

Show Rules for Closed Cascade Cow Cutters Organization Contests

- 1) Any horse whose rider and owner are not in good standing is not eligible to show. Dues paid after October 1 are paid for the following year.

Proposed New Wording

Events hosted by Cascade Cow Cutters will adhere to all current NCHA rules. Rules can be found at http://www.nchacutting.com/ag/judges/rule_book.php

- 2) Horses are to be judged on performance only – regardless of conformation, sex, age, color, appearance, previous performance or breed.

Proposed – Strike this section

- 3) A show approved by Cascade Cow Cutters will be judged on the basis of the rules written by the National Cutting Horse Association (NCHA). Where these rules are not in existence, Cascade Cow Cutter rules apply.

Proposed New Wording

NCHA STANDING RULE #2: NCHA approved events are restricted to NCHA members only. All owners and riders MUST be members in good standing with the NCHA to compete in an NCHA approved show.

4) Proposed Added Wording –

- a) All owners and riders (including lopers) must be members of Cascade Cow Cutters.

- b) No premium checks will be issued until all necessary paperwork has been completed and filed with the show secretary.

- 5) No training device will be allowed on contestants' horses that will be shown that day. Excessive abuse in the arena is prohibited. (Please Refer to Standing Rule 35 in the NCHA Rule Book)

Proposed New Wording

No training device will be allowed on contestants' horse while in the arena area. (NCHA Standing Rule 34) Inhumane treatment or the abuse of a horse in any manner is prohibited. (NCHA Standing Rule 35)

- 6) Anyone in the arena on horseback is required to wear appropriate western apparel: western hat, western boots, long or short sleeved shirt with buttons or snaps down the front, pull over sweaters or jackets. T-shirts and slip-over knits are not permissible.

Proposed New Wording

Anyone in the arena, on horseback, is required to wear appropriate western apparel: western hat, western boots, long-sleeved shirt collared shirt with buttons or snaps down the front, pull over sweaters or jackets. T-shirts and any type of

sweatshirt (including hoodies) are not permissible (NCHA Judging Rule 16.b).

- 7) A representative of the Board of Directors is to serve as liaison to settle disputes between contestants and the show management.

Proposed to Strike this section

- 8) Show management will secure a judge for the show/shows and will supply the judge with Cascade Cow Cutters rules before he/she begins to judge the show.

Proposed to strike this section

- 9) A contestant that has been called three (3) times without acknowledgment shall lose his/her ride.

Proposed New Wording

A contestant that has been called three (3) times without acknowledgment shall lose his/her ride, forfeiting all fees (unless the show secretary has entered them in the wrong class).

- 10) Show management has the right to disqualify, refuse entry, or eject from the premises any contestant for misconduct or harassment of the judge, show management, employees, other contestants, or spectators.

Proposed to Strike this section

- 11) Judge/judges shall present in writing any grievance concerning a contestant or show management to any Board Member at the time of the grievance. The complaint will be reviewed by the Board of Directors at their earliest convenience. The Board may enforce penalty as they see fit for the infraction.

Proposed to strike this section

- 12) Any complaint must be filed in writing by the show chairman with the President within seven (7) days of that show. Any member wishing to file a complaint must do so through the show chairman.

After receiving the written complaint, the President shall call a meeting of the Board of Directors within fifteen (15) days to review the complaint. The President shall also inform the party or parties involved of the Board meeting at least seven (7) days prior to such a meeting.

At the meeting of the Board, both sides shall be able to present their position. After hearing both sides, the Board will then make a decision on what action, if any, should be taken. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be final.

- 13) Any exhibitor may enter one or more horses in any class except the Non-Pro and rider limit classes.

Propose to Strike this

14) Once a horse is in the draw, the entry fee will be charged. Fees are due by noon on the day of the class. Exceptions in extreme emergencies will be considered by the Board of Directors on an individual basis.

15) Judges' scoring may not be questioned by contestants. Run content may be discussed at the end of the day.

