle and livestock; to present and participate in cutting horse events and other general livestock exhibitions, shows, and expositions; to establish standard rules for cutting horse contests; to standardize selection of equipment, judges and directors or spokespersons for such contests; and, to encourage the development and breeding of finer cutting horses.

Section 2: To do everything necessary, appropriate or proper to fully implement the objectives and purposes of this Association.

ARTICLE III

Section 1: This Association shall have a Board of Directors of eleven (11) members to be elected from the members in good standing.

Section 2: The Association officers shall be elected from among the Board of Directors by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1: There shall be no capital stock; in lieu of certificates, membership cards shall be issued to all members. Membership cards, signed by the duly appointed secretary, shall be issued annually to each member in good standing.

ARTICLE V

Section 1: The constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership present at any general membership meeting, provided notice of the proposed amendment was given at a preceding meeting and notices were mailed to all members in good standing not less than ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE VI

Section 1: A general membership meeting shall be called during the month of January for the purpose of inducting the newly elected Board of Directors.

Section 2: Cards or letters shall be sent to all current members on or about November 1 of each calendar year, soliciting those people willing to serve as board members for the upcoming show year. Solicitations must be returned to a specified address, postmarked no later than

December 1. Written nominations may also be made to any Director and may be presented at a Board meeting. Ballots shall be compiled from the names solicited and mailed to all members no later than December 15. Ballots shall be returned to a specified address on or before December 31. No less than three (3) members of the current board, barring any conflict of interest, shall count those ballots.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

Section 1: The officers of this Association shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. These officers shall hold office for a period of one (1) year until their successors are duly elected.

Section 2: The President shall preside over all general membership meetings of the Association and meetings of the Board of Directors. He/she shall appoint all special and standing committees and conduct the Association in accordance with these By-Laws and other rules and regulations of the Association in its business. He/she shall be an Ex-Officio member of all committees. The President shall notify the Vice-President whenever he/she is unable to attend any meeting.

Section 3: The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President when the President is absent from any meeting of the general membership or Board of Directors.

Section 4: The Secretary shall be appointed by the Board of Directors from within the Board of Directors, shall keep the minutes of meetings, keep and safeguard the records of the Association and shall be Ex-Officio secretary of all meetings. The Secretary shall be required to report the activities of the Association of the past year at each annual meeting. The Secretary shall also issue notices or calls to the Directors and members, keep the membership roll, issue membership cards or certificates, conduct, supervise, count and record the balloting of all elections, and perform such other duties as usually pertain to this office, including those especially assigned from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Section 5: The Treasurer shall be appointed by the Board of Directors from within the Board of Directors and shall keep and safeguard all records of all funds of the Association. The Treasurer shall be required to make a financial report at each general meeting. The Board of Directors will audit the Treasurer's records each year.

Section 6: A Points Keeper shall be appointed by the Board of Directors from among the general membership for the purpose of keeping and safeguarding the point system and competition records of the Association.

Section 7: The Board of Directors shall be governed by the following regulations:

- (A) The Board of Directors shall manage the affairs of the Association and exercise all duties vested in them by these By-Laws.
- (B) The Board of Directors may hold meetings at any time upon the call of the Board of Directors acting jointly for the welfare of the Association. Any Board member absent from two (2) meetings during an annual term without a valid reason is automatically dropped as a Director.
- (C) The Board of Directors shall actively encourage and sponsor:
 - 1. Discussing activities and benefits of the Association.
 - 2. Promoting interest in the cutting horse.

3. Developing publicity.
 4. Encouraging membership
 5. Maintaining close and friendly relations between show management and cutting horse people.
 6. Forwarding new ideas to the Secretary.
 7. Contacting show managers in the district and giving assistance when and where needed.
 8. Encouraging novice classes.
- (D) At each annual general meeting of the membership, eight (8) new board members shall be elected to the Board of Directors to complete the eleven (11) member board. The two (2) members who receive the largest number of votes will be elected for two (2) year terms; the other members will be elected for a one (1) year term. The retiring President shall be carried over for an additional year.
1. No more than one (1) member of a family may serve on the Board of Directors at the same time.
 2. The Agent of Record, as required by the State of Nevada, Secretary of State, if not an elected Director, may serve as an "Ex-Officio" member of the Board of Directors in a non-voting capacity.
- (E) All members of the Board of Directors must be WNCHA members in good standing and shall participate in at least one-half of the activities of the Association's approved shows. It shall be the duty of the President to appoint a Director or Directors to fill any vacancy that occurs.
- (F) The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of WNCHA shall be held immediately following the annual membership meeting of the members.
- (G) A quorum of the Board of Directors shall be not less than six (6) of the Directors. A majority of such quorum shall decide any questions that may come before a properly conducted meeting. All Directors' meetings may be adjourned from day to day or from time to time until a quorum appears.
- (H) The order of business of meetings of the Board of Directors shall be:
1. Meeting called to order.
 2. Roll call.
 3. Reading and disposing of minutes.
 4. Reports of officers and committees.
 5. Election (if any).
 6. Unfinished business.
 7. New business
 8. Adjournment

