



Australian Cutting Horse Group

## **RULES & REGULATIONS AS AT 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2020**

**UPDATED TO INCLUDE TWO NEW CLASSES TO THE PROGRAM**

### **\*\*\* 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. **PLEASE NOTE:** ALL Snafflebit classes are TWO-HANDED classes only.

Please Note: All Competitors will compete in their chosen event for the whole calendar year, **ONLY** up to 2 horses can be shown per event at each show.

### **ACHG ENCOURAGEMENT SNAFFLEBIT RIDER**

If you have won or placed in any one-handed cutting horse or snafflebit event you are **not eligible** for this event, all snafflebit rules apply – this includes the Ed Duffurena snafflebit. Class will be run with (re-run cattle.) **Please note:** If horse starts in Snafflebit class on the day the horse in question can only compete in snafflebit class on day of competition. This is a two handed class only.

## **ACHG 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. **Please note:** If horse starts in Snafflebit class on the day, the horse in question can only compete in snafflebit class on day of competition. This is a two handed class only.

## **ACHG SNAFFLEBIT – MAIDEN HORSE**

If the horse has won or placed in any snafflebit or one handed class horse is deemed **not eligible** for this event. **Please note:** If horse starts in Snafflebit class on the day the horse in question can only compete in snafflebit class on day of competition. This is a two handed class only.

## **ACHG 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.

## **ACHG 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. Ribbons awarded **only** no prizemoney, buckle to the yearly winner at National Finals. **8-14 Years youth must wear a helmet at all times in and out of the arena while attending to their horse.**

**ONE-HANDED CUTTING HORSE RULES APPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:**

**ACHG \$1000 MAIDEN HORSE- One handed**

(Don Tanner Memorial Class)

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. Rule as follows- **Please Note:** All money won in Aged events, Open and Novice classes all count in this event. **Please Note:** All Non-Pro & Snafflebit Earnings or do not count in this event.

**Please Note:** If the horse starts one handed on the day, the horse in question must only compete in one hand classes on the day of competition.

**ACHG Senior Rider 60+ yrs- One handed**

**Contestants can only show ONE HORSE in this class**

**Open to both Open and Non-Professional riders that are 60yrs and over. Rules will Differ from ACHA to let both Open and Non-Professionals to compete in this event.**



**ACHA (AMERICAN CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION)**

**AFFILIATE EVENTS**

**\$1000 NOVICE RIDER - (re-run cattle)**

**Contestants can only show ONE HORSE in this class**

Open to all riders having lifetime earnings of \$1000 or less as determined by the combined records of the ACHA and the NCHA on the first day of the current ACHA point year. Limited age contest money won shall be included in determining a rider's lifetime earnings. A contestant may ride any horse. Earnings toward American Champion, Reserve American Champion and Top Ten \$1000 Novice Rider Cutting Horse Class. Earnings for this title accumulate only from ACHA approved shows that comply with all Standing Rules and, in addition, the contest is scheduled with an accompanying Non-Professional Cutting Horse Class approved by the ACHA. Rules set forth in Section III, Rule 16 a, b, c, d and e apply in this class.

### **\$2500 NOVICE RIDER**

#### **Contestants can only show ONE HORSE in this class.**

Open to all riders having lifetime earnings of \$2500 or less as determined by the combined records of the ACHA and the NCHA on the first day of the current ACHA point year. Limited age contest money won shall be included in determining a rider's lifetime earnings. A contestant may ride any horse. Earnings toward American Champion, Reserve American Champion and Top Ten \$2500 Novice Rider Cutting Horse Class. Earnings for this title accumulate only from ACHA approved shows that comply with all Standing Rules and, in addition, the contest is scheduled with an accompanying Non-Professional Cutting Horse Class approved by the ACHA. Rules set forth in Section III, Rule 16 a, b, c, d and e apply in this class.

### **\$3000 NOVICE HORSE**

#### **Contestants can show no more than TWO HORSES in this class**

Open to all horses having lifetime earnings of \$3000 or less as determined by the combined records of the ACHA and the NCHA on the first day of the current ACHA point year. Limited age contestant money won shall not be included in determining a horse's lifetime earnings. Earnings toward American Champion, Reserve American Champion and Top Ten \$3000 Novice Cutting Horse will be counted only from ACHA \$3000 Novice Horse Class. Earnings for this title will accumulated only from shows that comply with all Standing Rules and in addition, the class is scheduled with an accompanying Open Cutting Horse Class approved by the ACHA. Riders may elect to ride TWO (2) eligible horses in this class

### **\$15000 Novice Horse (ACHA)**

#### **Contestants can show no more than TWO horses in this class**

Open to all horses having lifetime earnings of \$15000 or less as determined by the combined records of the ACHA and the NCHA on the first day of the current ACHA Points year and open to all ACHA Non-Professionals. Limited age contest money won shall not be included in determining a horse's lifetime earnings. Earnings toward American Champion, Reserve American Champion and Top Ten \$15000 Novice Horse/Non-Professional will be counted only from ACHA approved classes bearing the title ACHA \$15000 Novice Horse/Non-Professional Cutting Horse Class. Earnings for this title will accumulate only from shows that comply with all Standings Rules and in addition, the class is scheduled with an accompanying Open or Non-Professional Cutting Horse Class approved by the ACHA. (continued below) Riders may elect to ride TWO (2) eligible horses in this class, both of which must be owned by the contestant's or the contestant's spouse's or minor child (under 21 years of age) Rules set forth in Section III, Rule 16a, b, c, d and e apply.

