



AMATEUR COMMITTEE
2025 NCHA Convention Agenda
June 21, 2025 ** 8:30 am – 10:30 am
Room – Lone Star
San Antonio, Texas ** Grand Hyatt River Walk

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Mission Statement
3. Family-Owned Horse Rule
4. Weekend Classes, how long to earn out
5. Amateur Rules, Riders & Earnings
6. Amateur entries & Horse entries into Non-Pro/Open classes
7. Review Committee Communication Efforts
8. Old Business
9. New Business
10. Election of Chairman & Vice Chairman
11. Adjournment

NCHA Amateur Committee

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Lone Star Ballroom



ROLL CALL

	Term Ends	Region
_____ Dawn Brehm	2026	5
_____ William Cole **	2028	6
_____ Bob Cooley	2028	2
_____ Thad Cox (changed to Voting member)	2027	8
_____ Steve Duff	2027	4
_____ Taylor Flowers	2026	6
_____ Jan Gandy	2026	6
_____ Sandra Lines	2026	5
_____ Brooke Manion *	2027	5
_____ Jennifer Palmer	2025	8
_____ Erin Russell	2027	8
_____ Andrew Sligh	2026	5
_____ Grant Smith	2026	3
_____ Paul K. Smith	2025	7
_____ Peri Suenram	2026	1
_____ Kelley Tammen	2026	7

New Members for 2025 – 2028 Term

Sherryl Byars	2028	7
William Cole	2028	6
Bob Cooley	2028	2
Joey Jingoli – NVEO	2028	8
Brett Shayler - NVEO	2028	8
Brad Weiss – NVEO	2028	8

We want to thank those terming out for their service.

Paul K. Smith	2025	4
Jennifer Palmer	2025	8

Amateur Committee Mission Statement

1. Recommend the rules governing those who hold an NCHA Amateur card.
2. Make recommendations regarding Amateur classes held at Limited Age Events and Weekend Shows.
3. Make recommendations regarding rules for determining and maintaining Amateur eligibility.
4. Make recommendations on new ideas that will encourage participation and growth of the Amateur division.

FAMILY HORSE RULE

STANDING RULE 51.a.4. If a member who holds an NCHA Non-Professional and/or Amateur card publicly exhibits in any contest, whether approved or unapproved, a cutting horse not owned by the member or by the member's Immediate Family as defined herein, the member will be subject to disciplinary actions as provided in this rule, in addition to potential disciplinary actions under Rule 50.d.4.

For purposes of this rule "Immediate Family" shall mean the member's spouse, child, stepchild, parent, grandparents, grandchild step-parent, sibling, half-sibling, step-sibling, spouse's parent, spouse's step-parent, sibling's spouse, half-sibling's spouse, step sibling's spouse, sibling's child, sibling's step-child, half-sibling's child, half-sibling's step-child, step-sibling's child, step-sibling's step-child, parent's sibling, parent's half-sibling, parent's step-sibling, parent's sibling's child, parent's sibling's stepchild, parent's half sibling's child, parent's half sibling's stepchild, parent's step sibling's child, parent's step sibling's stepchild, legal ward or legal guardian. Any member who owns a horse that he/she wants his or her immediate family to show pursuant to this rule is responsible for completing the forms prescribed by the NCHA relating to a family-owned horse and filing those forms with the NCHA prior to the show in which any qualified family member will show that horse. The horse owner member is also responsible for updating their family-owned horse information with the NCHA to be sure it is accurate and up to date. A member showing a horse owned by an immediate family member under this rule may have his or her entry fees and expenses paid by an immediate family member.

Penalties for ownership rule violations may include immediate loss of Non-Professional/Amateur status of the member, up to three (3) years suspension from the NCHA, up to a maximum of \$10,000 fine. Also, any other member found guilty of aiding and abetting the rule violator will be subject to the same penalties depending on the severity of the incident.

