OPEN SHOW COMMITTEE
2017 NCHA Convention Recommendations

During its meeting at the NCHA Annual Convention, the committee made the following recommendations, which will be forwarded to the Executive Committee for review. Agenda items are not listed if the committee took "No Action" or "Tabled" the item or were discussion items.

1. Recommend the addition of the following verbiage to the end of Standing Rule 18:

   Unapproved Novice Horse classes held within or during an NCHA approved show may allow riders to show an unlimited number of horses. Unapproved classes based on "Rider Earnings" shall be limited to two (2) entries per rider. However, all NCHA rules regarding NonPro/Amateur ownership apply unless the class offered is a "Limited Rider" type class (Note: Any unapproved Limited Rider class cannot be in excess of $2,000). Any unapproved class that does not follow standard NCHA class rules and is not addressed in this paragraph must submit a copy of the class rules with the NCHA show application.

2. Recommend to the Executive Committee to mirror the Judges Rule Committee recommendation on Standing Rule 34. The following changes to Standing Rule 34 to clarify the responsible parties to monitor this rule:

   A contestant shall not enter any part of the arena (Working Area or Warm-up Area) at a cutting horse contest approved or sponsored by the NCHA with any kind of training device, tack or equipment not permitted by the Rules for Judging Cutting Horse Contests Rule 16 on a horse.

   a. A JUDGE must disqualify a contestant if they enter the arena (WORKING AREA) with any such equipment, and all entry fees and/or premium payments to said contestant shall be forfeited. *The bit may be inspected at the judge's discretion; and in the event a violation of the rules is discovered, the violator MAY be subject to a* ***fine and/or*** ~~*one (1) year*~~ *suspension.*

   b. No Horse shall enter the warm up area with any such equipment. All riders showing horses are deemed responsible for that horse under these rules. Enforcement of this rule is the responsibility of show management and NCHA directors. Failure to comply will result in:
   1. First offense: $200 Fine
   2. Second Offense: $500 Fine
   3. Third and subsequent offenses within 12 months- 90 day suspension.

c. *After the buzzer sounds, the cutter will discontinue working and ride his/her horse forward past the judges stands before dismounting, except to retrieve a lost article. Failure to comply will result in:*
   1. First offense- $200 fine
   2. Second offense- $500 fine
   3. Third and subsequent offenses within 12 months- 90 day suspension.
   ~~The bit may be inspected at the judge's discretion; and in the event a violation of the rules is discovered, the violator MAY be subject to a one (1) year suspension.~~

d. *All cutting horses must be ridden astride.*

e. *No rider nineteen (19) years of age or younger may be strapped into or tied down onto a saddle in any manner while on the show grounds without special permission from the Executive Director.*

3. Recommend for the Open/Non Pro classes at the World Finals to use main cattle settlers list from the coliseum with the first rider in each set selecting and confirming the cattle settler for his set.

4. Recommend no change to the World Finals payout for the Novice classes.

5. Recommendation relates to whether an Amateur class should be required class at a weekend show along with the Open and Non Pro Class. Recommend to allow show producers the opportunity to conduct a show in the way best suited for their area.

6. Recommend changing the current rule for the National Championships:
   Current Rule – The high scoring 40% in the go-round will advance to the finals with a minimum of 15 and maximum of 26 horses qualify for the finals.
   Recommend change to minimum of 10 to the Finals.

7. Skip Jones to represent the Open Show Committee on the Competition Committee.

Chair - Skip Jones

Vice Chair - Tracy Barton