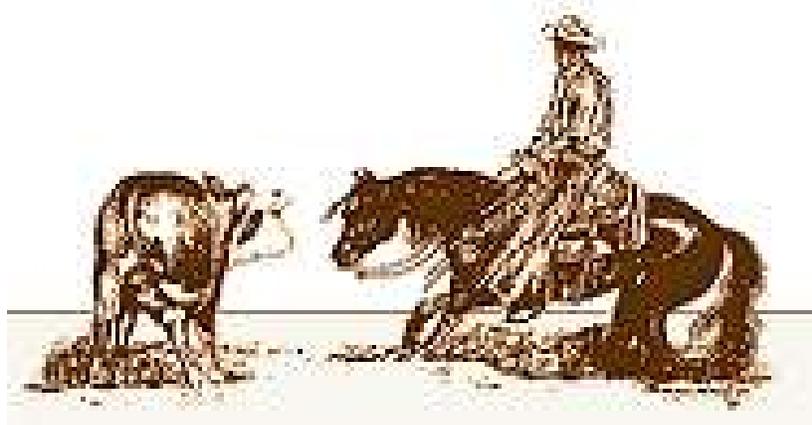


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THE ARABIAN CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION, INC.

BY-LAWS

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As a participant in a competition, (as a rider, handler, lessee, owner, agent, coach, trainer, junior exhibitor, a parent or guardian of a junior exhibitor, etc.), one must be fully aware and acknowledge that the horse sports and participation in a competition involve serious risk of harm including, but not limited to risks of accident, serious bodily injury, including death, broken bones, head injuries, trauma, pain and suffering and property damage. Participant assumes all risks of harm to one's person, horse or property.

Participant agrees for one's self, one's heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns to release The Arabian Cutting Horse Association, Inc. the competition, the facilities leased by the competition and the owners(s) of the facilities, and all of their respective officers, officials, directors, employees, agents, personnel, volunteers, affiliated organizations and insurers (collectively, the "released parties") from any and all claims for damage, loss or injury to persons, horses or other property belonging to the participant.

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FORWARD

Cutting horses share a heritage with all that is part of the American West. They also share the heritage of the Arabian horse. Arabian blood was an essential element in developing the indispensable “cow horse”.

As ranges of the West were fenced and domestic cattle replaced longhorns, ranches of the 20th century began breeding horses for those unique qualities necessary to a cutting horse. Mares descended from Spanish conquistadors' Arabians were predominant in many broodmare bands. Purebred and part-bred Arabian stallions were sometimes used as her sires.

Arabian horses are graced with natural ability and intelligence, prime requisites for a good cutting horse. Gathering, sorting and separating cattle requires a quick mind and body, as well as the Arabian hallmarks of stamina and soundness.

Cutting horse contest, evolved from leisure time diversion of many ranches, gained recognition and a standard format in 1946, with formation of the National Cutting Horse Association (NCHA).

The International Arabian Cutting Horse Association, IACHA was recognized by the International Arabian Horse Association, IAHA in 1960.

In 2005 The Arabian Cutting Horse Association, TACHA became an affiliate of the Arabian Horse Association, AHA.

BY-LAWS
Of
THE ARABIAN CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION, INC

Article I

Section 1. This association shall be known as The Arabian Cutting Horse Association, Inc. According to its Articles of Incorporation the Association shall be a non-profit corporation; with no capital stock; no paid officers or directors; and it shall hold no member, Officer or Director liable for any corporate debt.

Section 2. The term for which it will exist shall be fifty (50) years.

Section 3. The principal office or place of business of this Association shall be the home of the duly appointed Secretary/Treasurer of the Association. The legal address of this Association shall be the same.

Section 4. There shall be no capital stock and in lieu of stock certificates, membership cards shall be issued to all members. Membership cards shall be signed by the Secretary.

Section 5. Membership cards shall be non-transferable.

Article II

PURPOSE

The purpose of The Arabian Cutting Horse Association, Inc. is to encourage the development of the public interest in livestock and ranching through the promotion and sponsorship of public cutting horse contests, public exhibition of cutting horses in conjunction with cattle and livestock; the presentation and participation of cutting horse events in other general livestock exhibitions;

- To set up standard judging and show rules for Arabian cutting horse contests
- To standardize pay out schedule for prize monies
- To standardize the election and appointment of judges and directors or spokesmen for such contests, exhibitions and expositions
- To encourage the development and breeding of finer Arabian cutting horses
- To cooperate with other organizations (namely, the Arabian Horse Association (AHA) and Region VIII) and individuals in developing and maintaining the highest quality of this incomparable breed
- To encourage, aid and conduct events for the purpose of advancing the outstanding qualities of Arabian horses

Article III

OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Officers of the Association shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary/ Treasurer. Each of these officers shall be a current voting member in good standing in both this Association and the Arabian Horse Association (AHA).

These officers shall hold office for a period of two (2) years or until their successors are duly elected and qualified; commencing January first and ending December thirty-first. Nominations for President and Vice President are to be made from the nominating committee; the nominating committee shall consist of the current Board of Directors. Ballots for President and Vice-President and members of the Board of Directors shall be sent to the membership by September first (1st) and returned by October first (1st) to be tallied. No ballots postmarked after October first (1st) will be counted. No faxed or email ballots will be accepted. Tabulation will be conducted prior to the meeting at the AHA U.S. Nationals by three (3) members appointed by the President and report to the membership. New Officers will be announced at the annual meeting held during AHA U.S. Nationals.

Any Officer of the Association may be removed by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at any called meeting of the membership, provided that written notice of the purpose of said meeting has been given in accordance with Article VII of these By-Laws. Examples of cause for removal:

- 1) Missing three (3) consecutive Board meetings;
- 2) Missing more than four (4) Board meetings in one (1) year;
- 3) Not paying membership fees by-individual's due date;
- 4) Dereliction of duties, etc.

Should a vacancy occur in the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary/ Treasurer, any voting member in good standing may be elected by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Directors to fill out the unexpired term.

All vacancies in the offices of the Association shall be filled by the Board of Directors, and those so appointed shall serve until their successors have been elected and qualified.

A. The President shall:

Be the chief executive officer of the Association and, be subject to the control of the Board of Directors, shall have general supervision, direction and control of the business and Officers of the Association.

1. Preside at all meetings of the Association and the Board of Directors;
2. Appoint the chairpersons of all committees other than those provided for elsewhere in these By-Laws.

3. With the treasurer (or other appropriate individual), sign all written contracts authorized by the association;
4. Have the general powers and duties of management usually vested in the office of President of a corporation and shall have such other powers and duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or these By Laws.

B. The Vice-President shall:

1. In the absence or disability of the President to perform all the duties of the President and when so acting, shall have all the power of, and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President;
2. Be in charge of Programs at General Membership Meetings;
3. Have other powers and perform other duties as may be prescribed by the President.
4. All outgoing Presidents of TACHA shall be Honorary Vice-Presidents.

C. The Secretary/Treasurer shall:

Secretary/Treasurer is to be appointed by the President and approved by the Board.

