

# Central Wyoming Cutting Club

## Show Rules 2020-21

National Cutting Horse Association (NCHA) rules apply to all classes, except as modified by these Central Wyoming Cutting Club (CWCC) Show Rules.

Rider earnings include all lifetime earnings in NCHA (including Limited Age Events), CWCC and other club cuttings.

Horse earnings include all lifetime earnings in NCHA (including Limited Age Events), CWCC and other club cuttings.

All earnings are counted up to the beginning of the CWCC point year (first show in November).

NCHA rules limit nonpro/amateur riders to show one horse per class. Riders may show only one horse per class, except classes where the show rules allow more than one horse to be shown (Open, \$15,000 novice horse, \$5,000 novice horse, \$1,000 novice horse, Open two-handed, and NonPro Rancher).

**Eligibility** All riders are responsible for verifying that rider and horse(s) qualify for the classes that they enter. Should it be found that the rider or horse entered in a class are in fact ineligible, the rider will forfeit any earnings and the entry fee for said entry. Both the Owner and Rider of a horse must be a paid-up member of the CWCC in order to show or enter a horse at CWCC sanctioned events.

NCHA rules apply to all classes, except as modified below:

**Open** Open to any horse and any rider. Rider may ride an unlimited number of horses.

**\$15,000 Novice Horse** Horse may be ridden by Pro or Nonpro/Amateur. Rider may ride an unlimited number of horses. A horse must not have won more than \$15,000 lifetime earnings. All earnings apply, except 3 year old earnings.

**\$5,000 Novice Horse** Horse may be ridden by Pro or Nonpro/Amateur. Rider may ride an unlimited number of horses. A horse

must not have won more than \$5,000 lifetime earnings. All earnings apply, except 3 year old earnings.

**\$1,000 Novice Horse** Horse may be ridden by Pro or Nonpro/Amateur. Rider may ride an unlimited number of horses. A horse must not have won more than \$1,000 lifetime earnings. All earnings apply, except 3 year old earnings.

**Open Two-Handed** Same rules as the \$5,000 Novice Horse class, except no earnings limitation. A horse must not have been shown one-handed previously. Horses are eligible to be shown in the Open Two-Handed class and the Nonpro Rancher class only. Rider may ride more than one horse. Points will be calculated on the horse not rider. Rider must use two hands on the reins.

**Nonpro** Open to all riders with Nonpro or Amateur status. All NCHA rules apply.

**\$15,000 Novice Horse Nonpro** Horse may be ridden by a Nonpro or Amateur. A horse must not have won more than \$15,000 lifetime earnings. All earnings apply, except 3 year old earnings.

**\$50,000 Amateur** Rider must qualify as Amateur status and not have won more than \$50,000 lifetime earnings.

**\$35,000 Nonpro** Open to all riders with Nonpro or Amateur status. Rider must not have won more than \$35,000 lifetime earnings. All earnings apply.

**\$10,000 Amateur** Rider must qualify as Amateur status and not have won more than \$10,000 lifetime earnings.

**\$5,000 Novice Horse Nonpro** Open to Nonpro or Amateur status riders. Horse must not have won more than \$5,000 lifetime earnings. All earnings count, except 3 year old earnings.

**\$2,000 Limit Rider** Rider must not have won more than \$2,000 lifetime earnings. All earnings count. The horse need not be owned by the rider.

**NonPro Rancher Class** Open to Nonpro or Amateur status riders. The horse must be owned by the rider. Riders may ride 2 horses in this class per approved show. All ranch cutting classes are judged using a modified version of the NCHA's official rules. The modifications will pertain only to scoring as it relates to reining a horse. Contestants are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the rules. A participant shall not be penalized for guiding or reining a horse. A participant excessively reining a horse or using direct force by jerking or pulling a horse around may be penalized. This rule may be subject to each individual judge's interpretation. Horses in Ranch Cutting classes may be shown one handed or two handed. If a rider starts a run one handed they are to remain one handed throughout the run. A rider that starts their run two handed must remain two handed throughout their run. Should the contestant change from one handed to two handed or vice versa they will score zero. Either split or romel reins are allowed. Horses shown in the Rancher Classes are not eligible to be shown in traditional cutting classes during the same show year. Horses who have shown in a traditional cutting class may not be shown in a Ranch cutting class during the same show year. Only legal NCHA, NRCHA, or AQHA equipment.

