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MECHANICAL COW RULES

1. Mechanical cows used at shows must be operated in a yard, pen or arena.

2. When the mechanical cow is in operation the gate into the pen must be closed

3. The pen must not be adjacent to or adjoin the main cutting arena.

4. The pen must be totally enclosed by Hessian, canvas or a material that blocks the view of the mechanical cow from horses or cattle outside of the pen.

5. Only one horse may be in the mechanical cow pen during operation

6. The mechanical cow pen must have a regulation cutting surface.

7. All NCHA practice pen rules and regulations will apply to mechanical cow pens pertaining to abuse of animals and rider conduct.

8. Shows may charge for the use of the mechanical cow or may subcontract the operation to a contractor providing the contractor has his/ her own insurance.

9. No mechanical cow devices can be used at any NCHA affiliated show, or activity, without applying to the ncha office. Applications will only be approved if accompanied with a risk management plan and details of who will be responsible for the mechanical cow operations.

10. Absolutely no privately owned or hired mechanical cows, without NCHA approval, can be used for the purpose of training or schooling a horse at any NCHA affiliate shows or activities. An “on the spot fine” of $1100 will be enforced at all shows and activities for breach of this rule.

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MECHANICAL COW APPLICATION

Name of Affiliate:_____

Date of event:_____Location:_____

Type of activity: (circle which applies) ☐ show ☐ clinic ☐ practice day

Type of mechanical cow used:_____

Operator of mechanical cow: (state name/s of who will be controlling the mechanical cow)

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If sub contracting the operations of the mechanical cow please state full details of operator along with attaching a copy of the insurance policy:

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Give details of your risk management program for the mechanical cow in regards to where it will be located on the property or grounds, pen size, type of vision block around pen, type of surface and time of the day it will be in use:

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Name who will be responsible for reporting and removing unapproved mechanical cows and devices from the activity:_____

ALL UNAUTHORISED MECHANICAL COWS OR DEVICES ARE BAND FROM NCHA ACTIVITIES. ANY INFRIGMENT OF THIS RULE WILL CARRY A $1100 ON THE SPOT FINE.

Signed:_____Date:_____

OFFICE USE ONLY:

- ☐ **APPROVED**
- ☐ **NOT APPROVED**

DATE APPROVED _____**APPROVED BY** _____

PLEASE RETURN FORM TO: admin@ncha.com.au

All details must be filled in correctly before returning to the NCHA Office