



TO: NCHA CERTIFIED SECRETARIES

December 19, 2024

RE: 2025 Rules and Policy Changes/Reminders

## 2025 DATES TO REMEMBER

EVENT / HAPPENING	DATE	LOCATION
Eastern Nationals	February 27 – March 8	West Monroe, LA
National Circuit Championships	April 4 – April 13	Will Rogers – Fort Worth, TX
NCHA Days	Various Weekends during May	Check your Circuit for their dates
NCHA Convention	June 20 – 22, 2025	San Antonio TX
End of the 2025 Point Year	November 9, 2025	

## 2025 CHAMPIONSHIP / CHALLENGER SHOW UPDATES

- **Class Eligibility**
  - Rider Classes - earnings limits are determined by **LIFETIME** earnings.
  - Horse Classes – earnings limited based on **eligibility (no change to these)**.
- **Non-Added Money Class Entry Fee**
  - Maximum entry fee increased to from \$125 to **\$150** (\$35,000 / \$15,000 / \$2,000)
- **No Added Money Championship Shows**
  - Affiliates and Producers can hold Championship shows with \$0 added in all classes.
  - Minimum Entry Fee \$100 – Maximum \$250 for classes that are usually allowed added money.
  - Minimum Entry Fee / Maximum for non added classes remains \$150 (see above)
  - All other Championship Rules Apply (Open / Non Pro / 1 amateur class, etc.).
  - NCHA Fees are exactly the same as Added Money Championship Shows (8%, \$100 Producer Fee, \$3 NCHA Programs Fee).
- **Standing Rule 13** (in part) "A Weekend/Championship class may be offered with multiple go rounds. When a class has more than the standard go round, a final must be held *unless prevented by force majeure.*"

## 2025 MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

- Free Memberships are a thing of the past. **ALL RIDERS / OWNERS MUST PAY.**
- Regular Membership fee increases to \$135. Youth doesn't change – still \$25.
- Renewals / new members prior to January 1<sup>st</sup> can be done at the 2024 rate (\$100).



## 2025 COLLECTING PAYMENT FOR SHOW FEES

- Certified Secretaries/Show Management are allowed to charge 15% (minimum of \$100) on unpaid show fees when an Owner/Rider leaves a show without making arrangements for payment. If you plan to charge the additional fee, you must state it on **the show application and edit sheets**.
- **Unpaid Entry Fees** – The time to turn in a member for unpaid entry fees has been increased to sixty (60) days from 30. See Standing Rule 40.

## 2025 PROCESS UPDATE

- We have made great progress getting show results posted more quickly. To help speed things even further, in 2025, at the end of your show, **please scan and email the following documents to the office ASAP:**
  - Collected Membership forms
  - Non-Pro and Amateur applications
  - Horse papers
  - Horse transfers
- Concurrent / Combined or Combo classes – PLEASE mark your judge's sheet with the class(es) for each horse. This will help us verify that the number of entries matches the information provided on your Show Summary Sheet and Show Results.
- Show Management Handbook "Day of Show"
  - 6.c "Check for current NCHA membership and/or Non Professional/Amateur card.
  - Show management will be charged the **cost of the membership** for permitting non-member to enter or show a horse."

## REMINDER ON NCHA FEES

We have struggled with reconciling NCHA fees against payments (both Over and Under) during 2024. Please double check all fees that are owed to NCHA **BEFORE** you write the check. Also, **don't feel the need to send multiple checks**. You can send ONE check as long you also send a breakdown of amounts / fees.

- Recap NCHA Fees:
  - 8% For all Championship classes approved / unapproved
  - 8% For all Small LAE classes (less than \$10,000 added)
  - Championship Shows Producer Fee \$100 per show #
  - Challenger Producer Fee \$200 per show #
  - NCHA Programs Fee \$3.00 per approved class entry
  - Senior World Tour \$6.00 per entry