1. The Secretary/Treasurer shall issue all notices on calls to the Directors and members.
2. Keep, or cause to be kept, a book of minutes of the Association and the Board of Directors meetings, with the time and location, type of meeting, the proceedings thereof, and the names of Officers and Directors present and absent, and shall submit such minutes for publication in the newsletter.
3. Be responsible for the safekeeping of all correspondence and other valuable papers of the Association not assigned to another Officer of Director;
4. Keep the Motion Book with a record of all motions passed by the Board of Directors or General Membership;
5. Have other powers and perform other duties as may be prescribed by the President.
6. Receive and distribute prize monies as prescribed by the TACHA judging and show rules.
7. Keep accurate books of account of the Association's transactions, which shall be the property of the Association.
8. Send Ballots for election to membership and record the balloting of all elections.
9. Prepare and present an itemized financial statement at the Annual Meeting, and at such other times as required by the President;
10. Chair the Budget Committee and present a proposed budget to the Board of Directors at the first meeting of the new year.

11. Submit the Association's books to the Board of Directors for financial review and approval no later than the end of February every year.
12. Perform all other duties commonly incidental to this office;
13. Issue membership cards.
14. Assist with the filing of income taxes.

Article IV

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND DUTIES:

Standing committee chairman shall consist of Membership Chair, Youth Chair, Newsletter Editor (Chair) and Website Editor (Chair). Each chairman must be a current voting member in good standing of the Association.

These Chairmen shall hold their position for a period of two (2) years. Should a vacancy occur in this position, any member in good standing may be appointed by the Board of Directors to fill the unexpired term.

A. The Membership Chair shall:

Membership Chair shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board

1. Keep, or cause to be kept, the official membership roster with addresses, telephone numbers, and other information on all members, and shall promptly notify AHA of any additions, changes or deletions;
2. Issue membership information determined by the Board, and performs such other and further duties as usually pertain to this position, including those especially assigned to him/her from time to time by the Board of Directors.
3. Perform other duties as may be prescribed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors.

B. The Youth Chair shall:

Youth Chair shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board.

1. Encourage and promote the youth activities, involvement, enjoyment and development.
2. Perform other duties as may be prescribed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors.

D. The Newsletter Editor (Chair) shall;

Newsletter Editor shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board.

1. Be responsible for publishing and distributing the newsletter, on a schedule established by the Board of Directors;
2. Perform other duties as may be prescribed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors.

D. The Website Editor (Chair) shall;

Website Editor shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board.

1. Be responsible for the up keep and editing of the website, make changes in a timely manner, adding and deleting from the website as seen fit by the Board of Directors.
2. Perform other duties as may be prescribed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors.

Article V

MEMBERS

Section 1. Any individual (regardless of whether he or she owns or rides a cutting horse), firm, partnership, organization, riding club, state or regional group of good character and reputation interested in cutting horses may become an active member of this Association.

Section 2. Annual Dues: annual dues shall be charged each member according to their membership category. The Board of Directors shall establish the rates of the dues, any other membership fees to be assessed, due dates and deadlines with respect to AHA guidelines.

Section 3. Members must pay the annual dues by the individual member's due date. Dues shall be considered delinquent after said date. Any member delinquent in payment of annual Association dues by due date will be subject to a five-dollar (\$5.00) penalty. Members, who do not pay their current annual dues, will forfeit their The Arabian Cutting Horse Association, Inc. membership. Notification will be made by letter, giving opportunity to pay current annual dues or be dropped from TACHA membership.

Section 4. Non members are not eligible to receive show points for year-end standings. A

\$100.00 penalty will be assessed for payment of points earned during fiscal year, after current dues are paid in full, to collect points prior to membership.

Section 5. All membership fees and dues shall be paid to TACHA or through AHA and sent to the Secretary/Treasurer.

Section 6. The fiscal year of this Association shall be January 1st through December 31st of each year.

Section 7. Individuals, firms or partnerships will be issued annual membership cards. Firms or partnerships must designate who the voting member will be.

Section 8. The annual meeting of the members of this Association shall be held at a time and place designated by the Board of Directors.

Section 9. Special membership meetings may be called by the President at any time and place on reasonable notice to all members, no less than two (2) weeks, by mail, email, fax or verbal.

Section 10. Nine (9) members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting and a majority of such quorum shall decide any question that may arise at any meeting. All membership meetings may be adjourned from day to day and from time to time until a quorum appears.

Section 11. Each member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote. A member in good standing will be an individual that is current on their TACHA dues and not under suspension from

Arabian Horse Association(AHA).

Section 12. The order of business at any meeting of the members shall be:

Roll call

Proof of due notice

Reading and disposal of minutes

Report of Officers and Directors

Unfinished business

Election (if any)

New business

Adjournment

Section 13. The designation of Honorary Member may be conferred by the Board of Directors upon any person or persons rendering single or honorable service to The Arabian Cutting Horse Association, or in other horse associations or civic organizations or city, country or governmental affairs.

Article VI

DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Board of Directors of this Association shall consist of nine (9) members in good standing and shall consist of the President, Vice-President, and the appropriate number of other members of this Association, seven (7). These officers shall hold office for a period of two (2) years or until their successors are duly elected and qualified; commencing January first and ending December thirty-first and be a member of Arabian Horse Association (AHA).

Ballots for the Board of Directors shall be sent to the membership by September first (1st) and returned by October first (1st) to be tallied. No ballots postmarked after October 1st will be counted. No faxed or email ballots will be accepted. Tabulation will be conducted prior to the membership meeting at AHA U.S. Nationals by three (3) members appointed by the President and report to the membership. The new Board will be announced at the annual meeting held during AHA U.S. Nationals.

Section 2. Members of the Board of Directors must attend at least two (2) Board Meetings per calendar year. It shall be the duty of the President to appoint a Director or Directors to fill the vacancy of any Director approved by the sitting Board.

Section 3. The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of this Association shall be held immediately preceding or following the annual membership meeting of the members.

Section 4. Special meeting of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or any four (4) members of the Board of Directors at any time or place, on one week's notice.

Section 5. A quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors shall be not less than four (4) of the Directors. A majority of such quorum shall decide any questions that may come before the meeting. All Directors' meetings may be adjourned from day to day or time-to-time until a quorum appears.

Section 6. A meeting shall be defined as a physical gathering or conference call. The Board of Directors may take action without a meeting, by mail, email, fax or similar electronic communication. Each Board member must state in writing to the Secretary/Treasurer their willingness to do this. A quorum of total Board members must be represented to resolve any issues addressed.

Section 7. Proxy vote is an authorization to vote in ones absence. A proxy vote must be in written form and signed by the Board members. The Board members' votes and person authorized in the proxy must be stated clearly and received by the Secretary/Treasurer prior to the meeting where the votes will be taken. Any new business that requires a vote, the proxy holder will be authorized to vote. The proxy must be received with the date of the meeting that the proxy will be accepted. No proxy covering

multiple meetings will be allowed. It must be for a single specific election or session upon which a matter is to be voted.

Section 8. The order of business at all meetings of the Board of Directors shall be:

Meeting called to order

Roll call

Reading and disposal of minutes

Unfinished business

Election (if any)

Report of officers and committees

New business

Adjournment

Article VII

AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Any by-laws may be repealed, modified, or amended, and new by-laws may be adopted at any regular meeting of the members of the Association, or at any special meeting of the members if due notice has been given, no less than 2 weeks by mail, email, fax or verbal, that this will be part of the order of business. By-Law changes must be approved by at least a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present.

