

Affiliate Officers/Secretaries
2010 NCHA CONVENTION AGENDA
June 18, 2010 9:00 – 12:00 pm
Hilton DFW Lakes

1. Call to Order & Roll Call
2. Review if show producer fails to fulfill obligations the liability of show management, its officers or employees all funds collected and/or distributed in connection with contest approved by NCHA Standing Rule 14.d.
2. Review Line of Credit/Bond for Non Affiliate Show Producers NCHA Standing Rule 5.a and Affiliate Guidelines 14.e.3
3. Review procedure for making any changes to a previously approved show (no later than thirty (30) days prior to closing date of entry for the show involved).
4. Review NCHA Standing Rule 2.a Ineligibility, class placing is recalculated and show management redistributes the earnings accordingly.
5. Discuss NCHA Standing Rule 8.g regarding Apprentice Trainers returning to NP status cannot show in limited class need some way to identify them on website
6. Review secretary certification process
7. Review secretaries who are not doing any shows and/or how many shows to retain certification.
8. Review Judging Rule 16 western attire
9. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

AMATEUR
2010 NCHA Convention
June 18, 2010 * 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Hilton DFW Lakes

1. Roll Call & Call to Order
2. Amateur Exception Rule (Increase \$5,000 to \$15,000)
3. Review options for changing the current Payout Structure.
(See Open Show for back up)
4. Age 60 Life Amateur
5. Standing Rule 6j (pg 17 & 51) possible verbiage change to include Amateur division
6. Amateur division options for use of donated monies.
(Top 10 or 15, Shoot Out, Additional Awards, Etc.)
7. Discuss creating a new entry level \$1000 Amateur Class as a 3 year experimental study.
8. Elect Chairman/Vice-Chairman
9. Adjourn

APPROVED LAE SHOW PRODUCERS
2010 NCHA Convention Agenda
June 18, 2010 * 1:00pm – 4:00pm
Hilton DFW Lakes Hotel

1. Call to Order & Roll Call
2. Discussion and Recommendation if a LAE with Added Money less than \$10,000 should be approved within the blocked dates of a Major LAE (\$10,000 or more in Added Money).
3. Review the Major LAE Five (5) Year Projections of show dates for the period of 2011-2015, for possible conflicts in dates.
4. Review and vote on the Major LAE show dates requested for the period of January 1- June 30, 2011.
5. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Judges Rules
NCHA Convention

June 18, 2010 * 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Hilton DFW Lakes

1. Call to Order & Roll Call
2. Rule 21.g. Changing the requirements for the sixth box judge applicants to “new applicants only who have lifetime earnings of over \$250,000”.
3. Discuss imposing a fine for Limited Age Event shows that do not have the required Escort.
4. Discuss the problem with Limited Age Event Judges who judge back to back shows in the same area.
5. Revisit the discussion of the one minute-two minute clock.
6. Discuss the Weekend Monitor System for Canadian Judges.
7. Discuss Rule 16 regarding helmets on adults and clarify the western attire rule.
8. Discuss requiring that NCHA approved shows, including jackpots, use only NCHA approved judges.
9. Revisit signing of the Judges Cards at major Limited Age Events.
10. Discuss Judge’s Rule 1 (the deep cut rule).
11. Discuss the “150 Horse Rule” and suggest a time limit on judge’s hours. (on Professional Trainers Agenda #3)
12. Discuss the protocol for “fill in judges”.
13. Election of Chair & Vice Chair

Limited Age Events
2010 NCHA Convention
June 19, 2010 * 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm

1. Call to Order & Roll Call
2. Possibility of selling an open horse's position in the draw of the Super Stakes and Summer Spectacular before the start of the go round for a fee similar to the cost of late entering a horse after the draw. This would benefit the owners of injured horses that do not have another horse to substitute for the injured horse.
3. Third horse as a gelding during the Derby Division of the Summer Spectacular.
4. Discuss the possibility of posting the breeder of the horses that participate during the NCHA Events on the scoreboard in addition to the rider and owner.
5. Discuss the possibility of honoring the Owner and Breeder of the horses that make the NCHA Open Futurity Finals in the rider introductions. Have the Owner, Rider and Breeder walk down in front of the Judges stands instead of having the riders ride their turn back horses in front of the back fence.
6. Discuss the possibility (when both divisions of Finals are scheduled on the same day) of running the Open finals of the Derby and Super Stakes before the Non Pro finals in an attempt to benefit the horses that are competing in both finals that day.
7. Age 60 Life Amateur
(See Amateur for Back Up)
8. Discuss the impact the internet is having on the attendance of the event finals of the WRMC events and the possibility of a delayed broadcast of any finals or a charge to view any finals especially the Open and Non Pro finals.
9. Discuss the possibility of raising the Non Pro earnings cap on rule 50.d.6 to \$200,000.
(See Non Pro for Back Up)
10. Reevaluate draw Procedures for Semi-Finals and Finals at NCHA-Produced Shows
11. Discuss having Music played continually throughout day at Triple Crown events.

