

### **Rule Changes**

A member of this Association shall be disqualified from being classed as an Amateur under any one of the following circumstances:

- The member has ridden or trained horses or horse riders in any equine discipline astride for remuneration, directly or indirectly, for performing the duties or activities normally associated with any phase of training horses for the fifteen (15) year period prior to the date of the application for amateur classification under this provision.

**Page 39, rule 10 – A** person who has not shown or ridden professionally for three (3) years may be granted a Non Professional Card upon application to and approval by the Board of Directors of the NCHA. Any member who has trained cutting horses professionally and how has **won \$50,000** or more in lifetime earnings (excluding Non Professional earnings) is ineligible to apply for Non Professional status.

**Page 10, rule 5 –** Money won overseas will be applied to lifetime earnings to determine class eligibility.

### **Rule 9, Life Time Awards**

– (to be implemented **at the start of the 2016 point score year**)

Non Pro Hall of Fame \$75,000

Riders Hall of Fame \$500,000

**Page 44, rule 12 –** each event must be held at a minimum of **two** shows in each area in the current point score year to be eligible for awards. (to be implemented **at the start of the 2015 point score year**)

Changes to classes – to be implemented **at the start of the 2016 point score year –**

Rookie \$3,000

\$5,000 NP increased to \$7,500 NP

\$10,000 NP increased to \$15,000 NP

\$3,500 Novice increased to \$5,000 Novice

\$10,000 Novice increased to \$15,000 Novice

**Page 9, rule 1 j –** Horse lifetime earnings to be removed from the snafflebit class. Thus change to be implemented **at the start of the 2015 point score year.**

**Page 10, rule 4 –** Money won in both the Open and Open Non Pro divisions may stay in that division regardless of what category the horse/rider is and what events are held, provided application is made to the NCHA Office in writing prior to the 1st day of the point score year.

**Page 42, rule 2 and 2a – 2.** The National Finals (Championships) will be held annually at a date that the NCHA decides upon. 2a) The point score year will run from National Finals (championships) to National

Finals (championships). The AGM will be held at the National Finals. In the event of National Finals not being held, the AGM will be held at the end of the point score year.

**Page 40, rule 1** – Any Youth eighteen (18) years and under as at first day of point score year is eligible for Youth membership.

**Page 9, rule 1h** – Youth – Junior Youth, aged 13 years and under as at the beginning of the competition year. Senior Youth, aged 14-18 years as at the beginning of the competition year, with the following exception – If a senior youth is being hooped out due to the March deadline they can continue to compete in their current year class until the final performance of that calendar years national finals or the gazetted AGM, this will ensure points are allocated to the appropriate year end results. If a Junior youth is being hooped out to senior youth the same exemption applies.

**Page 48, Wild card final has been deleted.** For 75-149 entries, 20 horses will advance to the clean slate final. For 150 or more entries, 25 horses will advance to a clean slate final.

**Effective from the 1st April 2016** it is compulsory that any person riding a horse at an event anywhere on the grounds must be a member of the NCHA. Lopers and assistants can be joined for an annual fee of \$130.00 or per show fee of \$22.00. Under no circumstances are non members to mount a horse at an approved NCHA event.

**Effective from the 1st April 2016** Day memberships have been amended as follows; Adult day membership \$22.00 inc gst, and Youth day membership \$22.00 inc gst.

**Effective from the 1st April 2016 rule 9, page 47** has been removed; this will allow co-champions. In the event of co-champions, distribution for any awards is to be agreed between the co-champions.

Non Professional's are ineligible to show a syndicate horse. Effective from the **start of the 2017 point score year**.

A gifted horse must be gifted in its entirety and may not be re-gifted to the original owner for a period of 12 months. The NCHA office must be notified in writing (separate to the transfer) which is then to be reviewed by the Director of Non Pro's. **Effective from the start of the 2017 point score year.**

It is a requirement of the NCHA with regards to people in defacto relationships that they must notify the NCHA office in writing.

Rookies and Snafflebit classes are exempt from the Non Pro ownership rules. This excludes aged events.

The filming or taping of Jackpot shows is optional. All NCHA Championship events must be filmed or taped.

### **Fee increases**

Area Levies – increases from \$1.00 (\$1.10 incl GST) to \$3.00 (\$3.30 incl GST)

National Finals Levy – increases from \$1.00 (\$1.10 incl GST) to \$3.00 (\$3.30 incl GST)

Horse Transfer fee – increases from \$22.00 (incl GST) to \$35.00 (Incl GST)

The Area and National final levies have not been increased for many years with the costs of supplying the awards and events having increased significantly. This is a cost recovery decision.

### **Amateur Finals**

For Affiliates that run aged events with an amateur division within a Non Pro event the board has approved the following recommendation which has been added to the aged event rules;

Where an Amateur division is held within a Non Pro event and a separate final is held, the recommended number of finalists is a minimum of eight (8)

A separate entry fee for the amateur division may be charged by the show committee.

### **Minute Clock**

The following penalties have been imposed for failure to cross the timeline by the expiration of the 1 minute/2 minute time clock;

- (i) First offence- Written warning
- (ii) Second and subsequent offence- \$50.00 Fine
- (iii) These penalties are relevant to the current show and do not carryover.

### **Non Pro Matters**

For the purpose of the Non Pro ownership rules the NCHA defines that;

- A Partnership consists of two people
- A partnership of 3 or more people will be deemed a Syndicate for the purpose of the ownership rule.

Contestants entering Non Pro events must be approved by the NCHA and hold a Non Pro Card. The NCHA respectfully requests that **AFFILIATE SECRETARIES** running non pro events check memberships for **Non Pro status**.