



***CUTTIN' LOOSE
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WASHINGTON***

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***OFFICIAL
RULEBOOK***

THE CUTTIN' LOOSE CLUB OF
WASHINGTON
BY-LAWS AND RULES

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The Cuttin' Loose Club of Washington

BY-LAWS

Article I: Name and Purpose

Section 1

This Corporation shall be known as The Cuttin' Loose Club of Washington, a non-profit corporation.

Section 2

The purpose of the Cuttin' Loose Club of Washington is to promote the cutting horse and the sport of cutting for the enjoyment of its members, and to help in fostering the national and international sport of cutting horse competition. The second purpose is to encourage and increase the promotion, development, and breeding of cutting horses. The third purpose is to encourage member participation, good sportsmanship, and mutual respect among both members and non-members.

Section 3

The principal office or place of business of this Association shall be the office of the duly elected Secretary of the Association. The legal address of the Association shall be the same.

Section 4

There shall be no capital stock. In lieu of stock certificates, membership cards shall be issued to each member and signed by the President or Secretary.

Section 5

The term of existence shall be perpetual.

Article II: Officers and Duties

Section 1

The officers of this Association shall be a President, Vice- President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

- a. The officers shall be elected annually by the membership.
- b. The term of office for the President, Vice- President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be one year.

Section 2 Duties and Responsibilities of the President

a. The President shall function as the Officer in charge of all activities. The President shall act as Chairman and Executive Officer of the Board of Directors. As Chairman of the Board, he/she shall preside at the meetings, appoint committees, and delegate responsibility for the CLCOW action and items. He/she may only vote in case of a tie.

Section 3 Duties and Responsibilities of the Vice-President

a. The Vice-President shall assist the President, substitute for him/her in their absence, and serve as a Board Member. He/she shall be in charge memberships and properties. He/she shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence and perform other duties as the President may direct.

b. The Vice-President and Club Secretary will supervise, count and record the balloting of all elections.

Section 4 Duties and Responsibilities of the Secretary

a. The Secretary shall record and maintain the membership roster, the actions and affairs of the association and the Board, mail required notices, and serve as Board Member, The Secretary will maintain the club's Face Book page and will send regular updates to the webmaster for inclusion on the club's official website. The Secretary will also be responsible for sending out thank you letters or cards on behalf of the club when necessary, and perform other duties as the President may direct.

b. The Secretary will prepare minutes in a timely manner, within fourteen (14) days and submit a copy to Officers and Board Members. He/she will also post meeting minutes on the club's website for the benefit of our members. Minutes will be mailed to members upon their request. The Secretary shall maintain an inventory list of items held by the club and the location of those items.

c. The Secretary shall be the Registered Agent of the State of Washington.

Section 5 Duties and Responsibilities of the Treasurer

a. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all the association funds, financial records and transactions, shall present a monthly accounting of receipts and disbursements and an annual accounting for examination by the Board, and serve as a Board Member and perform other duties as the President directs.

b. The Treasurer shall pay all obligations incurred by the Association when payment is authorized by the Board and maintain a bank account in depositories designated by the Board of Directors. In regards to paying obligations of the club: Day to day operating expenses and show day expenses will only require one (1) signature by an authorized signer on the clubs bank account. ANY expenditure over \$200.00, with the exception of show day expenses, is to be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval and two (2) authorized signatures are required. Monies collected from the club events are to be deposited within seven (7) days of the conclusion of the event. A profit/loss statement is to be completed for each event and submitted to Officers and Board of Directors along with the monthly accounting of receipts and disbursements stated in Section 5 (a).

c. Treasurer will obtain insurance for club events and will provide a copy of the insurance binder to the Show Secretary to be kept with the arena contract.

d. The Treasurer shall be responsible for filling of all tax forms, for both State and Federal Governing bodies.

e. There is to be an annual audit of the financial records, conducted by an outside entity as directed by the Board.

Article III Board of Directors

The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors.

