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**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF THE
NEVADA REINED COW AND CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION**

**Article I
NAME AND OBJECTIVES**

- SEC.1 This Association shall be known as the NEVADA REINED COW & CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION.
- SEC.2 The purpose of the Nevada Reined Cow & Cutting Horse Association is to improve the breeding of the Western reined stock horse and cutting horse; to perpetuate the early California Spanish tradition of highly trained and well reined cow and cutting horses; to promote exhibits, cow horse events and contests in expositions and shows; to promote the training of reined cow horses and cutting horses; to promote interest in reined working cow horses among the younger horsemen of Nevada and the West; and to use and encourage the use of standard rules for holding and judging contests of the reined working cow horse and cutting horse.
- SEC.3 The principal place of business of this Association will be in the area of residence of the Secretary.
- SEC.4 Nevada Reined Cow & Cutting Horse Association shall maintain an affiliate membership with the National Cutting Horse Association and operate by its rules and guidelines wherever possible.

**Article II
MEMBERS**

- SEC.1 There will be one class of regular membership and each regular member shall have one vote. The vote of regular members will not be transferable by proxies or otherwise. There will be one class of junior membership for persons eighteen years of age and younger. For horse show purposes, the age of an individual on January 1st of that year shall be maintained throughout the entire year. (For example: a youngster who has a birthday in July of this year and is 18 years of age on January 1st may show the entire year as an 18 year old.) Junior members will have all rights and privileges of regular members except for the right to vote.
- SEC.2 Each regular member and each junior member shall pay annual dues, payable on January 1st of each year. Dues will be determined by the Board of Directors and ratified by the General Membership. All membership dues and fees shall be paid to the Treasurer.

- A. Members who are delinquent in the payment of their dues for a period of more than three months following January 1st of each year shall be automatically dropped from membership.
- SEC.3 Any member may for any violations of the rules of this Association or failure to make payment for any indebtedness, unsportsmanlike conduct, or for any other reason deemed sufficient by a majority of the Board of Directors be dropped from membership. The member may appeal this action in writing within ten days after notification and have a hearing before the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may reinstate said member.
- SEC.4 If a member fails to make payment in full of any amount due from said member to Nevada Reined Cow & Cutting Horse Association, the Secretary shall within sixty days after the same amount becomes due, notify the member by certified mail that unless full settlement of such indebtedness is made within fourteen days of the notice, the member shall be barred from taking any part whatsoever in any NRC & CHA event until settlement is made and notice of same will be published in the Association newsletter.

Article III MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

- SEC.1 The annual meeting of the entire membership of this Association will be held in the month of January in the State of Nevada. Special meetings of the membership may be called by the President, by request of fifteen members made to the Board of Directors, or called by the majority of the Board of Directors.
- SEC.2 Notice of the time and place of the holding of any regular or special meeting of the membership shall be sent by regular mail to all members at the address indicated in the Association's records at least ten days prior to such meeting.
- SEC.3 The agenda of the General Membership meeting shall be printed in the Banquet Program. The agenda shall include any proposed rule or by-law changes.
- SEC.4 Ten or more members of this Association shall constitute a quorum at any General Membership meeting.
- SEC.5 Minutes of the annual General Membership meeting as well as minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors shall be printed in the Association newsletter.
- SEC.6 All financial records shall be reviewed yearly by an accountant retained by the Board of Directors. A financial report prepared by the accountant shall be published in the Association newsletter.

**Article IV
OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

- SEC.1 The officers of this Association shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, all elected by the Board of Directors from among their group. All officers shall be elected for a period of one year or until their successors are duly elected and qualified.
- A. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and at the meetings of the Board of Directors. The President shall appoint committees and conduct the business of the Association in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws.
 - B. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President whenever the President is absent from any meeting.
 - C. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined at all meetings and serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors.
 - D. The Secretary shall keep the minutes and records of the Association at all meetings. Following the election of new officers, all records and property of NRC & CHA shall be turned over within 48 hours to the new secretary, unless otherwise agreed to by the incoming Board of Directors.
 - E. The Treasurer shall record and keep the funds of the Association and will report at the annual meeting of the Association on the receipt and disbursement of all funds. The President or a majority of the Board of Directors may request financial reports from the Treasurer at other regularly called meetings of the Association. The Treasurer shall keep the membership rolls and will perform other duties as usually pertain to this office.
- SEC.2 There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and other members appointed by the President making a total of six members.
- A. The Executive Committee shall manage the affairs of the Association under the direction of the Board of Directors. This committee may hold meetings at any time or place upon the call of the Chairman or three members. Three members of this committee shall constitute a quorum and a majority of such quorum shall decide any question that comes before the meeting. The power of the Executive Committee may be extended or limited by the Board of Directors.

