

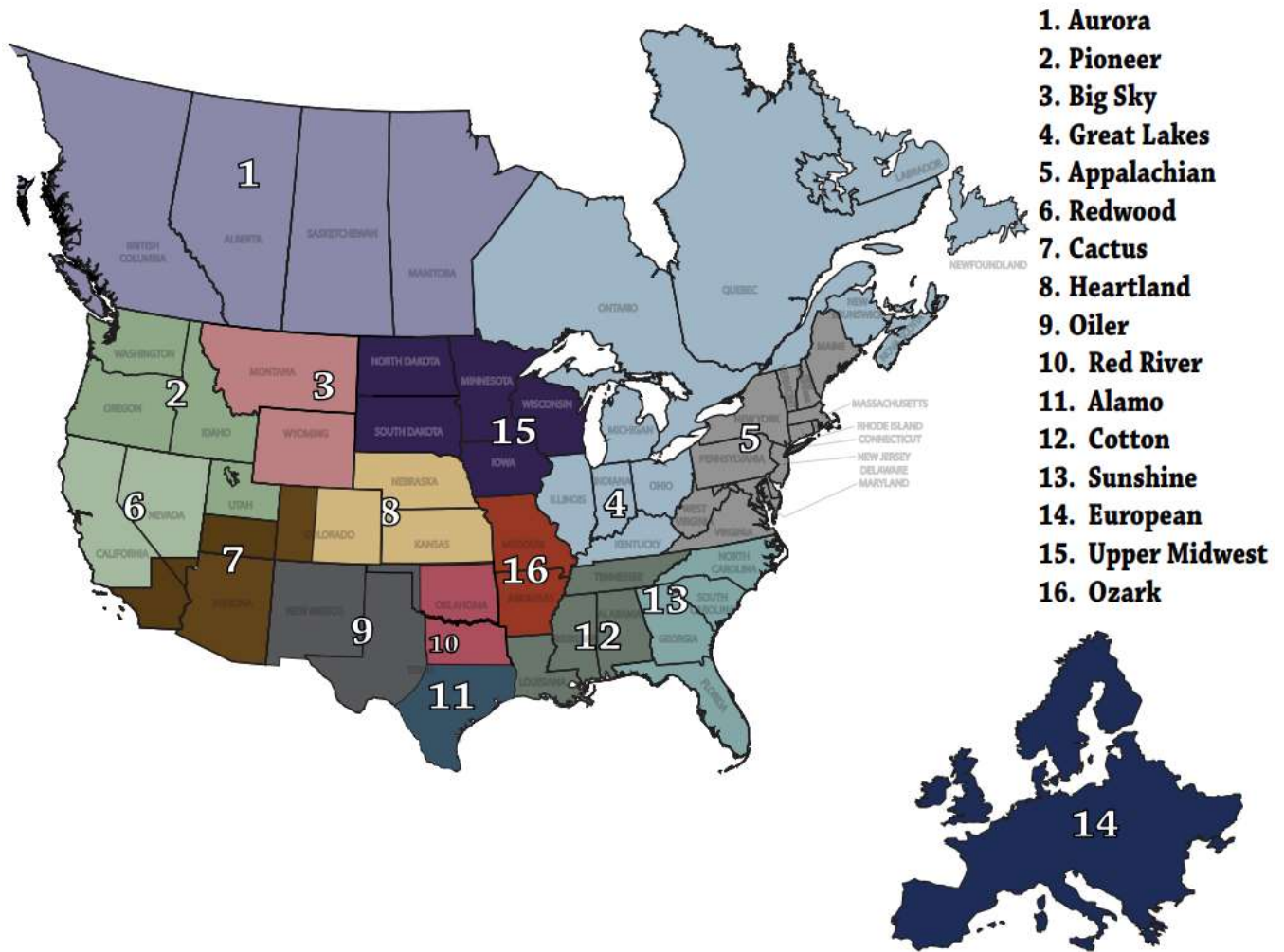


NCHA WEEKEND POLICIES & PROCEDURES

2024 POINT YEAR

NCHA Weekend is an extension of the National Circuit Program that celebrates the weekend cutter. On the first full weekend in June, each of NCHA's sixteen (16) circuits host one exclusive event that is the only NCHA-approved event within the circuit. NCHA Weekend is an iconic and prestigious event that promotes the nostalgia of NCHA Days. Each NCHA Weekend event is hosted by a local NCHA affiliate or show producer chosen by the regional representatives inside each circuit.

