

Northwest Regional Series Rules and Regulations

1. Any contest approved by the Northwest Regional Series (NRS) must be executed pursuant to the rules of the National Cutting Horse Association (NCHA).
2. The NRS consists of affiliates from the States of Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Utah. It is open to any of the affiliates that are part of Region 1 of the NCHA upon application and approval of the NRS Board of Directors.
3. The NRS Board of Directors shall consist:
 - NRS President (non-voting position)
 - NRS Vice President
 - President and one appointed member from each of the affiliates participating in the NRS
 - An advisory member position held by the prior year President (non-voting position)
 - An advisory member position held by a non-participating affiliate NCHA member (non-voting position)
4. A NRS Vice President will be elected from the voting members of the NRS Board of Directors. The term for President and Vice President shall be one (1) year. After their one year term, the Vice President will become the President, and the President will hold the advisory member position for one year. There is no limit as to how many terms a board member may serve. The President and advisory members do not have a vote. At the annual meeting of the NRS, the board will vote for the Vice President position, and each participating affiliate President will name their appointed board member. The annual meeting shall be held immediately following the “shoot out” each year.
5. Upon circumstances requiring immediate action or decision by the Board, the President may poll all directors to seek their input and vote on an issue. If all directors consent to this procedure upon being contacted by the President, then the directors shall be deemed to have acted at a normal director’s meeting or telephone meeting.
6. A quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors shall consist of a majority of the appointed directors. A majority of such quorum shall decide any question that may come before such meeting.
7. All shows sanctioned by the NRS must also be approved by the NCHA, and have a purse of \$500 in the Open and Non Pro, and a purse of \$300 in the \$50,000 Amateur, \$25,000 Novice Horse, \$25,000 Novice/Non Pro, \$5,000 Novice Horse and \$5,000 Novice/Non Pro (added money classes). The \$35,000 Non Pro, \$15,000 Amateur, \$2,000 Limit Rider, Sr. Youth and Jr. Youth will be on a “jackpot” basis. At the annual meeting of the NRS, the Board of Directors will appoint a secretary for compilation of all NRS standings, as well as appointing a treasurer whose duties would include receiving, disbursing and accounting of any and all funds earmarked for the NRS.
8. Regarding calculation of NRS standings, it is understood that NRS standings will be capped at \$500 purse in the Open and Non Pro, and the \$300 purse in the other added money classes. Therefore, if any of the NRS regional shows has more than \$500/\$300 added in each of the respective classes, the earnings will be calculated down by the \$500/\$300 ratio and that number will be counted in the NRS standings.
9. A “shoot out” will be held at the end of the last regional show, with a minimum of two, and maximum of five contestants, in each class being eligible to compete. If a contestant who is in the top five in a class is unable to compete in the “shoot out”, then the next contestant who has met the criteria of eligibility for the “shoot out” shall take the place of the contestant who is unable to compete.

10. To be eligible for the “shoot out”, the contestant must have competed in fifty percent of the approved NRS cutting horse events, i.e. if there are ten days of approved cuttings, the competitor must have competed in five days of the approved cuttings. Each affiliate’s respective NCHA Days cutting weekend is included as an approved NRS cutting horse event. If the affiliate’s NCHA Days cutting weekend is more than two days of weekend classes, those additional weekend classes will not be counted toward standings or participation eligibility. To be eligible for the “shoot out”, the competitor must be a member of each NRS affiliate that they compete in, as well as a member of the affiliate where the “shoot out” is hosted. The “shoot out” shall consist of a clean slate format, with the participant having the highest score in each class being the winner of the Northwest Regional Series.
11. Prior to the beginning of each show year, the Board of Directors will make a determination as to the approved NRS shows for that coming year. The location of the NRS “shoot out” can be rotated from one affiliate to another on an annual basis.
12. Each participating affiliate shall approve their own NRS show to count toward their yearend standings. Each affiliate shall include their respective NCHA Days weekend show for the regional standings.
13. All shows in the NRS must offer all of the NCHA approved classes unless specifically approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
14. All shows approved by the NRS shall consist of the format of two NCHA approved shows.
15. All NRS judges must be NCHA approved judges.
16. The NRS approval fee of \$8.00 per horse entry per NRS approved class shall be included in the stock and office charge and sent to the NRS secretary/treasurer along with the results of the show within ten (10) days of the close of the show. Each affiliate will match 1/5 of the approval fee charges generated from the approved shows. For example, if the approval fee charges generated from the approved shows is \$10,000.00, then each affiliate will contribute \$2,000.00 into the NRS fund. Said money will be used to pay for “shoot out” awards and added money. Each affiliate’s NCHA days shows are excluded from charging the \$8.00 per horse entry NRS approval fee.
17. Pay-offs for the NRS approved cutting contests shall be in accordance with the payouts mandated by the NCHA, except for payouts for the “shoot out” which shall be a winner take all format.
18. The eligibility of horse and/or rider to enter specified cutting classes will be based on the lifetime earnings of said horse and/or rider as of January 1st of the fiscal year in which the contest is held in accordance with NCHA official records.
19. Any person making a protest on the eligibility of any horse and/or rider shall be responsible for notifying the NRS.
20. All NRS rules shall work in conjunction with NCHA rules.
21. The owner and rider of a horse must have a current NCHA membership to show at NRS produced events. NCHA membership must be current at the time money is won in order to count toward the “shoot out.”

NORTHWEST REGIONAL SERIES 2016 APPROVED SHOWS

March 24 th – 26 th	Nampa, Idaho (2 shows over 3 days)
April 8 th – 10 th	Oregon (2 shows over 3 days)
June 4 th – 5 th	Moses Lake, WA, Area 1 NCHA Day
June 4 th – 5 th	Winnemucca, NV, Area 3 NCHA Day
June 4 th – 5 th	Livingston, MT Area 4 NCHA Day
July 9 th – 10 th	Moses Lake, Washington
August 6 th – 7 th	Kalispell, Montana
October 28 th – 29 th	Farmington, Utah
October 30 th	Shoot out at Farmington, Utah

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