

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

OF THE

**BOISE VALLEY CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION INC.**

THE GOVERNING OF CONTESTS OR SHOWS AWARDING POINTS FOR  
YEAR END AWARDS

1. These rules as listed herein and approved by the Boise Valley Cutting Horse Association at a general membership meeting, shall supersede all previous rules.
2. The current year, with regard to the earning of points, shall begin January 1<sup>st</sup> and end December 31<sup>st</sup>.
3. No amendments, changes, alterations, or additions to these Rules and Regulations shall be made except by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting called by the Club President. Such changes to the rules shall be submitted in writing at any regular meeting and shall be voted upon the next regular meeting.
4. The BVCHA shall offer the following list of classes at each show:
  - Open
  - Non-Pro
  - \$25,000 Novice Horse
  - \$35,000 Non Pro
  - \$5,000 Novice Horse
  - Junior Youth
  - Senior Youth
  - 3 year old colt practice
  - Beginning Cutter
  - \$1,000 Amateur
  - \$2,000 Limit Rider
  - Open Ranch Cutting
  - Non-Pro Ranch Cutting

5. Qualifications for the Classes:

**Open Class:** Open to any horse and any rider. Points are accumulated to the horse with any rider.

**Non-Pro:** Open to any non-pro riding their own horse. Proof of ownership of the horse by the rider or an immediate member of the rider's family can be requested by BVCHA Officers, Board Members and the Show Secretaries. Professionals may not participate in this class.

**\$25,000 Novice Horse:** Open to any horse whose NCHA lifetime earnings do not exceed \$25,000 prior to the current year. Points are accumulated to the horse with any rider.

**\$35,000 Non-Pro:** Open to any Non-Pro riding their own horse. Open to any rider whose lifetime NCHA earnings do not exceed \$35,000 prior to the current year. Proof of ownership of the horse by the rider or an immediate member of the rider's family can be requested by BVCHA Officers, Board Members and the Show Secretaries. Professionals may not participate in this class.

**\$5,000 Novice Horse:** Open to any horse whose lifetime NCHA earnings do not exceed \$5,000 prior to the current year. Points are accumulated to the horse with any rider.

**JR Youth:** Open to any rider who is 13 years old or younger at the start of each season. The youth contestant may ride any horse in this class. Points shall accumulate to the rider.

**SR Youth:** Open to any rider who is 14 years old to 18 years old at the start of each season. The youth contestant may ride any horse in this class. Points shall accumulate to the rider.

**3-Year Old Practice:** This is a non-judged class for three-year old colts Only. A standard entry fee shall be paid for a 4-minute practice.

**Beginning Cutter:** Open to any Non-Pro or Amateur rider whose lifetime earnings do not exceed \$250 prior to the current year in either cutting (NCHA) or cow horse (NRCHA) competition. Any horse may be ridden in this class.

Legal bits are required. The rider may ride one handed or two handed. Riders will not be penalized for reining in this class. Points shall be accumulated to the rider for the current year. Professionals may not participate in this class. Year-end champion must graduate out of class for a year. After a year out, a rider may show in the class again if they still meet the class description.

**\$1,000 Amateur:** Open to any Amateur riding their own horse. Open to any Amateur whose lifetime NCHA earnings do not exceed \$1,000 prior to the current year. Proof of ownership of the horse by the rider or an immediate member of the rider's family can be requested by BVCHA Officers, Board Members and the Show Secretaries. Professionals may not participate in this class.

**\$2,000 Limited Rider:** Open to any rider whose NCHA life time earnings do not exceed \$2000 prior to the current year. Any horse may be ridden in this class. Points shall be accumulated to the rider for the current year.

**Open Ranch Cutting:** Open to any rider and any horse. One or two hands are allowed on the reins with the understanding that starting with one hand and switching to two is less desirable than vice versa. Class will be judged by run content. Riders will not be penalized for reining.

**Non-Pro Ranch Cutting:** Open to any Non-Pro rider, horse must be owned by the rider or immediate family member. The same rules apply as the Open Ranch Cutting.

\*The ranch cutting will be judged on the ability of the horse/rider team to read the herd and select a cow of the rider's choice to drive from the herd and work in the center of the arena. Once the rider has demonstrated the horse's ability to control the cow, the rider will "quit" the cow and cut another from the herd. Credit will be given to those horses who demonstrated excellence in their herd work, working in the center of the arena, and degree of difficulty of the cows selected.

