



NCHA Professional Trainers Code of Ethics

As dedicated Professional Trainers of the National Cutting Horse Association, we proudly champion the key traits of professionalism and integrity within our industry. We strive to be leaders in the horse industry, to always "Put the Horse First" and to be committed to the safety, health, care and welfare of all horses. We recognize the vital role of ethical interactions not only with members of the association but also with members of the general public. These shared values and responsibilities must act as a guiding creed which inspires us to:

- Uphold the NCHA's professional standards and work to further its goals and objectives.
- Ensure humane treatment for all equine athletes, fostering an environment of dignity, respect, and compassion.
- Adhere to NCHA rules and take responsibility for the well-being of the horses entrusted to us.
- Follow Standing Rule 35A to maintain the highest medication and drug guidelines standards.
 - Specifically, disposing of medicinal waste responsibly, including needles, syringes, tape, etc.
- Maintain transparency and honesty in all business practices.
- Conduct financial dealings with clients, other professionals and members of the general public with integrity.
- Promote a positive image of the NCHA in *all communications*, including social media interactions.
- Treat fellow trainers with the utmost respect and champion high ethical standards.
- Conduct ourselves professionally during all NCHA events, recognizing that they represent the association and the sport. They should always treat staff, contractors, and spectators with respect, understanding that their actions are highly visible to the public.

Professional behavior during all equine events is paramount, as we are ambassadors for our equine athletes and the NCHA.

By signing this application, I acknowledge my responsibility to uphold the principles and standards of the NCHA Professional Trainers Code of Ethics, and I commit to upholding it's values and guidelines in my professional activities.

Signature

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Date