SEC.3 The President or the Board of Directors can create committees as they deem necessary to advise the Board of Directors as a whole concerning matters pertaining to the business of the Association. The President shall serve as the Chairman of all such committees and may appoint a member to fill any vacancies that may occur.

SEC.4 Pursuant to NRC 78.060(f), General Powers of Corporation, and NRS 78.037, Limiting Liability of Directors and Officers, it is the intent of the Directors and Officers of the Corporation that no Director or Officer of the Corporation shall have any personal liability to the Corporation or its Officers for damages for breach of fiducially duty as a director or officer, but such Director or Officer shall be liable to the Corporation and its Officers, for acts or omissions which involve intentional misconduct, fraud, or a knowing violation of the law. This provision of these By-Laws shall not be amended, modified, or deleted unless by procedure defined by NRS 78.390. Regarding Amendment of Articles of Incorporation. If these By-Laws are revoked, the Articles of Incorporation must be amended before such revocation, and this provision shall be provided therein.

Article V ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

SEC.1 All members of the Board of Directors shall be elected annually by the membership, and will serve for a term of one year, but may be re-elected. The installation of new officers may not take place prior to December 31 due to the closing of the fiscal year of this Association.

- A. In the election of ten members of the Board of Directors, members will represent each of the two divisions of the Association, being Nevada Reined Cow & Cutting Horse Association. The eleventh member of the Board of Directors shall be the immediate past President. More than one member per household is permitted to serve on the Board of Directors.
- B. No one shall be eligible for candidacy to the Board of Directors who has not been a member in good standing for one quarter of the preceding year. The President may appoint a director(s) to fill any vacancies that may occur in the Board to serve until the next meeting or until their successor(s) is elected and qualified.
- C. The President shall appoint three judges of election from the membership for the purpose of supervising the election, counting the ballots, and deciding upon any question arising as to the voting. Said decisions shall be final unless reversed by action of the members.

SEC.2 The President shall, at least 45 days prior to the annual membership meeting appoint from the membership of this Association a committee who shall, at

least thirty days prior to each annual membership meeting, contact each member of the Association to determine those members interested in having their names placed on a ballot to determine the Board of Directors for the upcoming year. This ballot shall forthwith be mailed to each member in good standing at the expense of the Association. Each ballot shall consist of a ballot listing the name of each member willing to serve as a member of the Board and an envelope marked "BALLOT". Each member shall select the names of ten people listed on the ballot, enclose it in the envelope marked "BALLOT", and insert the envelope marked "BALLOT" into an envelope to be addressed to one of the judges of the election. The outer envelope (not the one marked "BALLOT") must have the member's name and return address on it. All ballots shall remain sealed until all judges of the election are present, at which time a current copy of the list of all members in good standing shall be consulted, and the return name and address validated. Any ballots not having return names and addresses on the outside envelope with the actual ballot sealed in the envelope marked "BALLOT" shall not be considered valid and will not be counted. Should less than eleven members, including the immediate past president consent to have their names placed on the ballot, nominees may be accepted from the floor during the General Membership meeting.

- SEC.3 Should any member of the Board of Directors be absent from any two consecutive meetings of the Board without being excused, the Secretary shall mail a letter to that Director stating that if he/she is absent a third consecutive time without being excused that he/she will be replaced. In the event of a Director's prior knowledge that he will be absent, he/she should notify either the President or Secretary, and that absence shall be considered excused. After the third consecutive absence, the President shall appoint a new Director to fill the vacancy.

Article VI MEETING OF DIRECTORS

- SEC.1 The new Board of Directors shall meet prior to the annual meeting of the General Membership for the purpose of electing new officers for the ensuing year and said new officers should take office at the annual meeting of the General Membership, unless the new members of the Board are nominated from the floor during the General Membership Meeting, in which case, a meeting of the new Board shall be held shortly following the General Membership meeting and new officers will be elected at that time.
- SEC.2 Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or by seven members of the Board on at least one week's notice.

SEC.3 Six directors will constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors. A majority of such quorum shall decide any questions that come before the meeting.

