

BC Ranch Cutting Horse Association - General Club Rules

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1. All persons showing and horse owners must have a current BCRCHA membership.
2. All persons on horseback must have a current HCBC membership.
3. All persons showing must maintain a good financial standing with the BCRCHA. Members who do not have a current good financial standing will be required to settle up outstanding bills and/or pay current show fees prior to entering the show pen.
4. BCRCHA adopts all HCBC rules and regulations.
5. Order of classes will be drawn prior to the start of the show and will be provided to all participants.
6. Lifetime earnings on horse and rider are to be based on NCHA earnings. Note in the \$2000 Limit Rider, as per the NCHA, it is all monies earned in any/all cutting clubs including NCHA to determine eligibility.
7. Eligibility is based on the horse/rider earnings (NCHA or any/all depending on class) as of January 1 of each year. It is the contestant's sole responsibility to determine riders/horses eligibility to compete in any class(es) entered.
8. Entries must be made prior to the close of entry time specified. If post entering, this must be done at the latest an hour before show start time. Post entry(s) will be placed at the end of the draw and additional cattle will be added only if available.
9. Cancellations can be made until the close of entries. Entries not cancelled in time will be charged the cattle and administration fees. If you are in the draw(s) and do not ride, you will be charged the cattle and administration fee. Special circumstances will be considered by the BOD and will be decided by vote.
10. The Membership fees for the 2024 show year will be as follows:
Single \$50.00

11. Class Fees for the 2024 show year will be as follows:
 - Used \$110.00
 - Fresh \$180.00
12. Year end awards will be calculated throughout the year and based solely on the current show season. Riders **must** have attended and shown 50% of the shows offered by the BCRCHA in that show year in order to be eligible to receive a year end award.
13. Year end standings will be tabulated based on points, according to the number of horses shown.
14. All Youth 18 and under must wear proper fitting approved protective headgear, with the safety harness correctly secured, at all times, while mounted on competition or event grounds. Approved headgear must meet the ASTM (American Society for Testing Material) standards and display the SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) seal. The British standard, BSI, is also acceptable.
15. All youth 18 and under are not permitted to show or ride a Stallion on event grounds.
16. Any person mounted on horseback in the arena after the start time of the event must be wearing western attire including, western hat/ helmet, boots, long-sleeved western shirt with collar and buttons or snaps completely down the front of shirt. (Short-sleeved western shirts with collars and buttons or snaps completely down the front of the shirt are also permitted.)
17. Chokes, ropes, tie-downs or wire around the horse's neck will not be permitted. Horses may be ridden with a bridle having bits in the mouth and having no nose band or bosal. Hackamore also may be used but must be loose with no metal parts, only rope or braided rawhide. A person must be able to pass their fingers between the hackamore and muzzle completely around the horse's nose. Any wire, tight noseband or mechanical device that will give a rider undue control; over the horse must not be used in a contest. Breast harness may be used. The rider must keep their hands free from the breast harness. The judge will have the

authority to have a rider remove anything they think would be unfair to use in a contest. Chaps and spurs may be worn. Quirts and bats must not be carried.

18. BCRCHA adopts NCHA Rule: **RULE 35: ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY**
Inhumane treatment or abuse of a horse in any manner is strictly prohibited.
19. The judge's scoring may not be questioned by contestants. However, run content may be discussed after the contestant's class has ended or at the end of the show day. Rules for special classes are to be attached to the judge's sheet for their reference and at no time is a contestant/owner/spectator etc. allowed to tell a judge how to judge a class.
20. BCRCHA adopts NCHA Rule 35C : **Conduct By and Between Members** The **NCHA expects all members to conduct themselves with proper decorum at all NCHA events. The following activities are strictly prohibited.**
21. The BCRCHA President and the Director in Charge have the right to disqualify, refuse entry, or eject from the premises any contestant, or volunteer for misconduct or harassment of the judge, show management, employees and other contestants or spectators.
22. All classes are subject to fresh cattle based on cattle availability and will be charged as such. Riders will be notified of any changes prior to show day.

**The BCRCHA reserves the right to change or modify these rules at any time.