

Oregon Cutting Horse Association (OCHA) STANDING RULES

A. GENERAL RULES AND CAUTIONS

1. All OCHA approved shows shall be conducted under the rules of the National Cutting Horse Association (NCHA).
2. NCHA rules for judging shall apply to all shows and classes.
3. Special rules for eligibility shall apply to certain classes.
4. Membership dues are due January 1st of each year, or by the close of the first show attended. NOTE: If you pay your dues anytime during the year, you must be aware that you are paying dues for that calendar year only and that dues are due again, in full, for the following year.
5. It is the member's sole responsibility to be sure his/her membership is current at the time of showing in order for points to count.
6. It is the contestant's sole responsibility to determine his/her horse's eligibility to compete in any class entered.
7. It is the non-professional rider's sole responsibility to maintain his/her Non Pro/Amateur status according to the rules of NCHA and other associations. NCHA rules may be obtained from the Association Secretary or by writing NCHA directly.
8. Contracts (time payments) to ownership in Non Pro classes are not permitted. Only registration papers or bill of sale can be used as proof of ownership.
9. A Board member of OCHA may not accept dues from a prospective member or any active member.
10. Dues must be paid to the Secretary/Treasurer and shall not be considered paid until said Secretary has so recorded.

B. BOUNDARIES

For the purpose of supporting the Oregon Cutting Horse Association, shows will be held in the State of Oregon. Shows held outside the state of Oregon must be approved by the current Oregon CHA Board of Directors.

C. ELIGIBILITY

1. Horse and rider will graduate from classes after the finals each year.
2. Show Season begins immediately after the finals show.
3. For year-end awards, a horse may be shown in any class for which he is eligible. Earnings/Points won in a particular class will count toward year-end awards in that class only.
4. To be eligible for year-end awards, or to be listed in the standings, both owner and rider must be members in good standing of OCHA and earn their earnings/points in a show approved by OCHA.
5. A member of OCHA who acts as a sponsor of a show, and who may earn points at said show, shall receive credit for such Earnings/points and such Earnings/points shall count toward year-end awards.

D. SHOWS

1. APPROVALS

Request for OCHA approval must be in the Secretary's hands at least sixty (60) days prior to the show time or closing date for entries, whichever is earlier. Approval request must be in writing and include the following information: a. Name of the show; b. Name of the secretary; c. Starting time and location; d. Name of the judge(s); e. Purses, fees, added moneys and other charges; f. Entry deadlines; g. Classes offered and payoffs therein. NCHA Approval is required with a variance allowable through the OCHA Show Committee.

2. PAYOUT AND WORKING ORDER

Failure to pay moneys or work classes in order as advertised will result in withdrawal of approval. This rule is exempt if, prior to the class, show management and all cutters in said class vote to alter either working order or payout or both from that which was advertised.

3. PROXIMITY

OCHA will not approve two (2) shows within the state of Oregon on the same day.

4. FEES

A. The Association will cover any NSF checks received by show management in OCHA approved classes only provided the said request is made within 60 days of the shows closing date. In the event an NSF check is received by the secretary or by the secretary of an approved show, the Association secretary will send a registered letter to the person issuing said check or stopping payment on a check previously issued to Association or show management, and a fine will be assessed as follows: 1. First offense: \$25 fine and suspension until cleared. 2. Second offense: \$50 fine and immediate suspension for thirty (30) days and the check is cleared whichever is longer. 3. Third offense: \$200 fine and permanent suspension

B. The current OCHA Board of Directors will set the entry and cattle fees on an annual basis.

C. Show management may charge up to a \$10.00 approval fee per cutting entry, per approved class. This fee shall be collected and forwarded, along with the show report of results, to the Association Secretary. These fees are not to be included as office and cattle fees or entry fees. These \$10.00 fees shall not be included when computing the from 6% to 8% due NCHA (for those classes which are NCHA approved), nor will these fees affect the amount jackpotted to each class.