The Association has ownership and control of all records, minutes, by-laws, rules, regulations and any items for the maintenance, operation and promotion of The Arabian Cutting Horse Association, Inc.

RULES AND REGULATIONS
of the
THE ARABIAN CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION, INC.
(TACHA)
(Revised 12/2011)

SECTION I – GENERAL

1. Any member of the Association may work at any show.
2. Horses shown must be registered with the Arabian Horse Registry of American, Inc., and/or The Canadian Arabian Horse Registry or the Arabian Horse Association Half-Arabian Horse Registry.
3. Rules shall be reviewed annually and updated as needed with Board approval.
4. The Arabian Cutting Horse Association, Inc. may be referred to as, TACHA throughout.

SECTION II – RECOGNIZED CONTEST

1. To be TACHA Recognized, the application form must be received in the TACHA office no later than 50 days prior to the closing date of entry for the show involved. All recognized shows must appear in at least one TACHA Newsletter or Website at least 21 days prior to closing. Early receipt of the application will give the contest publicity in the TACHA Newsletter and Website.
2. A Show that is recognized by the TACHA must use the TACHA Rules.
3. All judges will be TACHA approved.
 - a. No judge on the TACHA, AHA, ACHA or NCHA, probation list will be permitted to judge.
 - b. All TACHA and AHA approved or sponsored classes having added purses of \$500.00 or more shall be required to tape or film such classes. This tape or film must be retained by the show management for thirty (30) days and shall be made available to TACHA on request.
 - c. Shows having classes with added prize money of more than one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) per class should use at least two (2) judges.
 - d. Shows with one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) or more added prize money should not use a judge that has already judged a contest with one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) or more prize money in the same calendar year.
 - e. Judges for TACHA approved cutting events in Canada may be selected from either the TACHA Approved Judges List or from the Canadian Cutting Horse Association Approved Judges List.
 - f. The standards set by NCHA/TACHA for selecting judges by classification based on the amount of added money should be followed.
 - AAAA - Can judge all shows
 - AAA - Can judge a \$1000.00 added class alone
 - AA - Can judge alone an added purse of \$499 or less.
Can judge alone an added purse of \$500 to \$999 (provided he/she has a minimum of fifteen (15) lifetime credits)
Can judge an added purse of \$1000.00 or less (provided he/she has a minimum of fifteen (15) lifetime credits) with another "AA" or with a "AAA" judge.

g. In the event that any situation arises which is not covered hereunder, it shall be governed by the decision of the Board of Directors of TACHA.

4. The TACHA designated the Top Five (5) Arabian Cutting Horses of each year in the following Divisions:

PUREBRED – OPEN Horse who has competed in the Open division

HALF-ARABIAN – OPEN Horse who has competed in the Open division

PUREBRED – NON-PROFESSIONAL RIDER Rider who has competed in the Non-Pro division. (One horse/One Rider)

HALF-ARABIAN – NON-PROFESSIONAL RIDER Rider who has competed in the Non-Pro division. (One horse/One Rider)

PUREBRED - \$5000 NOVICE HORSE Horse with lifetime earnings of less than \$5000.00 in any cutting competitions.

HALF-ARABIAN - \$5000 NOVICE HORSE Horse with lifetime earnings of less than \$5000.00 in any cutting competitions.

PUREBRED - \$5000 NOVICE HORSE – NON-PRO RIDER Horse with lifetime earnings of less than \$5000.00 in any cutting competitions. Non-Pro Rider.

PUREBRED - \$1500 NOVICE HORSE Horse with lifetime earnings of less than \$1500.00 in any cutting competitions.

PUREBRED – YOUTH RIDER Rider who is under the age of 18, prior to December 31 of the previous year may ride any horse.

HALF-ARABIAN – YOUTH RIDER Rider who is under the age of 18, prior to December 31 of the previous year, may ride any horse.

PUREBRED NOVICE RIDER Rider with lifetime earnings of less than \$1500.00 in any cutting competitions, may ride any horse, Professional or Non Pro.

HALF-ARABIAN NOVICE RIDER Rider with lifetime earnings of less than \$1500.00 in any cutting competitions, may ride any horse. Professional or Non Pro.

PUREBRED/HALF-ARABIAN – TACHA (NCHA-ACHA) HIGH POINT HORSE
Money earned in a NCHA or ACHA open show during current competition year. (TACHA must be sent copies of winnings)

The TACHA Competition Year shall begin 3 days after the end of U.S. Nationals through the last day of competition at U.S. Nationals of each year.

(1) No AHA/TACHA recognized cutting shall be permitted beginning three (3) weeks prior to the start of the U.S. National Arabian Championship Show until 3 days after the end of the U.S. National Championship Show.

(2) No AHA/TACHA recognized cutting shall be permitted during the Annual AHA Convention, as well as the day before and the day after.

(3) TACHA reserves the right to refuse recognition or cancel the recognition of a show, which it deems not to be in the best interest of the Association.

a. All eligible Novice Horses after the published “Year End Standings” shall remain a Novice Horse through the published “Year End Standings” of the following year, regardless of the amount of money earned in that year.

b. If a horse’s lifetime earnings at the start of the point year are \$5000.00 or more, the horse may no longer show as a Novice Horse. If a horse’s lifetime

- earnings at the start of the point year are \$1500.00 or more, the horse may no longer show as a \$1500.00 Novice Horse.
- c. Futurity/Maturity money won will not count towards Novice Horse standings. NCHA/ACHA Money won will count towards Novice Horse standings.
 - d. If fewer than 10 horses have competed in a given division, only enough Top Five awards will be made to total 50% of those having competed (i.e., a Division having only 7 exhibitors for the year will be granted 4 Top Five awards).
 - e. Annual awards will not be awarded in a division if fewer than 2 exhibitors competed in that division for that year. Exception: Youth Division
5. TACHA recognition may be granted only to classes limited to Purebred Arabian or Half-Arabian or Anglo-Arabian horses. No points may be won at any other cutting event not approved by TACHA, except in the class designated Purebred/Half-Arabian –TACHA (NCHA-ACHA) HIGH POINT HORSE. Money won will count towards horse and riders lifetime earnings.
 6. Judges must draw for places (working order of horses) or authorize show management to draw before go-rounds and finals. In the event that a horse is left out of the draw, a re-draw must be made. If a horse is duplicated, the judge or show management shall draw to determine which draw position is to be used.
 7. The Show Management must determine how many horses will be worked in each group of cattle. After the draw, absent horses shall be counted toward cattle changes and horses will work as drawn in each group of cattle.
 8. The prize money is to be divided into go-round money and finals money as follow:
Go-round – not less than 70%
Finals – not less than 30%
Any time there is more than one go-round; money will be paid in each go-round.
 9. If entry fees are paid per go round than no division in payout will be needed.
 10. No entry fee shall be less than \$10.00.

Any show with more than \$3000.00 added must have more than one go-round.

- a. Entry fee shall be added to prize money. If any charge is to be made other than entry fee, it must be stated as a stall, handling, or office charge and be separated from the entry fee.
- b. In a TACHA recognized cutting horse contest, the show management must send the total added money and entry fees, along with the original judges' cards and completed TACHA Results Forms (forms will be provided by TACHA), within fourteen (14) days following each and every cutting horse contest to the TACHA Secretary/Treasurer; shows failing to do so or defaulting in payments or prize money shall be subject to loss of recognition for all future shows as well as legal action to collect said monies.
TACHA will retain eight percent (8%) of the total entry fees collected in each TACHA approved contest. (Note: This deduction to be made from entry fees only and is not to include any portion of the added money added by the show or other charges.) This deduction is used for the financial obligations incurred in the yearly operations of TACHA.
- c. No deduction, other than as specified above, shall be made. Failure to comply will cause recognition of the show to be withdrawn.

