

Recent Rule Changes for 2016-2017

Rule 8, pg. 6

Membership shall be in three categories: Annual Membership, Affiliate Membership and Life Membership. Membership in the ACHA is non-transferable.

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Annual Membership: An annual fee of \$50 shall be paid for each annual membership; said fee to become due on *October 1, 2016 (changing to January 1, 2018 and thereafter)* and to be considered delinquent if not received within thirty (30) days from date of invoice addressed to any prior or new member at the address shown on the membership records of the ACHA or information which the ACHA may (but not obligated to) have obtained from any affiliate or other source. Annual membership shall cover the holder, his or her spouse and minor children under twenty-one (21) years of age, in the same household, on October 1 of the year in which the membership is paid. In the event the annual membership is for a single minor child under twenty-one (21) years of age with no other member residing in the same household, the annual fee shall be \$25.00. Each annual membership in good standing shall have one (1) vote. In all voting matters, all ballots returned to the ACHA office by the state deadline shall be tallied by at least two members of the Executive Board who are not on the ballot. In the event that there are not two members of the Executive Board excluded on the ballot, then an alternate(s) from the Board of Directors who is excluded on the ballot, may be named by the President. Alternatively, *the President may, at his discretion, select a CPA firm to tally the ballots.*

8c,9, pg 10

New Affiliate Incentive Rule: After a new affiliate or producer is approved and conducts the required number of shows (3 shows) during their first point year, they will receive a rebate of 50% of their six percent (6%) fee deducted from the total entry fees paid in their first three (3) shows. In the new affiliate or producer's second point year, after completing the required number of show (four (4) shows), they will receive a rebate of fifty percent (50%) of their six percent (6%) fee deducted from the total entry fees paid in their first two (2) shows of their second point year.

Rule 16c,2, pg 15 **ACHA \$15,000 Limit Cutting Horse Class:**

Open to all horses having lifetime earnings of \$15,000 or less as determined by the combined records of *the ACHA and the NCHA* on the first day of the current ACHA point year. Limited age contest money won shall not be included in determining a horse's lifetime earnings. Earnings toward American Champion, Reserve American Champion, and Top Ten \$15,000 Limit Horse will be counted only from ACHA approved classes bearing the title ACHA \$15,000 Limit Cutting Horse Class. Earnings for this title will accumulate only from shows that comply with all Standing Rules and, in addition, the class is scheduled with an accompanying Open Cutting Horse Class approved by the ACHA. Riders may elect to ride two (2) eligible horses in this class.

Rule 37c, 2 pg.40

Any person who has received direct or indirect remuneration for showing, training or assisting in the training of a cutting horse within the past five (5) years will not be eligible to enter or show in a Non Professional cutting horse class. *An individual may apply for non-pro status if he/she meets the conditions as follows:*

(a) has not performed training duties in the past calendar year and has won no more than \$5,000 in open earnings

or

(b) has not performed training duties in the past three(3) calendar years and has won no more than \$10,000 in open earnings

or

(d) has not performed training duties in the past five (5) calendar years and has won no more than \$20,000 in open earnings.

Open earnings as applied to (a), (b) and (c) above will include all ACHA and NCHA earnings, including aged event earnings for the applicable number of years as set out in (a), (b) or (c) above.

All Non-Professional applications made based upon Rule 37 c; 2, a, b & c shall be referred to the Non-Professional Committee. After investigation and review, the committee will report their findings and make recommendation to the Board of Directors. All decisions of the Board of Directors shall be final.

ACHA Hall of Fame Award:

Horse: Required lifetime earnings of \$75,000 in ACHA approved classes.

Open Rider: Required lifetime earnings of \$75,000 in ACHA approved classes.

Non Pro Rider: Required lifetime earnings of \$50,000 in ACHA approved classes.

Non Pro Roll of Honor Plaque: Required earnings of \$25,000 in ACHA approved classes.