RIDER'S RELATIONSHIP	TRIPS TO HERD				UNIQUE HORSE/RIDER			
	AM		NP		AM		NP	
SELF	464	57.2%	152	46.8%	227	62.0%	102	54.3%
BUSINESS OWNER	179	22.1%	68	20.9%	68	18.6%	30	16.0%
WIFE OF OWNER	7	0.9%	2	0.6%	1	0.3%	1	0.5%
HUSBAND OF OWNER	4	0.5%	1	0.3%	2	0.5%	1	0.5%
WIFE	14	1.7%	9	2.8%	7	1.9%	4	2.1%
HUSBAND	9	1.1%	0	0.0%	5	1.4%	0	0.0%
COMMON LAW	2	0.2%	0	0.0%	1	0.3%	0	0.0%
COMMON LAW OF OWNER	0	0.0%	1	0.3%	0	0.0%	1	0.5%
DAUGHTER	38	4.7%	32	9.8%	15	4.1%	19	10.1%
SON	24	3.0%	23	7.1%	11	3.0%	10	5.3%
SON OF OWNER	24	3.0%	7	2.2%	7	1.9%	2	1.1%
DAUGHTER OF OWNER	13	1.6%	4	1.2%	5	1.4%	3	1.6%
FATHER OF OWNER	3	0.4%	0	0.0%	1	0.3%	0	0.0%
MOTHER	2	0.2%	1	0.3%	1	0.3%	1	0.5%
FATHER	2	0.2%	0	0.0%	1	0.3%	0	0.0%
SON IN LAW	2	0.2%	0	0.0%	1	0.3%	0	0.0%
SON IN LAW OF OWNER	1	0.1%	1	0.3%	1	0.3%	1	0.5%
DAUGHTER IN LAW	0	0.0%	2	0.6%	0	0.0%	1	0.5%
DAUGHTER IN LAW OF OWNER	2	0.2%	0	0.0%	1	0.3%	0	0.0%
STEP DAUGHTER	1	0.1%	1	0.3%	1	0.3%	1	0.5%
NEPHEW	9	1.1%	11	3.4%	3	0.8%	4	2.1%
NEPHEW OF OWNER	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.3%	0	0.0%
NIECE	0	0.0%	1	0.3%	0	0.0%	1	0.5%
BROTHER	6	0.7%	0	0.0%	3	0.8%	0	0.0%
GRANDSON	3	0.4%	2	0.6%	2	0.5%	1	0.5%
GRANDCHILD OF OWNER	0	0.0%	2	0.6%	0	0.0%	2	1.1%
NIECE IN LAW OF OWNER	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.3%	0	0.0%
STEP NEPHEW	0	0.0%	2	0.6%	0	0.0%	1	0.5%
COUSIN	0	0.0%	1	0.3%	0	0.0%	1	0.5%
GREAT AUNT	0	0.0%	2	0.6%	0	0.0%	1	0.5%

IMMEDIATE FAMILY (SELF / SPOUSE)	TRIPS TO HERD				UNIQUE HORSE/RIDER			
	AM		NP		AM		NP	
SELF								
BUSINESS OWNER								
WIFE OF OWNER								
HUSBAND OF OWNER								
WIFE	679	83.7%	233	71.7%	311	85.0%	139	73.9%
HUSBAND								
COMMON LAW								
COMMON LAW OF OWNER								

CHILDREN / PARENTS	TRIPS TO HERD				UNIQUE HORSE/RIDER			
	AM		NP		AM		NP	
DAUGHTER								
SON								
SON OF OWNER								
DAUGHTER OF OWNER								
FATHER OF OWNER								
MOTHER								
FATHER	112	13.8%	71	21.8%	45	12.3%	38	20.2%
SON IN LAW								
SON IN LAW OF OWNER								
DAUGHTER IN LAW								
DAUGHTER IN LAW OF OWNER								
STEP DAUGHTER								

OTHER NOT 1ST LEVEL	TRIPS TO HERD				UNIQUE HORSE/RIDER			
	AM		NP		AM		NP	
NEPHEW								
NEPHEW OF OWNER								
NIECE								
BROTHER								
GRANDSON								
GRANDCHILD OF OWNER	20	2.5%	21	6.5%	10	2.7%	11	5.9%
NIECE IN LAW OF OWNER								
STEP NEPHEW								
COUSIN								
GREAT AUNT								

NUMBER OF YEARS TO EARN OUT OF EACH EARNINGS LEVEL

Among Riders that started 2022 with \$0 in earnings and were active in years 2022, 2023, 2024.