- d. The number of horses entered, including scratches, in a class and the amount of money being competed for will determine the number of monies to be paid.
1. A class must have at least 2 horses for points to be counted for Year– End Standings. The class may be held with only one entry.
 2. No added money can be offered for any of the Youth classes or Novice Rider classes.

Cutting class go-rounds and/or semi-finals will be paid using the following schedule for each class. In classes with more than one go-round, the prize money is to be divided equally in each go-round, unless entry fee is charged per go-round.

PAYOUT SCHEDULE

| | |
|--------------------|-----------|
| 2 entries----- | 1 money |
| 3-4 entries----- | 2 monies |
| 5-6 entries----- | 3 monies |
| 7-8 entries----- | 4 monies |
| 9-10 entries----- | 5 monies |
| 11-12 entries----- | 6 monies |
| 13-14 entries----- | 7 monies |
| 15-16 entries----- | 8 monies |
| 17-18 entries----- | 9 monies |
| 19 or more----- | 10 monies |

U.S. National Payout

70% of the total class prize money will be paid to the go-rounds including the semifinals. The 70% will be divided equally among the number of go-rounds (i.e. one go round=70%, two go-rounds=35% each, etc.) The Finalist (Top Ten) (determined by final composite score of all go-rounds, unless finals are clean slate) will be paid 30% of the total class purse. All Finalists (Top Tens) will be paid prize money. When a full Top Ten is not awarded; money will be paid per payout schedule, in the non-working Finals, not to exceed ten (10) monies.

PERCENTAGE OF ALLOCATED PRIZE MONEY ACCORDING TO NUMBER OF MONIES PAID

| | NUMBER OF MONIES | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | |
| 1 st | 100% | 60% | 50% | 40% | 30% | 30% | 28% | 25% | 23% | 20% | |
| P 2 nd | - | 40% | 30% | 30% | 25% | 24% | 23% | 20% | 19% | 16% | |
| L 3 rd | - | - | 20% | 20% | 20% | 18% | 17% | 15% | 15% | 14% | |
| A 4 th | - | - | - | 10% | 15% | 12% | 13% | 12% | 11% | 11% | |
| C 5 th | - | - | - | - | 10% | 9% | 9% | 10% | 9% | 9% | |
| I 6 th | - | - | - | - | - | 7% | 6% | 8% | 8% | 8% | |
| N 7 th | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4% | 6% | 6% | 7% | |
| G 8 th | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4% | 5% | 6% | |
| S 9 th | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4% | 5% | |
| 10 th | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4% | |

- e. If an owner scratches one (1) or more horses without a vet certificate, his entry fee will be held by TACHA and will be added to the purse. Other fees (i.e. cattle & office) will be held by show management. With a vet certificate, only the entry fee will be refunded. Other fees (i.e. cattle & office) will be held by show management.
 - f. The sponsoring show may charge a “post entry fee” penalty for late entries. this penalty fee will be retained by the sponsoring show. It is recommended that the “post entry fee” should not exceed 20% of the total class fees. (Example: Entry fee= \$100, Cattle & Office=\$100, Total = \$200. Post-entry fee = \$40 or less)
11. The score from each go-round will be added together to get the top horses for the finals, If a working finals is offered.
 12. In a contest where there is a working final. The score a horse has made in go-round performances will be added to the score the horse makes in finals to determine the winner of the contest. Finals money shall be paid on accumulated scores of all go-rounds and finals, unless the finals are published as a “clean-slate” final.
 13. In a contest where there is a non working final, the score of each go-round added together will determine the winner of that contest. Finals money shall be paid on accumulate scores of go-rounds.
 14. An exhibitor may enter one or more horses. A rider may ride one or more horses. Each horse must have the same rider throughout the class. Under no circumstances can the same horse be shown by more than one rider in any class at a TACHA recognized contest.
 15. Entry numbers shall not be used as the sole method of identifying horses at any contest approved by TACHA. Announcers are required to make known the name of each horse, his owner and rider at the time he/she performs and to recognize winners in a similar manner at the conclusion of the contest.
 16. The time allotted each horse to work is two-and-half (2 ½) minutes; time to start when contestant crosses the time line. This gives the rider ample time to ride to the herd and work as many cows as the rider sees fit in the allotted time.
 17. If elimination is held, the same rider must ride in the elimination.

SECTION III – JUDGES

1. Each judge must sign his scorecard (Official Judges Card) and the Show Management shall post same in a conspicuous place immediately following each go-round and finals. There must not be any consultation between judges until scorecards are turned in. After judge’s cards are turned in, there will be no changes.
2. When two or more individuals are judging a cutting horse contest and one or two judges can not complete judging of the go-round, the score or scores of the remaining judge or judges who complete the go-round will be the sole basis of computing the go-round. Each judge must score each horse individually, and if any one of his scores is counted in a go-round, all of his scores must be counted except as provided herein; where five or more individuals are judging a cutting horse contest, the highest and the lowest scores for each horse may be discarded and the accumulated scores of the remaining judges used to compute the go-round. This rule shall also apply to finals.
 - a. When two or more individuals are judging a cutting horse contest of more than one go-round or with finals, and one or more judges becomes unable to continue

between the go-rounds or finals, said judge or judges shall be replaced first by the alternate judge named for the contest and second by a judge acceptable to the majority of the contestants and to the show management. If the alternate judge is unavailable, the second option shall be used.

3. A judge may not judge his parents, children, spouse, spouse's parents, relatives of either the judge or his spouse if they live in the judge's household; or he may not judge his employer or employees. A judge may not judge a horse that he has owned, exhibited, trained, managed, or sold for direct or indirect remuneration within the thirty (30) day period immediately preceding any TACHA approved or sponsored event at which said judge is officiating either in full or in part. A judge may not judge any individual rider, or horse owned by said rider, who has had training from or given training to said judge within thirty (30) day period immediately preceding the TACHA approved or sponsored event at which said judge is officiating in full or in part. If such a horse, owner or rider is entered in a contest, the entry fee shall be refunded and the entry not shown. A judge may be suspended from the list of approved judges for infraction of this Rule.
 - a. Jackpot classes, with no added money, may be judged by a non licensed NCHA judge if such approval is requested and granted by TACHA and there is no licensed NCHA judge available within a 200 mile radius of the show. (All Regional and Nationals Shows must use NCHA judges)
 1. Approval will be granted for a judge that has won in excess of \$50,000.00 in lifetime earning in NCHA, ACHA or TACHA cutting events.
 2. Documentation to validate the \$50,000.00 lifetime earnings must be sent to TACHA to verify such winnings, prior to approval.
 - b. No judge on the TACHA, AHA or NCHA probation list will be permitted to judge.
 - g. A judge should not judge successive years of the same show offering prize money of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) or more.
 - j. Judges should have a thorough working knowledge of TACHA's Rules.
4. A judge (or judges) must present in writing any grievance that he/she may have against contestants or shows to an Officer, Director or duly elected or appointed contestants representative of the TACHA and his /her case will be reviewed by the Board of Directors. A complaint by a judge must be filed (postmarked, faxed or hand delivered) within seven (7) days of the alleged rule violation.
5. A judge shall conduct himself/herself in a manner fitting and proper to one afforded the honor of officiating at any TACHA approved or sponsored contest. Any misconduct on the part of the judge at any TACHA contest, the use of abusive language, showing favoritism to or discriminating against either an individual or a horse performing in the contest, or any other action unbecoming to one in his/her position, either on the grounds or elsewhere during the entire show will make the judge subject to a complete and impartial hearing of the cause of the complaint before the TACHA Board of Directors. This complaint must be submitted in writing by the show management, or two-thirds of the contestants acting jointly. The TACHA Board of Directors has the authority to suspend the judge involved, from any TACHA cutting, if the accused is found guilty. A judge found guilty will have ten (10) days to appeal, by certified mail, the action taken and will be entitled to a hearing before the TACHA Board of Directors. The Board may be convened for the sole purpose of hearing an appeal upon immediate call by the President.
 - a. A judge who fails to judge after accepting an assignment will be subject to removal from the TACHA Approved Judges List as well as to disciplinary action.
 - b. A judge should not appear on the show grounds before the stated time for entries to