Section 1 Composition and Responsibilities of the Board

a. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and elected Board Members – not to exceed nine (9).

b. The out-going President shall automatically become a Board member. If the President is re-elected, the Membership shall elect a Board Member to fill the position.

c. The Board of Directors shall act as a planning and nomination committee.

d. In the event of any controversy, a majority vote of entire Board of Directors shall be required if the minority so requests. A contested action of the Board may be nullified by a majority vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the active members and members must have attended two (2) functions in the past twelve months to be a voting member.

e. Board meetings shall be held at least two (2) times a year as needed.

f. A quorum of any meeting of the Board of Directors shall not be less than two (2) of the following officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two (2) Directors at Large. A majority of such quorum shall decide any questions that may come before the meeting. Meetings may be adjourned to another time if such a quorum does not exist.

Section 2 Term of Office for Board Members

a. A member of the Board of Directors shall be elected by the membership and serve for a one (1) year term, except where stated in Article III, Section 1, Part b.

b. Newly elected Officers and Board of Directors will take office the day following elections. The outgoing Club Secretary, Show Secretary and Treasurer will have three (3) days from the time of elections to finalize club business and turn over all records and supplies to incoming Officers.

Section 3 Vacancy on the Board

a. A vacancy on the Board of Directors by reason of the death, resignation, or removal of a director shall be filled by the President. Such an appointee shall serve during the unexpired term of the Director(s) whose office has become vacant.

Article IV

Membership, Members, Meetings, and Dues

Section 1 Qualification for Membership

- a. Any individual of good character and reputation.
- or
- b. Any partnership, association, or corporation of good reputation interested in cutting horses, may become a member of this Association.

Section 2 Conduct of Membership Meetings

- a. The Cuttin' Loose Club of Washington meetings are to follow a format of Robert's Rules of Order. Any time questions arise as to club policies or procedures, Robert's Rules of Order will prevail unless otherwise set forth in the Club By-Laws or Rules.

Section 3 Membership Meetings

- a. Business shall be conducted at a general membership meeting by simple majority vote of the members present – except as noted in Article III, Section 1, part d.
- b. Meeting days shall be set as needed by the Board, President, or by the general membership.
- c. Any member who has paid his/her dues shall be considered a member of good standing and entitled to vote as follows: Family membership shall have two (2) votes with each member present and one (1) vote for an individual membership. Youth (under age 18) shall have no vote. Those family members over the age of 18 at the beginning of the point year must apply for individual membership.
- d. Special meetings of the membership may be called by the President at a time and place designated by the President after 30 days written notice via email, website and/or Face Book page. When a newsletter is created it will be posted at shows.

e. Voting by proxy or phone shall not be permitted unless declared an emergency.

Section 4 Required Membership

a. Both the owner of a horse and the rider must be members of the association for the horse to qualify for year-end awards.

b. All Turnback/Herd holder help must be paid members of the association.

Section 5 Dues

a. New membership will be \$40.00. Annual dues are \$30.00 for a Family membership and \$25.00 for an Individual membership. Membership year is January – December. After the first show of the current year show series, dues become delinquent and are \$40.00. After written notice of delinquency, a member whose dues are not paid shall be considered as having resigned from the Cuttin' Loose Club of Washington and asked to surrender all association and public properties. Paid members will be published in the April Newsletter. This will be considered written notice of delinquency. Dues paid after October 1st are considered paid for the following calendar year. A junior member, not associated with a family membership shall pay a fee (dues) of \$15.00 and shall have no vote. (A junior member is anyone age 18 and under at the beginning of the point year).

b. When applying for membership, each applicant will be provided with a personal copy of The Cuttin Loose Club of Washington Rules and By-Laws booklet. Upon receiving membership, each member shall be responsible for clearly understanding the objectives and functions of the association.

c. No Person shall participate in any function without signing a Hold Harmless Agreement prior to participating in any association event.

d. All members are expected to maintain sportsmanlike and mannerly conduct at all types of functions. Any alcohol indulgence will result in dismissal from that event. A member may be suspended for unsatisfactory behavior after a majority vote by the membership.

e. Any person writing The Cuttin' Loose Club of Washington a check that is returned will be charged and additional forty-five (\$45) dollar service fee.