First year for counting adjusted to year in which rider earned first \$1

	2K Limit Rider		15K Am		35K NP		50K Am	
Population	1457		753		806		753	
first year	114	8%	7	1%	1	0%	1	0%
second year	150	10%	24	3%	10	1%	4	1%
third year	47	3%	13	2%	6	1%	5	1%
still in	1146	79%	709	94%	789	98%	743	99%

Population: Riders that had \$0 earnings at the beginning of the 2022 point year but that earned \$1 between 2022 and 2024.

Time starts counting when the rider won their first \$1. So if they were members in 2022 but didn't win a \$1 until 2023, time to win out starts with 2023 point year.

Example: Amateur Rider is first year member in 2022.

	Earnings that Year	Lifetime Total	Eligible Classes
2022	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2023	\$3,299.00	\$3,299.00	all in 2023 (based on 2022 earnings)
2024	\$56,236.46	\$59,535.46	15, 35, 50 (based on 2023 earnings)
2025			UA/NP only

Time to win out:

2K	1 year
15K	2 years
35K	2 years
50K	2 years

NUMBER / PERCENTAGE OF MEMBERS THAT EARNED OUT OF DOLLAR LIMITED CLASSES FROM 2022 TO 2024

RIDERS THAT WERE ACTIVE MEMBERS IN 2022, 2023 OR 2024 AND EARNED AT LEAST \$1

	\$2K LIMIT RIDER			\$15K AMATEUR			\$35K NON PRO			\$50K AMATEUR		
	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024
RIDERS FOR THE DIVISION	4,823	5,171	5,431	2,873	3,070	3,083	3,392	3,581	3,599	2,873	3,070	3,083
% ELIGIBLE	37.3%	36.7%	34.8%	60.3%	59.5%	56.6%	69.8%	69.4%	67.2%	78.6%	77.5%	76.1%
ELIGIBLE AT START	1,800	1,896	1,890	1,732	1,826	1,746	2,367	2,486	2,417	2,259	2,379	2,346
EARNED OUT	252	266	262	107	125	120	85	104	113	73	56	82
% EARNED OUT	14.0%	14.0%	13.9%	6.2%	6.8%	6.9%	3.6%	4.2%	4.7%	3.2%	2.4%	3.5%

RIDERS THAT WERE ACTIVE MEMBERS IN 2022, 2023 OR 2024

	\$2K LIMIT RIDER			\$15K AMATEUR			\$35K NON PRO			\$50K AMATEUR		
	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024
RIDERS FOR THE DIVISION	9,212	9,739	10,327	4,600	4,663	4,655	5,381	5,419	5,415	4,600	4,663	4,655
% ELIGIBLE	39.6%	40.3%	41.1%	63.8%	62.5%	61.2%	73.2%	72.4%	71.3%	81.3%	80.0%	79.1%
ELIGIBLE AT START	3,645	3,920	4,242	2,934	2,916	2,850	3,937	3,925	3,859	3,740	3,732	3,684
EARNED OUT	252	266	262	107	125	120	85	104	113	73	56	82
% EARNED OUT	6.9%	6.8%	6.2%	3.6%	4.3%	4.2%	2.2%	2.6%	2.9%	2.0%	1.5%	2.2%

Notes on population inclusion:

- \$15K Amateur / \$50K Amateur riders for the divisions is the population of all Amateur riders.
- \$35K Non Pro Riders for the division includes NP and Amateur riders.
- Earned Out Rider numbers are the same between the 2 populations since those that earned out were active and earned \$1.

Observations on the \$1 Earned Group - PERCENTAGE ELIGIBLE FOR EACH CLASS

- The % eligible for the \$50K is more than 76% at the start of the year in the \$1 earned group.
- The % eligible for the \$35K is more than 67% at the start of the year in the \$1 earned group.
- The % eligible for the \$15K is more than 56% at the start of the year in the \$1 earned group.
- The % eligible for the \$2K is the smallest at the start of the year with 34% being eligible in the \$1 earned group.

The percentage eligible varies less than 2% from year to year in the 2k, 35 and 50. Only the 15 lies outside that with 4% decrease between 2022 and 2024.

The number of riders in each division increased in every class in every year.

The number of eligible riders in each class decreased between 2023 and 2024 in every class.

