

Show Rules for the Cascade Cow Cutters Association

- 1) Events hosted by Cascade Cow Cutters (CCC) will adhere to all current National Cutting Horse Association (NCHA) rules. Rules can be found at http://www.nhacutting.com/ag/judges/rule_book.php
- 2) Any horse whose rider and owner are not in good standing with Cascade Cow Cutters & NCHA is not eligible to show. CCC dues paid after October 1 will be applied to the following year.
- 3) 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) All owners and riders (including lopers) must be members of Cascade Cow Cutters.
- 5) No premium checks will be issued until all necessary paperwork has been completed and filed with the show secretary.
- 6) No training devices 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)
- 7) Anyone in the arena, on horseback, is required to wear appropriate western apparel: western hat, western boots, long sleeved 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)
- 8) Once a horse is in the draw, the full entry fee will be charged. 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).
- 9) 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.
- 10) 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.
- 11) Parents and/or guardians are responsible for the supervision of all children during an event.
- 12) No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the arena.
- 13) 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 a second 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).
- 14) All riders in the show arena or warm-up area (regardless of age) are required to have a signed and dated *Release of Waiver* form on file with the office.
- 15) 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)

16) 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 one 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
In the event of a tie, points are combined and then divided among the horses involved in the tie.
2. A horse/rider officially graduates from any **non-NCHA** classes after winning 1st place in the year-end standings, or for exceeding the class earnings limit.
3. 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.
4. 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 offered at CCC shows can be found in NCHA Standing Rule 8. Youth qualification/rules can be found in the "NCHA Approved Youth Cutting Horse Contest".

NCHA classes offered:

- 1) \$5,000 Novice Horse
- 2) \$5,000 Novice Horse/Non-Pro
- 3) \$25,000 Novice Horse
- 4) \$25,000 Novice Horse/Non-Pro
- 5) Open
- 6) Non-Professional
- 7) \$50,000 Amateur
- 8) \$35,000 Non-Professional
- 9) Junior Youth (13 and under)
- 10) Senior Youth (14 through 18)
- 11) \$15,000 Amateur
- 12) \$2,000 Limit Rider
- 13) \$1,000 Limit Amateur
- 14) Other NCHA approved or specialty classes can be added as deemed needed by the board.

Classes that are Non-NCHA approved:

- 15) \$500 Rider – open to any rider who has less than \$500 in earnings as of January 1st.
- 16) \$1,000 Novice Horse – open to any rider with a horse with less than \$1,000 in earnings as of January 1st.

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