\*The Non-Pro ranch cutting class is intended to provide horses and/or riders with limited cutting experience and an assortment of backgrounds the opportunity to show. Refer to the NCHA rulebook on Non-Pro eligibility.

### **BVCHA HORSE OF THE YEAR**

The BVCHA Horse of the Year will be awarded to the horse that accumulates the most points during the year in a combination of the Open or \$25,000 Novice Horse or \$5,000 Novice Horse AND the Non-Pro or \$35,000 Non-Pro classes. Following are the possible combinations on the same horse:

OPEN points + Non-Pro points

OPEN points + \$35,000 Non-Pro points

Open points + \$25,000 Novice Horse points

\$25,000 Novice Horse points + Non-Pro points

\$25,000 Novice Horse points + \$35,000 Non-Pro points

Open points + \$5,000 Novice Horse points  
\$25,000 Novice Horse points + \$5,000 Novice Horse points  
Non-Pro points + \$35,000 Non-Pro points  
\$5,000 Novice Horse points + \$35,000 Non-Pro points  
\$5,000 Novice Horse points + Non-Pro points

### **BVCHA RIDER OF THE YEAR**

The BVCHA Rider of the Year will be awarded to the rider that accumulates the most points during the year in a combination of the Youth classes, Beginning Cutter, \$1,000 Amateur, and \$2,000 Limited Rider classes.

To be eligible, the competing horse must qualify for Y/E Awards in both classes (shown in 50% + 1 show, and be a member in good standing).

**Rules and Regulations for a BVCHA Contest:** Except as modified above for the Novice Horse Class, the Three Year Old Practice, and as noted below; **ALL** classes shall be governed and judged by current National Cutting Horse Association Rules and Regulations.

1. **Clothing:** All contestants must be dressed in western attire in accordance with the NCHA Rule 16-b. This includes a Western Hat and a Long Sleeved western styled Shirt with a collar.
2. **Training Aids on Horses at BVCHA Shows:** No training aids shall be permitted on competition horses in the show area. Helping horses shall be exempt from this rule at BVCHA shows.
3. **Awarding of Points for the Season:**  
Points shall be awarded for each class at each show according to the following criteria:  
1<sup>st</sup> Place - One point shall be awarded equivalent to the number of horses in the class each show -- plus ½ point for each contestant that is beaten.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place - One point shall be awarded equivalent to the number of horses in the class minus 1-- plus ½ point for each contestant that is beaten.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place - One point shall be awarded equivalent to the number of horses in the class minus 2 -- plus ½ point for each contestant that is beaten.  
4<sup>th</sup> Place - One point shall be awarded equivalent to the number of horses in the class minus 3 -- plus ½ point for each contestant that is beaten.  
5<sup>th</sup> Place - One point shall be awarded equivalent to the number of horses in the class minus 4 -- plus ½ point for each contestant that is beaten.

6<sup>th</sup> Place - One point shall be awarded equivalent to the number of horses in the class minus 5 -- plus ½ point for each contestant that is beaten.

The remaining horses in the class shall be awarded ½ point for each contestant who they beat.

**4. To be eligible for year-end awards, the following criteria must be met:**

(A) Each contestant must have shown in 50% plus 1 of the BVCHA shows for each season.

(B) Each contestant must be a member in good standing. This assumes that a BVCHA Hold Harmless has been signed and all outstanding bills have been paid each season.

(C) No horses shall receive year end awards unless the owner is a member in good standing of the BVCHA for the current season.

5. Alcoholic beverage consumption in the arena during a BVCHA show is not allowed.

6. In the Non-Pro Class, the \$2,000 Limited Rider Class, \$1,000 Amateur and the Beginning Cutter Class, if the contestant wishes to show more than one horse in the same class; prior to competing, the contestant must state which horse and rider team will accumulate points. If no designation is made, points will be awarded to the first horse in the draw.

7. Entry fees must be paid prior to competing at each BVCHA show. A \$25 charge will be assessed for ALL NSF checks, and after 2 NSF checks, the contestant will be on a cash only basis.

**DATED THIS First Day of January 1, 2024**

**Summer Housley** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Vice President**

Rules & Regulations were amended during the November 18, 2023 General Membership Meeting/banquet.