ARTICLE II

Section 1: The annual meeting of the members of WNCHA shall be held during the month of January at a place designated by the Board of Directors.

Section 2: The President may call special general membership meetings at any time and place upon reasonable written notice to all members.

Section 3: Fifteen (15) members shall constitute a quorum at any general membership meeting and the majority of such quorum shall decide any question that may arise at any

meeting. All general membership meetings may be adjourned from day to day and from time to time until a quorum appears.

Section 4: Each senior member in good standing shall be entitled to one (1) vote. There shall be no proxy voting in this Association.

Section 5: Any member who shall make himself or herself a nuisance by constant complaining, fault-finding, harassing, or exhibiting unsportsmanlike conduct, may, at the unanimous vote of the entire Board of Directors, be dropped from membership, and if such action is taken, a pro-rated membership fee shall be returned and all privileges of the Association shall be denied him/her thereafter.

Section 6: Order of business of any meeting of the general membership shall be:

- (A) Proof of due notice.
- (B) Reading of the minutes.
- (C) Report of Officers and Directors.
- (D) Election (if any).
- (E) Unfinished business.
- (F) New business.
- (G) Adjournment.

ARTICLE III

Section 1: Any individual application for membership is subject to review by the Board of Directors

Section 2: Each new member shall pay an initiation fee of **\$26.00**, plus **\$5.00** for each additional family member, and thereafter, an annual membership dues of **\$22.00** for a single member, or a family membership of **\$22.00** for the first person, plus **\$5.00** for each additional family member. Members failing to pay the annual dues by **January 1st** of each year shall be considered delinquent and will forfeit all rights and privileges to participate in any activities of this Association. **Dues paid in September or after are considered dues for the upcoming year.**

Section 3: All membership dues shall be paid to the Treasurer.

Section 4: Types of members:

- (A) Senior (adult) members (over eighteen [18] years of age) – shall have full Association privileges and are entitled to vote at all general membership elections.
- (B) Family members – A Family membership is defined as a husband and wife, a husband and wife and their child (children) eighteen (18) years of age and under, a single parent and his/her child (children) eighteen (18) years of age and under, or a legal guardian and his/her child (children) eighteen (18) years of age and under. Family members shall have full rights and privileges of regular members, but only the senior members are entitled to vote at all general membership elections.
- (C) Junior members (eighteen [18] years of age and under) – shall have full rights and privileges of regular members, but no voting privileges.

END OF CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

SHOW RULES

- 1-A Entry fee for a club member is \$50.00 per class; Youth fees are \$30.00 per class.
- 2-A For insurance purposes, both owner and rider must be Association members in good standing in order for a horse to be shown and any points won to be counted.
- 3-A Each Non-Pro shall be responsible for personally paying his/her entry fees to the Show Secretary so as not to endanger his/her Non-Pro status.
- 4-A Horses are to be judged on performance only, regardless of conformation, sex, age, appearance, previous performance, or breed.
- 5-A Judges of WNCHA shows shall use National Cutting Horse Association (NCHA) rules. WNCHA shows will be conducted in accordance with the WNCHA rulebook; however, should a situation arise where there is no applicable WNCHA rule, NCHA rules will apply.
- 6-A "Show management" is defined as being composed of the WNCHA Board of Directors, the Arena Director, the host ranch, the cattle supplier, and the show secretary.
- 7-A WNCHA will adhere to NCHA Rule 35b, modified as follows:

"Inhumane treatment or abuse of a horse in any manner in the show arena or on the show grounds is prohibited. **Effective with the 2003 Point Year, the 'ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY' will be enforced.**

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

The "Zero Tolerance" policy requires that any of the following acts should be reported.