close except as may be required by show management. Judges shall not visit with owners, trainers, exhibitors, or agents before the judging and shall talk only with representatives of show management, beyond the exchange of normal greetings, until the entire show or contest is completed.

- c. Under no circumstances will a published judge be permitted to enter the contest for which said judge was approved.
- d. A judge shall not discuss with any contestant previous scores, events or related happenings during a show or within thirty (30) days after a contest at which the judge has officiated.
- e. A judge shall not intimidate, or attempt to intimidate, a contestant. A penalty for violation of this sub-section will be a minimum (Six) 6 month suspension from TACHA.
- f. A judge may be suspended for a minimum of ninety (90) days from the TACHA List of Approved Judges for infraction of sub-sections (b) or (d) of this Rule.

(At which time TACHA has gained their affiliation with NCHA complaints or violations will be turned over to NCHA for disciplinary action, per their ruling.)

SECTION IV – CONTESTANTS

1. No contestant or other person shall engage in any form of misconduct or harassment toward show management, judges, or TACHA employees. Show management has the right to disqualify or refuse entry to any contestant for violation of this rule. In the event a contestant or other person is asked by show management to leave or withdraw from any TACHA approved or sponsored show, the TACHA President or Secretary/Treasurer shall be notified, and a hearing, with the Board of Directors, to consider disciplinary action against the contestant shall be scheduled.
2. A contestant with appropriate documentation may drop out of any contest due to injury to himself/herself or his/her horse, or due to sickness or death in his/her family, with a refund.
3. A contestant shall not at any time withdraw from any contest he/she is participating in due to dissatisfaction or grievance with the judge or judges, show management or other contestants without forfeiting all monies he/she may have won in previous go-rounds. Entry fees or any part thereof, will not be refunded after contest starts.
4. All contestants will work at the appointed time so designated by the draw or be disqualified for that go-round with no score. When a contestant is showing in multiple arenas and there is a conflict the cutting competition will hold until the conflict is resolved.
5. If a contestant refuses to compete in the finals, any money won in previous go-rounds will be forfeited.
6. A contestant or any rider shall not enter the show arena at any time at a cutting horse contest recognized or sponsored by the TACHA with any kind of training device, tack or equipment not permitted by Section VIII, Rules for Judging Cutting Horse Contest (see Rule 16):
 - a. The show management, representative, or judge must disqualify a contestant if he enters the arena with any such equipment, and all entry fees and/or premiums pertaining to said contestant shall be forfeited.
 - b. At the conclusion of each work, the contestant must ride past the judge(s) before dismounting. The bit may be inspected at the judge's discretion, and in the event a violation of the rules is discovered, the violator will be subject to a one (1) year suspension.
 - c. All cutting horses must be ridden astride.

7. The following provisions regarding conduct shall apply to any TACHA recognized or sponsored show:
 - a. Training activities of any kind, including the use of any mechanical device, animal or person, while in the show arena or on the show grounds other than in designated practice facilities are prohibited.
 - b. Inhumane treatment of a horse in any manner in the show arena or on the show grounds is prohibited.
 1. All rules as described or defined rules stated by other recognizing or approving organizations pertaining to the use of drugs or abuse shall be enforced.
 - c. Un-sportsmanlike conduct in the show arena or show ground is prohibited.
 - d. A contestant shall not talk with the judge(s) beyond the exchange of normal greetings, during a show, nor shall a contestant discuss with the judge any previous scores, events or related happenings within thirty (30) days after a contest in which both parties participated.
 - e. A contestant shall make no comment, either positive or negative, within a judge's hearing regarding any work taking place at a performance.
 - f. No alcoholic beverages may be consumed or brought into the arena while at TACHA approved or sponsored cutting horse contest is taking place.
 - g. A violation of sub-sections (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), or (f) of this rule will call for a minimum ninety (90) days suspension.
 - h. A contestant shall not intimidate or attempt to intimidate, a judge. The penalty for violating this sub-section will be a minimum of six (6) months suspension from TACHA.
 - i. The responsibility for reporting violations of this Standing Rule rests with, but it not limited to, show management, TACHA Directors, officers, officials, members and or the judges. These violations should be reported to the designated representative.
8. A program has been set up to provide a representative of the contestants or a liaison, to work between contestants and show management.
 - a. Provided a representative has not been appointed by the show management, it shall be the duty of show management at all TACHA Cutting Horse Contest to hold a meeting of all contestants prior to the first go-round for the purpose of electing a representative to represent the contestants for the duration of the show. In the event the representative has to leave the show for any reason, he/she shall appoint a representative in his/her place for the duration of the show. Any representative so elected or appointed must be a contestant in the contest involved.
 - b. It shall be the duty of the representative to:
 1. Represent all contestants with the show management and be the sole liaison with said management.
 2. Report if he observes any horse being abused or if there are actions by any contestant detrimental to the best interest of the Association such as the following: loud and profane language, drunkenness or being under the influence of intoxicants, use of devices not permitted by TACHA rules, or any other infraction of Standing Rules.
 - c. A representative shall have no contact or communication with a judge(s) beyond that permitted to any contestant.

SECTION V – YEAR END STANDINGS

These awards for the TACHA Year-End Standings will be made on the basis of points (one point per dollar) won in approved TACHA cutting horse classes. To be eligible for yearly awards and other awards that may be issued to said horses or rider, the owner and rider or riders must be active paid-up members of TACHA. Points are to be counted for the year from the start of each TACHA Competition Year beginning 3 days after U.S. Nationals through the last day of competition of U.S. Nationals of each year. Point's prior to membership can be regained with a \$100.00 penalty fee.

SECTION VI – CONDUCT AND PROTESTS

Any person desiring to file a complaint regarding any alleged violation of these rules may do so by submitting the complaint in writing to an officer of the TACHA at the time of the grievance. The case will be reviewed by the TACHA Directors, in a timely manner. The TACHA Board of Directors may enforce such penalty as they see fit for infraction of TACHA rules. Complaints regarding judging, facilities or show management may be made on the form provided by TACHA; the form is to be signed and sent to the TACHA Secretary/Treasurer. Any grievance must be filed within one (1) week of the closing day of the show involved. If an approved form is unavailable please submit in writing the grievance to TACHA office.