(b) Those classes that are based on the eligibility of the rider, including aged events.

### **NON-PRO**

#### **Contestants can only show ONE HORSE in this class**

Open to all ACHA Non-Professionals. Earnings toward American Champion, Reserve American Champion and Top Ten Non-Professional will be counted only from ACHA approved classes bearing the title ACHA Non-Professional Cutting Horse Class. Earnings toward this title will accumulate only from shows that comply with all Standing Rules and in addition, have an added purse of at least \$200.00. Participants in any ACHA Non-Professional Cutting Horse Class must comply with all Non- Professional Rules.

### **OPEN HORSE**

#### **Contestants can show no more than TWO HORSES in this class**

Open to any horse, regardless of breed, age, sex, colour, conformation, appearance, or previous performance. Horse are to be judged on performance only. Earnings toward American champion, Reserve American Champion and Top Ten Open Horse will be counted only from ACHA approved classes bearing the title ACHA Open Cutting Horse Class. Earnings will accumulate only from shows that comply with all Standing rules and in addition, have an added purse of at least \$200.00. A Non Professional may exhibit a horse in the Open Class provided the horse is owned by the Non – Professional, the Non-Professional's Spouse, father, Mother, Son, Daughter or minor sibling. The Non-Professional rider must pay all entry fees and charges in relation to the entry and must not receive direct or indirect remuneration. A rider may ride TWO (2) horses in the Open Class.

The above events are run under the ACHA rules. These rules can be viewed via ACHA website [www.achacutting.org](http://www.achacutting.org)

To compete in the above 7 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](http://www.cowponies1969.com) these forms will also be available at the show office. All forms to be sent via email or handed to Lyndall Malmborg 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 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December.

## **ACHA (American Cutting Horse Association), Payment & Points of Affiliated Events.**

Placings paid as per ACHA & Points awarded to 6<sup>th</sup> place according to how many horses are in the class.

<b><u>Number of Horses</u></b>	<b><u>Place</u></b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>
1 or 2 horses	Points	0					
3 horses		3	2	1			
4 Horses		4	3	2	1		
5 Horses		5	4	3	2	1	
6 Horses		6	5	4	3	2	1

## **ACHG (Australian Cutting Horse Group)**

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

1<sup>st</sup> Place = 6 Points

2<sup>nd</sup> Place = 5 Points

3<sup>rd</sup> Place = 4 Points

4<sup>th</sup> Place = 3 Points

5<sup>th</sup> Place = 2 Points

6<sup>th</sup> Place = 1 Point

Points will be recorded by ACHG for annual awards, points year is from 1<sup>st</sup> January to end of November, however with Covid 19 this is subject to be changed. We will update any changes asap. 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 end of the points year.

## **NATIONAL FINALS RULES**

To be eligible to compete in the National Finals at the end of each Calendar year, you must have competed in at least 2 ACHG shows or 2 ACHA shows if competing in the American Cutting Horse Association to be eligible to enter.



Please Note: Only two horses to be shown in each event/class at National Finals unless showing in the ACHA classes where in the \$1000 Novice Rider, \$2500 Novice Rider class, Non-Pro Class and the Senior 60+ Class only one horse is to be shown in these classes. The ACHA Open Horse, \$15000, \$3000 Novice Horse class the competitor may show 2 horses.

All enquiries to Lyndall Malmberg at [cowponies1969@gmail.com](mailto:cowponies1969@gmail.com) or 0428264205

**PLEASE NOTE: Top 2 riders 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 7 events.

ACHG/ACHA will supply Champion & Reserve Champion Buckles for all 7 events in Australia under the ACHA points system.

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 or in the warm area 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](http://www.cowponies1969.com) can be emailed to [cowponies1969@gmail.com](mailto:cowponies1969@gmail.com). Forms also available at show office.

## **ALL COMPETITORS TO PAY GROUNDS LEVY**

**\$30 ADULTS/ \$10 YOUTH**

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

## **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 within 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 vet certificate.

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**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.

### **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.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Please Note: Due to the Covid 19 epidemic ACHG has a Covidsafe plan in place for all our shows. We trust that you will abide by the safe distancing and hygiene rule. Hand sanitizer will be available at show office, bathrooms and eating areas free for all to use.

ACHG/ACHA thanks all our competitors for their ongoing support of Cutting and what it has to offer, a fabulous sport, family friendly, just one big family enjoying what we love.





