

TO: NCHA Certified Secretaries

## 2021 POINT YEAR RULE CHANGES

- Eastern/Western Nationals will return to a qualified entry format in 2022. Shows held in 2021 will begin the qualifications from NCHA Affiliates and NCHA Circuits.
- Limited Age Events will now be open to horses ages 3 – 7-year-old. This rule change is for the 2021-point year only. Show management will have the option to include 7-year-old horses within their LAE shows, this is not a mandatory age division. The title and structure of the class is at show managements discretion.
- Hall of Fame riders are no longer eligible to roll back in the 50,000 Amateur in weekend competition, regardless of their age.
- Standing Rule 11.b  
At Limited Aged Events using a multiple level class structure, a horse cannot run twice in a single set. In the event that a horse will have more than one run within the given class or concurrently run set of classes, a minimum critical distance must be established to ensure a horse will not run twice within a drawn set. If such a case should arise the later drawn run shall be placed in the set following the original draw in the same placement within the next set. The newly placed draw shall be switched with the entry occupying the new draw and that draw shall be moved to the previous set in the same sequence. For example: If a horse was drawn 7 and 11 in a set, the horse in draw 11 would be moved to the 11<sup>th</sup> position in the following set and the horse originally in the 11<sup>st</sup> position would move to the 11<sup>st</sup> position in the earlier set. In the event the multiple draws are located within the last set, the same procedure should be followed by reassigning the draw to the preceding set.
- Top 8 JR Youth competitors and Top 8 SR Youth competitors will be invited to compete in Regional Championship in Fort Worth during the Summer Spectacular for BraveHeart Championship Shootout.
- At Limited Age Events following NCHA Leveling rules, the Top 100 rollback for all divisions has been adjusted to include rankings from the previous year to the previous two years.
- NCHA Circuit Program (refer to attached PDF)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Fines regarding Show Applications and Results will be enforced. As a friendly reminder a list of the tasks are included below:
  - Submit show approval at least 40 days prior to entry closing (\$500 fine)
  - Name judges at least 7 days prior to entry closing (\$100-\$500 fine)
  - Submit results and judges' cards within 5 days of show conclusion (\$250 fine)
  - Judging more than 150 runs (\$100-\$200 fine, weekend/\$1,000-\$3,000 fine, LAE)
  - Check for current NCHA membership and/or Non-Professional/Amateur card (\$50 fine)
- HORSE TRANSFERS – must verify transfer is complete before submitting with Show Results
- Standing Rule 5 exception has expired for the 2021-point year. Show approval timelines have returned to 40 days prior to entry closing.
- Reminder: First place Area Leaders are eligible to receive a trophy by emailing the NCHA Show Department. Places 2-5 will receive a certificate upon request.
- Standing Rule 51.a.2.B: A new member or member who has not renewed Non-Pro/Amateur status prior to attending a show will be allowed to complete the appropriate application if an NCHA Director is available to sign the application. If the appropriate application is fully completed, fee paid, and application signed by an NCHA Director, the applicant may show at that show. If an NCHA Director is not available, applicant cannot show. The application must be included with show results and the application fee and is subject to final approval from NCHA. If NCHA final approval is not obtained, earnings (if any) will be revoked.
- Due to a supplier cost increase, Trophy prices beginning in 2021 will be \$200 for a resin and \$425 for a bronze trophy.
- Fastercut will no longer be able to offer the use of the desk top version. Please contact Marilyn for more information about a Cloud-Based option at 303-659-6337. Please contact the Show Department to discuss alternative options.
- The NCHA Office will be open to serve you during the Holiday's! The office will close Christmas Eve at noon, on Christmas Day and at 3:00pm CST on New Year's Eve and on New Year's Day. If assistance is needed during the weekend or when office is closed, please contact Shianne Megel at 405-397-9077.