D. Failure on the part of show management to remit the Association fees and show results to the association office within thirty (30) days after said show will result in the Association not approving the same show for two subsequent years.

5. NUMBER OF ENTRIES

A. NCHA rules apply regarding number of horses a rider may ride in NCHA classes.

B. \$1,500 Novice Horse class a rider may ride an unlimited number of horses. \$500 Novice Rider class the rider may ride only one horse per class per contest.

C. No more than one rider may ride the same horse in same class on the same show day.

6. ENTRIES

A. Unless advertised "No post entries" or "No late entries" an entry must be accepted per NCHA rules.

a. The closing date for "No post entries" or "No late entries" shows is the earliest of the following times: 1. Closing date, as advertised. 2. The time advertised as "horses on the grounds". 3. The time set for the draw for each class.

b. Telephone entries: The person making the telephone entry is the person responsible for paying for that entry, even though he/she was simply making the entry for someone else.

c. Online Entries available at www.oregoncha.com or emailing show secretary.

d. Entry Fee – All entry fees must be paid by the start of the 3rd class from the end of the 2nd day. This will allow the show secretaries the time need to reconcile their paperwork before leaving the event.

7. THE DRAW

A. The draw may be made at any time following the closing date. The draw must be made per NCHA rules.

B. In case of error and/or omission on the part of show management with regard to the draw, corrections will be made in accordance with NCHA rules.

C. The order of the draw will be read and posted prior to each class. Contestants are responsible to notify show management of any error and/or omission prior to the start of the class.

8. WITHDRAWING FROM A CLASS

Any contestant in a show wishing to withdraw from a class must do so before the draw. When at all possible show management is encouraged to draw on the same day as the show in order to facilitate a contestants need to withdraw from a class. In order to facilitate any contestants, need to withdraw from a class; it is the obligation of show management to make itself available to the contestants when possible. Contestant once entered into a class may be required to pay the cattle fee even if drawn out prior to the draw.

If a contestant name goes into the draw and he has made no attempt to withdraw his name from the class, that contestant is obligated to pay all fees (office charges, cattle fees, association fees and entry fees) as his entry fee would have been figured in the payoff. If said contestant does not meet his obligation, he/she may be denied privileges of membership.

E. CLASSES

1. ELIGIBILITY

A. OCHA membership is required to compete in OCHA sponsored shows except for the Open, Non Pro, and Youth, but your earnings/points will not count towards year end awards unless you are a member.

B. The contestant is solely responsible to determine his/her own and his/her_horse's eligibility for any particular class.

C. A current NCHA, Non Pro card is a requirement for all Non Pro classes. A current NCHA amateur card is a requirement for all Amateur classes.

D. See NCHA rules regarding Non Pro and Amateur eligibility.

E. In determining eligibility for OCHA approved classes the eligibility earnings on a horse or rider as determined by NCHA will be used. In addition, Eligibility for youth classes is determined by age criteria per NCHA.

G. Eligibility for year-end awards and/or points won in a particular association approved class will count toward that class for that year.

2. YEAR END AWARDS & RULES and CLASS RESTRICTIONS

- A. In all approved classes owners and riders must be current OCHA members in good standings for points to count for year-end awards.
- B. In each class points and/or money won in that class will count towards year-end awards for that class.
- C. In case of ties for a trophy: This will be determined or by a coin flip, or, if either contestant desires, a ride-off will occur, using the first available pen of cattle.
- D. Contestant must compete at 50% + 1 show of Oregon CHA approved show schedule events to qualify for year-end awards.
- E. Shows produced by other organizations and held outside of the state of Oregon will not count as qualifying shows nor will earning/points won be eligible for tabulation for OCHA year-end awards

3. DEFINITIONS

A. OPEN

- 1. NCHA rules
- 2. Open to any horse, any rider, regardless of earnings. No dollar limit or year-end placement eligibility limit on horse or rider.
- 3. Horse may be ridden by different riders at different shows.
- 4. Year-end awards, earnings won counts on the horse.

