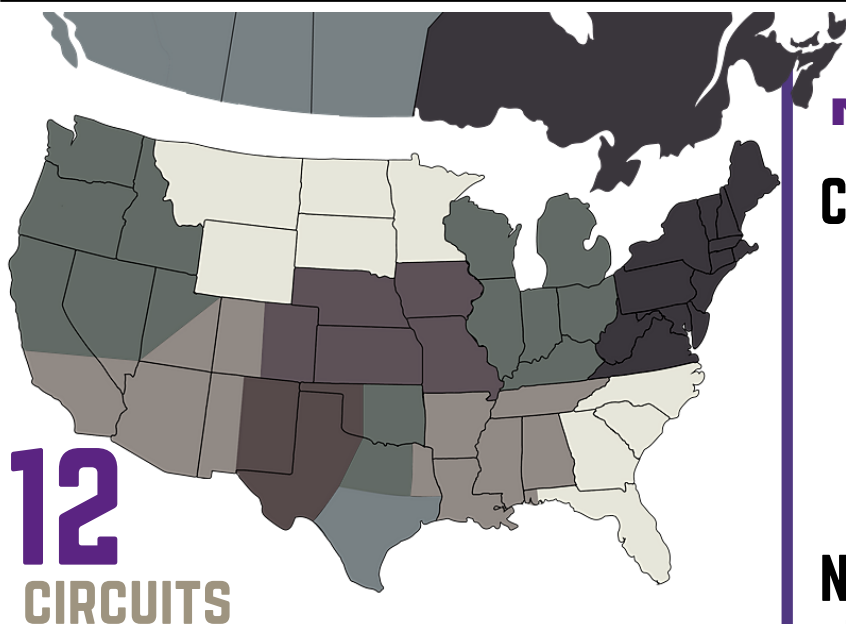


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12
CIRCUITS

WHAT THE CIRCUIT PROGRAM DOES

- PROMOTES PARTICIPATION AT THE WEEKEND LEVEL WITH EXPANDED OPPORTUNITIES TO PROGRESS TO BIGGER SHOWS.
- DRIVES INCLUSIVENESS FOR CUTTERS OF ALL LEVELS OF EXPERIENCE AND AFFILIATION.
- MAKES IT EASIER THAN EVER FOR ENTRY LEVEL COMPETITORS AND SHOW PRODUCERS TO HOST AN NCHA SANCTIONED EVENT.

WHAT'S NEW WITH THE NCHA CIRCUIT PROGRAM?

CIRCUIT FINALS

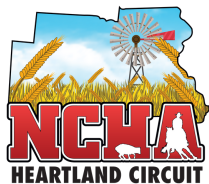
EACH CIRCUIT WILL HOST A YEAR END CIRCUIT FINALS FOR THE TOP 30 IN THE STANDINGS. NCHA WILL PROVIDE AN ESTIMATED **\$12,000** IN AWARDS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE AFFILIATE THAT PRODUCES THIS EVENT.

NCHA CIRCUIT SHOWS

THE CHALLENGER PROGRAM WILL BE RE-ORGANIZED INTO 'NCHA CIRCUIT SHOWS' WHERE POINTS WILL COUNT IN THE CIRCUIT STANDINGS. THIS MAKES IT EASIER THAN EVER FOR CUTTERS TO ATTEND AN NCHA APPROVED EVENT.

LOOKING FORWARD

THE CIRCUIT PROGRAM WILL KICK OFF IN 2021 WITH THE INSTALMENT OF EACH OF THE 12 CIRCUIT FINALS. IN 2022, WEEKEND CUTTERS WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO QUALIFY OUT OF THE CIRCUIT FINALS TO A NATIONAL CIRCUIT FINALS SHOW.



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The NCHA National Circuit Program is made up of 12 circuits in which cutters can compete for points at each weekend competition approved by the NCHA. Beginning with the 2021 points year, every NCHA weekend show, both **NCHA Championship Circuit Shows** and **NCHA Circuit Shows**, is a points-paying circuit show. You can earn points in NCHA weekend classes in both types of shows, and these points are used to determine circuit standings and qualifying for the end-of-year Circuit Finals show in your chosen circuit. The locations for these shows will be announced in the 1st quarter of 2021 and many of them may be incorporated into NCHA events that you already attend and enjoy.

NCHA CHAMPIONSHIP CIRCUIT SHOWS are the familiar NCHA weekend championship shows. They offer at least \$200 in added money in at least the Open and Non-Pro classes, and usually offer the full slate of approved weekend classes and remain consistent with current NCHA rules. The format of these shows is not changing. Money earned is still how you qualify for the World Finals.

NCHA CIRCUIT SHOWS are affiliate, club, or other organizations' jackpot shows or shows that offer less than \$200 in added money and offer one or more NCHA-approved weekend classes.

Beginning in 2022, the 12 Circuit Finals Shows will serve as qualifying venues for the NCHA National Circuit Finals, with 10 contestants from each circuit advancing to the National Circuit Finals.

NCHA CHAMPIONSHIP CIRCUIT SHOW RULES

1. NCHA Championship Circuit Shows are governed by the rules of NCHA weekend championship shows.
2. These shows pay a \$100.00 Championship Circuit Show fee. This fee will not be added to your entry fee.