Failure to make restitution within fifteen (15) days of official written notice from CLCOW will cause all points for the year-end awards to be cancelled and suspension from club until payment is made. Upon a 2nd returned check, member is on a cash basis for the remainder of the year. CLCOW will honor suspensions of members from other clubs.

Section 6 In the Event of Dissolution of the Corporation

a. In the event the Cuttin' Loose Club of Washington should dissolve, all monies in the treasury, after expenses, and all items will be donated among various charities and/or non-profit organizations as specified by the majority of membership vote.

Section 7 Fiscal Year

a. The fiscal year will be from January 1 through December 31 of the same calendar year.

Article V Amendments

Section 1 By-Laws

The By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting under all of the following conditions:

- a. Any proposed change(s) is presented in writing at a previous meeting.
- b. Members are notified by mail, upon request, and by email, club website and/or Face book at least ten (10) days in advance of the meeting at which the proposed change(s) will be voted upon.
- c. Changes are approved by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership present at any regular meeting.

Section 2 Show Rules

The show rules may be changed, added, or deleted by two-thirds (2/3) approval vote of the membership at any regular meeting.

Article VI

Liability of Directors and/or Officers

Section 1

No director and/or officers of The Cuttin' Loose Club of Washington shall be liable to The Cuttin' Loose Club of Washington or its members of monetary damages for an act or omission to act in such directors/officers capacity as a director/officer of The Cuttin' Loose Club of Washington except that this article shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director/officer of CLCOW for:

- a.** Any breach of such directors/officers duty of loyalty to The Cuttin' Loose Club of Washington or its members.
- b.** An act or omission not in good faith that involves intentional or knowing violation of the law.
- c.** A transaction from which a director/officer received an improper benefit, whether or not the benefit resulted in an action taken within the scope of the directors/officers office.
- d.** An act or omission for which the liability of a director/officer is expressly provided for by statute.

Section 2

Any repeal or amendment of this Article by members of CLCOW shall be prospective only, and shall not adversely affect any limitation on personal liability of a director/officer of CLCOW existing at the time of repeal or amendment. Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding if, after approval of the Article by the members of the Washington Corporation and Association (non-profit) Act is amended to authorize corporate action further eliminating or limiting the personal liability of directors/officers, then the liability of a director/liability of CLCOW shall be eliminated or limited to the fullest extent permitted by the Washington Corporation and Association (non-profit) Act, as so amended from time to time.

Show Rules

General

1. All CLCOW shows are closed shows; they are open only to CLCOW members. Only horses whose owners and riders are members in good standing are eligible to compete in CLCOW shows.
2. Horses are to be judged on performance only; regardless of conformation, sex, age color, appearance, previous performance or breed.
3. A CLCOW class will be judged according to NCHA rules where they are not covered in the CLCOW Rulebook.
4. Any member of CLCOW may work at any and all shows.
5. Show management has the right to disqualify, refuse entry, or eject from the premises any contestant for misconduct or harassment of the judge, show management, employees, other contestants or spectators. Show Management is defined as the President, Show Secretary, and Cutter's Representative. Show Representative will be posted at the shows.
6. Classes may be added or cancelled as required. Once a class has been included in three (3) point cuttings, it shall continue to be offered until the end of the year –October 31.
7. The draw for classes will be made after the close of entries – by the judge or by random computer draw. The working order for all classes will be posted outside the show arena as soon as possible after the draw.
8. Anyone in the show or warm-up arena on horseback is required to wear appropriate western apparel – e.g. western hat and/or helmets, western boots, long sleeved shirt with buttons or snaps down the front. Pull-over sweaters or jackets, T-shirts, pull-over knits are not permissible, this includes tank tops and all types of sweatshirts (per NCHA rules). After one (1) verbal warning a \$35.00 fine will be assessed.
9. **NO** alcoholic beverages will be permitted in the arena.

10. For riders under sixteen (16) years of age, only one rider per horse in the arena.
11. **NO** dogs will be allowed in the arena. Elsewhere, all dogs **MUST** be kept on a leash.

