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Director Consent Form

Dear NCHA Directors and 2026 Applicants,

As required by the NCHA Constitution and Bylaws, those persons desiring to serve on the NCHA Board of Directors must give consent for their name to be placed in nomination. All members meeting requirements for a Director position contained on the following form, and giving permission for same, will then be listed on the election ballot sent to NCHA members in those Districts holding elections for the current year. The consent form must be received in the NCHA Office by close of business on **January 15, 2026**.

It is the goal of the National Cutting Horse Association to have an active Board of Directors who represent all members and desire to be active with NCHA governance. **All incumbent Directors** whose term has been fulfilled **and who desire to serve a new term on the NCHA Board of Directors, must give consent by returning the form in order for their name to be placed on the election ballot.** Active campaigning based on issues to encourage NCHA growth and development is encouraged.

NCHA Board of Directors election is the opportunity to furnish biographical information, a head shot photograph (encouraged) and to campaign as to why you desire to serve the NCHA in a Director Position. This information will be published on the NCHA website for membership review during Director Elections.

I hereby agree my name may be placed in nomination for election to the NCHA Board of Directors. If elected, I agree to attend the meetings of the NCHA Board of Directors as set forth in its current Constitution and Bylaws. I have been a member of NCHA for at least three (3) years, am twenty-one (21) years of age or older and have not been convicted of a felony.

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My NCHA Membership is carried in the state of: Florida
Region: 5
Area: 16
Have you served as a NCHA Director: False

If yes, how many years did you serve?:
Year most recent term expired:

---Your role(s) as a NCHA member:---

---Questions:---

1. Why do you want to serve the NCHA in a Director position and what do you want to accomplish? *Required

Answer: I want to serve the NCHA because cutting horses have shaped both my personal life and my professional career, and I feel a responsibility to give back to the organization that has given me so much opportunity, community, and purpose. As a trainer, competitor, and business owner, I see firsthand the importance of strong, thoughtful leadership at the affiliate level. I want to help ensure that Florida NCHA remains a place where members feel supported, heard, and proud to belong for both longtime competitors and newcomers. What I hope to accomplish is to help support sustainable growth for the future by strengthening member engagement and building strong channels for member outreach. I want Florida NCHA to feel welcoming, well-run, and professionally represented, while still preserving the traditions and integrity of the sport we all care deeply about.

2. What do you feel should be the most important issue addressed by the leadership of NCHA at this present time? *Required

Answer: I believe one of the most pressing issues facing the NCHA is member retention and engagement, particularly among new, younger, and mid-level members. As costs rise and competition for people's time and resources increases, it is critical that members feel real value in their membership through communication, education, and community, in addition to competitive opportunities. Leadership has an opportunity to bridge the gap between the long-standing members and newer participants by improving transparency, communication, and outreach. If members feel informed, welcomed, and included, they are far more likely to stay involved and invest in the sport for the long run.

3. NCHA Experience (Competing, serving as a Director, serving an affiliate, on a committee, etc.): *Required

Answer: I have been actively involved in the NCHA as a competitor and trainer while regularly participating in local and regional shows and working closely with owners, non-pro riders, and fellow professionals. Through operating a full-time training program, I work daily with clients navigating the realities of showing, horse ownership, and the financial and operational demands of participating in the sport, which gives me a practical understanding of the challenges and opportunities members face. This hands-on experience allows me to bring a current and grounded perspective to affiliate leadership.

4. Your vision of how and what the NCHA can do to sustain and grow membership: *Required

Answer: My vision for sustaining and growing NCHA membership focuses on connection, communication, and accessibility. Affiliates can expand by establishing clear pathways for new members to get involved, ask questions, and advance within the sport. Providing educational opportunities, mentorship, and effective communication through modern platforms will make a significant impact. Highlighting member success stories, promoting local events, and fostering a welcoming culture at shows reinforce the value of NCHA membership. When members feel recognized and valued, they are more likely to stay and encourage others to join.

5. What qualifications/skill sets/experiences will you bring to the NCHA Board of Directors? *Required

Answer: I bring a combination of industry experience, business ownership, strong

communication skills, and a modern perspective. As a trainer and business owner, I am accustomed to managing budgets, client relationships, scheduling, and problem-solving under pressure. I understand both the competitive and operational sides of the industry. I am also comfortable with communication, marketing, and outreach, which I believe are increasingly important for the growth and visibility of NCHA affiliates. Most importantly, I am dependable, prepared, and willing to put in the work necessary to serve members effectively and professionally.

6. Additional information you would like to share for election consideration:

Answer: I care deeply about the future of cutting horses and the NCHA community. I approach this opportunity with respect for those who have built and sustained the association. If elected, I will serve with professionalism, preparation, and a willingness to listen. I am committed to contributing consistently, supporting fellow board members, and completing the necessary work to serve the membership effectively.

7. Do you understand the term length for the position you have applied for and the importance of completing the entire term? *Required

Answer: YES

8. Do you understand that you may not serve as an Officer or Director of any other organization association which may use the words "cutting horse" in its name and which is not affiliated with the Association? *Required

Answer: YES