- a. Slapping or hitting a horse on the head, or any other part of the body, one time or more than one time, in any manner, either with the rider's hands, reins or any other object.
- b. Using a bit in such a way that a horse is caused to bleed from its mouth or face.
- c. Using any object held in the rider's hand to hit a horse;
- d. Any act which the general public would perceive to be a violation of 7-A.
This includes such acts occurring not only in the show arena but also those occurring anywhere on the show grounds – the warm-up area, practice pen or any other location.
 1. If show management or judge at any WNCHA approved or sponsored event discovers inhumane treatment or abuse of a horse, they should immediately, or within seven (7) days of the closing date of the show involved, notify the President and the notification will be referred to the Board of Directors for investigation and consideration.
 2. Inhumane treatment is the exhibition of a crippled or injured horse, or a horse with any other health abnormality, which could thereby result in the horse's undue discomfort or distress. The decision of show management or judge as to inhumane treatment should be based upon consultation with a veterinarian. If show management or judge determines, in the sole discretion of either, that the welfare of the horse requires immediate action, and a veterinarian is not available, show management or judge may implement any action allowed by this rule.
 3. Abuse includes excessive jerking, spurring, whipping, slapping, use of lip wire or similar device, or any other act intended to cause trauma or injury to a horse.

Any act of abuse, or intent to abuse a horse, in the show arena or on the show grounds which could also potentially endanger the safety of other persons or animals will be dealt with in the strongest manner as provided by sub-section 5 of this rule.

4. Administration of drugs while on the show grounds, including show arena and practice arena, is strictly prohibited unless administered in a life-saving situation. Such an instance must be reported to show management
5. The President shall counsel any individual who has violated Show Rule 7-A. Any subsequent infraction of this rule will result in loss of all points earned for year-end awards and/or membership in the Association.”

8-A 1. WNCHA will adhere to NCHA Judging Rule 16 through section c., modified as follows:

“Horses must be ridden with a bridle having a bit in the mouth or with a hackamore. All bridles on horses must have split reins. A bridle shall have no nose band or bosal and hackamores shall be of rope or braided rawhide with no metal parts. Braided rawhide balls across the horse’s nose are not permissible. A judge must be able to freely pass two fingers between the hackamore and muzzle completely around the horse’s nose. Choke ropes, tie downs, wire around the horse’s neck, nose, or brow band, tight nose band, quirt, bat or mechanical device giving the rider undue control over a horse will not be permitted in the arena where an NCHA approved or sponsored event is being held. Wire of any kind and on any part of the curb device is not permissible. Leather curb straps or curb chains must be at least 3/8 of an inch in width and must be attached to the bit by nylon string, nylon straps, or leather straps. Decorative knots, rawhide balls or tassels are not permitted on curb devices. Breast collar may be used, no portion of which may pass over the horse’s neck. Breast collars attached to the swell of the saddle on competing horses will be considered illegal. Chaps and spurs may be worn. A competing horse’s tail cannot be tied in any manner which would restrict movement of the tail. *This includes braids, knots, wires, or any device or mechanism causing deadening or restriction of the natural movement of the tail.* Any time a contestant is guilty of an infraction of this rule or any part therein, he shall be disqualified. A judge has the right to have a contestant report to him if he is suspicious of any infraction of Rule 8-A.

- a. All horses must comply with Rule 8-A while in the arena.
- b. Any person horseback in the arena (both in and outside the working area) after the start of a WNCHA approved or sponsored event must wear western attire, including hats. The hat requirement may be waived, both in and outside of the working area of the arena, at outdoor shows in extreme weather conditions with the consent of both show management and the judge(s). Contestants must wear long-sleeved shirts with collars and buttons or snaps completely down the shirt front. T-shirts and slipover knits are not permissible. Sweaters may be worn over an appropriate shirt. Long sleeves must be worn rolled down. For youth classes only, safety helmets are permissible in place of a western hat.
 1. Cell phone use will not be allowed in the working area of the arena.
- c. Rule 8-A shall become effective one (1) hour prior to the published starting time of WNCHA cuttings.”

2. The above rule will be set aside by show management when practices are held after classes in the main arena. During the practices, the arena will function the same as a designated practice arena. When practices conclude, the above rule will continue in effect. The Zero Tolerance Policy remains in effect at all times. Helping horses will not be excluded from the above rule except during practices.

3. Contestants are limited to a maximum of four (4) helpers.

4. If a member of the Board of Directors or the duly appointed Arena Director witnesses a violation of the above rule, they must issue a verbal reminder to the person committing the violation.