Cutters competing at their appropriate NCHA Weekend may earn double points, prizes including custom buckles by Gist Silversmiths (in select classes) and added money. Attending NCHA Weekend is an important component when calculating circuit championship qualification and circuit year-end standings.





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1. Event Overview

a. June 1 – 2, 2024

- i. NCHA Weekend may not be held on dates outside of June 1 – 2, 2024, for any reason.
- b. NCHA Weekend must be hosted by a current NCHA affiliate or show producer.
- c. NCHA Weekend will be at least one (1) but no more than two (2) NCHA Championship Weekend Show(s) consisting of a full slate of NCHA classes, including the Unlimited Amateur.

2. Host Selection Process

- a. The NCHA directors living inside of each circuit are responsible for selecting the host of their respective local circuit championships. NCHA may have the final approval of the selected host.
- b. Cancellation / Postponement - If a selected host must cancel their NCHA Weekend event due to an extreme, unforeseen circumstance, the host must immediately notify the NCHA office.
 - i. In the event of cancellation more than 30 days prior to the event, NCHA will give all in-circuit affiliates and show producers the opportunity to host on the June 1 - 2 weekend. Selection of a new host will be done in the same method as the original selection.
 1. Under no circumstances will the event be approved to conclude after June 1 -2, 2024.
 - ii. In all instances, the NCHA office will have the final approval of any change of event dates and host selection.



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3. Host Rules

a. Show Structure

- i. **June 1 – 2, 2024** - No other NCHA-approved Weekend Championship event will be held on these dates except the **sixteen (16)** NCHA Weekend events.
- ii. NCHA Weekend must be at least one but no more than two NCHA Championship Weekend Show(s) consisting of a full slate of NCHA classes, including the Unlimited Amateur, that are assigned one show number each.
- iii. The selected host may offer more than two NCHA championship shows, but no more than two can be designated as part of the NCHA Weekend event. The designated 2 shows must be held on **June 1 and June 2, 2024**.
- iv. Senior World Tour and Novice Youth shows are encouraged.
- v. Selected host may offer one or more limited aged show(s) in conjunction with NCHA Weekend event. The limited aged event must conclude prior to the start **June 1, 2024**. Limited aged event classes may not be comingled with NCHA Weekend classes.

b. Circuit Points in NCHA Weekend-designated show(s)

i. Non-Youth Classes

1. Horses and / or riders competing in their automatically assigned or designated circuit will receive **double circuit program points**.
2. Out-of-circuit horses and/or riders will receive zero circuit points. However, they are eligible for event awards.
3. See National Circuit Program rules for additional information on how circuit points are awarded.

ii. Youth Classes

1. No double points will be awarded.
2. Scholarship points earned at NCHA Weekend will count towards the NYCHA World Finals standings.

c. Media / Marketing

- i. Banners and/or artwork provided by NCHA must be displayed in the competition arena(s) and prominent areas when necessary.



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- ii. Social Media – Hosts and attendees are encouraged to tag #NCHAWeekend as much as possible on all Social Media posts both before during and after the event.
 - iii. All digital photos of NCHA Weekend must be submitted to the NCHA communications department following the event. Additional marketing materials may be needed by NCHA to promote each circuit's NCHA Weekend event.
- d. Awards / Added Money
- i. Added Money - NCHA will provide \$4,000 to selected host to be used as added money.
 - ii. Money can only be used in classes in the designated NCHA Weekend show(s).
 - iii. Added money may not exceed \$500 for any one class in one NCHA Weekend show.
 - iv. Buckles – NCHA will provide Gist custom buckles for champion and reserve champion to be awarded in the non-added money classes:
 - 1. \$35,000 Non-Pro, \$15,000 Amateur, \$2,000 Limited Rider, Senior Youth and Junior Youth.
- e. Award Calculation
- i. All awards will be given based on **Total Score** from the designated NCHA Weekend show(s). In circuit riders / horses are eligible for event awards.
 - 1. If One (1) designated show – Total score is the score from the one class.
 - 2. If Two (2) designated shows – Total score is determined by adding the scores from the two designated shows.
 - 3. Exhibitors/Horses must walk to the herd and receive a minimum score of 60 in their respective class both days to receive awards. Zero scores do not count.
 - 4. In rider classes, exhibitors do not need to show the same horse both days to be eligible for awards. In horse classes, horses need not be exhibited by the same rider both days to be eligible for awards.