

NATIONAL CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION JUDGE CERTIFICATION TEST

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- 1. On a short clock, a contestant will only be granted a rework if their run was free of a 3 or 5point major penalty at the sound of the buzzer.
 - 🗆 a. True
 - 🗆 b. False
- 2. On a long clock or no clock, a rework is mandatory whether a major penalty has occurred or not.
 - 🛛 a. True
 - 🗆 b. False
- 3. Before the buzzer sounds, the gate comes open and all the cattle escape from the arena. The Cutter is unable to complete their run because they have no cattle to work. In this scenario, the run has terminated itself. If the judge has called a 3 or 5-point major penalty, the Cutter shall be scored a zero. If the judge has not called a 3 or 5-point major penalty the Cutter shall be granted a re-run.
 - 🛛 a. True
 - \Box b. False
- 4. It is acceptable for a judge to talk beyond the exchange of normal greetings with exhibitors, owners, and trainers, either verbally or through social media during the show.
 - 🛛 a. True
 - 🗆 b. False
- 5. A judge who fails to judge after accepting an assignment will be subject to removal from the NCHA Approved Judges List as well as additional disciplinary action.
 - 🗆 a. True
 - 🗆 b. False
- 6. A horse that continually works the first cow short to the right and long to the left should be penalized one point (F for working out of position) and lower run content by putting a minus in (controlling the cow).
 - □ a. True
 - 🗆 b. False
- A Cutter is working a cow, and the cow falls completely down on its side. The cow is scrambling to get back up when the Cutter quits the cow. The judge should assess a 3-point hot quit penalty.
 - 🛛 a. True
 - 🛛 b. False



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- 8. All reviews on (Rule #10) change of cattle must be reviewed at normal speed (no slow motion).
 - 🗆 a. True
 - 🗆 b. False
- 9. As a judge, it is your responsibility to know the number of placings in each class.
 - 🗆 a. True
 - 🗆 b. False
- 10. All judges are required to leave the show with a copy of the judges' sheets, a copy of the video of all classes judged and complete the weekend monitor's report from the videographer. The judge is required to mail all these items to the assigned Weekend monitor no later than the Wednesday following the show.
 - 🛛 a. True
 - 🛛 b. False
- 11. If a rider that showed earlier in the set comes to you two horses later and asks for a rework, what should you do?
 - \Box a. Grant them a rework
 - b. Go back and review their run and determine if they get a rework
 - C. Once the next horse crosses the timeline the option is over for asking for a rework
- 12. The Contestant's run has just finished, the Contestant is riding out and starts excessively training their horse, what should you do?
 - \Box a. Blow the whistle and score the run accordingly
 - \Box b. Blow the whistle and score the run a zero
 - \Box c. Call the rider to the judges stand and ask them to stop abusing the horse
- 13. A rider can quit a cow that is clearly backing up in any direction.
 - 🛛 a. True
 - 🗆 b. False

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- 14. How important is it to fill out the credit side of your judges' card accurately?
 - □ a. Not important
 - □ b. Very important
 - □ c. It doesn't matter
- 15. Any misconduct on the part of the judge at any NCHA contest, the use of abusive language, showing favoritism to, or discrimination against, either an individual or a horse performing in a contest, or any other action unbecoming to one in their position will result in:
 - □ a. Minimum \$500 fine
 - □ b. Minimum 90-day suspension
 - □ c. A or B, or possibly both combined
- 16. The Cutter fails to make a deep cut on their first and second cow, then rides deep into the herd and separates the third cow but fails to get their hand down before the buzzer sounds. The following penalty should be applied:
 - \Box a. 5-point failure to make a deep cut
 - □ b. 3-point failure to separate a single animal
 - \Box c. 3-point failure to make a deep cut
 - □ d. No penalty
- 17. While in the process of cutting, the Cutter has two cows separated from the herd. As the Cutter attempts to cut the desired cow, the two cows move to the back fence inside the back fence markers, then move back to the working area. The judge should apply:
 - $\hfill\square$ a. No penalty because a single animal was not yet separated
 - \Box b. 5 total penalty points
 - □ c. 3-point penalty
- 18. A Cutter legally quits a cow, and immediately 3 cows leave the herd. The judge rules that the horse disturbed the herd causing the cattle to leave. Which of the following should be applied?
 - a. No penalty because the rider had already legally quit working
 - $\hfill\square$ b. 3-point penalty for picking up cattle



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- While working a cow, the Cutter picks their hand up to quit that cow, but realizes the cow is not turned away. They immediately put their hand back down and works the cow for another 10 seconds, then legally quits the cow. The judge should:
 - □ a. Assess a 3 point hot quit penalty
 - \Box b. Assess a reining penalty
 - □ c. Assess no penalty
 - d. Reward the Cutter for realizing the cow was not turned away
- 20. At what slow motion speed does a judge review a slow walking hot quit?
 - □ a. 1/2
 - □ b. 1/4
 - □ c. 1/16
- 21. A judge who fails to whistle out a Contestant for excessive training to the horse will be:
 - □ a. Fined \$300
 - □ b. Removed from the approved judges list
 - \Box c. Lowered one rating classification
 - \Box d. None of the above
- 22. When a cow is in an obviously stopped position, and is standing still, and simply picks up one foot and replaces it, the quit would be considered clean. This would not include the final step of a "slow walking cow".
 - 🛛 a. True
 - 🛛 b. False
- 23. How to properly document a Review on your judge's sheet using the SAM system?
 - a. Write your score down with an R and circle both your score and penalty
 - □ b. If the score goes down write adjusted score to left of original score
 - □ c. Initial your new score and the circled penalty
 - \Box d. All the above
- 24. If a judge blows a whistle two times due to the fact the Cutter did not stop after the first whistle, what happens next.
 - a. Nothing
 - \Box b. Contestant can be fined \$500
 - \Box c. None of the above