

Mission Statement

The Carolina Cutting Horse Association (CCHA), is an affiliate of the NCHA and is dedicated to maintaining the standards of cutting and attracting new participants to the sport in the States of North and South Carolina as well as the surrounding areas. The association shall regularly sanction competitions within the States of North and South Carolina. Not less than two events shall be held annually.

By Laws of Carolinas Cutting Horse Association, Inc.

Article I.

Purpose of association and General Regulatory Provisions

Section 1. The object and purpose are to promote Cutting Horse shows and related activities through education, show promotion and other related activities and non-profit in nature.

Section 2. The general operation of the business of the Association shall be under supervision of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. The Association is organized and shall be operated in accordance with Chapter 55A North Carolina Nonprofit Corporation Act and Affiliate Guidelines outlined in the National Cutting Horse Association (NCHA) Rulebook.

Article II.

Meeting of Members

Section 1. The annual meeting of the Members of this Association, for the election of directors and officers and for such other business as may properly come before the meeting shall be held at a location determined by the Board of Directors OR by a virtual meeting platform. Timely notice of such a meeting shall be provided to the Members. Notice may be given electronically..

Section 2. Special meetings of the Members can be called on 14 days' notice by the President of the Board of Directors for such purposes as may be specified by resolution.

Section 3. The President shall call a meeting to order and preside or shall call any member to preside at any meeting of Members. The Secretary/Treasurer of the Association shall be the Secretary of such meetings.

Section 4. At all meetings of the Members, each Member shall be entitled to cast one vote. Family memberships are entitled to one vote for each spouse. Youth members shall not have a vote.

Section 5. Ten Percent of the Members is required to constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Members, but less than a quorum may adjourn such a meeting.

Article III.

Directors and Meetings of Directors

Section 1. The directors shall be nominated and elected by the members at the annual meeting. A maximum of 6 directors, in addition to elected officers, may be nominated and elected.

Section 2. Vacancies among the directors may be filled, pending the next annual meeting of Members or by vote of the existing Directors.

Section 3. The directors shall hold office for one year and may be reelected for successive years by the Members.

Section 4. Meetings of the Board of Directors and Officers shall be held at frequency determined by the Board and Officers. Seven days' notice for these meetings is suggested.

Section 5. Each Director shall have one vote during meetings of the Board of Directors.

Section 6. At the beginning of each meeting a board member will be appointed as the secretary of the meeting and be responsible for recording the meeting minutes.

Article IV.

Election of Officers and Duties of Officers

Section 1. The Association will have a total of 3 Officers: President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer. The Association's Members shall nominate and elect eligible candidates for President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer at the annual meeting.

- a) In the event of a vacancy of any office other than the President, the Board of Directors may nominate and elect any director to serve as an officer until the next annual meeting of the Association's members is held.
- b) Multiple offices may be held by one individual except one cannot serve as Vice-President and President concurrently.

Section 2. Candidate Requirements of Officers

- a) One must have served on the board of the Association a minimum of one year.
- b) Be a member in good standing of the NCHA
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- d) Be at least 25 years of age
- e) May not be a part of any show producing entity within 500 miles of any CCHA sanctioned event.

Section 3. All officers will be considered a member of the Board of Directors and are entitled to one vote during board meetings/proceedings EXCEPT for the President may only cast a vote to

break a tie vote among the directors . One person may not cast more than one vote regardless of the number of offices or positions held.

Section 4. The duties of the President shall be as follows:

- a) Presiding over meetings of the Board and Annual Membership Meeting.
- b) Lead the Board of Directors to carry out its governance functions.
- c) Assuring the ongoing recruitment, development and contributions of Board Members.
- d) Setting priorities and creating agendas for meeting of the Board of Directors
- e) Serve as an ambassador of the organization and advocate its mission.
- f) Ensure effective external communications with the Association's members.
- g) Develop and maintain beneficial relationships with donors, funders, supporters, collaborators, vendors and Association's members.
- h) Ensure Legal compliance and sound risk management practices.
- i) Pay Annual fee to the NCHA by January 1.
- j) Ensure compliance with NCHA rules and guidelines.
- k) Cast the final vote in the event of a tie vote among the Board of Directors.

Section 5. The duties of the Vice-President shall be as follows:

- a) Aid the President in their duties.
- b) Serve as the interim President should the office become vacant before the next annual membership meeting.

Section 6. The duties of the Secretary/Treasurer shall be as follows.

- a) Prepare financial and profit and loss statements at the close of each show and at the close of each point year and present them at the annual meeting of Members and shall furnish them at such other times as requested by the directors.
- b) Prepare and maintain any state and/or federal required filings
- c) Record the meeting minutes of board and membership meetings.
- d) At the conclusion of all meetings the Secretary/Treasurer shall provide a digital copy of the meeting minutes to all Board members and Officers.
- e) Record and maintain a record of points earned by the Association's members as defined in Article V Section 3.

Article V.

Point Year and Point Tabulation

Section 1. The point year for the Association shall be the first day of the first show of the current fiscal year through the last day of the last show of the current fiscal year. The fiscal year for the Association shall be January 1 through December 31.

Section 2. Shows designated by the Association and approved by the NCHA will count towards year end awards within the Association.

- a) NCHA Approved Shows by other NCHA Affiliates and/or private entities may count towards year end awards within the Association provided that consideration is given to the Association and is approved by majority vote of the Association's Board of Directors. Any Board of Director receiving any compensation or affiliated with the production of any proposed show shall not cast a vote. These shows will be referred to as Co-Sanctioned Shows.
- b) Co-Sanctioned Shows must be approved not later than 30 days prior to the show and the Association's members must be notified in a timely manner.

Section 3. Affiliate Points shall be used to determine rankings for horses and riders during the point year. The method for which circuit points are tabulated are as follows:

- a) For horse classes: Open, \$25,000 Novice Horse, \$5,000 Novice Horse, \$25,000 Novice Horse Non-Pro and \$5,000 Novice Horse Non-Pro classes points will be tracked by the horse.
- b) For rider classes: Non-Pro, Unlimited Amateur, \$50,000 Amateur, \$35,000 NonPro, \$15,000 Amateur, \$2,000 Limit Rider and Youth classes points will be tracked by the rider.
- c) Points shall be awarded according to the number of horses in the class. Examples: Any class with 10 horses shown will award points in the class on a declining scale of 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 points. A class with 7 horses shown will award points to all 7 placements on a declining scale of 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 points).

Article VI

Membership

Section 1. Membership is open to anyone interested in the sport of showing cutting horses. All Association members must also be a member, in good standing, with the NCHA.

Section 2. Memberships must be paid in full for all owners, trainers, and riders or horses prior to the close of the first show of the point year in order for these memberships accepted after this date will not be retroactive to monies and/or points won prior to for consideration of awards.

Section 3. Membership is required to participate in any show produced by the Association.