

## **SAGEBRUSH CUTTERS (SBC) Show Rules**

- National Cutting Horse Association (NCHA) rules apply to all classes, except as modified by these Sagebrush Cutters Show Rules.
- Rider earnings include all lifetime earnings in NCHA (including Limited Age Events), SBC and other club cuttings.
- Horse earnings include all lifetime earnings in NCHA (including Limited Age Events), SBC and other club cuttings.
- All earnings are counted to the beginning of the SBC point year.

**Eligibility** All riders are responsible for verifying that rider and horse(s) qualify for the classes that they enter. Should it be found that the rider or horse entered in a class are in fact ineligible, the rider will forfeit any earnings and the entry fee for said entry. Both the Owner and Rider of a horse must be a paid-up member of the SBC in order to show or enter a horse.

### **GENERAL RULES**

All riders and horse owners must be members in good standing, have membership applications and liability waivers signed, dues and entry fees paid to the show secretary.

1. **MISCONDUCT:** SBC Show management reserves the right to disqualify, refuse entry, or eject from the premises any person for misconduct or harassment of the judge(s), show management, directors, employees, contestants, or spectators, or for violation of the zero-tolerance animal welfare rule. Unsportsmanlike conduct shall be defined as any action of disrespect, deceit, fraud, or intimidation directed to judges, SBC BOD, show management or other exhibitors, spectators, or sponsors.
2. **NSF/FAILURE TO PAY:** Any person issuing an NSF, or a check returned by the bank it is drawn upon will pay a penalty fee of \$25.00 to SBC. No Points on the horse or rider accrue until the debt is satisfied. A member shall be considered "not in good standing" until the \$25.00 penalty fee is paid to the treasurer. Upon a second NSF or returned check issued by a member, the member shall be placed on a cash only basis.
3. **MEMBERSHIPS:** All persons on horseback at a SBC event must be a member and liability waiver. This waiver must be signed by all people riding in the warmup or show area and is available from the show secretary. This includes exhibitors, help, guests, family members, etc. No exceptions.
4. **REFERENCE RULES:** NCHA handbook will be used to clarify cutting rules when applicable.
5. **PROTESTS/GRIEVANCES:** All protests and /or grievances must be turned in or sent to the President IN WRITING within one week of the incident. All protests will be brought to the BOD. All such claims shall be investigated by the BOD for a decision, which will be final.

### **SHOW RULES**

1. **ENTRIES:** Show entries must be received by the show secretary by the announced deadline for the regular draw. Day of show/late entries will also be accepted (see below). Failure to show after entering will result in a stock charge and ground fees owed for all classes entered, regardless of whether the horse was shown. Outstanding fees must be paid in full prior to entering or practicing at any subsequent show. Show entry fees will be established by the board of directors. Slight Variations may occur based upon location and other factors.
2. All riders shall use their horse's registered name (if registered) for all SBC Show entries. Copies of the horse registration papers must be on file with the SBC Show Secretary. Points and awards can be withheld pending presentation of registration papers.
3. Any questions about class eligibility should be directed to the governing body prior to entering. The eligibility of a horse or rider may be reviewed by the governing body at any time and a horse or rider moved if appropriate.
4. All riders must be members to participate at SBC events, clinics, and show. Horse owners must also be members.
5. The board of directors shall determine the show classes prior to the start of each show year.
6. **LATE ENTRIES:** Adds the day of the show will be accepted. Any late entries taken after the draw will show last in the herd.
7. **SCRATCHES:** If any entry scratches prior to the draw for his/her class, a portion of the entry fee may be refunded to the discretion of the governing body. Scratches after the draw will not receive a refund unless deemed to be a case of extreme hardship by the governing body.
8. **WESTERN ATTIRE:** All contestants and turnback help must wear appropriate western attire while in the show arena. Western Hat or helmet, long sleeve shirt with a collar and cuffs or long-sleeved jacket with a collar, long

pants, leather riding boots (no sneakers). The judge may choose to waive the hat requirement based upon weather or other conditions.

9. **ANIMAL WELFARE/ZERO TOLERANCE:** Abuse of any animal in the arena, warm-up area or any portion of the grounds where a show is being held is prohibited. In accordance with NCHA standing rule 35B, "Inhumane treatment or abuse of a horse in any manner in the show arena or on the show grounds is prohibited." The "Zero Tolerance Policy" will be enforced. Violators may be warned, depending on gravity of offense, prior to suspension or membership being revoked by SBC.
10. **WORKING ORDER:** Working order for classes will be posted. It is the responsibility of all riders to have themselves and their help at the gate. A rider has one minute to cross the timeline after being called or they lose their slot in the working order and will show at the end of the class. If a rider showed in the previous work or was herd help in the previous work, they will be allotted two minutes. If the contestant is not ready prior to the end of the class, it is considered a scratch (see above) and all fees are owed.
11. The judge's decision is final.
12. The number of entries per class or per show may be limited by the governing body due to the availability of cattle.