SECTION VII – NON-PROFESSIONAL STATUS

1. Riders of cutting horses may be classified as a Non-Professional.
 - a. A Non-Professional in this Association is a person who has not received direct or indirect remuneration to work in any manner in the following activities on the premises of a cutting horse training operation: showing, training or assisting in training a cutting horse or cutting horse rider. For purpose of this rule, a cutting horse training operation is any facility where cutting horses are trained. Any person who has trained horses astride in any equine discipline for direct or indirect remuneration shall be considered a professional by this Association, with the exception of those who have been granted a change of status from professional to amateur.
2. Non-Professional Card. Every rider, regardless of age, competing in a TACHA Non-Professional Cutting Horse Contest must possess a Non-Professional Card issued by the TACHA Secretary/Treasurer. This card must be available for inspection at any show entered. Application for a Non-Professional Card shall be made on a form provided by the Association and available from them at no additional charge. This applicant must be endorsed by an active member of TACHA who is not a member of the applicant's family. Cards shall be issued only to individual members of TACHA.
 - a. All applications for Non-Professional Cards and all requests for renewal thereof shall be presented to the Board of Directors or a committee designated by them for approval. Cards will be issued by the TACHA on an annual basis only after said approval.
 - b. All Non-Professional Card holders will be reviewed annually at the time application for renewal is made. Said application to be on a form supplied by the Association and returned to the Secretary/Treasurer, along with the applicant's annual dues. A Non-

Professional Card maybe revoked at any time by direction of the Board of Directors for cause; however, the holder of a card so revoked shall have the right to appeal and a subsequent hearing before said Committee. The burden of proof of eligibility shall be upon the applicant or cardholder.

- c. Any Non-Professional Card revoked by the Board of Directors must be surrendered immediately to the Association, and the holder shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Directors, either probation or suspension, whichever in their opinion fits the infraction. Such penalties shall be published in the TACHA Newsletter.
3. In the event that a member who holds a TACHA Non-Professional Card publicly exhibits in any TACHA approved contest a cutting horse not owned by the member or by the member's spouse, father, mother, son or daughter, said card shall be automatically revoked, except as specified below:
 - a. TACHA Non-Professional card holders may ride horses owned by others in cutting classes other than the Non-Professional class at any TACHA contest or TACHA non approved classes, provided no violation of Non-Professional Rule 1 (a) occurs; in other words, no remuneration.
4. Any owner who shall permit his/her horse to be entered and compete in contests for Non-Professional riders, where said rider is ineligible, shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Directors.
5. Any employee of an employer shall not be allowed to show the employer's cutting horses And retain his/her Non-Professional Card.
6. Any horse exhibited in TACHA Non-Professional cutting horse classes must be owned by the contestant showing the horse, or by the contestant's family. Said minor child may ride a horse owned by either parent.
7. Proof of ownership shall be required on all horses ridden in TACHA Non-Professional cutting horse classes. Said proof must be exhibited to show management prior to the start of the contest. The original registration certificate or a copy thereof showing current ownership shall be deemed proper proof of ownership.

SECTION VIII – BASIC RULES FOR JUDGING CUTTING HORSE CONTESTS

1. Each horse is required to enter the herd sufficiently deep enough to show his ability to make a cut. One such deep cut will satisfy this rule. Failure to satisfy this requirement will result in a three (3) point penalty.
 - a. A horse will be given credit for his ability to enter the herd quietly with very little disturbance to the herd or to the one brought out.
2. When an animal is cut from the herd, it is more desirable that it be taken toward the center of the arena, and credit will be rewarded for same. Additional credit will be given the horse which drives its stock sufficient distance from the herd to assure that the herd will not be disturbed by his work, thereby showing his ability to drive a cow.
3. Riding with a loose rein throughout a performance is a requirement and will be recognized.
4. Credit will be recognized for setting up a cow and controlling it in a working position as near the center of the arena as possible.
5. If the cutting horse or his rider creates disturbance at any time throughout his working period (2 ½ minutes), he will be penalized.
 - a. Any noise directed by the contestant toward the cattle will be penalized one (1) point
 - b. Each time a horse runs into the herd, scatters the herd while working or picks up

- cattle through fault of the horse, he will be penalized three (3) points.
- c. The judge shall stop any work because of training or abuse of his horse by the contestant or disturbance of the cattle. Any contestant failing to stop immediately will be penalized \$500.00 payable to TACHA prior to entry in any other TACHA recognized event.
6. A horse will be penalized three (3) points each time the back fence actually stops or turns the animal being worked within one step (three (3) feet) of the fence, the back fence to be agreed on and designated by the judge or judges before the contest starts; meaning the actual fence only, no imaginary line from point to point to be considered. If any of the contestants' voice an objection before the contest starts; the judge or judges shall take a vote of the contestants, and a "back fence" acceptable to the majority shall be designated and used.
 7. If a horse turns the wrong way with tail toward animal being worked, an automatic score of Sixty (60) points will be given.
 8. While working, a horse will be penalized one (1) point each time the reins are used to control or direct (to rein) the horse, regardless of whether the reins are held high or low. A one (1) point penalty shall also be charged whenever a horse is visibly cued in any manner. If the reins are tight enough that the bits are bumped at any time, he shall be penalized one (1) point each time even though the hand of the rider does not move.
 - a. A horse must be released as soon as the desired animal is clear of the other cattle. Additional reining, cueing or positioning will result in a one (1) point penalty for each occurrence.
 - b. The rider shall hold the bridle reins in one hand. A three (3) point penalty shall be charged if the second hand touches the reins for any purpose except to straighten them.
 - c. Spurring behind the shoulder shall not be considered a visible cue. A three (3) point penalty shall be assessed each time a horse is spurred in the shoulder.
 - d. A toe, foot, or stirrup on the horse's shoulder is considered a visible cue. A one (1) point penalty shall be charged for each occurrence.
 9. If a horse lets an animal that he is working get back in the herd, he will be penalized five (5) points.
 10. If a rider changes cattle after visibly committing to a specific cow, a five (5) point penalty will be assessed.
 11. When a horse loses his working advantage, misses a cow, or is working out of position; He will be penalized (a) ½ point, (A) 1 point, or (F) 1 point.
 12. Unnecessary roughness, such as a horse actually pawing, biting or kicking cattle, will be penalized three (3) points.
 13. A contestant may quit an animal when it is obviously stopped, obviously turned away, or is obviously behind the turnback horses and the turnback horses are behind the time line. A penalty of three (3) points must be charged if the animal is quit under any other circumstances.
 14. If a horse quits a cow, a penalty of five (5) points will be assessed.
 15. If a horse clears the herd with two (2) or more cattle and fails to separate a single animal before quitting, a five (5) point penalty will be charged. There is no penalty if time expires.
 16. Horses must be ridden with a bridle having a bit in the mouth or with a hackamore. A bridle shall have no noseband or bosal, and hackamores shall be of rope or braided rawhide with no metal parts. Braided rawhide balls across the horse's nose are not permissible. A judge must be able to freely pass two fingers between the hackamore and muzzle

completely around the horse's nose. Choke ropes, tie downs, wire around the horse's neck, nose, or brow band, tight nose band, quirt, bat or mechanical device giving the rider undue control over a horse will not be permitted in the arena where a TACHA approved or sponsored event is being held. Wire of any kind and on any part of the curb device is not permissible. Leather curb straps or curb chains must be at least 3/8 of an inch in width and must be attached to the bit by nylon string, nylon straps, or leather straps. Decorative knots, rawhide balls or tassels are not permitted on curb devices. Breast collar may be used, no portion of which may pass over the horse's neck. Breast collars attached to the swell of the saddle on the competing horse will be considered illegal. Chaps and spurs may be worn. A competing horse's tail cannot be tied in any manner that would restrict movement of the tail. Any time a contestant is guilty of an infraction of this rule or any part therein, he shall be disqualified. A judge has the right to have a contestant report to him if he/she is suspicious of any infraction of Rule 16.

