



TO: NCHA CERTIFIED SECRETARIES
RE: 2024 Rule and Policy Changes & Reminders

December 19, 2023

- **2024 Dates to Remember**
 - November 10th = end of 2024 point year
 - June 1 - 2 = NCHA Weekend
 - June 21 - 23 = NCHA Convention
 - February 29 - March 9 = Eastern Nationals
 - April 3 – 14 = National Circuit Championships (during the Super Stakes in Ft. Worth, TX)

- **2024 Eligibility** – The Rule book reflects the requirement of the rider to include cutting monies earned outside NCHA when determining their own class eligibility. The NCHA office is not actively seeking those earnings, but does have a way to eliminate the 'Y' under the eligibility for weekend classes if a member has monied out due to outside association earnings. This applies to the \$50,000 Amateur, 35,000 Non-Pro, \$15,000 Amateur and \$2,000 Limit Rider. (Lifetime earnings in all cutting horse competitions at the beginning of the point year, whether NCHA or any other equine association. There are no exceptions to this new rule. The rider has the burden of proving that he/she meets the lifetime requirements to compete in this class.)

- **2025 Eligibility** – In addition to outside earnings, beginning in the 2025 Point Year, **ALL** earnings from NCHA Produced/NCHA Approved shows count toward the class money earning caps. This **INCLUDES** money that has been previously excluded like National Championships (i.e., Area Work Offs), Local Circuit Championship monies that are won in addition to regular Weekend Classes held concurrently with the Championship, National Circuit Championships, Breed Association Money (AQHA, APHA World Shows etc.), unapproved classes at approved shows to name a few. **NOVICE HORSE ELIGIBILITY DOES NOT CHANGE.**

- **Circuit Program Changes**
 - No more Joint Circuit Approvals
 - Challenger Shows maximum points will change from 10 to 5 points.
 - Addition of two new Circuits (Upper Midwest and Ozark)
 - Modification to boundaries of Cotton, Great Lakes and Oiler circuits. Please refer to the enclosed map. ****Please note that the Red River line isn't as straight as it looks on the map.**



- **2024 Videographer Policy Change**
 - Videographers are now required to pay \$150 for a 2 year certification.
 - Videographers can no longer be a business membership.
 - If you have listed a company in the past, reach out to that company and ask for the names of the individuals that will be at the show. When it is possible that a variety of different people might actually be in the chair, please submit ALL possible names with your approval so the office can validate their Certification Status – Videographers MUST be listed as Certified or Provisional on the updated Videographer list on the website (Under Judges / Videographers / Videographer List).
 - Additionally, it is the Secretary/Show Producer’s responsibility to make sure the person sitting in the chair is the one listed on the show approval. If the person changes, the office must be notified. Please review the section in the 2024 Rule Book and be familiar with the new process/requirements.

- **Senior World Tour / Novice Youth**
 - The one box on the show application is meant to be the Total Entry fee.
 - If you are a FasterCut or Equinal user – please continue to put the Jackpot in one field and the office in another.
 - If you do not use either of those two software programs and are manually filling out an application, please place the TOTAL entry fee (Jackpot + Office – minimum \$10 in each) into the field and the office will divide your number by 2. 50% to the Jackpot and 50% to office. You can choose to do more than \$20 total – keep in mind that 50% must go into the jackpot, NCHA must receive \$6.00 per entry and the Affiliate/Producer keeps the remainder.

REMINDERS

Show Applications:

1. FasterCut users can now submit applications by direct upload! ALL FasterCut users MUST submit applications through the show import...there will be NO paper applications accepted from any FasterCut users.
2. Equinal Users: You must submit shows on the 2024 application, other applications WILL NOT be accepted. Equinal will generate the PDF for you when you set up your shows. You must also submit a full application for each day/each show.
3. Be sure everyone’s COMPLETE member # on each application, name and number must match (Producer, Secretary, Videographer, Affiliate.) Answer all questions #1-



#21 on the first page. PLEASE VERIFY ALL INFO BEFORE YOU HIT THE SUBMIT BUTTON.

4. When you receive an edit sheet, double check all the fees and changes made. Also, please make sure you are using the latest edit sheets/changes for your show.
Suggestion: Confirm for your show is listed on our website.
5. When you submit your judges, please provide the show numbers for the show along with the judge's correct name AND member number.
6. Make sure you have any/all changes for your show submitted by the 30-day mark. All judge(s) must be submitted by the 7 day mark.
7. When submitting paperwork, DO NOT send pictures. Scan and email the documents. This helps us be able to read all documents.

Cattle Surcharges:

1. All cattle surcharges MUST come to akanaman@nchacutting.com
2. Cattle surcharges are ONLY allowed for Weekend/Championship shows. NO cattle surcharges are allowed for the LAEs.
3. When you submit cattle surcharges, you must provide the cost of cattle as well as the # of fresh cattle for each class requested.

Show Results:

1. ERROR CHECKING - Both FasterCut and Equinal display errors with your show (inactive memberships, horses with different owners, ineligible riders) they are Pink / In Red for a reason! **Quadruple check displayed errors on your show results.** You are the first line of defense against errors.
2. SUBMISSION - Results MUST be submitted no later than 5 days after the completion of your show. Help us get results processed in a timely manner.
3. When you run classes together (combined or concurrent), please be sure to clearly mark on your judge's sheets in which class(es) each entry is entered.
4. TRANSFERS – If the new owner of a horse that is showing is not yet reflected at the Breed Registry, you MUST get a copy of the executed transfer paperwork and send it in with your results.

HELP YOUR EXHIBITORS with circuit designation. **Remember that HORSES are designated separate from RIDERS** and just because someone designates a circuit for the Rider – that does NOT automatically designate their horse(s).