Proposed to strike this

16) No horse or rider shall be permitted to compete in a class for which they are not eligible. Eligibility will be determined on the basis of NCHA guidelines.

Proposed Wording

No horse or rider shall be permitted to compete in a class for which they are not eligible. Eligibility will be determined on the basis of NCHA rules.

17) No dogs are allowed in the working arena and all dogs must be on a leash. *NOTE: FAIRGROUNDS RULE PROHIBIT DOGS TO BE INSIDE BLOOM PAVILION WHETHER THEY ARE LEASHED OR NOT.*

Proposed Wording

No dogs are allowed in any part of the arena, including the warm-up area. If on the grounds, they must be on a leash.

18) Only one rider per horse in the arena for riders under 16 years of age. No children under 13 are allowed in the arena unless they are on a horse.

Proposed to strike

19) Parents and/or guardians are responsible for the supervision of all children during an event.

20) No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the arena.

21) A \$25 fee will be charged on return checks. The member is not considered to be in good standing until this charge is paid. Upon 2nd returned check, the member is put on a cash basis for the remainder of the year. CCC will follow standing rule 40 in the NCHA rule book to enforce this rule.

Proposed New Wording

A \$35 fee will be charged on return checks. The member is not considered to be in good standing until this charge is paid (NCHA Standing Rule 40). Upon 2nd returned check, the member is put on a cash basis for the remainder of the year. Failure to make full restitution of any NSF check will result in disciplinary action by NCHA (NCHA Standing Rule 4.a).

22) All members are required to have a signed and dated *Release of Waiver* form on file with the office before their membership is current.

Proposed New Wording

All riders (show arena or warm-up) are required to have a signed and dated Release of Waiver form on file with the office.

23) Qualifications for Non Professional and Amateur status are governed by NCHA rules. Decisions on an

appeal of qualification status will be made by the Board of Directors. This appeal must be presented in written form.

Propose to remove the above because NCHA rules apply here

24) Proposed New Section

It is the responsibility of the horse owner/member to complete the Family Registration Form if allowing someone in his/her immediate family to show his/her horse (NCHA Standing Rule 51.a.4).

25) Proposed New Section

Cascade Cow Cutters will follow NCHA's rules regarding medication and drugs. (NCHA Standing Rule 35A)

Points

Points for all year-end awards are determined as follows:

- 1) All entries in a class will be awarded points. The first place horse/rider in the class will earn the same number of points as the number of entries in the class. The second place horse/rider will be awarded on less point than the first place horse, etc...until points are awarded to all entries.

For example: In a class with 9 entries:

1st place = 9 points, 2nd place = 8 points, etc. though
9th place = 1 point

- 2) A horse/rider officially graduates from the **NON-NCHA** classes after winning 1st place, after placing in

the year-end awards twice, or for exceeding the class earnings limit.

- 3) NCHA rules apply to all NCHA approved classes.

Propose to Strike this section

- 4) In the event of a tie, points are combined and then divided among the horses involved.

Propose To Strike this section

- 5) In the event of a tie for year-end awards, the winner will be decided by a work-off. In the event this is not possible, a coin flip by a Board Member will be used to determine the winner.

- 6) Horses/riders are not required to graduate from the Youth, Open, or Non-Pro. In the Youth classes, one or more riders may exhibit the same horse.

Proposed New Wording

Horses/riders are not required to graduate from the Youth, Open, or Non-Pro.

Class Descriptions

NOTE: detailed descriptions of the qualifications for NCHA approved classes can be found in rule 8 of the NCHA rule book

Proposed to Add to above - Youth qualification/rules can be found in the NCHA Rule Book under “NCHA Approved Youth Cutting Horse Contest”.

OPEN – open to any rider and any horse

NON-PRO – open to any rider who holds an NCHA Non-Professional card riding any horse that the rider owns.