**Article VII
WORKING RULE CHANGES AND JUDGES**

SEC.1 The Board of Directors of this Association shall be the deciding factors in any changes brought about in the Working Rules of this Association. The Executive Committee will have the responsibility of approving all judges. Said judges should be approved from lists maintained by the National Cutting Horse Association, Pacific Coast Cutting Horse Association, or the National Reined Cow Horse Association. The Association should have current lists of said judges available for the Executive Committee so that they can advise show management of approved judges. The Executive Committee should be encouraged to get in contact with the various Associations and comment on the ability of the judges they have contact with. No judge shall judge two or more separate shows within a fifty-mile radius within a point year without Executive Committee approval.

A. The Association realizes that sometimes an approved judge will not be available for various reasons and the Executive Committee has the power to approve special judges under this circumstance.

**Article VIII
AMENDMENTS**

SEC.1 This Constitution and By-Laws may be repealed, modified, and amended by a two thirds vote of all members present and new By-Laws adopted by the same vote at any regular meeting of the General Membership of this Association or at any special meeting of the General Membership held upon two weeks notice, provided such notice states the amendment, repeal, or modifications of the By-Laws or Constitution will be part of the order of business.



SHOW APPROVALS

SEC.1 Nevada Reined Cow & Cutting Horse Association will approve shows held within the State of Nevada, as well as in the bordering counties of the State of Nevada to the North, South, East and West.

SEC.2 All shows must be approved no less than fourteen days prior to the show and all requests for show approval must be submitted to the Board of Directors. Reports on the results show should be received from the show secretary within ten days of the ending date of the show. The show secretary must send copies of all judges' cards, all payout forms, and lists of all entries for each

class held at the show. Show approval for the following year may be withheld for failure to comply. All show results must be sent to the Association Secretary within ten days of the ending show date.

- SEC.3 Any show making changes after the closing date of entries will not be approved. Show Management is at liberty to offer jackpot classes, providing such classes fulfill other requirements of the Association prior to holding of such classes. Show Management has the right to specify either fence work and/or herd work in working cow horse classes.
- SEC.4 The Executive Committee must approve all judges for NRC & CHA produced shows.
- SEC.5 All working cow horse classes must include both cow work and reined work to be approved.
- SEC.6 The following classes are recognized by, but necessarily considered for year-end awards by this Association. The Board of Directors may approve any other classes they deem necessary. The Board of Directors will designate and publish a list of all classes that will be approved for year-end awards prior to the first show of the year in the Association newsletter.

Working Cow Horse Classes

1. Open Bridle Horse Class
2. Open Hackamore Class
3. Two Reined Stock Horse Class
4. Snaffle Bit Class
5. Junior Exhibitors Bridle Horse Class
6. Non Pro Divisions of Classes 1,2,3 and 4
7. Green Bridle Horse Class
8. Buckaroo

Cutting Horse Classes

1. Open Cutting Horse Class
2. Non Professional Class
3. \$20,000 Non Professional Rider
4. \$10,000 Novice Horse
5. \$ 3,000 Novice Horse
6. \$ 1,500 Novice Horse
7. \$15,000 Novice Horse/Non Professional Rider
8. \$ 5,000 Novice Horse/Non Professional Rider
9. \$50,000 Amateur
10. \$10,000 Amateur
11. \$ 2,000 Limit Rider, Any Horse
12. Youth Cutting Class (may be split into age groups)

- SEC.7 Shows offering both cutting and reined cow horse classes are strongly urged to make sure that if only one judge is used, that said judge is qualified and capable of judging both divisions.
- SEC.8 Classes restricted by show management as to breed, sex, color, locality and class size are not eligible for NRC & CHA approval.
- SEC.9 It is required of cutting show management that total money be paid out according to the current NCHA recommended payout schedule. If a show is not NCHA approved, it is strongly recommended that total money be paid out in accordance with NCHA jackpotted shows.
- SEC.10 A representative will be selected from the contestants in each class to work with contestants and show management by the show management.
- SEC.11 No two shows on the same date will be approved for the same classes within the State of Nevada and bordering counties. NRC & CHA must publish notice of all approved classes by appearing at least once in the official newsletter or by sending **notification** to all members at least ten days in advance of the show.
- SEC.12 Show management is at liberty to offer jackpot classes, providing such classes fulfill other requirements of the Association prior to holding such classes. Show management must specify what part of the entry fee will be jackpotted and what part the show management shall retain as cattle and office charges. Show management may determine the number of go rounds, decide the number of horses to be worked at the regular performances, and if there are more horses than can be worked during the regular performance, the show management may select the times that the eliminations are to be held.
- SEC. 13 Show managers shall be paid a fee of up to \$5 per work, and the show secretary shall be paid a fee of up to \$3 per work. Show announcers shall be paid up to \$150 per day. Cattle help shall be up to \$150 per day. Any time staff is required to stay overnight, the Association shall pay reasonable motel rooms, preferably at the host hotel for the show.