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### **SBC Class list:**

#### **NCHA rules apply to all classes, except as modified below:**

- **Open** Open to any horse and any rider. Rider may ride an unlimited number of horses. Yearend earnings/points on horse
- **Nonpro** Open to all riders with Nonpro or Amateur status. All NCHA rules apply. Yearend earnings/points on rider
- **\$25,000 Novice Horse- horse** may be ridden by Pro or Nonpro/Amateur. Rider may ride an unlimited number of horses. A horse must not have won more than \$25,000 lifetime earnings. All earnings apply, except aged event earnings. Yearend earnings/ points on horse.
- **\$35,000 Non-pro** Open to all riders with Nonpro /Amateur status. Rider must not have won more than \$35,000 lifetime earnings. All earnings apply. Yearend earnings/points on rider.
- **\$15,000 Non-pro-** Open to all riders with Non-pro/ Amateur status. Rider must not have won more than \$15,000 lifetime earnings. All earnings apply. Yearend earnings/points on rider.
- **\$5,000 Novice Horse**-Horse may be ridden by Pro or Nonpro/Amateur. Rider may ride an unlimited number of horses. A horse must not have won more than \$5,000 lifetime earnings. All earnings apply, except aged event earnings. Yearend earnings/points on horse.
- **\$2,000 Limit Rider** Rider must not have won more than \$2,000 lifetime earnings. All earnings count. The horse need not be owned by the rider. Yearend earnings/points on rider.
- **\$500 Limit Rider** Rider must not have won more than \$500 lifetime earnings. All earnings count. The horse need not be owned by the rider. Yearend earnings/points on rider.
- **Youth**  
**Cutting Youth** Any rider who is 18 years of age or younger as of January 1<sup>st</sup> Yearend earnings/points on rider.  
**Ranch Youth** Any rider who is 18 years of age or younger as of January 1<sup>st</sup> Yearend earnings/points on rider.  
All youth will work the same pen of cattle.

#### **Any horses shown in the following ranch classes can not previously been shown in a cutting class.**

- **Open Ranch Horse-** Open to any horse, any rider. One or two hands are allowed during run. Class is to be judged on run content. Riders will not be penalized for reining in this class. Yearend earnings/points on horse.
- **Non-Pro Ranch:** Open to any non-pro rider. Horse must be owned by rider or immediate family member. One or two hands are allowed on the reins. Class will be judged on run content. Riders **will not** be penalized for reining in this class. Yearend earnings/points on rider.
- **2,500 Novice Non-Pro Ranch-** Open to any Non-pro rider with lifetime earnings of \$2,500.00 or less, prior to Jan 1 of the current year. Lifetime earnings shall include any cutting or cow horse/stock horse event including NCHA, NRCHA, jackpot, or similar competitions. One or two hands are allowed on the reins. Class will be judged on run content. Riders will not be penalized for reining in this class. Yearend earnings/points on rider.

- **\$5,000 Novice Ranch Horse:** Open to any horse with lifetime earnings of \$5,000.00 or less in any cutting or cow horse/stock horse event including NCHA, NRCHA, jackpots, or similar competitions. One or two hands are allowed on the reins. Class will be judged on run content. Riders will not be penalized for reining in this class. Yearend earnings are on the horse.
- **\$500 NOVICE HORSE/ NOVICE RIDER CLASS:** Open to any rider with lifetime earnings of \$500.00 or less, prior to Jan 1 of the current year, riding any horse with less than \$500.00 or less in earnings prior to Jan 1 of the current year. Lifetime earnings shall include any cutting or cow horse/stock horse event including NCHA, NRCHA, jackpot, or similar competitions. One or two hands are allowed on the reins. Class will be judged on run content. Riders will not be penalized for reining in this class. Yearend earnings/points are on the horse and rider combination.

**Year-End Awards-** Yearend awards are tallied on the yearend highest earnings/points of horse, rider or combination of both. A Contestant must show in at least ½ of the total amount of shows in the show season (Jan-Dec). On odd number years we take the higher of the amount to be eligible for yearend awards (i.e., 7 shows you must attend 4). Any class that does not have at least 3 riders

HORSE CLASSES	RIDER CLASSES	COMBINATION HORSE & RIDER
OPEN CUTTING	NON-PRO CUTTING	\$500 NON-PRO RANCH NOV/NOV
\$25,000 NOVICE HORSE	\$35,000 NON-PRO	
\$5,000 NOVICE HORSE	\$15,000 NON PRO	
OPEN RANCH HORSE	\$2,000 LIMITED RIDER	
\$5,000 RANCH NOVICE HORSE	\$500 LIMITED RIDER	
	YOUTH CUTTING & RANCH NON PRO RANCH \$2,500 NOVICE NON PRO	