



OFFICIAL RULES, REGULATIONS AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE WYOMING CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP

A. Membership in the Wyoming Cutting Horse Association (WCHA) is open to any individual or business entity in good standing who has paid their dues for the current year.

B. The membership year is from January 1 through December 31 with dues payable on January 1.

C. Membership types:

1) Family membership-includes all family members including youth 18 years old or younger as of January 1. This membership allows two (2) votes at general membership meetings.

2) Single membership-includes a single individual or business entity. This membership allows one (1) vote at general membership meetings.

3) Youth membership-includes the membership of one youth 18 years old or younger as of January 1 whose parents are not WCHA members. This membership does not include voting privileges

D. Membership rates:

- 1) Family Membership \$50.00
- 2) Single Membership \$35.00
- 3) Youth Membership \$ 5.00

SHOW ELIGIBILITY AND CONDUCT

A. The applicable rules and definitions of the National Cutting Horse Association (NCHA) regarding showing, eligibility of horses and riders, judging, conduct and the like apply to the members of the WCHA.

APPROVED CLASSES

A. The eleven (11) approved classes as defined by the NCHA are approved classes of the WCHA for year end awards.

B. Additional WCHA approved classes for year end awards are:

- 1) 1000 Novice Horse-This class is open to all horses which do not have \$1000.00 eligibility earnings as of the current point year.
- 2) 800 Rider-This class is open to any rider that does not have NCHA lifetime earnings of \$800.00 as of the current point year. A horse of any age, sex or lifetime earnings may be ridden.
- 3) Open Derby-This class is open to horses that are 4 years old as of the current year. This is a NCHA approved aged event.
- 4) Non Pro Derby-This class is open to horses that are 4 years old as of the current year and must be shown by a Non Pro Rider. This is a NCHA approved event.

YEAR-END AWARDS

A. Year-end awards will be awarded to the high money earning horses and individuals in each class based on competition at WCHA Approved shows.

B. Eligibility Requirements

- 1) All members of the WCHA who are in good standing are eligible for all year-end awards except for the Wyoming Owned and Ridden award as defined below.
- 2) Both the rider and the owner of a horse must be WCHA members for monies to count towards year-end awards.
- 3) All members who have a permanent address outside of the state of Wyoming must participate in 50% of the WCHA approved shows for the current year in order for their earnings to count towards year end awards.

WYOMING OWNED AND RIDDEN AWARD

A. The Wyoming Owned and Ridden Award recognizes the high money earning horse both owned and ridden by Wyoming residents.

B. Eligibility

- 1) Only horses that are owned by Wyoming residents qualify for this award.
- 2) Only horses shown by Wyoming residents qualify for this award.
- 3) Only monies earned when the horse is shown by a Wyoming resident count towards this award.
- 4) Only monies earned in WCHA approved classes at WCHA approved shows count towards this award.
- 5) The horse may be shown by multiple riders as long as they are all current Wyoming residents and WCHA members.

C. The specific award given will be determined each year by the WCHA Board of Directors based on the financial situation of the WCHA. The award will be determined by July 1st of the current year.

WYOMING MASTERS TOURNAMENT

A. The Wyoming Masters Tournament is a competition that is held at the WCHA Year End Show to recognize the high money earners for the current year in the WCHA. The availability of this class will be determined by the Board of Directors of the WCHA. The awards for this class will also be determined according to the financial situation of the WCHA. The award will be determined by July 1st of the current year.

B. Class divisions and formats will also be determined by July 1st of the current year.

C. Eligibility

- 1) All members of the WCHA are eligible to qualify for the Masters Tournament.
- 2) Members who are not Wyoming residents must compete in at least 50% of the WCHA approved shows for the current year to qualify.
- 3) Members who are Wyoming residents are not required to compete in a minimum number of approved shows to qualify.

D. Total money earned by each individual in the designated classes count towards qualification regardless of the number of horses shown or number of classes in which participating.

WCHA FUTURITY, AGED EVENTS AND NON-PRO TOURNAMENTS

A. Eligibility

- 1) Both the rider and owner of horses shown in these events must be members of the WCHA.
- 2) Dues are payable at the time entry fees are paid. Memberships obtained at these events will expire on December 31 of that year as do all other memberships.

B. Rules

- 1) Rules specific to these events are published by the show secretary and are available from the show management.

RETURNED CHECK AND BILL SKIPPING POLICIES

A. Returned Check Policy

- 1) When a check payable to the WCHA is first returned, a personal telephone call will be made by a WCHA Officer to correct the problem.
- 2) If the check is returned a second time, a certified letter will be sent by the Treasurer requesting a money order or cashiers check for full payment within seven (7) days.
- 3) If there is no response, the Treasurer will turn the check over to the NCHA and the individual is automatically suspended from all rights and privileges of the WCHA.

B. Failure to pay WCHA show obligations

- 1) Failure to pay a WCHA show obligation, whether intentional or accidental, as resulting from a clerical error, will be handled by a letter of explanation from WCHA show management.
- 2) If the obligation is not corrected within 30 days, a second letter will be sent by WCHA show management.
- 3) If the second letter does not correct the problem, a WCHA Officer will contact the individual by telephone to arrange payment.
- 4) If payment cannot be arranged, the individual will be suspended from all rights and privileges of the WCHA.

SITUATIONS NOT COVERED BY THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS

- A. Situations and problems occurring that are not discussed in this set of rules will be brought before the Board of Directors for consideration.
- B. Concurrence of the majority of the Board of Directors will be final.

C. At the discretion of the Board of Directors, addition, corrections and deletions can be made to this set of rules and regulation. Any such changes will be published on the WCHA website and posted in the Wyoming Wrangler.