\$15,000 NOVICE HORSE – open to any rider with a horse with less than \$15,000 in earnings as of January 1st

\$15,000 NOVICE HORSE/NON-PRO – open to any rider who holds an NCHA Non-Professional card riding a horse owned by the rider that has earned less than \$15,000 as of January 1st

\$5,000 NOVICE HORSE – open to any rider with a horse with less than \$5,000 in earnings as of January 1st

\$5,000 NOVICE HORSE/NON-PRO – open to any rider who holds an NCHA Non-Professional card riding a horse owned by the rider that has earned less than \$5,000 as of January 1st

\$50,000 AMATEUR – open to rider who holds an NCHA Amateur card and who has less than \$50,000 in earnings as of January 1st

\$35,000 NON-PRO - open to rider who holds an NCHA Non-Professional card and who has less than \$35,000 in earnings as of January 1st

SENIOR YOUTH – open to any youth ages 14-18 riding any horse *Youth qualification/rules can be found in the NCHA Rule Book under “NCHA Approved Youth Cutting Horse Contest”.*

JUNIOR YOUTH – open to any youth ages 13 and under riding any horse *Youth qualification/rules can be found in the NCHA Rule Book under “NCHA Approved Youth Cutting Horse Contest”.*

\$15,000 AMATEUR – open to rider who holds an NCHA Amateur card and who has less than \$15,000 in earnings as of January 1st

\$2,000 LIMIT RIDER - open to any rider who has less than \$2,000 in earnings as of January 1st. The rider may show any horse, whether they own it or not.

NON NCHA CLASSES

\$1,000 NOVICE HORSE – open to any rider with a horse with less than \$1,000 in earnings as of January 1st. *This is NOT an NCHA approved class.*

\$500 RIDER – open to any rider who has less than \$500 in earnings as of January 1st. The rider may show any horse, whether they own it or not. *This is NOT an NCHA approved class.*

*****All classes are subject to cancellation if a minimum of three horses are not entered.*****

Proposed to just bring the classes up to date with what we currently offer

Bylaws of Cascade Cow Cutters

The following Bylaws of Cascade Cow Cutters were adopted by the corporation at a meeting called specifically for the purpose of discussion and adoption of bylaws. Present were the designated officers and directors of the corporation and members following notification to said members that the bylaws were to be adopted at the meeting.

Article I

Section 1. The officers of the corporation shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer elected by the general membership. The officers shall hold office for a period of one year or until their successors are qualified and duly elected.

Section 2. The President shall preside at all general membership meetings of the corporation and the Board of Directors. The President shall appoint all special and standing committees and conduct the business of the corporation in accordance with the bylaws and other rules and regulations to the corporation. He shall be an ex-officio of all committees. All outgoing Presidents shall be honorary Vice Presidents for life so long as the President remains a member of the corporation.

Propose to strike this sentence

All outgoing Presidents shall be honorary Vice Presidents for life so long as the President remains a member of the corporation.

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

Section 4. The Secretary shall be elected by the membership and shall keep the minutes of all meetings and shall be ex-officio Secretary at all meetings. The Secretary shall be required to make such reports pertaining to the activities of the corporation as may be required by the rules and regulations of the corporation and by appropriate state and other governmental agencies. The Secretary shall specifically issue all notices on calls to the Directors and members, and conduct, supervise, count and record the balloting of all elections and perform all other duties that usually pertain to the office of Secretary.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall be elected by the membership and shall be responsible to keep and safeguard the records and funds of the corporation, keep the membership roster, issue membership cards, and perform all other functions customarily associated with the role of Treasurer and the corporation.

Section 6. The Board of Directors of the corporation shall consist of nine (9) adult members in good standing and shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five Directors elected at large by the general membership.

(a) The Board of Directors at large shall be elected by the membership and shall serve for a period of three years, two years and three (3) one year terms. *Thereafter, three Directors shall be elected at each annual meeting, one for a three year term and two for one year terms.* The annual meeting

pertaining to the election officers and directors of this corporation shall be conducted at the annual awards banquet.

Proposed to Add The Following Wording

Election of officers shall be done by ballot, with only current members voting.

