

Minnesota Cutting Horse Association, Inc.
Rules and Regulations
Amended January 29, 2003

1. The Minnesota Cutting Horse Association shall at all times abide by and conduct contests in accordance with all the rules of the National Cutting Horse Association.
2. The current National Cutting Horse Association Case book shall be the guide in determining eligibility of horses and riders in all NCHA and MCHA approved classes. Those classes not approved by the NCHA will be governed by the Minnesota Cutting Horse Association Rules and Regulations.
3. In determining standings, earnings will be used.
4. The Rookie Class offered by the MCHA will be available to cutters who have not won \$250 in any type of cutting competitions. Eligibility will be determined by the cutting year – a cutter who is eligible at the start of the year may show for the remainder of the year. Points will be awarded based on the number of monies paid plus one point, i.e. if three monies are paid – first place would get 4 points, second – 3 points, third – 2 points, everyone else that showed in the class would receive 1 point. A cutter must be a paid member of the MCHA to show in the Rookie Class. Once a cutter has accumulated 12 points they will be awarded a Trophy Buckle and are no longer eligible to show in the Rookie Class.

Earnings shall count only from the date of paid membership in the Minnesota Cutting Horse Association. Owner and riders must both be members of the MCHA in order for earnings to count in the MCHA standings for Year End Awards. A horse/rider must have shown in any given class at least 50% of the times that class was held in order to be eligible for a year-end award.

5. Dues shall be considered delinquent after December 1 of each year.
6. The Minnesota Cutting Horse Classes Annual Awards shall be awarded at the Annual Awards Banquet. All Minnesota Cutting Horse Class Awards will be awarded to the MCHA member owned horse and ridden by a MCHA member winning the most earnings during the cutting year.
7. NATIONAL CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION TROPHY – OPEN (The NCHA Trophy is made possible through the entry fee deduction made during our competitions held during the year.) The trophy presented by the National Cutting Horse Association will be awarded to the MCHA member owned horse ridden by a MCHA member winning the most earnings in any approved MCHA Open Class during the cutting year.
8. Any notarized leasing agreement recorded with the Secretary of the MCHA by a member of the Association shall be considered ownership for accumulating points.
9. Determination of bona fide ownership of a horse may be made by the Board of Directors when necessary.
10. A percent deduction shall be made from the entry fees for NCHA approved classes. These deductions for the approved NCHA classes shall be sent to the NCHA.
11. The following shall be the policy of the Association for cutting competitions sponsored by individual members:
 - a. The host shall be responsible for securing cattle.
 - b. No later than sixty days prior to the competition, the host shall notify the Association of the Judge selected and all other details necessary for obtaining approval.