Observations on the \$1 Earned Group - EARNING OUT

2K limit has the highest % of riders earn out at 14% (252 out of 1800 earned out in 2022)

15K amateur earn out percentages increased between 2022 and 2024 from 6.2 to 6.9%

35K NonPro earn out percentages increased between 2002 and 2024 from 3.6 to 4.7%

50K Amateur earn out percentage increased between 2002 and 20024 from 3.2 to 3.5%

AMATEUR CLASS

1990	\$20,000 LIMITED AMATEUR (LIFETIME EARNINGS)
1995	\$50,000 AND \$20,000 LIMITED AMATEUR (LIFETIME EARNINGS)
2007	\$100,000 AMATEUR SPLIT \$50,000 WKND \$50,000 LAE (LIFETIME ELIGIBILITY)
2011-2017	SENIOR AMATEUR \$200,000 WITH \$100,000 LAE/\$100,000 WKND
2018	SENIOR AMATEUR, SAME AS ABOVE WITH \$400,000 WITH \$200,000 SPLIT WKND/LAE – 70+ NO CAP – SENIOR EARNINGS DO NOT COUNT TOWARD ELIGIBILITY BUT DO COUNT TOWARD AWARDS
2022	SENIOR AMATEUR CHANGE BACK T6O 2011 RULE
2023	\$50,000 AMATEUR BACK TO TRUE \$50,000 IN ELIGIBILITY – NO SENIOR ROLLBACK
2024	\$50,000 AMATEUR – ALL EARNINGS COUNT

UNLIMITED AMATEUR CLASS

2013	OVER AGE 60 – UNLIMITED
	UNDER AGE 60 - \$100,000 LIMITED AGE NON PRO MONEY
2021	OVER AGE 60 – UNLIMITED
	UNDER AGE 60 - \$250,000 LIMITED AGE NON PRO MONEY

MEMBERS WITH NP OR AMATEUR STATUS

YEAR	NP	CHANGE	AM	CHANGE
2021	850	--	4,935	--
2022**	918	68	5,413	478
2023	858	-60	5,231	-182
2024	857	-1	5,229	-2
2025	766	-91	4,678	TBD

**2022 implemented the Free Ride / Yellowstone Sticker promotion – increase counts without increasing participation.

ENTRY COUNTS FOR WEEKEND (CHAMP AND CHALLENGER) CLASSES

YEAR	NP	UA	50K AM	35K NP	15K AM	1K AM
2021+	7,350	0	10,207	6,325	7,719	836
2022	6,719	3,393	11,086	5,223	7,592	579
2023**	6,797	5,509	8,844	5,255	6,906	694
2024	7,283	6,569	8,960	4,957	6,905	622
2025	2,732	2,868	3,138	1,646	2,216	289

+ UA was not put into class rotation until 2022.

** 2023 shift from 50K to UA was due to \$50K Amateur eligibility definition change. (i.e. Pure 50).

Open horses owned by Amateurs = 215 out of 610. There was only 1 class of entry – Limited was included so that is the #.

2024 FUTURITY						
CLASS	TOTAL ENTRIES	AMATEUR ENTRIES	AM ADV TO 2ND GO	AM ADV TO SF FINALS	AM ADV TO FINALS	% OF NP ENTRIES THAT ARE AMATEURS
N	324	104	60	12	4	32.1%
NI	198	65	37	--	9	32.8%
NIL	60	29	15	--	9	48.3%

1. How many Open horses were owned at the SS by Amateurs.

Open horses owned by Amateurs = 260. That counts any entry in an open division. If 1 horse was entered in the Open and Limited Open – would be counted 2x. That also only matches 1 amateur ID. If a husband / wife own the horse – this only matches one. It also does not include companies owned by Amateurs.

2. How many Amateurs were entered at the SS in the NP. (4 Yo and 5/6 breakdown).

4 YEAR OLD NON PRO					
CLASS	TOTAL NP ENTRIES	AMATEUR ENTRIES	AM ADV TO 2ND GO	AM ADV TO FINALS	% OF AM ENTRIES
N	137	42	21	2	30.7%
NI	74	35		6	47.3%
L(np)	18	15	--	4**	83.3%

5/6 YEAR OLD NON PRO

CLASS	TOTAL NP ENTRIES	AMATEUR ENTRIES	AM ADV TO 2ND GO	AM ADV TO FINALS	% OF AM ENTRIES
N	135	40	24	8	29.6%
NI	82	33		7	40.2%
L(np)	35	21	--	6	60.0%

** 4 YEAR OLD limited Non Pro did not have a working Finals – 5 riders received checks. 4 of the 5 (1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th) were Amateur riders.

