



Australian Cutting Horse Group

RULES & REGULATIONS AS AT 1ST JANUARY 2019

***** SNAFFLEBIT RULES AS FOLLOWS *****

This event requires the use of a smooth snafflebit. The Ed Duffurena snafflebit may also be used in the event. Any other bit used will result in disqualification from the event and entry fee will be forfeited. When quitting the cow in competition you must remove your hand from the reins and place on the horse's neck, failure to do so will incur a 1-point penalty. Loose reins are required; reins that are drawn too tight and excessive pulling on the horse's mouth will incur a 1-point penalty on each occasion. NOTE: This is a TWO-HANDED event only.

ENCOURAGEMENT SNAFFLEBIT RIDER

If you have won or placed in any one-handed cutting horse or snafflebit event (excluding ACHG'S 2017 trial event) you are not eligible for this event, all snafflebit rules apply – this includes the Ed Duffurrena snafflebit.

OPEN SNAFFLEBIT HORSE

If any horse competes in a one-handed event on the day, the horse is not eligible to compete in this event. All snafflebit rules apply – this includes the Ed Duffurrena snafflebit.

SNAFFLEBIT - MAIDEN HORSE

If the horse has won or placed in any snafflebit or one handed event the horse is deemed not eligible for this event.

ONE-HANDED CUTTING HORSE RULES

\$1000 MAIDEN HORSE

This event is for horses that have won less than \$1000 in prize money in LTE (Life Time Earnings) from one-handed cutting horse events. This does not apply to prize money won in snafflebit events.

ENCOURAGEMENT ONE-HANDED RIDER

If you have won in any one-handed cutting horse event, you are not eligible to compete in this event.

\$12,000 NOVICE HORSE

This event is for horses that have won less than \$12,000 in prize money in LTE (Life Time Earnings) from one-handed cutting horse events. This does not apply to prize money won in snafflebit events.

15 - 18 YEARS YOUTH

All youth are to work from a herd. Youth can compete one-handed or two-handed at the rider's discretion. If a competitor starts one-handed the competitor must finish the run one-handed or will be disqualified. If a competitor starts two-handed the competitor must finish the run two-handed or will be disqualified.

NOTE: 15-18 Years youth may wear a cowboy hat or helmet at rider's discretion.

8- 14 YEARS YOUTH

All youth are to work from a herd. Youth can compete one-handed or two-handed at the rider's discretion. If a competitor starts one-handed the competitor must finish the run one-handed or will be disqualified. If a competitor starts two-handed the competitor must finish the run two-handed or will be disqualified.

8-14 Years youth must wear a helmet at all times in and out of the arena while attending to their horse.

ACHA (AMERICAN CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION)

AFFILIATE EVENTS

\$2500 NOVICE RIDER

\$3000 NOVICE HORSE

OPEN NON-PRO

OPEN HORSE SADDLE SERIES

The above events are run under the ACHA rules. These rules can be viewed via ACHA website www.achacutting.org

To compete in the above 4 events you must be a member of the ACHA. Membership forms are available to download off the ACHA website or on ACHG website www.cowponies1969.com these forms will also be available at the show office. All forms to be sent via email or handed to Lyndall Malmberg at the show office. Annual household membership cost is \$50 AUS. This includes the major membership holder, his/her spouse & minor youth aged under the age of 21 as long as they still living in the same household. Membership is current from 1st January to 31st December. All enquiries to Lyndall Malmberg at cowponies1969@gmail.com or 0428264205.

PLEASE NOTE: Top 2 riders CHAMPION/RESEVE CHAMPION for the year in the \$2500 Novice Rider event will have the opportunity to travel to Texas USA to compete/show in the ACHA WORLD FINALS IN FT WORTH TEXAS.

ACHA will supply Certificates of Merit to ACHG Top ten competitors/horses for all 4 events.

ACHG will supply Champion & Reserve Champion Buckles for all 4 events in Australia under the ACHA points system.

AGED EVENT DETAILS COMING SOON

ACHG strives to provide a family friendly sport and as such will not tolerate crass language, verbal abuse, physical abuse or bullying in any way, shape or form directed towards any animal, ACHG staff, fellow competitors, volunteers, children or family members.

ANIMAL ABUSE

Animal abuse refers to any hitting, slapping, whipping, jerking or spurring an animal with brute force. RSPCA will be notified of any animal abuse committed at any ACHG show or training day.