(b) All members of the Board of Directors must be in good standing. It shall be the duty of the President to appoint a Director or Directors to fill the vacancy of any Director until a meeting is called specifically for the purpose of selecting and electing a replacement Director for the vacant position.

(c) The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of this corporation shall be held immediately preceding or following the annual membership meeting of the members.

(d) Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President at any time or place based upon at least one week advance notification of that meeting.

(e) A quorum of any meeting of the Board of Directors shall be not less than two of the following officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer and at least two of the Directors at large. A majority of such quorum shall decide any questions that may come before the meeting. All directors' meetings may be adjourned from day to day or from time to time until a quorum appears.

Proposed New Wording for (e)

A quorum of any meeting of the Board of Directors shall be 60%, to include the President or Vice President. A majority of such quorum shall decide any questions that may come before the meeting. All

directors' meetings may be adjourned from day to day or from time to time until a quorum appears.

(f) The Board of Directors shall act as planning and nominating committee.

(g) In the event of any controversy, a majority vote of the entire Board of Directors shall be required to decide the questions. A contested action of the Board may be nullified only by a majority vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the active members.

(h) A vacancy shall occur within the Board of Directors of this corporation should any of the Board of Directors die or should any member of the Board of Directors miss attending three consecutive meetings without good cause and without prior approval of the President of the corporation.

Propose to Add

The Board of Director's term shall begin December 1. All projects, tasks and records should be completed before turning them over to the new directors.

Article II

Section 1. Meetings of the members of the corporation, other than the annual and general membership meeting, shall be held at a time and place designated by the Board of Directors upon appropriate advance notification to the members.

Propose New Wording

Section 1. Meetings of the members of the association, other than the annual and general membership meeting, shall be held at a time and place designated

by the Board of Directors upon appropriate advance notification to the members.

Section 2. Monthly membership meetings may be called by the President at any time and place on reasonable written notice to all members, which reasonable written notice shall be at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Section 3. Ten voting members shall constitute a quorum at any general membership meeting or any other meeting calling for vote of the membership and a majority of such quorum shall decide any questions that may arise at such meetings. All general membership meetings and other meetings may be adjourned from day to day and from time to time until a quorum is present.

Proposed New Wording - Section 3. 20% of voting members shall constitute a quorum at any general membership meeting or any other meeting calling for vote of the membership and a majority of such quorum shall decide any questions that may arise at such meetings. All general membership meetings and other meetings may be adjourned from day to day and from time to time until a quorum is present.

Section 4. Membership shall be of the following types:

- (a) Adult members shall be persons having attained at least the age of 18 years.
- (b) Youth members shall be persons below the age of 18 years who either pay their own membership or are members of a family membership.
- (c) Family membership shall comprise of a husband and wife or a father alone or a mother alone together with any children below the age of 18 years.

- (d) Corporation shall be same as adult member.

Proposed New Wording - Section 4. Membership shall be of the following types:

- (a) Adult members shall be persons having attained at least the age of 18 years.**
- (b) Youth members shall be persons under the age of 18**
- (c) Family membership shall comprise of a husband and wife or a father alone or a mother alone together with any children under the age of 18 years.**
- (d) A Corporation shall be same as adult member.**

Section 5. Voting members shall either be adult members or adult members of a family membership provided, however, a family membership shall not be entitled to have more than *two votes*. A corporation may have one vote. Each voting member shall be entitled to one vote with the exception of the family membership as set forth herein before which shall be entitled to no more than two votes. There shall be no proxy votes in the corporation.

Proposed New Wording

Section 5. Voting members shall be adult members. A family membership is entitled to have *two votes*. A corporation may have one vote. There shall be no proxy votes in the association.

Section 6. Any member who shall make himself or herself a nuisance by constant complaints or fault-finding or by harassing the Officers or Directors of the corporation may at the direction of the Board of Directors of the corporation be dropped from membership upon appropriate notice being provided to said member. If such action is taken the membership fee shall be returned and all privileges of the

corporation shall be denied to that member following termination of membership.