GENERAL RULES CUTTING AND REINED COW HORSE DIVISIONS

- SEC.1 All Nevada Reined Cow & Cutting Horse Association approved shows shall be judged and conducted under the rules of the National Cutting Horse Association or National Reined Cow Horse Association. It is required that persons participating in NCHA approved cutting horse classes affiliate themselves as members of the NCHA, thereby availing themselves to the rule book, case book, and monthly publication which are the official sources of information in the cutting horse industry. In the case of cow horse riders, NRC

& CHA suggests that they affiliate themselves with the NRCHA and thereby avail themselves to the rulebook, casebook, and monthly publications, which are the official sources of information in the working cow horse industry. It is the member's sole responsibility to determine his and/or his horse's eligibility to compete in any classes entered.

SEC.2 In an NRC & CHA approved **cow horse or cutting horse** contest, competition is open to anyone. **Any person owning and/or exhibiting a horse in any NRC & CHA produced show must be a member of NRC & CHA in good standing, in accordance with current insurance requirements, with the exception of those showing in the Open and/or Non Professional cutting classes only in accordance with NCHA rules.** Dues must be paid prior to showing in either cutting or cow horse show classes. In addition, National Cutting Horse Association now requires that owners and/or riders must present to the show secretary current copies of registration papers or in the case of unregistered horses, current bill of sale and brand inspection, and NCHA membership cards for all owners and riders. A fine of \$5 per violation may be assessed by NRC & CHA.

SEC.3 All horses are to be shown under their registered names. If a horse is not registered in any breed association, they may be shown under only one name during their lifetime.

SEC.4 In the case of cow horse riders, a Non Pro is defined as any person, regardless of age, who is not currently receiving remuneration directly or indirectly for showing, training, giving lessons, clinics, or assisting in the training of a horse for remuneration. This does not include prize money. Payment of entry fees and/or expenses by anyone other than the Non Pro, his/her immediate family, or his/her corporation is considered remuneration. A Non Pro may not show, train, or assist in the training of a horse for which their spouse is accepting any form of remuneration either directly or indirectly for training, or assisting in the training or showing of said horses. Remuneration shall be defined as: (i). To pay, reward for work, trouble, etc. (ii). Reimburse, compensate. (iii). Make fair return for an action, barter.

SEC.5 In the case of cutting horse riders, a Non Professional 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 the 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. 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. Employees on a cutting horse operation may be considered non professionals provided that they do not teach cutting horse riders or train cutting horses on cattle.

Sec.6 Inhumane treatment or abuse of a horse in any manner in the show arena or on the show grounds is prohibited. THE ZERO TOLERANCE RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED

WORKING RULES REINED COW HORSE DIVISION

SEC.1. POINTS SYSTEM:

In the Working Cow Horse Division, points are awarded on the basis of 5-4-3-2-1 (depending on the number of horses entered) plus one point for every horse that you place ahead of in the class. In order to be counted, classes must have two or more horses entered and judged, with the exception of the Junior Stock Horse class, which may show with one entry. Riders who show and are judged in a one-horse class will receive credit for having shown in that class, but no points. Points are to be received by owners and riders in good standing as judged and placed ONLY. Only classes that include both cow work and reined work will count for points in this Association. Horses must be shown in a minimum of 50% of the NRC & CHA produced shows to be eligible for points earned to count. Riders may ride more than one horse per class as specified by NRCHA rules. Any special requirements for additional year end awards as determined by the Board of Directors shall be published in the newsletter of the association.

SEC.2. PERFORMANCE AND SCORING:

All shows will be judged in accordance with the rules of the National Reined Cow Horse Association. A reined cow horse class must consist of a reined work and a cow work. It is suggested that contestants be judged on a basis of 60 to 80 points. Half points may be used. Performance only is to count. Points scored for the reined work and cow work are to be totaled. There shall be no ties for first place. In the event of a tie, the entry with the highest cow work score shall win. If there is a tie between the entries in the cow work scores, such tie will be broken by the use of an additional cow work of a length appropriate under the existing show conditions. Other ties will have the money and points added together and split evenly. ie: a tie for third and fourth places will have the money and/or points for third place added to the money and/or points for fourth place, and each entry will receive the same money and/or points.

