

**Professional Trainers Committee
2026 NCHA Convention Agenda
June 19, 2026 • 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Napa B
South Point Hotel • Las Vegas, Nevada**



1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Mission Statement
3. Cattle Costs
4. Judges Overtime Compensation (Proposed changes to Standing Rule 6.2.3)
5. Old Business
 - i. Standing Rule (Proposed): Advertising Eligibility — Professional Trainers
 - ii. Administration Of Medications in and Around Show Arenas and Public Areas
6. New Business
7. Election of Chairman & Vice Chairman
8. Adjournment

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2. Judging Limits – Championship / Challenger / Non-Monitored Limited Age Events

~~a. Judges may not judge more than 150 horses per day. Shows can be fined based on the number of horses over 150. Under no circumstances will a judge be allowed to judge over 160 works. This rule is at the discretion of the Executive Director and this fine can be appealed. Fines are as follows:~~

~~i. 151–155 works = \$100~~

~~ii. 156–160 works = \$200~~

a. A standard judging day is defined as up to twelve (12) hours. The judging day will commence on the posted start time of the show, and the judging day will end with last horse judged by the judge(s) on that day. Judges may not exceed fourteen (14) hours per day unless approved in advance by the Director of Judges.

~~b. When the number of works exceeds 150, a Judge has the option to stay and continue to judge additional horses. In this situation, the assessed fines will be distributed by the NCHA to the judge working the event.~~

b. If a show requires judging beyond twelve (12) hours, overtime compensation for a judge will apply as follows:

- 12 to 13 Hours: \$100 per judge who works that extra time
- 13 to 14 Hours: \$200 per judge who works that extra time

Overtime compensation will be distributed by the Show Producer at the conclusion of the show. Show management and the judge(s) must document daily hours on the NCHA Daily Judging Log.

c. Show Management may use a judge who has been in the previous classes to replace a judge who has **reached the fourteen (14) hours limit** ~~judged 150 works~~, providing that they are in compliance with all other rules pertaining to judging.

d. Under no circumstances will a judge be allowed to judge a portion of a show, unless entries **exceed what can be judged within the fourteen (14) hours limit**, ~~go over the 150 entry limit~~, or if a partial show has been approved by the Director of Judges.

3. Judging Limits – Monitored Limited Age Events

~~a. Judges may not judge more than 150 horses per day. Shows can be fined based on the number of horses over 150. Under no circumstances will a judge be allowed to judge over 160 works. This rule is at the discretion of the Executive Director and this fine can be appealed. Fines are as follows:~~

~~i. 151–155 works = \$1,000~~

~~ii. 156–160 works = \$2,000~~

a. A standard judging day is defined as up to twelve (12) hours. The judging day will commence on the posted start time of the show, and the judging day will end with last horse judged by the judges on that day. Judges may not exceed fourteen (14) hours per day unless approved in advance by the Director of Judges.

~~b. When the number of works exceeds 150, a Judge has the option to stay and continue to judge additional horses. In this situation, the assessed fines will be distributed by the NCHA to the judges and monitor working the event.~~

b. If a monitored LAE show requires work beyond twelve (12) hours, overtime compensation for a judge and monitor will apply as follows:

- 12 to 13 Hours: \$100 per judge and monitor who works that extra time
- 13 to 14 Hours: \$200 per judge and monitor who works that extra time

Overtime compensation will be distributed by the Show Producer at the conclusion of the show. Show Management and the Monitor must document daily hours on the NCHA Daily Judging Log.

c. Under no circumstances will a LAE Judge or Monitor exceed fourteen (14) hours per day unless approved in advance by the Director of Judges. ~~be allowed to judge over 160 works.~~

NCHA Daily Judging Log & Hours Report

(To be completed by the Show Secretary and Judge(s) or Monitor. For multiple pens, complete one form per pen.)

SHOW INFORMATION

Show Date: _____

Show Name: _____

NCHA Show Number: _____

Pen #: _____

DAILY TIME SUMMARY

Start Time: _____ AM / PM

Start time is defined as the posted start time of the show.

End Time: _____ AM / PM

End time will be the last horse judged by judge(s) on that day.

Total Time: _____

COMMENTS

SHOW SECRETARY CERTIFICATION

Name: _____

NCHA #: _____

Signature: _____

JUDGE / MONITOR CERTIFICATION

Name: _____

NCHA #: _____

Signature: _____



Standing Rule (Proposed): Advertising Eligibility — Professional Trainers

Any Member seeking to advertise professional training or clinic services in Official NCHA Publications, including Cutting Horse Chatter, the NCHA Website, or NCHA Digital Media, must satisfy all of the following requirements:

- **Membership in Good Standing:** The Member must have maintained Active Membership in Good Standing for a minimum of three (3) consecutive years immediately preceding the date of advertising.
- **Judges' Education Requirement:** The Member must have attended an Official NCHA Judges' Seminar and completed the NCHA Judges' Test within the preceding twenty-four (24) months. Attainment of an NCHA Judging Card or credential is not required.
- **Professional Trainer Endorsements (New Professional Members):** A completed NCHA Trainer Application and Code of Ethics must be on file and endorsed by:
 - Two (2) NCHA Professional Trainers in good standing with a minimum of five (5) consecutive years of Professional Membership
 - NCHA Director of Judges
 - One (1) member of the NCHA Executive Committee
- **Disciplinary Status:** The Member must have no Sustained Ethics Violations or Sustained Welfare Violations within the preceding thirty-six (36) months.
- **Verification and Compliance:** All required documentation must be received and approved by the NCHA Membership Department prior to placement of any advertisement. Failure to maintain eligibility shall result in removal of advertising privileges.