EARNING BUCKET BREAKDOWN / 2025 ELIGIBILITY - EARNED \$1 IN 2023 OR 2024

RIDERS WITH ONLY NP STATUS				
Min	MAX	ONLY	% of pop	Cum %
\$ 1	\$ 250	18	3.6%	3.6%
\$ 250	\$ 500	13	2.6%	6.1%
\$ 500	\$ 1,000	21	4.2%	10.3%
\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000	25	4.9%	15.2%
\$ 2,000	\$ 3,000	15	3.0%	18.2%
\$ 3,000	\$ 5,000	22	4.3%	22.5%
\$ 5,000	\$ 10,000	40	7.9%	30.4%
\$ 10,000	\$ 15,000	29	5.7%	36.2%
\$ 15,000	\$ 35,000	61	12.1%	48.2%
\$ 35,000	\$ 50,000	32	6.3%	54.5%
\$ 50,000	\$ 75,000	22	4.3%	58.9%
\$ 75,000	\$ 100,000	19	3.8%	62.6%
\$ 100,000	\$ 150,000	35	6.9%	69.6%
\$ 150,000	\$ 200,000	21	4.2%	73.7%
\$ 200,000	\$ 250,000	18	3.6%	77.3%
\$ 250,000	\$ 300,000	8	1.6%	78.9%
\$ 300,000	\$ 500,000	37	7.3%	86.2%
\$ 500,000	\$ 1,000,000	43	8.5%	94.7%
\$ 1,000,000		27	5.3%	100.0%
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RIDERS WITH ONLY AMATEUR (UA OR AM) STATUS				
Min	MAX	ONLY	% of pop	Cum %
\$ 1	\$ 250	205	6.8%	6.8%
\$ 250	\$ 500	137	4.5%	11.3%
\$ 500	\$ 1,000	172	5.7%	17.0%
\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000	243	8.0%	25.0%
\$ 2,000	\$ 3,000	148	4.9%	29.9%
\$ 3,000	\$ 5,000	203	6.7%	36.6%
\$ 5,000	\$ 10,000	337	11.1%	47.7%
\$ 10,000	\$ 15,000	189	6.2%	54.0%
\$ 15,000	\$ 35,000	421	13.9%	67.9%
\$ 35,000	\$ 50,000	195	6.4%	74.3%
\$ 50,000	\$ 75,000	197	6.5%	80.8%
\$ 75,000	\$ 100,000	123	4.1%	84.9%
\$ 100,000	\$ 150,000	143	4.7%	89.6%
\$ 150,000	\$ 200,000	94	3.1%	92.7%
\$ 200,000	\$ 250,000	62	2.0%	94.7%
\$ 250,000	\$ 300,000	38	1.3%	96.0%
\$ 300,000	\$ 500,000	79	2.6%	98.6%
\$ 500,000	\$ 1,000,000	33	1.1%	99.7%
\$ 1,000,000		9	0.3%	100.0%
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EARNING BUCKET BREAKDOWN / 2025 ELIGIBILITY - ACTIVE IN 2023 OR 2024