SEC.3 TYPE AND CONDITION OF HORSE:

Horses must be serviceably sound. Stallions, mares and geldings are eligible without discrimination.

SEC.4. DIVISIONS AND CLASSES WITH RESPECTIVE RULES:

1. OPEN BRIDLE CLASS

Open to horses of any age, to be ridden in an NRCHA approved bit. Reins with a romal required. Only one hand may be used on the reins and hands must not be changed. Open to any rider. Only open bridle horse classes will count towards year-end awards in that division.

2. OPEN HACKAMORE CLASS

Open to horses five years of age and under as of January 1st of current show year that have never been shown in a bridle or two-rein down the fence at any judged classes or events with the exception of horse sales. The rider must use closed reins. Two hands must be used on the reins, except in the herd work. Open to any rider. Must be open as to sex and breed. Riders may ride more than one horse. Only open hackamore classes will count towards year-end awards in that division.

3. TWO-REIN STOCK HORSE CLASS:

Open only to horses of any age that have not been shown in the bridle down the fence in any judged classes or events with the exception of horse sales prior to November 16 of the current show year. These horses can only be shown one year in this class. The rider must use one hand on the reins. Any number of fingers between reins will be permitted. Must be open as to breed and sex. Riders may ride more than one horse. Only open two reined classes will count towards year-end awards in that division. The rider must use one hand on the reins. May be combined with Green Bridle Horse Class.

4. SNAFFLE BIT CLASS:

Open only to horses four years old and younger that have never been shown in a bridle down the fence. Two hands must be used on the reins, except in the herd work. Must be open as to breed and sex. Riders may ride more than one horse. Only open snaffle bit classes will count towards year-end awards in that division.

5. JUNIOR STOCK HORSE CLASS:

Open only to riders 18 years of age and younger as of November 16 of the current show year, no stallions to be shown. (See Article II, SEC. 1.) If entries in this class are large, show management may divide this class into age groups. (The recommended splits are 15 through 18, and 14 and younger.) Points received in any other division will not count towards year-end awards in this division. Points go only to the rider. See General Rules for ownership requirements. Rider may ride only one horse per class, but may ride different horses throughout the year. Horses 5 years of age and under may be shown in either a snaffle bit (4 and younger only) or

hackamore. Horses of any age may be shown in the two-rein (for one year only) or bridle.

7. NON PRO DIVISION CLASS:

Any of the classes 1 through 4 may be offered for Non Professional riders. See General Rules for rules on NON PRO. Classes offered for Non Pro Riders will carry the same rules as Open classes, but will be limited to Non Pro riders. Points received in any other division will not count towards Non Pro year-end awards. For example: a Non Pro may show in the Open Hackamore class, but any points received will count only towards the Open Hackamore division, not the Non Pro Hackamore division. Rider may ride more than one horse per class. Classes within the Non Pro divisions may be combined.

6. GREEN BRIDLE CLASS:

Open only to horses that have not been shown in the Bridle prior to January 1st of the current year. Only points won in the Green Bridle Horse class will count towards year-end awards in this division. Riders may ride more than one horse per class. May be combined with the Two Reined class.

7. BUCKAROO:

Open to Non Pro Riders only. Work to consist of reining pattern and single cow work (boxing) on the end of the arena or out of the herd where safety permits. Amount of time when boxing to be 50 seconds to show control of the cow after the gate closes. Horses 5 years of age and under may be shown in either a snaffle bit (4 and younger only) or hackamore. Horses of any age may be shown in the two-rein (for one year only) or bridle. Riders cannot have shown down the fence 3 times in any judged reined cow horse event held any time at any place.