\*Horses shown in this class are only eligible to be shown in the Open Two Handed class, as it is not a traditional cutting class. Horses shown in this class may not be shown in any other class, including the Never Won a Cutting Buckle class.

**Never Won a Cutting Buckle** Rider may ride any horse. Horse need not be owned by rider. Rider must have never won a cutting buckle. Rider must show both days of the event to qualify. A buckle will be awarded each month to the winner for that month's shows. Rider may not show in the Never Won a Cutting Buckle Class after rider wins his/her first buckle in this class or any other class.

## **Youth**

**Junior Rider** Any rider who is 14 years of age or younger at the beginning of the CWCC Point Year. (First show/November)

**Senior Rider** Any rider who is 18 years of age or younger at the beginning of the CWCC Point Year. (First show/November)

All youth will work the same pen of cattle.

**Year-End Awards** There are 10 shows (2 each weekend) during the show season. A contestant must show in at least one class in 6 out of 10 shows to be eligible for year-end awards except for the Never Won a Buckle class.

**High Point Horse Award** The horse with the highest accumulation of points combined from no more than THREE designated classes (by the trainer or owner) will determine the winner of the high point horse award. The three designated classes can be from the following: \$1,000 Novice Horse, \$5,000 Novice Horse, \$15,000 Novice Horse or Open classes. The horse must be shown in at least one class in 6 out of 10 shows to be eligible for the High Point Horse award.

To be eligible for the high point horse, three classes must be designated upon the first cutting entry of the show season. If the trainer/owner does not designate classes prior to showing the horse will not be considered for the award.

**High Point Rider Award** The nonpro/amateur rider with the highest accumulated points from no more than THREE designated (by the rider) classes will determine the winner of the high point rider. The three designated classes can be from the following: Nonpro, \$50,000 Amateur, \$35,000 Nonpro, \$15,000 Novice Horse Nonpro, \$5,000 Novice Horse Nonpro, \$10,000 Amateur, or \$2,000 Limit Rider. The rider must show in at least 6 out of 10 shows to be eligible for the high point rider award. The points will be calculated on the designated classes not individual horses, therefore, a rider does not have to show the same horse in each designated class.

The following classes are NOT eligible to count toward the high point rider: Open, \$15,000 Novice Horse, \$5,000 Novice Horse, \$1,000 Novice Horse, NonPro Rancher, and Youth.

To be eligible for the high point rider you must designate your three classes upon your first cutting entry of the show season. If the rider does not designate classes prior to showing they will not be considered for the award.

**Never Won a Buckle Award** On the last day of the show season, there will be one class for a year-end award

**Eligibility for Last Show Day of the Season** Only the top 12 riders and/or horses in each class will be eligible to show in the last show of the season, classes will be filled by moving eligible horses/riders up if the top 12 have not entered. Should eligible (point earning) horses/riders not be available, classes can then be filled with anyone interested on a first come basis, up to the limit of 12. Eligibility will be based on total points earned through the season. Points will be calculated by the show secretary.

## **RULES FOR YEAR END AWARD COMPETITION**

1. A point system will be used to establish year end award winners. The number of horses in the class determines the maximum number of point which may be awarded. An example of the point system to be used as follows.

6 horses in the class

1<sup>st</sup> place 6 points

2<sup>nd</sup> place 5 points

3<sup>rd</sup> place 4 points

4<sup>th</sup> place 3 points

5<sup>th</sup> place 2 points

6<sup>th</sup> place 1 point

2. **High Point Horse.** A saddle will be awarded to the year-end high point horse and a buckle to the Reserve Champion year-end high point horse based on combined scores from three of the following designated horse classes.

Open

15,000 Novice Horse

5000 Novice Horse

1000 Novice Horse

3. **High Point Rider.** A saddle will be awarded to the year-end high point Nonpro or Amateur Rider and a Buckle to the Reserve Champion year-end high point rider based on combined scores from three of the following designated rider classes.

Non Pro

50,000 Amateur

35,000 Nonpro

15,000 Novice Horse Nonpro

5,000 Novice Horse Nonpro

10,000 Amateur

2000 Limited Rider

4. All other CWCC show rules apply.
5. If there are any questions, please ask a CWCC officer or director.