5. Violation of this rule shall result in:
 - a. First offense – verbal reminder
 - b. Second offense – at show management’s discretion, disqualification and/or entry refusal

6. A contestant may use an electronic hearing device at the discretion of the Arena Director. If a complaint or protest arises in connection with the user’s degree of hearing impairment, such complaint or protest will be brought before the Board of Directors for further investigation and/or resolution.

9-A The Board of Directors and/or its agent(s) shall be responsible for securing a judge.

10-A A program has been implemented to provide a representative of the Board of Directors or a liaison person to represent show management at WNCHA cuttings. This person shall be referred to as the Arena Director. Prior to each cutting, an Arena Director will be appointed for that show or shows. It is the Arena Director’s responsibility, with assistance from show management where necessary, to settle any problems which may arise during the cutting.

11-A The Board of Directors and/or its agent(s) will instruct the Arena Director as to the amount of time allowed a horse from the time it is called until it must show. The “Two Call Rule” shall be strictly enforced with two (2) calls within one minute at the gate being enforced.

12-A In the event that the Arena Director has to leave the show ring for any reason, he/she shall appoint a representative in his/her place for the duration of the absence or show.

13-A Without exception, the show management has the right to disqualify or refuse entry to any contestant for any actions of misconduct or harassment of the judges, the show management or employees.

14-A There shall be no alcoholic beverages allowed in the show pen.

15-A No person may show in the WNCHA while intoxicated.

16-A Infractions of Rules 14-A and 15-A may result in fines or disqualification as per NCHA rules.

17-A A judge (or judges) shall present in writing any grievance that may be raised against contestants or shows to any officer, director, secretary, or representative of WNCHA at the time of the grievance, and his/her case will be reviewed by the Board of Directors. The Board may enforce such penalty as they see fit for any infraction of the rules.

18-A Any comments concerning the performance of the horse working or the judge shall not be made within hearing distance of the judge.

19-A Any complaint or protest by a contestant as to any rules must be brought to the President within seven (7) days of the closing date of the show involved. Such complaint or protest will be referred to the Board of Directors for investigation and consideration after which a decision will be rendered. If the complaint or protest is found to be justified, the Board may enforce any penalty as it sees fit.

20-A A judging fee of a minimum of \$250.00 shall be paid per show. A judge will be paid an additional \$1.50 for every entry over one hundred (100), plus lodging, meals, and mileage at the published state rate.

21-A The show secretary will be paid a \$150.00 flat fee per show or \$1.00 per work per show, whichever amount is higher. The announcer will be paid a \$75.00 flat fee per show or \$.75 per work per show, whichever amount is higher. Whenever the show secretary or announcer is required to stay overnight because of a show, they will be paid for their lodging and mileage at the published state rate.

22-A The WNCHA will assess a \$1.50 office charge per entry to reimburse the show secretary and the announcer. The WNCHA will assess a \$1.50 fee per entry to pay for the judge. The WNCHA will assess a \$5.00 fee per entry to defray costs of awards. The WNCHA will assess \$30.00 per entry to cover cattle charges. The \$12.00 remainder of the \$50.00 entry fee will be placed in the WNCHA treasury to defray administrative and organizational costs.

23-A Once a horse is in the draw for a class, no money will be refunded if the horse is scratched, with the only exception being an extreme emergency as determined by the Board of Directors.

24-A Any check returned to WNCHA for any commitment will immediately suspend that member from any and all association privileges (awards, entry, etc.) until the debt has been paid with cash, a cashier's check or a money order with the current bank charges included. The member will be first notified by telephone and/or e-mail and given a chance to make the check good within seven (7) days. If the check has not been made good within seven (7) days of the original notice, a letter will be sent by certified mail that his/her check has been dishonored by the bank. A \$25.00 handling fee will automatically be charged to cover the expenses incurred through the bank, telephone calls, mailing, and other time and expenses spent to collect the outstanding debt.

That member shall pay any entry fees, qualification fees, practice fees, and/or membership dues by cash, cashier's check, or money order for the remainder of the year.

If the returned check is not made good within a two week period following the initial phone call and/or e-mail notification, all points will be forfeited for the event that was paid for by the dishonored check.

Checks outstanding after thirty (30) days following notification will be turned over to the Board of Directors for further action. Actions may include, but are not limited to, suspending the member indefinitely, forfeiture of all points for the entire show year, and possible legal action by a court of law.