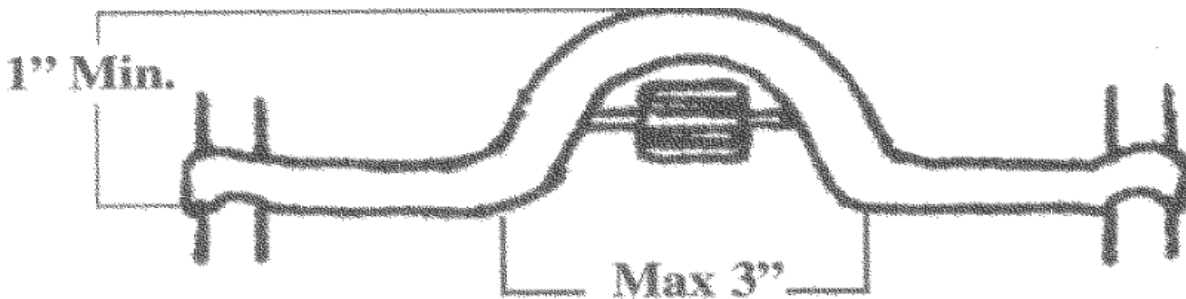
SEC. 5 A list of all classes eligible for year end championships in all divisions recognized within a given point year by the Board of Directors will be published in each and every newsletter. Year-end championships will be decided on points won basis for that year. A horse having won the most points in a respective class that is owned and shown by a member of NRC & CHA in good standing and that has been shown in the minimum number of shows for the NRC & CHA point year shall be considered the year end champion in that class.

SEC. 6 There will be recognition of the Top Five Working Cow Horses for the year as determined on total monies won during that year. In the determination of the horses eligible for the Top Five, monies will count on those horses whose owners and riders meet the criteria for eligibility for year-end awards. A horse may have multiple riders provided that all riders are eligible under the rules of the Association.

SEC. 7 APPOINTMENTS & EQUIPMENT

Horses shall be shown astride with a western saddle. Riders must wear a western hat or helmet approved for riding by an equine organization, long sleeve shirt and chaps or chinks. Carrying of a rope or riata is optional.

A spade bit or a bit having the following characteristics must be used in any of the bridle classes. Said characteristics shall be: one with an unbroken bar mouthpiece with one inch or higher port measured from the bottom of the bar to the top of the port. There must be an operable cricket (roller) incorporated into the mouthpiece of the bit. A barrel, made of copper or metal, wrapped around the bar of the mouthpiece of the bit is to be considered a part of the mouthpiece. The barrel must be round, smooth, and made up of one continuous, unbroken piece. The minimum diameter, on any part of the bar of the mouthpiece, is 5/16 inch. Bars must be round, oval or egg shaped smooth and unwrapped metal. Latex wrap or any foreign material is not acceptable. Nothing may protrude below the mouthpiece (bar), such as extensions or prongs. The cheeks must be connected at the bottom. The overall length of the bit shall not be longer than 8 ½ inches. Optional tongue release shall not exceed 3 inches in width.



Braces, copper port cover and/or having copper smoothly inlaid in the mouthpiece are optional. The use of bosal, martingale or tie-down is prohibited (bosal permitted in Two-Rein class only). No wire, chain or other metal or rawhide device may be used in conjunction with the bit or a part of the leather chin strap. Leather chin strap must be flat, flexible and at least ½ inch wide. No metal rivets are allowed to come in contact with the chin, or chin groove of the horse. Metal keepers are not acceptable on the chin strap. Reins with romal required. The reins can be held in either hand, with hand around reins in a fist position with thumbs up. The non-rein hand must be on the romal. (The keeper, or hobble, that attaches the romal to the reins is considered to be a part of the romal.) The non-rein hand is not allowed, at anytime, to touch the reins or a score of -0- will be applied. The rider is allowed to shorten the reins while the horse is in motion as long as their hands are held in a legal manner. No fingers are permitted between the reins in Bridle classes, except in the Two-Rein class.



ACCEPTABLE



UNACCEPTABLE – SCORE OF 0

In the Two-Rein class bosals may be of any size, constructed of braided rawhide or leather and have a non-metal flexible core. No iron or foreign substance may be used. The rider must use one hand on the reins. Fingers between the reins will be permitted.

Hackamores shall be round in shape and constructed of uniform braided rawhide or leather and have a non-metal flexible core. No gimmick of any kind may be used in conjunction with the bosal. No rigid material of any kind may be used, regardless of how padded or covered, in conjunction with the bosal. Horse hair bosals are prohibited.

Snaffle Bit shall be either “D” or “O” Ring type, no larger than 4 inches in diameter on the inside of the ring. They must have a broken, 2 piece, mouth piece, being a minimum of 5/16 inch in diameter, measured 1 inch in from the inside of the ring on the snaffle bit, with a gradual decrease to center of the snaffle. The mouthpiece should be round, oval or egg-shaped, smooth and unwrapped metal. It may be inlaid, but must be smooth. Latex wrap is not acceptable. These bits must be such that when the reins are pulled no undue leverage is applied, i.e. the inside of the circumference of the ring must be free of rein, curb, or head stall attachments. A leather or other woven material chin strap of any width is to be used. No iron, chain or other material may be used. Chin Strap is allowed to include metal buckles and/or keepers on snaffle bits only. Reins are to be attached above the chin strap. Two hands must be used on the reins, except in the herd work or to provide safety to rider or adjust equipment.