B. NON PRO

- 1. NCHA Rules
- 2. Rider must hold current Non Pro card issued by NCHA
- 3. No dollar limit or year end placement eligibility limit on horse or Non Pro rider.
- 4. Year-end awards, earnings won counts on the rider.

C. \$25,000 NON PRO/NOVICE

- 1. \$25,000 limit on the horse as determined by NCHA.
- 2. NCHA Rules.
- 3. Rider must hold current NCHA Non Pro card issued by NCHA
- 4. Year-end awards, earnings won counts on the horse. A combination of eligible riders may show the horse.
- 5. Riders may ride two eligible horses, which may be family owned and approved by NCHA.

D. \$5,000 NOVICE HORSE/NON PROFESSIONAL

- 1. \$5,000 limit on the horse as determined by NCHA.
- 2. NCHA Rules.
- 3. Rider must hold current NCHA Non Pro card issued by NCHA
- 4. Year-end awards, earnings won counts on the horse. A combination of eligible riders may show the horse.
- 5. Riders may ride two eligible horses, which may be family owned and approved by NCHA.

E. \$35,000 LIMIT NON PROFESSIONAL

- 1. NCHA rules.
- 2. Any rider holding a current NCHA, Non Pro card and whose eligibility earnings are less than \$35,000 as determined by NCHA may ride in this class. See NCHA rules for restrictions.
- 3. Year-end awards, earnings won counts on the rider.

F. \$15,000 AMATEUR

- 1. NCHA rules.
- 2. Any rider holding a current NCHA Amateur card and whose eligibility earnings are less than \$15,000 as determined by NCHA may ride in this class.
- 3. Year-end awards, earnings won counts on the rider.

G. \$50,000 AMATEUR

- 1. NCHA rules.
- 2. Any rider holding a current NCHA Amateur card and whose eligibility earnings are less than \$50,000 as determined by NCHA may ride in this class.
- 3. Year-end awards, earnings won counts on the rider..

H. \$1,500 NOVICE

- 1. Open to any horse with eligibility earnings of \$1,500 or less as determined by NCHA or NWCHA.
- 2. Horse may be ridden by any combination of riders. However, owner and riders must be Association members in good standing for points to count toward year end awards.
- 4. Year-end awards, earnings won counts on the horse.
- 5. A rider may show an unlimited number of horses per class per show.

I. \$2000 LIMIT RIDER/ANY HORSE

1. NCHA Rules
2. Open to any rider with cutting competition earnings of \$2000 or less as determined by NCHA.
3. For year end awards points won counts on rider.
4. Any horse may be ridden regardless of ownership and amount of eligibility earnings. Non Pro riders are cautioned to be familiar with Non Professional rules.

K. SENIOR YOUTH

1. Open to any horse. Owner must be a member.
2. Open to any youth ages 14 to 18. Age is that age at the beginning of the point year.
3. Rider does not have to own the horse but is reminded that the owner of the horse must be an OCHA member in good standing.
4. Points won count on rider for purposes of year end standings.
5. 2-fresh head cattle will be provided
6. Class will be held with 3 or less participants.

L. JUNIOR YOUTH

1. Open to any horse. Owner must be a member.
2. Open to any youth ages 13 and under. Age is that age at the beginning of the point year.
3. Rider does not have to own the horse but is reminded that the owner of the horse must be an OCHA member in good standing.
4. Points won counts on rider for purposes of year end standings.
5. 2-fresh head cattle will be provided
6. Class will be held with 3 or less participants.

F. PAYOUT

OCHA will use NCHA mandatory payment schedule.

G. JUDGES

The conduct and performance of judges hired for OCHA events is of the utmost importance to its participants, therefore it is the intent of the board of directors to follow the guidelines contained herein to ensure the best possible outcomes.