RIDERS WITH ONLY NP STATUS				
Min	MAX	ONLY	% of pop	Cum %
\$ -	\$ 1	201	19.9%	19.9%
\$ 1	\$ 250	31	3.1%	23.0%
\$ 250	\$ 500	27	2.7%	25.7%
\$ 500	\$ 1,000	33	3.3%	28.9%
\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000	41	4.1%	33.0%
\$ 2,000	\$ 3,000	31	3.1%	36.1%
\$ 3,000	\$ 5,000	42	4.2%	40.2%
\$ 5,000	\$ 10,000	81	8.0%	48.3%
\$ 10,000	\$ 15,000	59	5.8%	54.1%
\$ 15,000	\$ 35,000	106	10.5%	64.6%
\$ 35,000	\$ 50,000	50	5.0%	69.6%
\$ 50,000	\$ 75,000	35	3.5%	73.0%
\$ 75,000	\$ 100,000	26	2.6%	75.6%
\$ 100,000	\$ 150,000	56	5.6%	81.2%
\$ 150,000	\$ 200,000	28	2.8%	83.9%
\$ 200,000	\$ 250,000	23	2.3%	86.2%
\$ 250,000	\$ 300,000	12	1.2%	87.4%
\$ 300,000	\$ 500,000	44	4.4%	91.8%
\$ 500,000	\$ 1,000,000	52	5.2%	96.9%
\$ 1,000,000		31	3.1%	100.0%
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RIDERS WITH ONLY AMATEUR (UA OR AM) STATUS				
Min	MAX	ONLY	% of pop	Cum %
\$ -	\$ 1	415	7.7%	7.7%
\$ 1	\$ 250	388	7.2%	14.9%
\$ 250	\$ 500	262	4.9%	19.8%
\$ 500	\$ 1,000	288	5.4%	25.2%
\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000	439	8.2%	33.4%
\$ 2,000	\$ 3,000	272	5.1%	38.4%
\$ 3,000	\$ 5,000	357	6.6%	45.1%
\$ 5,000	\$ 10,000	567	10.6%	55.6%
\$ 10,000	\$ 15,000	327	6.1%	61.7%
\$ 15,000	\$ 35,000	659	12.3%	74.0%
\$ 35,000	\$ 50,000	298	5.5%	79.5%
\$ 50,000	\$ 75,000	310	5.8%	85.3%
\$ 75,000	\$ 100,000	178	3.3%	88.6%
\$ 100,000	\$ 150,000	212	3.9%	92.5%
\$ 150,000	\$ 200,000	124	2.3%	94.8%
\$ 200,000	\$ 250,000	83	1.5%	96.4%
\$ 250,000	\$ 300,000	46	0.9%	97.2%
\$ 300,000	\$ 500,000	102	1.9%	99.1%
\$ 500,000	\$ 1,000,000	37	0.7%	99.8%
\$ 1,000,000		9	0.2%	100.0%
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!! - population of NP in this chart does NOT include Amateurs. These numbers represent only NP riders.

- Numbers in this chart vary slightly from the earn out class numbers. That population was 2022 - 2024.

Population is the group of riders that started the 2022 point year with \$0 earnings but that won at least \$1 in 2022, 2023 or 2024.

15 and 50 classes only include riders with amateur status.

35 class only includes riders with NP OR Amateur status.

Only 1,457 riders started with \$0 earnings in 2022.

The telling numbers are the last line:

79% of 2K riders are still in the 2K

94% of 15K riders are still in the 15.

98% of 35K riders are still in the 35

99% of 50K riders are still in the 50.

Are Amateur status and Non Pro status the same?

While all Amateurs are automatically also Non Pros, not all Non Pros are eligible to be Amateurs. Non Pro status has fewer restrictions. Amateurs have all of the restrictions of Non Pro PLUS a few more.

Non Pros AND Amateurs CAN:

- Share expenses while hauling, i.e., gas, lodging, food, etc.
- Accept a horse as a gift from anyone provided there is no pre-arranged agreement to return the horse to its prior owner, as long as it is reported to NCHA.
- Buy a horse based on installment payments, provided a fixed amount is stated and paid. A copy of the written sales agreement must be provided to NCHA and needs to state the name of the horse, the sale price, payment dates, amounts and the date of final payment.
- Receive compensation for judging cutting horse contests and other horse show classes.
- Board horses in their barn and provide cattle for training as long as they do NOT work any boarders' horses on cattle in any arena, pen or pasture, or on a cutting device.
- Endorse products publicly as long as they receive no remuneration, pay all of their own expenses and keep any logo(s) modest.
- Win monies by showing as long as all winnings are returned to the individual Non- Pro/Amateur who competed on the horse.
- Show a horse owned by a corporation, business or partnership as long as they and/or family members are the owner.