Rider or representative will drop the bridle to the designated bridle checker. The bridle checker must have a magnet available to check the hackamores and chin straps for metal objects (inside) or cores. Designated bridle checker will not touch horse's mouth.

BROKEN EQUIPMENT

If at any time during a performance a piece of equipment breaks, the rider may continue provided the broken equipment does not pose a hazard to the rider and/or is not cruel to the horse. In the event that the fence work immediately follows the rein work, broken equipment may be repaired within a 1 minute time period. Rider may dismount if necessary to make the repair. Horse and rider may not leave the arena and may not receive physical assistance or equipment from outside the arena. If the rider is unable to continue because of the broken equipment, the rider will be excused with a score of zero.

WORKING RULES CUTTING DIVISION

- SEC.1 All cutting classes will be judged on the basis of the National Cutting Horse Association's RULES FOR JUDGING CUTTING HORSE CLASSES.
- SEC.2 The time allotted for each horse to work is 2 ½ minutes, time to start when the horse announced crosses a pre-determined mark or line. This gives the rider ample time to ride to the herd and work as many cattle as the rider sees fit in the allotted time. Any rider who leaves the arena before his allotted time has expired will receive a score of zero.
- SEC 3. Judges must draw for working order of horses before each go round and finals. Random computer draws may be used in classes exceeding 30 entries provided the judge is present and working orders are printed immediately.**
- SEC.4 The score from each go round will be added together to get the top horses for the finals. The scores a horse has earned in go round performances will be added to the score received in the finals to determine the winner of the contest, unless the finals has been designated as "clean-slate." In a contest where there are no finals, scores from each go round shall be added together to determine the contest winner. Scores shall be announced after each horse works. Announcers are required to make known the name of each horse, his owner and rider at the time he performs and to recognize winners in a similar manner.
- SEC.5 Entry fees shall be added to the purse. If any charge is made other than entry fees, it must be so stated and separated from the entry fee.
- SEC.6 Prize money is to be divided into go-round money and finals money as per the current NCHA standard.
- SEC.7 Any time there is more than one go round, money shall be paid in each go round, unless specified differently. Where there are no finals, all monies shall be paid out in the go round(s), except where a governmental agency stipulates how this money shall be paid.

- SEC.8 If eliminations are held, the same rider must ride in the elimination and the contest except in the case of an accident, illness, or death. Each horse must have the same rider throughout the contest. Contestants not available to work at the time called upon will be disqualified for that go round with no score, but will be eligible to compete in remaining go rounds, unless specifically stated in the contest rules.
- SEC.9 Each judge must sign his scorecard and the show management shall post them in a conspicuous place immediately following each go round and finals. There must not be any consultation between judges until after scorecards are turned in, and after the scorecards are turned in, there will be no changes.
- SEC.10 When two or more individuals are judging a cutting horse contest and one of the judges cannot complete judging of a go round, the score(s) of the remaining judge(s) who complete the go round shall provide the sole basis for computing the go round.
- SEC.11 Horses must be ridden with a bridle having a bit in the mouth or with a hackamore. A bridle shall have no noseband or bosal and hackamores shall be of rope or braided rawhide with no metal parts. 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. Wire of any kind and on any part of the curb device is not permissible. Breast collar may be used, no portion of which may pass over the horse's neck. Chaps and spurs may be worn. A competing horse's tail cannot be tied in any manner that would restrict movement of the tail. Any time a contestant is guilty of an infraction of this rule or any part therein, he/she shall be disqualified. A judge has the right to have a contestant report to him if he is suspicious of any infraction of this rule.
- SEC.12 A list of all classes eligible for year end championships in all divisions recognized within a given point year by the Board of Directors will be published in each and every newsletter. Year-end championships will be decided on money won basis for that year. A horse having won the most money in a respective class that is owned and shown by a member of NRC & CHA in good standing and that has been shown in the minimum number of shows for the NRC & CHA point year shall be considered the year end champion in that class. This shall also be the procedure for determining the Top Ten Cutting Horses.

