



**JUDGES RULES COMMITTEE**  
**2022 NCHA Convention Agenda**  
**June 4, 2022 \*\* 8:30 am – 11:00 am**  
**Rio Grande 1 & 2 Rooms**  
**Fort Worth, Texas \*\* Marriott at Champions Circle**

Call to Order and Roll Call

1. Recommendation for the officiating Judges at an LAE Major event or 100K added money show be compensated \$1,000 if it is cancelled for any reason.
2. Recommend using a revised Judge's Card that breaks down the "cow-by-cow" system better. This would be introduced and used to train the judges during the 2022 judge seminars, then established as the official Judges Card in 2023. (See backup)
3. Recommend making it mandatory for NCHA Judges to judge at least 2 cuttings a year to remain an active judge. (Exclude 1A judges)
4. Recommendation for a paralyzed rider to use a riding crop during NCHA classes. (See backup)
5. Recommendation to continue the High School/Collegiate Judging Contest at the 2023 NCHA Futurity.
6. New Business

Elect Chair and Vice Chair

# OFFICIAL JUDGES CARD



Show: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Go Round: \_\_\_\_\_ Class pays \_\_\_\_\_ places.

**Run Content:**

**Herd Work:** Driving a cow (+)(√+)(√)(√-)(-)

**Controlling the cow:** Working in center of arena (+)(√+)(√)(√-)(-)

**Degree of Difficulty:** (+)(√+)(√)(√-)(-)

**Eye Appeal:** (+)(√+)(√)(√-)(-)

**Time Worked:** (+)(√+)(√)(√-)(-)

**Amount of Courage:** (+)(√+)(√)(√-)(-)

**Loose Reins:** (√)(-)

**Horse Charging:** (-) (only)

**Forced Off a Cow:** (-) (only)

**Excessive Herdholder Help:** (-) (only)

**Penalties**

**One Point**

(A) Miss-Loss of working advantage - 11  
 (a)-1/2 Miss-Loss of working advantage - 11  
 (B) Reining or visibly cueing - 8  
 (C) Noise directed toward cattle - 5a  
 (D) Toe, foot or stirrup on shoulder - 8d  
 (E) Hold on too long on a cut - 8a  
 (F) Working out of position - 11  
 (G) Hand too far forward - 8

**Three Points**

(A) Hot quit - 13  
 (B) Cattle picked up or scattered - 5b  
 (C) Second hand on the reins - 8b  
 (D) Spur in the shoulder - 8c  
 (E) Pawing or biting cattle - 12  
 (F) Failure to make a deep cut - 1  
 (G) Back Fence - 6

**Five Points**

(A) Horse quitting a cow - 14  
 (B) Losing a cow - 9  
 (C) Changing cattle after a specific commitment - 10  
 (D) Failure to separate a single animal after leaving the herd - 15

60 - If horse turns tail - 7  
 o - If horse falls to ground - 17

**Disqualification (score 0) - illegal equipment, or leaving working area before time expires, or inhumane treatment to the horse.**

HORSE	SCORE	PENALTIES			RUN CONTENT														
		1 PT	3 PTS	5 PTS	Herd Work	Cow Control	Degree of Difficulty	Eye Appeal	Time Worked	Amount of Courage	Loose Reins	Horse Charging	Forced Off	Excessive Help					

*Divisions within the penalty box represent 1st, 2nd or 3rd cow worked.*

NCHA Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_

Judge's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

February 13, 2022

Pete Fanning  
Director of Judges  
NCHA  
260 Bailey Avenue  
Fort Worth, Texas 76107

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to you as a paralyzed rider requesting the use of a riding crop during NCHA classes.

I was in a farming accident 18 years ago that left me a quadriplegic confined to a wheelchair. I have no movement from chest down including the use of my legs. Since my accident, I still ride cutters daily, but without the use of my lower body, I am reliant on a crop in place of my legs to cue the horse. It is assisting me much like spurs being used to bump your horse into position. Without the use of the assistance of a crop, I am unable to push the horse where I need him to be while cutting a cow. I am not asking for any type of advantage over competing riders, but without the use of my legs, I am at a disadvantage. I know the rule book does not allow the use of a crop. I am requesting special consideration for the use of a crop for people that have a medically documented disability where they have no use of their legs. I am not just asking for this myself, but also for others in my situation to be able to compete at an equal level.