12. Discuss the possibility of creating an Open Intermediate Rider's class during NCHA Aged events. This would be a revolving door class that would be a stair step for riders who have graduated from the John Deere division and riders who have not won over \$200,000 in the past three years. There would not be a lifetime earnings limit for this class. This would be a class within a class that would be a pencil finals until entries reach 100 or more.

13. Elect Chair & Vice Chair

LONG RANGE PLANNING
2010 NCHA Convention
June 19, 2010 * 9:30 am – 11:30 am
Hilton DFW Lakes

1. Call to Order & Roll Call
2. Approval of Long Range Planning Committee Minutes
 - a. 2009 Convention Meeting
 - b. May, 2010 Meeting
3. Standing Committee Rule 18 – Discussion of Limiting to Directors
4. Discussion of Including Comments from Director Nominees in Chatter or Online Prior to Election
5. Director Attendance At NCHA Convention and Discussion of Replacing Directors Based on Lack of Attendance
6. Review and Discuss Affiliate Guidelines & Processes for Receiving NCHA Affiliate Status
7. Review of Director Term Lengths
8. Discussion of Creating a Member of the Year Award
9. Election of Chair & Vice Chair

Non-Professional
NCHA Convention
June 18, 2010 * 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
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1. Roll Call & Call to Order
2. Amateur Exception Rule Increase \$5,000 to \$15,000
(See Amateur for Back Up)
3. 3rd Horse Gelding – Derby 4yo – Amateur/NP/LNP
(See LAE for Back Up)
4. Tent – Outside Loping Area
5. Raising the \$50,000 cap of rule 50.d.6 to \$200,000
6. Age 60 Life Amateur
(See Amateur for Back Up)
7. NP/Amateur Life Membership for Life Members
8. Mandatory 3 head for all **Weekend** fresh cattle classes
9. For Triple Crown Events, Adjust Rules for Consistency Regarding Late Penalty Fee for \$200,000 Limited Non Pro Class
10. Elect Chairman/Vice-Chairman
11. Adjourn

OPEN SHOW
2010 NCHA Convention
June 19, 2010 * 8:00 am – 11:30 am
Hilton DFW Lakes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Review options for changing the current Payout Structure. The objectives of these options are to create a single payout structure for all classes whether Jackpot or Added Money, to create a condition minimizing the number of placement checks issued which fail to cover the entry fee and to increase the value of first place checks to reduce the number of situations when a first place check for a larger class pays less than a first place check for a smaller class.
3. Review amending the Section Title, page 15 change to read "STANDING RULES RELATED TO APPROVED **WEEKEND** SHOWS"
4. Review changing Standing Rule 5 to add a new first sentence; "Applicants for NCHA approved weekend shows may be NCHA Affiliates, or may be Individuals, managers or organizations able to meet the pertinent requirements of these rules including the financial responsibility requirements as listed below." To be NCHA approved.....
5. Evaluate deleting Standing Rules 6(f) and 6(g) entirely. Given the manner in which NCHA operates currently these rules appear un-necessary.
6. Discuss revising the methods used to determine the number of finalists at the National Championship Shows. Consider setting a fixed minimum number of finalists and a maximum percentage of finalists for each class.
7. Discuss the desirability of mandating that Youth Weekend Classes are only held on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the Point Year except in Utah and Idaho where Friday evenings may substitute for one weekend day, as is currently the case. The discussion involves establishing a consistent method for permitting Youth classes despite the variations in school calendars throughout the nation.
8. Review Standing Rule 8 on page 19 of the Rulebook, specifically paragraphs 8a and 8c discussing Open and Non-Professional classes. Discuss adding a provision to each of these paragraphs requiring three head of fresh cattle per entry at any shows having \$750 or more in added money.
9. Review the "Earnings for Area Standings" provisions on page 71 of the Rulebook. Discuss raising the limit for qualifying earnings used to determine area standings from \$500 added, as is currently the case, to include classes up to \$750 in added money.
10. Review Rule 6(k) on pg. 17 of the Rulebook.
Review three options for increasing the amount of control placed over the quantity and timing of approved shows.
11. NCHA Affiliate Minimum Number of Shows – Discuss the desirability of requiring an Affiliate to hold at least three NCHA Approved Shows per year in order to qualify entrants for the National Championship Shows.

