

SASKATCHEWAN CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION DRAFT STANDING RULES

General Rules

- All Saskatchewan Cutting Horse Association (SCHA) shows approved by the National Cutting Horse Association (NCHA) shall be conducted following the rules of the NCHA. Canadian Cutting Horse Association (CCHA) rules shall be followed for CCHA and SCHA or SCHA only approved shows or classes.
- It is the contestant's sole responsibility to determine his/her horse's eligibility to compete in any class entered.
- It is the non-professional rider's sole responsibility to maintain his/her Non Pro status according to the rules of the NCHA
- Contestants are obligated to pay entry fees in full, after the close of the entry deadline even if they fail to show up or compete at the show or in a class.
- All horses entered must be included in the draw and their entry fees added to the purse. Payout will be based on the number of horses entered not the number of horses shown. Entries cancelled after the official closing date shall forfeit all fees. The only exceptions permitted are:
 - A veterinary certificate is provided declaring the horse is not fit to compete.
 - Injury or serious illness to the rider or serious sickness /death in the rider's family.
 - In both scenarios above, only the cattle charges will be non-refundable.
- All late entries will go to the bottom of the draw.
- All children must be supervised by a responsible adult in the show pen, practice pen and warm-up area. Proper show and safety requirements are mandatory.

SCHA Memberships

Memberships are based on the calendar year and expire December 31 each year.

- Individual Membership \$60.00
- Family Membership \$100.00
- Youth Membership \$5.00
- Associate Membership \$10.00

Memberships are required by both the owner and rider for any horse shown in NCHA and CCHA classes.

The SCHA Board of Directors has the right to suspend any member for unwarranted harassment or unsportsmanlike conduct.

Any member or non-member may be suspended and denied privileges of the SCHA for failure to pay any financial obligation when due to SCHA.

NCHA/ CCHA/ SCHA Division

In order to compete in the following divisions, contestants must hold memberships with all three of the following: NCHA, CCHA and SCHA.

Horse Classes:

- **Open** – No dollar limit on horse or rider.
- **\$25,000 Novice Horse** – open to horses with less than \$25,000 in earnings with no dollar limit on rider earnings.
- **\$5,000 Novice Horse** - open to horses with less than \$5,000 in earnings with no dollar limit on rider earnings.
- **\$25,000 Novice Horse Non-Pro** – open to owned horses with less than \$25,000 in earnings with no dollar limit on the Non Pro rider earnings.
- **\$5,000 Novice Horse Non-Pro** – open to owned horses with less than \$5,000 in earnings with no dollar limit on the Non Pro rider earnings.

Rider Classes:

- **Non-Pro** – open to Non-Professionals on any *owned* horse regardless of rider earnings.
- **Unlimited Amateur** – open to Amateur riders on any *owned* horse who are:
 - NOT in the Non-Pro Rider Hall of Fame
 - Are EITHER under the age of 60 and have not won more than \$250,000 in Non-Pro money OR over the age of 60 regardless of Non-Pro money.
- **\$50,000 Non-Pro** - open to Non-Professionals on any *owned* horse who have earned less than \$50,000 as a rider.
- **\$75,000 Amateur** – open to Amateur riders on any *owned* horse who have earned less than \$75,000 as a rider.
- **\$25,000 Amateur** - open to Amateur riders on any *owned* horse who have earned less than \$25,000+ as a rider.
- **\$4,000 Limited Rider** – open to riders on any horse who has earned less than \$4,000 as a rider.
- **Senior Youth** – open to youth riders aged 14 – 18 years of age.
- **Junior Youth** – open to youth riders aged 13 and under

Limited Age Events (also called “Aged Events” or LAE)

- **Futurity** – an event with classes for 3-year-old horses
- **Derby** – and event with classes for 4-year-old horses
- **Classic / Challenge** – and event with classes for 5- and 6-year-old horses

Ranch Cutting Division

In order to compete in the following divisions, you must hold a SCHA membership.

SCHA Ranch Competition Rules

- All horses will be judged in accordance with all NCHA / CCHA rules, except for the reining penalties. Reining is permitted in ranch classes.
- Any legal bit is permissible.
- Horses may be ridden with either one or two hands, and may do so alternatively without penalties.
- Credit will be given for riding with a loose rein, and or light assistance with the reins.
- When eye appeal is lost, or taken away from, by heavy or excessive reining, run content will be diminished.