Section 7. The order of business at any meeting of the general membership shall be:

- a) Call to order
- b) Reading of the minutes
- c) Treasurer's report
- d) Report of Officers
- e) Election, if any
- f) Unfinished business
- g) New business
- h) Adjournment

Article III

Section 1. Any individual regardless of whether he or she rides or owns a cutting horse, any firm, any partnership, any organization, any riding club, any state or regional group of good character or reputation interested in cutting horses may become an acting member of this corporation. Each adult member shall pay annual membership dues of \$30.00. Each youth member shall pay annual membership dues of \$15.00. Each family membership shall pay annual dues of \$35.00. Any proposed increase in membership fees will be considered first by the board of directors, then made into a motion to be voted on by the membership during the last general meeting of the year. Any membership dues paid October 1 of each year shall be dues paid for the following corporation year. Members failing to pay the annual dues by April 15 of each year shall be considered delinquent and shall thereafter forfeit all rights and privileges to participate in any activities of the corporation and shall be subject to being terminated as a member of the corporation.

Proposed to change youth fee from \$15 to free.

Section 2 All membership dues shall be paid to the Treasurer.

Proposed New Wording

Section 2. All membership dues shall be paid to the Show Secretary or Treasurer.

Article IV

Section 1. These bylaws may be repealed, modified or amended at any special meeting of the members of the corporation following due notice being given that the amendment of the bylaws shall be part of the order of business of that particular meeting. These bylaws may be amended by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the membership at any general meeting, so long as a quorum of the members is present at said meeting as may be established by the bylaws of the corporation, provided that notice of the proposed amendment of the bylaws of the corporation has been mailed to all members in good standing not less than 10 days prior to the meeting.

Proposed New Wording

Section 1. Bylaws may be repealed, modified or amended at any special meeting of the members of the association following due notice. Notice must give the amendment of the bylaws and shall be part of the order of business of that particular meeting. These bylaws may be amended by a vote of 20% of the membership at any general meeting. Notice of the proposed amendment of the bylaws of the association will be sent by mail or email to members in good standing not less than 10 days prior to the meeting.

Section 2. Any standing rule pertaining to the corporation may not be changed unless the proposed change shall be submitted in writing to each member thirty (30) days prior to the meeting where the change to be voted upon shall be conducted.

Standing rules of the corporation shall be the National Cutting Horse Association standing rules with the following additions:

Proposed New

Section 2. Any standing rule pertaining to the association may not be changed unless the proposed change shall be submitted in writing, or emailed to each member not less than 10 days prior to the meeting where the change to be voted upon shall be conducted.

1) A member of the Cascade Cow Cutters may work at any show.

- a. In a Cascade Cow Cutters approved Open Cutting Horse Contest, competition is open to anyone.
- b. Proof of ownership in the form of a registration certificate must be on file with the organization secretary, upon request.
- c. Unregistered horses must have proof of ownership on file with the organization secretary, upon request.
- d. All horses competing for Cascade Cow Cutters year-end awards must comply with these rules.

2) In an official Closed Cascade Cow Cutters Organization Contest open to members only, the owners and riders of all horses must be active members.

3) For year-end awards, points are accumulated at all CCC approved shows. A member must show at least 50% of the regular 12 shows (6 full weekends) in order to qualify for year end awards. In the event that any additional shows are approved only points from a maximum of 12 shows will count.

Proposed New Wording

For year-end awards, points are accumulated at all CCC approved shows. A member must show at least 50% + 1 of the regular 12 shows (6 full weekends) in order to qualify for yearend awards. In the event that any additional shows are approved the points from the highest scoring 12 shows will count for yearend awards.

4) The Cascade Cow Cutters Organization will suspend and/or revoke any and all memberships and show approvals of an Association, individual or cutting horse contest that does not comply with the existing rules regarding assessment fees.

NCHA STANDING RULE #2:

NCHA Rules and Regulations

NCHA approved events are restricted to NCHA members only
All owners and riders MUST be members in good standing with the NCHA to compete in an NCHA approved show.