If a member continues to write dishonored checks in the following show year, that member may be required to pay with cash, a cashier's check, or money order for as long as he/she continues to be a member.

25-A A person shall not enter the show arena or practice pen or show a horse until a liability waiver has been signed and a check for entry fees has been posted with the show secretary.

26-A The first show of the year shall run beginning with the Open class. The next show shall begin with the Open Non-Pro class and the Open class shall be put at the bottom of the list. Each show thereafter shall put the first class from the previous show at the bottom of the order and begin with the next class on the list. The list is as follows: Open, Open Non-Pro, 10,000 Novice, Youth, 15,000 Novice Non-Pro, 3000 Novice, 750 Novice, 500 Novice Non-Pro, 2000 Limit Rider, Ladies, and 1000 Non-Pro.

27-A The youth class shall always run as the **fourth** class of the day.

28-A Age of Youth: The age of the youth on January 1 of the current year shall be maintained throughout the entire year.

29-A An unjudged 5-minute work (practice work) has been added to the end of each class on a first come, first served basis (time permitting). **Practice works are open to all horses.** These works must be pre-entered. The cost shall be the same as all other classes. Excessive training or abuse of a horse or cattle shall terminate the practice work with no refund of money.

30-A Pre-entry is required for the first three classes and all practice works of each show. Entries **must** be called in to the show secretary by 8:00 PM of the Thursday preceding the show.

31-A No entries will be taken after 4:00 PM during a show unless authorized by show management and the show secretary.

32-A Show management has the privilege of canceling or combining any classes as long as class order is maintained. Classes may be cancelled during a show due to circumstances beyond show management's control. These cancelled classes shall be made up at the next scheduled show. The Board may cancel any class that does not have three (3) or more entries in the first three shows. Points earned in classes cancelled for this reason will be included in the next higher class. NOTE: This rule does not apply to Youth classes.

33-A The first rider in each set is responsible for having his/her help and cattle settler ready to go as soon as the new cattle enter the show pen. There will be a 15-minute limit imposed on the settling of the cattle. Any additional time required shall be at the discretion of the Arena Director.

34-A In the 500 Novice Non-Pro class, two hands on the reins shall not constitute an automatic three (3) point penalty; however, a horse being ridden with only one hand shall have precedence over a horse being ridden with two hands. Penalty points shall be assessed at the judge's discretion to place the class.

35-A An exhibitor may enter two or more horses per class; however, in the Open Non-Pro, the 500 Novice Non-Pro, the 15,000 Novice Non-Pro, the 2000 Limit Rider, the Ladies, the 1000 Non-Pro, and the Youth, the rider must declare before the class which horse is being ridden for points. If a horse is not declared, all horses shown by the exhibitor will lose any points earned in said class.

36-A No two (2) riders may show the same horse in the same class on the same day with the exception of the 2000 Limit Rider, Ladies, and Youth.

37-A Riders are ultimately responsible for showing a horse in its correct class, and are strongly urged to verify the correct class with WNCHA, Pacific Coast Cutting Horse Association (PCCHA), NCHA, Nevada Reined Cow and Cutting Horse Association (NRC&CHA) or any other organization that maintains earnings and/or points records.

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CLASSES AND POINTS SYSTEM

A horse may not show in any class lower than the one in which it has been qualified, declared or graduated to. (See Association Show Rule 37-A.)

The class and points breakdown is as follows:

0 – 500 points (horse)	500 Novice Non-Pro Class (points accrue to both horse and rider – non-pro rider – must own horse)
501 – 750 points (horse)	750 Novice Class (points accrue to horse)
751 – 3000 points (horse)	3000 Novice Class (points accrue to horse)
3001 – 10,000 points (horse)	10,000 Novice Class (points accrue to horse)
Less than 15,000 points (horse)	15,000 Novice Non-Pro Class (points accrue to horse and rider – non-pro rider – must own horse)
Over 10,000 points (horse)	Open Class (points accrue to horse)
2000 point or money earned rider	2000 Limit Rider Class (points accrue to horse and rider – any limit horse – rider can be trainer or non-pro - need not own horse)
Open point class for ladies	Ladies Class (points accrue to horse and rider –any limit horse - need not own horse)
1000 point or money earned rider	1000 Non-Pro Class (points accrue to horse and rider – any limit horse – non-pro rider – must own horse)
Open point class for youth	Youth Class (ages 18 and under) (any horse - need not own horse)
Open point rider class	Open Non-Pro (points accrue to horse and rider – non-pro rider – must own horse)

