

AMENDED November 20, 2010

**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
  - \$3,000 Novice Horse
  - \$2,000 Limit Rider
  - \$1,000 Novice Horse
  - \$500 Limit Rider
  - \$250 Limit Rider
  - \$1,000 Amateur
  - Youth
  - 3-year old practice for futurity prospects
  - \$35,000 Non Pro

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.

**\$35,000 Non-Pro:** Open to any Non-Pro riding their own horse. Open to any horse 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.

**\$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.

**\$3,000 Novice Horse:** Open to any horse whose lifetime NCHA earnings do not exceed \$3000 prior to the current year. Points are accumulated to the horse with any rider.

**\$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.

**\$1,000 Novice Horse:** Open to any horse whose lifetime NCHA earnings do not exceed \$1000 prior to the current year. Monies won by the horse in aged group classes (Futurities, Derbies, and 5&6 year old classes shall not count towards the horse's lifetime earnings). Points are accumulated to the horse with any rider.

**\$500 Limit Rider:** Open to any Non-Pro or Amateur rider whose NCHA lifetime earnings do not exceed \$500 prior to the current year. Any horse may be ridden in this class. Points shall be accumulated to the rider for the current

year. Professionals may not participate in this class.

**\$250 Limit Rider:** 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.

**Open Cow Horse: (this is a horse class)** Open to any rider or any horse. GSSHA rules to apply, with the exception of the chap rule. Chaps are optional. The horse can be ridden in any legal NRCHA bit, snaffle or hackamore. Snaffle 3 or 4 years, Hackamore 5 years, two hands can be used. The bridle must be ridden with reins and romal, with a leather curb, one hand on the reins, one on the romal. NRCHA judging rules will apply.

**1500 Pro-Am Cow Horse: (this is a rider class)** Open to any rider who has not won \$1500.00 in cutting or stock horse competition. The same rules except for the rider apply as the Open Cow Horse.

**Youth:** Open to any rider who is 18 or younger 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.

**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 on the premises during a BVCHA show is not allowed.
6. In the Non-Pro Class, the 2000 Limited Rider Class, the 500 Limited Rider Class, the 250 Limited Rider 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.
7. Entry fees must be paid prior to competing at each BVCHA show.

**DATED THIS Twentieth Day of November, 2010**

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**Cathy Carpenter, Secretary/Treasurer**

Rules & Regulations were amended during the November 30, 2010 General Membership Meeting.