



TO: NCHA CERTIFIED SECRETARIES

December 18, 2025

RE: 2026 Rules and Policy Changes/Reminders

- **2026 Dates to Remember**

November 8 – end of 2026 point year

Month May – NCHA Weekend

June 19-21 NCHA Convention in Las Vegas, NV

February 25- March 6 - Eastern Nationals

International Circuit Championships April 3 - 11 (during the Super Stakes in Ft Worth, TX)

- **Showing on Ownership Transfers** – fines and timelines extended to ALL classes – not just NP / AM.

If a rider presents transfer paperwork with new ownership, they only have 30 days (from the date NCHA is notified – i.e., when you scan and send the transfer you received) to get the horse transferred at their respective breed registry.

- 30 days – emailed reminder that is a friendly reminder... not terribly nasty.
- 60 days - \$1,000 fine to the owner listed on the transfer paperwork and another email this time not quite so friendly... a little nasty. Followed by phone call for status.
- 90 days - \$2,000 ADDITIONAL fine to the owner listed on the transfer paperwork and a final email and physical letter – very nasty. Phone call follow up to letter and ownership reset.
- After 90 days – ownership in HUB will revert to breed registry owner and that horse has to be shown under THAT owner until it is transferred. (Cheaper to get the horse transfer than to pay the \$135 membership for the old owner).

- **Fee Summary Sheets**

- **Exciting News, this year, Fasterhorses/Equinal software have new NCHA Fee Summary Sheets that go across events. You must email that with your results. It gives a total due! No calculating necessary. (copies attached)**

- **Rider class eligibility** – ALL NCHA LIFETIME earnings – **plus** outside (not tracked by us)

- **Horse class eligibility** – no change, no LAE counted.

- **QR code for free first-time members** – use it, but don't abuse it.



- **No more Grace Period** - As of December 27th all memberships expire and renewal is \$135
- Certified Secretaries/Show Management are allowed to charge 15% with a minimum of \$100 to an Owner/Rider that leaves without making arrangements for payment of all fees due and the charge is to be **included on the show application and edit sheets**.
- Standing Rule 4 (partial) "Show Management must request reimbursement from the NCHA for any unpaid entry fees within sixty (60) days after the shows closing date."
- Championship Class Eligibility Limits (we've been saying the old numbers so long this will be HARD):
 - \$50,000 Amateur → \$75,000 Amateur
 - 35,000 Non Pro → \$50,000 Non Pro
 - \$15,000 Amateur → \$25,000 Amateur
 - \$2,000 Limit Rider → \$4,000 Limit Rider
- Split Shows – If you plan to split classes in 1 show number over multiple days, please email show class schedule. And when we say "Please" we mean you "Must".
- Jackpot Championship shows (a.k.a. \$0 Added Money shows) reminder
 - No added money
 - Minimum entry fee \$100 up to maximum \$250
 - Pay 8%
 - Counts for World Finals
 - At least offer Open / Non Pro / Amateur class
- Show Management Handbook "Day of Show"
 - 6.c "Check for current NCHA membership and/or Non Professional/Amateur card / eligibility."



REMINDERS:

- Post Show Paperwork
 - After your show is over (or at the end of every day if you are industrious), SCAN / **Email** the following items:
 - Fee Summary Report (event level – lists all fees for all shows)
 - Show Summary (show level – 1 per show with class entry counts / Added \$, etc)
 - Class Results (class level – 1 per class with horse / rider / score / \$, etc.)
 - Memberships
 - Non Pro/Amateur applications
 - Horse papers for horses that are NOT AQHA or APHA
 - Horse transfers (see new timeline requirements above)
 - Judge Cards & Results
 - **Don't mail us anything except your check.** And, really, you don't even need to mail that. We can put your checking account information in our payment processor's secure Vault and we can run it for the exact amount you owe and send you the breakdown. **SAVE ON POSTAGE** and don't trust the USPS.
- Recap NCHA Fees:
 - 8% Fees
 - Championship = all classes approved/unapproved that payout \$\$
 - Small LAE (less than \$10,000 added) – all classes
 - Producer Fees
 - Championship Show Producer Fee \$100 per show #
 - Challenger Producer Fee \$200 per show #
 - NCHA Programs Fee \$3.00 per approved class entry
 - Championship & Challenger shows
 - Senior World Tour \$6.00 per entry / Novice Youth \$6.00 per entry.
- Classes that are run together in the same herd (i.e. Non Pro / Unlimited Amateur), please you're your judge's sheet(s) **AFTER** the class is over. If you don't mark them, we have no way to tell which horse was in which class or classes. Verification of entry counts is a priority – so unmarked sheets slow down that process because we can't match your Show Summary Sheet Counts / Show Results to judge sheet counts.