Amateurs CAN NOT do or have done all of the below Non-Pro section PLUS:

- Have EVER ridden or trained horses or riders in any discipline astride for remuneration of any kind.
- Have assisted in training horses or riders in any discipline astride for remuneration of any kind.
- Have been an apprentice trainer at any time in any discipline.
- Be married or have been married to or lived with a professional trainer in any discipline.
- Have lived or currently live on the premises of a training operation.
- Have lived or currently live with a person who is classified as a trainer in any discipline.
- Have been directly or indirectly employed by a professional trainer or work at a horse training operation of any kind.
- Have any portion of their expenses paid by another party, except under the family rule.
- Ride horses they or an immediate family member do not own in competition unless it is:
 - In RIDER classes with earnings limit \$2,000 or less or Youth class.

Non-Pros **CAN NOT:**

- Be a Hall of Fame trainer in any discipline.
- Show, train or assist in training cutting horses or cutting horse riders under any circumstance or in any capacity
 - For remuneration (pay).
 - In exchange for any goods or services (i.e., rent, cattle use, veterinary bills, transportation expenses or entry fees for self or horse, etc.).
- Show, train or assist in training horses astride in any cattle/cow horse equine discipline for direct or indirect remuneration.
- Have been an apprentice cutting horse trainer.
- Transfer a horse to another person for the sole purpose of sharing expenses.
- Have any portion of their expenses paid by another party, except under the family rule.
- Ride horses they or an immediate family member do not own in competition unless it is:
 - In RIDER classes with earnings limit \$2,000 or less or Youth class.

EXCEPTIONS

NCHA Rules contain several exception rules that may allow a member to obtain Non-Pro or Amateur status under certain limited circumstances. Please consult the NCHA rules for the details of these exception rules. If you believe that you may qualify for Non-Pro or Amateur status under one of these exception rules and would like to apply, please contact the NCHA office to obtain an application form for the exception that you are seeking. For complete rules relating to Amateur and/or Non Pro status please refer to the online version of the NCHA Official Guide to Rules and Regulations at www.nchacutting.com

ALSO CHECK OUT THE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS UNDER THE MEMBERSHIP TAB
AT NCHACUTTING.COM

<https://www.nchacutting.com/members/new-faqs>

If you have questions, please feel free to contact the membership department at 817-244-6188

NCHA Website

- **TOP NAVIGATION** (these links available under every main header).
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- **About Us**
 - Who We Are
 - Hall Of Fame Horse / Rider / Member (includes Video)
 - Our Leaders (Governance / Election Information)
 - News Feed
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 - Chatter Magazine – access links to online version
 - NCHA Foundation information
 - Convention Information
 - Contact Information
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- **Produced Event Information**
 - Association Event Overview
 - Futurity
 - Super Stakes / National Circuit Championship
 - Summer Spectacular
 - World Finals
 - Eastern National Championship
 - Payment Schedule for all Produced Events
 - Leveling Information (eligibility for NCHA produced LAEs)
 - Medication Policy

- **Local Shows and Events**

- Show Terminology Overview
- Circuit Program rules / information / Program Overview
 - Circuit Map
 - Local Circuit Championship Information
 - NCHA Days Information
 - Senior World Tour Rules
 - Circuit Program Designation Form
- Weekend Event Calendar (Championship / Challenger)
- Aged Event Calendar
- Trainer Directory
- **STANDINGS AND RESULTS** - Drop Down with variety of options
 - World Championship Standings
 - Circuit Standings
 - Amateur Rider
 - Leading Sire
 - Leading Dam
 - Horse of the Year (Open / Non-Pro / Amateur)
 - Rookie of the Year
 - Senior World Tour
- Affiliate Listing
- Secretary Tools – One Stop for all the forms and information a secretary needs.
- Top 100 Listing

- **Membership**

- Getting Started - good place for basic beginner information
- FAQs – membership, Non-Pro, Amateur
- Membership Application / Renewal
- Change of Address / Phone Number / Email / Name – etc.
- Family Member Designation / Registration form (for Non-Pros and Amateurs)
- Non-Pro / Amateur Application (required for all Non-Pros and Amateurs)

- **Judges**

- Judging Cutting – the How / What / When / Why of scoring a cutting run
- Become A Judge – how to get your card
- Judge Seminar Locations & Registration
- Judge List – List of Approved Judges
- Weekend Monitor Program
- Judge Education – Not just for judges. Videos, tips, tricks – good for everyone
- Current NCHA Judge Score Sheet / Judge Card
- Judge Evaluation / Challenge Forms
- Videographers
 - List of Certified Videographers and Process to become Certified Videographer