Anyone found guilty of breaching the above rules by an ACHG executive will be asked to remove him or herself from the event. All entries will be forfeited and no refund given. If failing to leave on the request of an ACHG executive, law enforcement will be sort. The matter will be dealt with and penalties applied at the discretion of an ACHG executive.

ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

No alcohol is permitted inside the arena while the show is in progress.

WAIVERS & HORSE DECLARATIONS

ALL competitors **MUST** fill in Waivers & Horse Health Declarations prior to competing in any event. This includes, competitors, handlers, lopers, & grooms, forms are available for download at www.cowponies1969.com can be emailed to cowponies1969@gmail.com. Forms also available at show office.

**ALL COMPETITORS TO PAY GROUNDS LEVY/CATTLE HIRE
\$30 ADULTS/ \$10 YOUTH**

****Please note this does not include Camping or Stables****

RISK WARNING

Any rider or horse previously injured where medical treatment or surgery has occurred will need to supply a medical clearance from surgeon or veterinarian to continue on with competition prior to next show.

No person under the age of 18 to ride or handle a stallion in or out of the arena.

CANCELLATION OF ENTRY/ENTRIES

Once Entry has been submitted and the draw has been posted **NO Refunds** will be given on **ANY ENTRIES**. Under special circumstances where a Veterinary Certificate OR Medical Certificate is supplied with in 24 hours of scratching. Entries cancelled that supply a Veterinary Certificate or Medical Certificate will lose grounds levy \$30 Adults/\$10 Youth including freight & remainder of entry fee reimbursed within 14 days from date of show.

CANCELLATION OF ENTRY/ENTRIES - AGED EVENTS

100% of entry fee will be refunded in the event that an aged event is cancelled by the ACHG executive only.

There will be no refund available if a competitor withdraws from competition without a veterinary certificate or Medical certificate.

Any refund is at the discretion of the ACHG executive.

ACHG NATIONAL FINALS

To be eligible to compete in the ACHG National Finals including the ACHA (American Cutting Horse Association) you must have competed in at least one show throughout the calendar year to be eligible to compete in the yearly finals. If you have not done so, then you are deemed not eligible to compete and your nominations will not be accepted

ACHA (American Cutting Horse Association)

Payment & Points of Affiliated Events.

**Placings paid as per ACHA & Points awarded to 6th place.
Please note ACHA award points & Payout are according to how
many is in the class.**

1-2 horses - points = 0

3 horses - points = 3 - 2 - 1

4 horses - points = 4 - 3 - 2 - 1

5 horses - points = 5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1

6 or more horses - points = 6 - 5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1

**All ACHG events will be paid to 4th place & points will be
allocated for each placing to 6th Place.**

1st Place = 6 Points

2nd Place = 5 Points

3rd Place = 4 Points

4th Place = 3 Points

5th Place = 2 Points

6th Place = 1 Points

Points will be recorded by ACHG for annual awards, points year is from 1st January 2018 to 1st December 2019. All competitors are to finish the year out in the event that they have been competing in regardless of money earned or age in the case of Youth events, till the 1st December 2018.

NOTE: Cutting saddles, stock saddles & fender saddles are acceptable for all events listed above. Chaps, Chinks & jeans are considered acceptable, long sleeve shirts & hats/helmets are a requirement to be worn in the competition arena. Youth 8 - 14 years must wear a helmet at all times - in and out of the arena while handling horses on the grounds. Youth 15-18 years can wear western cowboy hat or wear a helmet at their own/parent's discretion. Caps are not to be worn in the competition arena unless it is extremely windy and ACHG executives have made the decision to allow competitors to wear caps.

ELIGIBILITY

All competitors, riders and owners are responsible for determining class eligibility for themselves and all horses they own or exhibit as determined by the combined records of all cutting horse and breed associations. ALL earnings must be combined to determine eligibility.

Upon determining that a horse or rider has won money in a class for which the horse or rider is ineligible, the ACHG records will be adjusted to remove the ineligible horse or rider, with the ineligible earnings to be reallocated by the ACHG among the remaining class participants to establish the correct class standings. The rider must return all ineligible earnings and prizes. All entry fees will be forfeited. In addition, any competitor in violation of this rule shall also be subject to discipline at the discretion of the ACHG executive.