- a. All horses must comply with Rule Sixteen (16) while in the arena.
- b. Any person horseback in the arena after the start of a TACHA approved or sponsored event must wear western attire, including hats. The hat requirement may be waived in extreme weather conditions with the consent of both show management and the judge(s). Contestants must wear long-sleeved shirts with collars and buttons or snaps completely down the shirtfront, T-shirt and slipover knits are not permissible. Jackets, vest or sweaters may be worn over an appropriate shirt. Long sleeves must be worn rolled down. For youth classes only, safety helmets are permissible in place of a western hat.
 1. Cell phone use will not be allowed in the working area of the arena.
- c. Rule Sixteen shall become effective one (1) hour prior to the published start time of championship and jackpot cuttings.
- d. Rule Sixteen may be set aside by show management for an official practice session, provided that the practice session ends at least one hour prior to the start of any performance.
- e. Contestants are limited to a maximum of four (4) helpers.
- f. No horse in competition shall be allowed to settle the herd unless said horse has completed all works.
- g. If an Officer, Director or duly elected or appointed contestant's representative of the TACHA witnesses a violation of Standing Rule Sixteen, they must report the violation immediately to the Association Secretary/Treasurer in writing.
- h. Violations of Rule Sixteen, sub-sections (b), (c), (d) or (h)
 1. First offense - \$200.00 fine
 2. Second offense - \$500.00 fine
 3. Third and subsequent offenses within 12 months – 90 day suspension
- i. Any member seeking approval to use an electronic hearing device during a TACHA approved contest must meet or exceed the minimum criteria for hearing impairment, based on the results of an audiogram administered by a licensed physician.
 1. An application to use an electronic hearing device must be submitted to TACHA along with the member's audiogram results.
 2. The transmitter of the device must be one of the contestant's four (4) helpers.
 3. The user of an electronic hearing device can be required to be tested by a TACHA appointed physician if a complaint or protest arises in connection with the users degree of hearing impairment.

17. When a contestant is thrown from a horse or horse falls to the ground, an automatic score of sixty (60) points will be given.
18. Any rider who allows his horse to quit working or leave the working area before his allotted time is up will be disqualified for that go-round with no score.
19. A contestant will be awarded a compete rework if in the judge or judges' opinion two-and-one-half (2 ½) minute time was not allotted for the work, or if excessive disturbances had been created by factors other than those caused by the contestants or their help, and the judge or judges have stopped the time. Such factors would include gates coming open, fences falling down and objects entering or falling into the working portion of the arena, but would not apply to cattle scattering through wildness or normal arena activities. Any rework must take place within the group of cattle drawn by the contestant and must occur before a change of cattle is executed. No rework shall be granted if the contestant involved has incurred a three (3) or five (5) point (major) penalty prior to a disturbance. After the cutter has completed his 2 ½ minutes work, if in his/her opinion a situation has occurred of sufficient seriousness so as to warrant a re-run, he/his may immediately make a request for the same to the Contestant's Representative or to the designated equipment judge or judges who shall report this fact to show management before the next horse is called to work. Show management shall make such facts as are available know to the judge(s) and if the majority are in agreement that due cause did exist, a re-run may be granted provided the original work was free of a three (3) or (5) point (major) infraction. If the clock was not started a re-work will automatically be granted.
20. A judge marks from sixty (60) to eighty (80) points. One-half (1/2) points are permissible.
21. When a judge is in doubt about a penalty, the benefit always goes to the contestant.
22. Horses are to be judged on performance only, regardless of conformation, sex, age, color, appearance or previous performance.

Penalties

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| (a) | 1 point – (miss) losing working advantage (11) |
| (b) | 1 point – reined or visibly cued (8) |
| (c) | 1 point – noise directed to cattle (5a) |
| (d) | 1 point – toe, foot, or stirrup on the shoulder (8d) |
| (e) | 1 point – hold on too long on cut (8a) |
| (f) | 1 point – working out of position |
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| (a) | 3 points – hot quit (13) |
| (b) | 3 points – cattle picked up or scattered (5b) |
| (c) | 3 points – second hand on reins (8b) |
| (d) | 3 points – spur in shoulder (8c) |
| (e) | 3 points – pawing or biting cattle (12) |
| (f) | 3 points – failure to make a deep cut (1) |
| (g) | 3 points – back fence (6) |
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| (a) | 5 points – horse quitting a cow (14) |
| (b) | 5 points – losing a cow (9) |
| (c) | 5 points – changing cattle after a specific commitment (10) |
| (d) | 5 points – failure to separate a single animal after leaving the herd (15) |
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| 60 | if horse turns tail (7) |

60 if horse falls to ground (17)
Disqualification (score 0) – illegal equipment, or leaves working area before time expires.

ANY JUDGING RULES NOT COVERED ABOVE, REFER TO THE NCHA RULES & REGULATIONS HANDBOOK
www.nchacutting.com

ADDITIONAL TACHA INFORMATION

THE ARABIAN CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION, INC (TACHA) offers a Futurity for both the Purebred Arabian Cutting Horse and the Half-Arabian Cutting Horse. These Futurities are held during the U.S. Arabian/Half-Arabian National Horse Show in October of each year.

Our Futurities are for horses that have never been shown, prior to nomination, and are no older than five (5) years of age.

For Futurity nomination forms or more information please contact the TACHA office at 817-297-9784 or email Secretary/Treasurer at bkatra@aol.com.
www.arabian-cutting.org

ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS

I - QUALIFICATIONS

1. Refer to the current Arabian Horse Association (AHA) Handbook for:
CUTTING QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES

II - CONDUCT OF CUTTING CLASSES

1. Cutting horse classes will be conducted under the Rules and Regulations of THE ARABIAN CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION (TACHA) and the NATIONAL CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION (NCHA).
2. A Champion and Reserve Champion plus three additional awards shall be made in each Regional class to make a Top Five.
 - a. If less than ten (10) entries are shown and judged, awards shall be limited to fifty percent (50%) of those competing (rounded-up). (i.e. a class of seven competing would grant four Top Five awards, including Regional Champion and Reserve Champion.) Unless that Regional show awards a full Top Five, this will be decided per Region.
3. Ties in Regional Finals are to be resolved as follows:
 - a. With one judge a work-off is mandatory
 - b. With two or more judges, go to the number one or call judge's total score.
 1. If tie persists, go to number one or call judge's scores in the final go-round.
 2. If tie continues, use a work-off
 3. Repeat if necessary.
 - c. The tie breaker is for title only; prize money is split for ties.
4. Money won in Regional shows will count for TACHA year-end standings if Regional shows are TACHA recognized. (If no division in the Novice Horse classes are offered money earned will count towards the \$5000 Novice Horse)
5. One or more TACHA approved Judges must judge Regional Championship cutting horses.

ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION US NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

I - QUALIFICATIONS

Refer to the current Arabian Horse Association (AHA) Handbook for:

CUTTING QUALIFICATIONS FOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES

II - CONDUCT OF CUTTING CLASSES – US NATIONALS

1. Cutting horse classes will be conducted under the Rules and Regulations of The ARABIAN CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION (TACHA) and the NATIONAL CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION (NCHA).
2. In the Open, Non-Pro, Novice Horse classes (with 20 or less entries), there will be two go-rounds: All horses will go forward to compete in all sections or go-rounds.
 - a. The first go-round will be the Semi-Final
 - b. The second go-round will be the Final
 1. The 10 horses with the highest combined scores will be named Top Ten, Reserve Champion and Champion (non working finals)
3. In the Open, Non-Pro, Novice Horse classes (with 21 or more entries, there will be three go-rounds, as follows.
 - a. The first go-round will be the Preliminary section (all horses)
 - b. The second go-round will be the Semi-Finals (all horses)
 - c. The third go-round will be the Finals.
 1. The Top Ten from the accumulated scores from first and second go-round will move forward to compete in a (working finals) for Champion and Reserve Champion. Scores from first go-round, second go-round and finals will determine the Champion and Reserve Champion, accumulated finals.
4. Tie in National finals for Champion and Reserve Champion is to be resolved as follows:
 - a. Go to number one or call judge's total scores
 - b. If tie persists, go to number one or call judge's scores in final go-round
 - c. If tie continues, use a work-off
 - d. Repeat if necessary.
 - e. The tie breaker is for title only; prize money is split for ties.
5. Tie in National finals for Top Ten is to be resolved as follows:
 - a. If there are less than nineteen (19) horses in the final and a tie exists for the last position in the Top Ten, a work off will not be required and all tied horses will receive the final placing (i.e. two horses tied for 9th position or above in a Top Ten placing will each be recorded.)
6. ONLY REGISTERED PUREBRED ARABIAN HORSES AND HALF-ARABIAN HORSES MAY BE USED TO HELP AT US NATIONALS.
7. Money won in the US National Show will count for TACHA year-end standings if that National Show is a TACHA recognized show. (Novice Horse class money earned will count towards the \$5000 Novice Horse.

KNOW YOUR CUTTING TERMS

- Added Money:** Money added to the prize money (purse) in addition to entry fees and nomination fees.
- Adjusted score:** Score which has been reviewed by the judge and changed.
- Back fence:** A designated area of the fence behind the cattle. A horse is penalized three (3) points each time the cow being worked stops or turns within three (3) foot of the back fence.
- Cattle charge:** A Payment in addition to nomination or entry fees which covers the cost of Cattle.
- Cheat:** A horse that looks for an easy way out of working correctly. As in, "If I don't watch my Horse he will try to cheat on the turns."
- Commit:** Show intention to work a specific cow by looking at it and stepping towards it.
- Corrected score:** Score change due to a simple error in calculation.
- Cow Sense:** The horse's natural instinct for anticipating a cow's moves.
- Cow Smart:** The ability of a horse to anticipate a cow's actions. As in, "That horse is so cow smart it knows what a cow is going to do before the cow knows."
- Cut for shape:** When a rider selects a cow on the fringe of the herd rather than riding through the herd and driving a cow out.
- Cutter's slump:** Posture of cutting horse riders when they are sitting deep in the saddle. The rider sits on his back pockets with his back relaxed and curved slightly forward.
- Cutting horse:** A horse developed through superior breeding and careful training. Originally prized on ranches for its ability to cut, or separate, individual cows from a herd.
- Deep cut:** The cutter must make at least one deep cut into the herd. Typically, the cutter will ride into the middle of the herd or deeper to qualify for this rule. The opposite of this would be picking a cow from the edge of the herd.
- Die in the herd:** Going into the herd of cattle from another cow when the buzzer sounds to end the run.
- Draw Cattle:** Term used to describe a horse's ability to make cows look at them and come towards them. As in, "My horse can really draw a cow."
- Draw:** The order in which participants work a specific herd of cattle during a show.
- Drive:** Forcing a group of cattle forward in a controlled and calm manner.
- Drop on a cow:** Crouching posture of the horse when a cow has been cut and separated and the rider drops his rein hand on the horse's neck.
- Eye appeal:** A horse with lots of expression when working a cow is said to have eye appeal.
- Fresh cattle:** A group of cattle not previously used for cutting.
- Fresh horse:** A horse that is full of energy and in need of warm up exercise or additional training.
- Herd holder:** One of two riders positioned on each side of the herd to help the cutter make his cut and to keep the herd grouped while the cutter works.
- Honor:** Refers to a cow which will acknowledge and look at a horse and rider.
- Hooked:** A horse which has his total attention focused on the cow he is working.
- Hot quit:** The cutter may quit the cow he is working when that cow is obviously turned away from the horse or when the cow comes to a dead stop in the arena. If the rider quits at any

other time, he is penalized 3 points for a hot quit.

Loose reins: Points are deducted from a cutter's score if he uses his reins to guide the horse after separating a cow from the herd. Therefore, after the cut, the rider proceeds with loose reins.

Major penalty: A 3-5 point infraction.

Minor penalty: A 1 point infraction.

Miss: A loss of working position. A miss costs the horse and rider either ½ point or a 1 point penalty, depending on the severity.

Nominated: Pay a fee to make a horse eligible for a special event. Nomination fees are part of the prize money (purse).

Non-Pro: Any rider who holds a valid non-pro card. A non-pro must own his or her own horse and may not receive remuneration for training cutting horses or training any horse.

Novice: A horse with limited earnings in show competition.

Numb: Refers to a cow which is not threatened or challenged by a horse and shows little desire to return to the herd.

Open: The highest class of competition.

Out of position: When a horse is unable to respond quickly enough to maintain control over the cow it is working.

Rate: A horse rates a cow when it paces its action and timing with the cow.

Read cattle: The ability of a horse or rider to anticipate a cow's actions.

Run: The 2 ½ minutes minute time allotted a cutting competitor.

Settle the cattle: When cattle are changed during competition, fresh incoming cattle must be allowed time to become familiar with the arena and accustomed to a horse moving back and forth in front of them.

Shaping a cow: Separating and moving a cow from the center of the herd to the middle of the arena to begin work.

Soft: Describes cattle which have little play and are easily tired and distracted.

Sour cattle: Cattle that are continually worked and become unresponsive to the action of a cutting horse; inactive cattle.

Stay hooked: A common phrase indicating that the rider is continuing to work the same cow.

Sticky cattle: Cattle which bunch closely together and are difficult to separate.

Time line: A line along the arena wall. When a rider crosses the time line, the clock starts for his performance.

Tune: Give a training horse a short refresher course.

Turnback help: One of two riders positioned in front of the herd. These riders are responsible for driving cattle back toward the herd and the cutting horse while a cut is being made.

Whistle: Judge's action to stop a performance.

Working advantage: Refers to a horse's position when he is able to control a cow.

Youth: Competition for any rider 17 and under, as of December 31st.