Ranch Classes

- **Open Ranch** - open to any horse or any rider regardless of either's earnings.
- **\$5,000 Novice Horse Non-Pro Ranch** - open to Non-Professional riders on a horse with less than \$5,000 in earnings regardless of rider earnings.
- **\$1,000 Novice Horse Ranch** - open to horses with less than \$1,000 in earnings regardless of rider earnings.
- **\$1,000 Limited Rider Ranch** - open to riders, on any horse, who have earned less than \$1,000 as a rider.
- **Youth Ranch** – open to youth riders under the age of 18 years of age
- **Never Won A Buckle** – open to riders on any horse who:
 - Who have earned less than \$500 in any cutting event
 - Who have never won a buckle in any cutting event

Payout Schedule for Ranch Classes

Number of Horses	Number of Placings Paid									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1 - 2	100%									
3	55%	45%								
4 - 6	46%	36%	18%							
7 - 9	37%	30%	17%	10%	6%					
10 - 12	34%	27%	16%	10%	7%	6%				
13 - 15	34%	27%	16%	10%	7%	6%				
16 - 18	31%	25%	16%	10%	7%	6%	5%			
19 - 21	29%	23%	16%	10%	8%	6%	5%	3%		
22 - 24	27%	22%	15%	10%	8%	6%	5%	4%	3%	
25 - Up	26%	21%	14%	10%	8%	7%	5%	4%	3%	2%

SCHA Loping Pen Etiquette

- A rider astride a horse in the show pen/ loping pen must be fully dressed in western attire (boots, jeans, collared long sleeve shirt, cowboy hat or riding helmet).
- All horses must be going the same direction in concentric circles.
- Slower traffic stays closer to the center of the circle, faster traffic to the outside of the circle.
- Never stop or do dry-work in traffic. Stop or do dry work in a safe area with no traffic.
- Apply boots and groom in areas of no traffic.
- Look before leaving or entering traffic. Yield to lopers.
- Please ask to change direction of the loping circle.
- Riders must be in control of their horse at all times.
- Ponying a horse in the warm-up pen is not permitted.
- Be courteous and maintain a good sense of humour

SCHA Year End Awards

To qualify for the Year End Awards:

- Both horse owner and rider must be active members of SCHA
- Must have shown a minimum of 60% in the same class, regardless of 2 or 3 day shows, as long as the class was held each day of the show.
Example – if a contestant shows in the same class at 7 out of 12 classes they will have shown in 58% of the classes held and therefore will not qualify for the SCHA Year End Awards.
- In order for a class to be eligible for year-end awards, it also must have been held at a minimum of 60% of the total show days.
Example – the class must have been held 8 out of 12 times per year.

SCHA Year End Awards to Champions and Reserve Champions will be based on a point system rather than dollars earned. Points will be awarded as follows:

Number of Entries in Class	Points Awarded					
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
1	1					
2	2	1				
3	3	2	1			
4	4	3	2	1		
5	5	4	3	2	1	
6	6	5	4	3	2	1

And so on

Note: Any horse(s) who receives a score of 60, will automatically receive 1 point only, regardless of the number of ties at this score or their position in the class. No points will be awarded to a disqualified horse or contestant.

The SCHA Board of Directors, prior to the new point year, will determine the classes eligible for year end awards.

SCHA will provide the funding towards the year end awards based on not greater than \$500 for Champions and not greater than \$300 for Reserve Champions. \$3.00 from every cut of the entry fee office charges will automatically go towards funding the year end awards.

The SCHA fiscal year is November 1 to October 31. However, class/division eligibility for age (for example, youth members - the actual age qualification for a youth member is determined by their age on June 30th of the current point year), and rider and/or horse earnings is as of January 1 of each calendar year.

Achievement Award Buckle

\$1000.00 Achievement Award Buckles will be awarded by the SCHA to all SCHA members who accumulate lifetime earnings competing in the following SCHA classes: \$4000 Rider Limit (formerly \$2000.00 Rider limit), \$1,000 Limited Rider Ranch, \$1,000 Novice Horse Ranch, Youth Ranch and Youth.

SCHA Operations

Shows

- The SCHA will purchase the updated version of the Faster Horses computer program for use by the show secretary on an annual basis.
- The Show Director will work with the Show Secretary to determine when the entries close and what classes will be offered at the show.
- The Show Secretary will determine if a class will be cancelled due to lack of entries after entry deadline.
- Any issues that arise at shows defaults to the SCHA executive committee to make final ruling.
- All NCHA classes must be videoed by a trained/licensed NCHA Videographer.
- All entry fees must be paid by the close on the final day of a show.
- The Show Secretary will be paid a fee per entry/per class. The SCHA Board will review this fee and can make adjustments prior to the new show year.
- The Videographer will be paid a fee per NCHA cut. The SCHA Board will review this fee and can make adjustments prior to the new show year.
- The SCHA Secretary will receive a \$1,000 per diem each year.
- The SCHA Treasurer will receive a \$1000 per diem each year.

All previous SCHA Standing Rules are no longer in effect upon the approval of the 2025 version of the SCHA Standing Rules. The SCHA Board of Directors shall review these rules each fall and make amendments as necessary prior to January 1 of each new year.