12. Discuss changing the minimum class size from three entries paying one money to five entries paying two monies. Discuss the applicability of this change to added money classes versus jackpot classes. Discuss the economic implications associated with leaving the minimum class size alone versus changing the minimum to five entries versus using other methods such a surcharge when the class size is less than five entries.
13. Discuss guaranteeing that the size of the First Place checks in the Open and the Non Pro classes at the National Championships are somewhat larger than for any other class regardless of the number of entries.
14. Discuss reinstating an adaptation of a rule last in effect in 1995, which states for Year End Award purposes, that a horse or rider cannot earn more than 25% of their qualifying year end monies in shows produced by one Affiliate, individual or organization or in one arena. Discuss the effect this might have on earnings from the Mercuria World Series shows
15. Discuss allowing weekend shows to adjust their pre-approved show schedules when major LAE Shows held in the same region, change their schedules, creating conflicting days with the weekend show.
16. Discuss creating a new entry level \$1000 Amateur Class as a 3 year experimental study. Discuss having this class recognized in the published standings throughout the point year but without recognition for Year End Awards until the class is adopted as a World Championship class after the study period has ended. Discuss restricting the amount of entry fee which can be charged for this class along the lines of the fee limitations placed on Youth Classes.
17. Discuss raising the earnings limit on the \$2000 Limit Rider class to at least \$3000 and perhaps more.
18. Election of Chair & Vice Chair

Promotion & Development Committee

2010 NCHA Convention

Saturday, June 19 – 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

DFW Lakes Hilton – Grapevine, Texas

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Message from Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica
3. *NCHA Marketing & Promotions- A Year in Review* presentation
4. Discuss ways to utilize the Exhibit Hall to increase cutting activities, spectator participation and NCHA growth – Presentation by Paula Abney and Gala Nettles
 - a. Review the Exhibit Hall as a financial asset and its financial detriment to NCHA should it decrease
 - b. Discuss ways to enhance the Exhibit Hall as the social hub of NCHA events
 - c. Develop methods to make it a premier shopping opportunity
5. Discuss better promoting the NCHA at the introductory and weekend levels
 - a. Amateur & Non-Pro trainer recognition / revamping the “trainer’s page” on the NCHA web site
 - b. Clinic options (Judges, mechanical cow, etc.)
6. Discuss way to increase media awareness for affiliate shows
 - a. Educate how to better utilize the media
 - i. Submitting news releases to local media outlets
 - ii. Create a generic “fill-in-the-blank” press release
 - b. Creating a media guide for affiliate secretaries
 - c. Affiliate communication... ways to better promote what they’re doing and have more input from those secretaries
 - i. Make members more aware of the fact that they can attend the convention to be heard
7. Discuss how to improve International Booth/Lounge during 2010 Futurity
8. Discuss how to better incorporate NCHA member benefits and discounts into sponsorship packages
9. Elect chairman and vice-chairman

Professional Trainers
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1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Message from Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica
3. Discuss the possibility of honoring the Owner and Breeder of the horses that make the NCHA Open Futurity Finals in the rider introductions. Have the Owner, Rider and Breeder walk down in front of the Judges stands instead of having the riders ride their turn back horses in front of the back fence.
4. Recognize go-round winners at Futurity with buckle and/or money.
5. Discuss the "150 Horse Rule" and suggest a time limit on judge's hours. (on Professional Trainers Agenda #3)
6. Discussion of Eligibility Requirements for John Deere Division of the Open Class at the NCHA Triple Crown Events.
7. Gelding class at Derby.
8. Discuss parking at Will Rogers Coliseum.
9. Discuss fines as provided for in Rule 16 – the dress code.
10. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

STALLION OWNERS
2010 NCHA Convention
June 18, 2010 * 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
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1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Proposal to nominate stallions by 'foal crop'.
3. Discuss/propose plan to alleviate and/or 'grandfather' older stallions – relates to Item #2 creating a three to four year gap for offspring
4. Propose plan to increase overall purse whereas breeders/mare owners pay a nomination fee for foals
5. Review how Stallion Owners Nomination Fees are Currently Allocated for the Super Stakes in the Various Classes and Age Divisions.
6. Propose a Formula to Pay a Bonus to the Stallion Owners from Stallion Nominations for Finalists in the Super Stakes.
7. Election of Chair & Vice Chair

YOUTH
2010 NCHA Convention
June 19, 2010 * 12:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Hilton DFW Lakes

1. Call to Order & Roll Call
2. Review the current NCHA approved shows Standing Rule 8, NCHA Approved Youth Cutting Horse Contests, Rule 14
3. Discussion of Distributing More Scholarship Money at Eastern and Western as Opposed to Awards
4. Recommend Change to Rule 4.b.3 to Allow Shows to have Youth Cutting Classes During the Week for Winter Circuit Shows, December 26 to the first Sunday of January.
5. Recommend a Definitive Split in Senior and Junior Youth Classes When Entries Permit.
6. Recommend that Youth Cutting Points on Members be Accessible on the Website Similar to how Rider Earnings are Available.
7. Consider awarding a Reserve Rookie of the Year award.
8. Election of Chair and Vice Chair