POINT RULES

1-B Points for year end awards are computed as follows:

OPEN	Number of horses times 25
OPEN NON-PRO	Number of horses times 20
10,000 NOVICE	Number of horses times 20
3000 NOVICE	Number of horses times 15
750 NOVICE	Number of horses times 15
15,000 NOVICE NON-PRO	Number of horses times 20
500 NOVICE NON-PRO	Number of horses times 10
2000 LIMIT RIDER	Number of horses times 10
LADIES	Number of horses times 10
1000 Non-Pro	Number of horses times 10
YOUTH	Number of horses times 10

Points will be divided as follows:

Four or more entries	40%, 30%, 20%, 10%
Three entries	50%, 30%, 20%
Two entries	60%, 40%
One entry	100%

2-B A horse must be shown in at least 60% of the classes in which the horse is qualified in order to be eligible for that year's year-end awards program. (NOTE: All works will be judged, with the exception of the practice works to be held at the end of each class.)

3-B Horses or riders graduated out of any class in the PCCHA, NCHA, NRC&CHA, or any other association on the basis of money and/or points earned shall also graduate in WNCHA. For graduation purposes, money shall be converted to points, with the highest (money or points won in that calendar year) added to the previous lifetime points to determine graduation.

4-B A horse or rider has officially graduated from a class at the end of the calendar year when the points (earnings) from the current year are added to prior totals or assessments of base points, and exceed the maximum number of points allowed in that class. Classes exempt from this rule are the Youth, Open, Open Non-Pro, and Ladies.

5-B Professional cutting horse trainers may not show below the 750 Novice class.

6-B In the event of a tie, points are combined for the place tied and divided equally among the horses involved. When there is a tie for year-end awards, the recipients of the award involved will be determined by a flip of a coin or any other manner agreeable to the contestants or the Board.

7-B Any horse that is shown at a cutting horse futurity or derby will be qualified according to WNCHA rules, unless shown by a professional trainer. (See Qualification guidelines.)

8-B Points earned in the class qualified shall count for year-end awards. All points earned regardless of class shall count for graduation purposes. If a horse earns points in a lower qualification class than what the horse is qualified to show in, points earned will not count towards year-end awards, but will count for graduation and lifetime earnings.

9-B All money or points earned regardless of location or entity, (either novice, open, or non-pro) shall apply to the horse ridden for graduation. The Points Keeper may confer with other

points associations or the NCHA to verify earnings of horses and/or riders for qualifications and graduation.

10-B Top Ten Awards

Top ten awards will be computed from results of the following classes: 500 Novice Non-Pro, 750 Novice, 3000 Novice, 10,000 Novice, and Open. Points will be computed on the basis of one point for placing in the class and one point for every horse that was defeated. Points will accrue only to the class that the horse is qualified in, declared in, or graduated to. Horses must place first through fourth in these classes to be considered for Top Ten Awards.

COMPUTATION EXAMPLE

NO. OF HORSES IN CLASS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
15	15	14	13	12
11	11	10	9	8
9	9	8	7	6
5	5	4	3	2
3	3	2	1	

11-B High Point Horse and High Point Non-Pro Rider

An award (saddle) will be presented to the high point horse for the show year. A breast collar will be awarded to the reserve high point horse. The high point horse award will be computed from the results of the following classes: 750 Novice, 3000 Novice, 10,000 Novice, and Open. Points for the award will be computed on the basis of the most number of points won by any horse entered in any or all of these classes. Points are calculated on the same basis as the points in each class for year-end awards, not the calculation for the top ten awards.

An award (saddle) will be presented to the high point non-pro rider for the show year. A breast collar will be awarded to the reserve high point non-pro rider. The high point non-pro rider award will be computed from the results of the following classes: Open Non-Pro, 15,000 Novice Non-Pro, 500 Novice Non-Pro, and 1000 Non-Pro. Points for the award will be computed on the basis of the most number of points won by any non-pro rider entered in any or all of these classes. Points are calculated on the same basis as the points in each class for year-end awards, not the calculation for the top ten awards.

12-B Youth Awards

For the youth class, first and second place awards will correspond with the first and second awards given in the other classes. Smaller identical prizes will be given to all other qualified youth contestants.