CUTTING
DIVISIONS AND CLASSES WITH RESPECTIVE RULES

SEC.1 It is each member's sole responsibility to determine his/her horse's eligibility to compete in any classes entered. In the case of a Non-Pro or Amateur, it is his/her sole responsibility to maintain his/her Non-Pro and/or Amateur status according to the rules of the NCHA. In the case of the limited classes, it is the sole responsibility of the member to know his/her earnings as of the first of the NRC & CHA point year.

SEC.2 DIVISIONS AND CLASSES WITH RESPECTIVE RULES:

1. NOVICE CUTTING HORSE CLASS

Open to all horses having eligibility earnings as determined from the records of the NCHA (excluding monies won in Limited Aged Events). The added purse for this class shall not exceed that offered for any accompanying Open or Non Professional class. Riders may ride two eligible horses. Suggested divisions for novice horses include:

\$10,000 NOVICE HORSE – eligibility earnings of \$10,000 or less

\$ 3,000 NOVICE HORSE – eligibility earnings of \$3,000 or less

\$ 1,500 NOVICE HORSE – eligibility earnings of \$1,500 or less

2. YOUTH CUTTING CLASS:

Open only to youth contestants who are no more than 18 years of age on the first day of the point year. Money may be won and awarded in this class, but points are awarded according to NCHA recommendations as published in the current rulebook. Rider may ride only one horse per class. See General Rules for ownership requirements. **If there are to be two divisions, Junior Youth is open only to those 13 & under as of the first day of the point year, and Senior Youth is open only to those 14 through 18 years of age as of the first day of the point year. These classes may be combined if there are less than three entries in either division, and additional entries are taken at any time after the draw that increases the entries to at least three in each class. Points will be awarded for both divisions, but the working order will remain as drawn.**

3. NON PROFESSIONAL CUTTING HORSE CLASS:

Open only to non-professional riders as determined by current rules of the NCHA. Suggested divisions for Non Pro Classes are:

NON-PRO – Open to all Non Pro riders regardless of how much lifetime money they have won.

\$20,000 LIMIT NON-PRO – Open to all holders of NCHA Non Professional cards with Non Professional earnings. ALL monies won in ALL classes, including Limited Aged Events of \$20,000 or less as determined from the records of the NCHA.

4. OPEN CUTTING HORSE:

Open to the world as to sex and breed. Only monies won in Open Cutting will count towards year-end awards in that division.

5. NOVICE/NON PRO CUTTING CLASS:

Open only to non-pro riders. Open only to horses having eligibility earnings as determined from records of the NCHA (excluding monies won in Limited Aged Events). Riders may ride two horses per class.

Suggested divisions for Novice/Non Pros:

\$15,000 NOVICE/NON PRO – Open to any Non Pro cardholder riding horses with eligibility earnings of \$15,000 or less (**excluding money won in Limited Age Events**) as determined from the records of the NCHA.

\$5,000 NOVICE/NON PRO – Open to any Non Pro cardholder riding horses with eligibility earnings of \$5,000 or less (**excluding money won in Limited Age Events**) as determined from the records of the NCHA.

6. AMATEUR CUTTING CLASS:

Open to qualified holders of NCHA amateur cards. **Beginning with the 2004 point year all money won in all classes, including Limited Age Events as determined from the records of NCHA are included in the Amateur's lifetime total. A maximum of \$100,000 may be earned between NCHA approved weekend earnings and NCHA Limited Age Events earnings to qualify for Amateur status. Members with less than \$100,000 in total earnings and with earnings less than \$50,000 in either weekend or limited age events at the beginning of the point year will be eligible to compete in one or both categories they qualify for. Earnings in excess of \$50,000 at the beginning of the point year in either weekend or limited age events will make Amateur card holders ineligible to compete in the category for which they do not qualify.** Amateur classes are limited as to lifetime eligibility earnings as determined from the records of the NCHA. Suggested divisions for amateurs:

\$50,000 AMATEUR

\$10,000 AMATEUR

7. \$2,000 LIMIT ANY HORSE ANY RIDER:

Open to all riders having lifetime earnings in all cutting horse competition of \$2,000 or less at the beginning of the point year. Any horse may be ridden regardless of ownership. Holders of NCHA Non Professional cards may compete in this class on any horse without jeopardizing their NCHA Non Professional status.

SEC.3 In the determination of the horses eligible for the Top Ten, monies will count on those horses whose owners and riders meet the criteria for eligibility for

year-end awards. A horse may have multiple riders provided that all riders are eligible under the rules of the Association.