NCHA CIRCUIT SHOW RULES

1. An approved NCHA Circuit Show must offer at least one, and may offer any combination of, the standard NCHA weekend classes. An approved show can also offer any non-approved classes it desires.
2. All owners and riders must be NCHA members in good standing to compete at a NCHA Circuit Show. Free memberships are provided to new members and those whose memberships have lapsed three or more years.
3. These shows pay a \$200.00 Circuit Show approval fee. This fee will not be added to your entry fee.

1 - Aurora Circuit

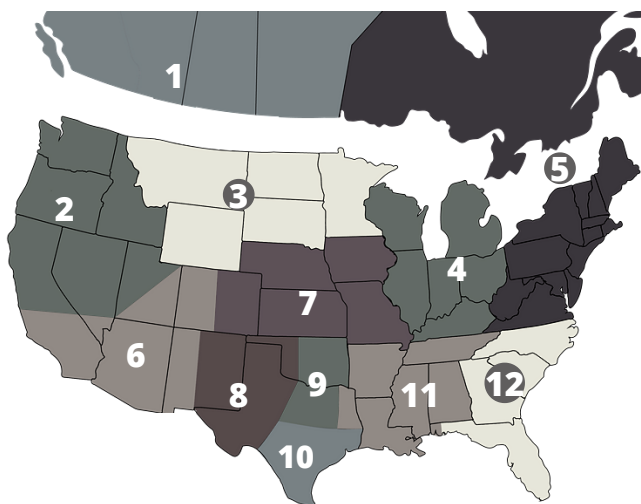
2 - Redwood Circuit

3 - Big Sky Circuit

4 - Great Lakes Circuit

5 - Appalachian Circuit

6 - Cactus Circuit



7 - Heartland Circuit

8 - Oiler Circuit

9 - Red River Circuit

10 - Alamo Circuit

11 - Cotton Circuit

12 - Sunshine Circuit



RULES COMMON TO BOTH NCHA CHAMPIONSHIP CIRCUIT SHOWS & NCHA CIRCUIT SHOWS

1. POINTS

Points are awarded based on the number of horses shown in the class, up to ten. For example, a class with more than 10 horses shown would award points to the first ten places in the class on a declining scale of 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 points (except scores of zero would get no points).

See table

# OF HORSES	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th
3	3	2	1								
4	4	3	2	1							
5	5	4	3	2	1						
6	6	5	4	3	2	1					
7	7	6	5	4	3	2	1				
8	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1			
9	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
10	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
11+	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

2. TIES

If there is a tie, each contestant in the tie would get the points allocated to the highest placement within the tie. So, for example, if there is a tie for second and third in a class in which 10 horses are shown, the class winner receives 10 points, the two contestants tied for second and third each get 9 points, fourth place gets 7 points, and placements fifth through tenth get 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 points, respectively.

3. DESIGNATIONS -- WHERE YOU CAN EARN POINTS

Each contestant designates a single "home" circuit in which they want to accumulate circuit points for purposes of circuit standings. You are automatically put in the circuit in which your NCHA membership address is recorded. If you want to change your home circuit, all you have to do is notify the NCHA (there's a box you can check on the 2020 new and renewed membership form). But be aware that, if you change your designated "home" circuit mid-year, any circuit points you've accumulated are reset back to zero. You can only qualify for Circuit Finals in the circuit you have designated as "home" as of the end of the point year and with the points you have accumulated in that circuit.

Contestants do not earn points in circuits that they have not designated. For example, if an "out-of-circuit" contestant in a 12-horse class places second and all other contestants placing first and third through tenth are "in-circuit", those "in-circuit" contestants receive 10, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 points, respectively. Placements by "out-of-circuit" contestants record no points in any circuit.

5. YOUR CIRCUIT FINALS

Contestants finishing in the top 30 of their designated circuit's standings qualify for that circuit's Circuit Finals Show. The dates, location, producer, and format of each Circuit Finals Show will be determined by NCHA based upon bids submitted to NCHA by qualified affiliates, show managers, or other organizations and will be held as close as feasible to the end of the World Finals points year.

6. FEES

A \$3.00 National Circuit fee will be applied to all entries in points-paying classes. In return, the NCHA will administer and promote the National Circuit Program, pay for and provide each circuit's Circuit Finals awards (buckles, etc.), and contribute \$8000 in cash to support your circuit's program.



NCHA CIRCUITS BY STATE



WASHINGTON
OREGON
IDAHO
N. NEVADA
N. UTAH
N. CALIFORNIA



E. TEXAS
ARKANSAS
LOUISIANA
MISSISSIPPI
ALABAMA
TENNESSEE



ARIZONA
W. COLORADO
W. NEW MEXICO
S. NEVADA
S. UTAH
S. CALIFORNIA



MONTANA
WYOMING
SOUTH DAKOTA
NORTH DAKOTA
MINNESOTA



W. TEXAS
E. NEW MEXICO
W. OKLAHOMA



NORTH CAROLINA
SOUTH CAROLINA
GEORGIA
FLORIDA



N. TEXAS
E. OKLAHOMA



S. TEXAS



KENTUCKY
INDIANA
WISCONSIN
ILLINOIS
MICHIGAN
OHIO



WEST VIRGINIA
VIRGINIA
PENNSYLVANIA
NEW JERSEY
ONTARIO
NEW ENGLAND
EASTERN CANADA



E. COLORADO
KANSAS
NEBRASKA
IOWA
MISSOURI



BRITISH COLUMBIA
ALBERTA
SASKATCHEWAN
MANITOBA