QUALIFICATION OF HORSES

1-C A committee appointed by the Board of Directors will qualify horses.

2-C A fee of \$30.00 payable to WNCHA will be charged to qualify a horse which has not been declared to a specific class by either the owner or trainer. Any horse being shown for the first time at a WNCHA show must either be qualified or declared into a specific class. Any money won by a specific horse being shown for the first time at WNCHA must be declared, as it may have direct bearing on which class the horse is eligible for.

3-C Once a horse is qualified, it will remain in its qualification class until graduated on the basis of lifetime earnings or points. Horses shall graduate on January 1 of the year following the point (or money) earning year.

4-C Any horse that has been qualified may be declared to a higher class by the owner/rider before being shown. Said horse shall remain in this declared class until graduated on the basis of points or earnings.

5-C If a horse with points or money earned has been declared by the owner/rider in the 750 class or above, and the ownership of the horse changes, the new owner may request requalification from the Board prior to the new owner showing the horse in WNCHA classes. The horse may not be requalified lower than any lifetime total points and money earned by the previous owner.

6-C Any horse ridden by a professional trainer shall not have points earned by said professional count for year-end awards to a Non-Pro class; however, such points shall continue to count towards lifetime graduation.

7-C Anyone may refuse to have his/her horse qualified and declare his/her horse in the 750 class and above, depending on money (if any) earned.

8-C Lifetime points (earnings) as of January 1 of the current year will be considered when qualifying a new horse.

QUALIFICATION RULES

1-Q All horses, once clear of the herd, will be worked on a loose rein throughout the duration of the qualification work.

2-Q Classification of horses:

500 Point A horse that is moving and stopping with the cow, but is in need of correction and may have to be two-handed.

750 Point A horse that works a cow correctly on its own.

3-Q **Requalifications**

(A) The WNCHA Board of Directors will review all qualifications at the Board meeting immediately following the show qualified.

1. The persons doing the qualifying shall sign all qualifications cards.
2. Any comments by members of the qualifying committee regarding the level of qualification of a particular horse shall be written on the back of the qualification card.
3. All qualification cards shall be available, on request, for the rider to review.

(B) The Board of Directors reserves the right to reclassify any horse after the first three shows in which the horse is shown in its respective class regardless of the original level and/or date of qualification.

- (C) Any rider who feels that their horse was incorrectly qualified may request requalification at the next show. A minimum of two members of the qualification personnel must be different from the original members reviewing said horse. In the event that there are not enough members of the qualification committee present, the President or spokesperson for the qualification committee shall appoint a qualified person from the general membership. A \$10.00 requalification fee will be assessed.

4-Q The horse's ability is being evaluated during a qualification work, with the rider's ability a secondary consideration.

NOTE: The above rules and guidelines were established to give uniformity to the qualification of horses being shown in WNCHA shows, and to place a horse and rider in a class of equal competition.

PROFESSIONALS AND NON-PROFESSIONALS

1-D PROFESSIONAL or TRAINER: Any person who has shown, trained or assisted in training a cutting horse or cutting horse rider or trained horses astride in any equine discipline for direct or indirect remuneration shall be considered a professional by this Association, with the exception of those who have been granted a change of status since January 1, 1997 from professional to non-professional.

2-D A professional trainer who wishes to be reinstated to non-professional status must follow all rules for reinstatement required by the National Cutting Horse Association.

3-D NON-PROFESSIONAL: A Non-Professional in this Association is a person who has not received direct or indirect remuneration to work in any manner in the following activities on the premises of a cutting horse training operation: showing, training or assisting in training a cutting horse or cutting horse rider. For purposes of this rule, a cutting horse training operation is any facility where cutting horses are trained. Any person who has trained horses astride in any equine discipline for direct or indirect remuneration shall be considered a professional by this Association, with the exception of those who have been granted a change of status since January 1, 1997, from professional to non-professional. Those who have been granted a change of status of professional to non-professional will not be allowed to have the benefit of being a non-pro without restrictions beginning with the 2008 Point Year. Also, effective January 1, 1997, a non-professional in this Association may not train horses in any equine discipline.

1. This Association does not consider that professional cutting horse trainers' spouses who do not teach cutting horse riders or train cutting horses on cattle receive indirect remuneration.

2. Employees on a cutting horse training operation may be considered non-professionals by this Association provided they do not teach cutting horse riders or train cutting horses on cattle.

3. All other requirements regarding non-professional status will follow National Cutting Horse Association rules.

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