1. All OCHA approved events will be judged by a judge in good standing on the NCHA approved judges list.
2. The OCHA secretary will hire judges for OCHA produced shows.
3. Each OCHA board member may present a list of 10 judges to the judges committee for consideration no later than the first board meeting of the year, at which time the board will discuss and confirm the list.
4. When hiring judges, the judges committee will consider criteria, including but not limited to: proximity, cost, rating, experience, conflicts, the OCHA board of directors' list of judges & membership feedback.
5. Members are encouraged to give the judges committee feedback regarding judges.
6. Members who have complaints about a judge should follow NCHA protocol to address their complaint. In addition, a written complaint may be submitted to the OCHA judges committee.

H. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

1. The Board of Directors may suspend or deny privileges to any member or non member whose actions it deems detrimental to the best interest of the Associations. For further reference concerning this action, refer to NCHA Rules, Section VI.
2. Any member or non member may file a complaint against any member or non member who is out of line.
3. There will be a penalty for working a horse in a class for which he is ineligible, whether or not it was intentional. The Board of Directors will set the penalty, depending on the circumstances. It is the sole responsibility of the owner and/or rider to determine that he/she or the horse is eligible for the class entered. The minimum penalty will be forfeiture of entry fees and all money won to the Association in the form of a fine.

I. GOOD OF THE ORDER

1. The Rules Committee for OCHA will from time to time, makes recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding changes, additions or interpretation of these rules.
2. With regard to unreturned perpetual awards, it is the position of the Association that if the person in possession of said award has been admonished to return said award, and has not, for whatever reason, returned it, he/she shall not be allowed to earn earnings/points toward the year-end awards until said perpetual award is returned to the Association.
3. All stall fees, entry fees, cattle charges (show fees) must be paid prior to riding in the show with regard to Futurity, other aged events, or any Association approved show, or show management will have the option to charge the contestant an additional fee for the inconvenience.
4. Any reserved stall must be paid for regardless of whether it was used. The same is true of cattle that have been ordered, delivered, or must be paid for by the Association or show management.
5. No equipment belonging to OCHA may be loaned out without a signature of the person borrowing said equipment.
6. OCHA strictly prohibits all children under the age of 13 being in the show arena, warm up area, or practice pen, except youth preparing to ride in their class. OCHA strongly recommends to all show management organizations who have obtained approval from these Associations to institute measures to ensure that children under the age of 13 are prohibited from entering the working areas.
7. It is recommended that the Association sponsors and promotes cutting and judging clinics whenever and wherever possible.
8. If a Non Pro wishes to "test ride" a horse prior to purchase he/she should refer to NCHA rules.

The show class cost/cattle schedule will be as follows:

ADDED MONEY CLASSES

OPEN	3 head per cutter Minimum	\$200.00 Added Minimum
NON PRO	3 head per cutter Minimum	\$200.00 Added Minimum
\$25,000 NOVICE	3 head per cutter Minimum	\$200.00 Added Minimum
\$5,000 N	3 head per cutter Minimum	\$200.00 Added Minimum
\$50,000AM	2 ½ head per cutter Minimum	\$200.00 Added Minimum
\$25,000NNP	2 ½ head per cutter Minimum	\$200.00 Added Minimum
\$5,000NNP	2 ½ head per cutter Minimum	\$200.00 Added Minimum
OPEN DERBY	3 head per cutter Minimum	\$200.00 Added Minimum
N-P DERBY	3 head per cutter Minimum	\$100.00 Added Minimum

Non-ADDED MONEY CLASSES

35,000 Non Pro	2 ½ head per cutter minimum
15,000 Amateur	2 ½ head per cutter minimum
2,000 Rider	2 ½ head per cutter minimum

NON-NCHA CLASSES

1500 Novice	2.5 head per cutter, fresh	\$200.00 Added Minimum
500 Rider	3 head per cutter, rerun	