

# ICHA RULES & REGULATIONS

January 19, 2000 (*Amended*)

1. The Iowa 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 Iowa Cutting Horse Association shall recognize all NCHA classes along with affiliate classes approved by the Board of Directors annually. The members shall receive a list of the approved classes and rules annually.
3. Classification of the horse and/or rider shall be retained throughout the current show year.
4. National Cutting Horse Association records will be used to determine a horse's and/or rider's classification.
5. Both the owner and the rider of a horse must be members in good standing of the Iowa Cutting Horse Association for dollars or points to count toward year end awards.
6. All Cutting Horse Association members in good standing are eligible for year end awards providing they have competed in 40% of that year's ICHA/NCHA approved shows (rounded off to the nearest even %; example: a class is held 13 times, 40% equals 5.2 shows, rounded off to the nearest % is 5 shows. A class held 7 times, 40% equals 2.8 shows, rounded off to the nearest % is 3 shows). This applies to all classes in jackpot or championships contests. The percentage is based on the number of shows held that year regardless of whether you were a member at the previous shows.
7. When determining standings and awarding trophies, using other than dollars won, a point system based on the number of placings paid shall be used. Dollars or points shall count only from the date of paid membership in the Iowa Cutting Horse Association.  
  
*Year End Awards for ICHA approved classes will be calculated on a point system, rather than dollars earned. Horse/Rider earn 1 point each time they show (ride into the herd) plus points awarded based on placings paid. (January 2014)*
8. Dollars or points remain with the horse in case of change of owner or rider, provided that each rider and owner is or becomes a member in good standing of the Iowa Cutting Horse Association.
9. Dollars or points won in non-approved Fun Cuttings will not count toward year end award or against classification of the horse and/or rider. The Ron McCarty Greenhorn Class is exempt from this rule.
10. Specific class nominations shall not be necessary at the beginning of the year. A horse may accumulate dollars or points in any class which he qualifies to enter according to NCHA records. However, dollars or points won in one class may not be counted toward awards in another class. Only dollars or points earned in a specific class will be counted toward the year end award for that class.
11. Iowa Cutting Horse Association Champion Awards will be given in the classes approved annually by the ICHA Board of Directors. The awards will be presented at the Annual Membership Meeting held at the close of the ICHA year.
12. These rules are subject to change only by vote of the officers and members of the ICHA.