Contestants

12. Entries must be made prior to the close of entries which is 9:00 P.M. on the Wednesday immediately preceding the scheduled show date. Cancellations may be made until the close of entries. Entries not cancelled in time are still subject to cattle fees. If you are in the draw(s) and do not ride, you will be charged cattle fees. Failure to pay will result in suspension until paid. Post entry(s) will be accepted until the start of the class preceding the one to be post entered. The post entry(s) will be placed at the end of the draw and no additional cattle will be added.

13. a. A class will be held regardless of the number of entries. Contestants must show in over 50% of show to be eligible for Year-End Awards and/or High Point Awards. Classes with less than three (3) entries will be combined with another class at discretion of show management. When classes are combined, points are calculated separately for each individual class as specified in Points and Year-End Awards (1).

b. Awards will be determined according to Rule 7 under Points and Year-End Awards.

14. A participant must leave a signed open check with the show office or pay for class(es) before competing in the class(es).

15. *Eligibility for classes will be based on Lifetime Earnings, with the exception Youth classes, which are based on age. CLCOW operates on the honor system. Lifetime earnings are effective January 1 of the current show year. Failure to ride in the proper class will cause forfeiture of points and year-end awards. Horse and/or riders may stay in classes for which they are eligible for the entire year regardless of the money earned during the current show year.*

16. At each show an exhibitor may enter more than one horse in any class except: Non-Pro, \$20,000 Non-Pro, \$10,000 Amateur, \$2,000 Limit Rider, \$500 Rider, Junior Youth, and Senior Youth.

17. No training devices will be allowed on horses being shown, except in special green horse classes and will be allowed on helping horses.

18. Excessive abuse of a horse in the arena is prohibited. NCHA Rule 35 applies and will be posted at all shows.

19. a. Time allotted each horse to work is two and one-half (2 ½) minutes for a show class and three (3) minutes for practice, time to start when contestant crosses the time line.

b. A rider will be given one and one-half (1 ½) minutes to cross the time line after his/her name is called. If the cutter has helped the previous competitor, the time allowed will be two (2) minutes. A contestant that is late for their show class or practice will lose their place in the draw and will ride last for that class but before any post entries. This rule will apply to show classes and practices.

c. Exceptions can be made provided rider has made arrangements with the Show Secretary prior to the class or practice in which a longer gate hold is needed. Gate hold exceptions are not to exceed five (5) minutes.

Judges

20. The judge's scoring may not be questioned by contestants. However, run content may be discussed after the class is complete at the end of the show or the end of the contestant's classes. Rules for special classes are to be attached to the judge's sheet for his/her reference and at no time is a contestant/owner/spectator etc. allowed to tell a judge how to judge a class. Sitting under the judge's stand will NOT be allowed.

21. Show management will secure a judge for the shows and will supply the judge with the CLCOW rules before he/she begins to judge the show.

22. Judges shall present in writing any grievance concerning a contestant or show management to any Board member at the time of the grievance. The complaint will be reviewed by the Board of Directors at their earliest convenience. The Board of Directors may enforce a penalty, as they see fit, for the infraction.

Protests

23. Any disputes among contestants will be settled through a Cutter's Representative. All participating cutters at each event will, by vote, elect a Cutter's Representative. The Cutter's Representative will handle all disputes and his/her decision will be final. Judge's scoring may not be disputed.

24. Any (contestant) member wishing to file a complaint must do so through the Show Secretary. Any (contestant) member complaint must be filed in writing by the Show Secretary with the President within seven (7) days of the show. Complaints concerning judge's scoring will not be recognized.

To Be Recognized as a Valid Protest:

a. All written complaints must be signed by the letter writer(s) to be recognized. Letters received with anonymous signature(s) or without signature(s) will not be recognized.

b. A filing fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) must accompany written complaint. If the complaint is found to be valid by the Board and disciplinary action is taken the filing fee will be refunded.

c. After receiving the written complaint and filing fee the President shall call a meeting of the Board of Directors within fifteen (15) days to review the complaint. The President shall also inform the party or parties involved of the Board meeting at least seven (7) days prior to such meeting.

d. At the meeting of the Board, both sides shall have an opportunity to present their position. After hearing both sides, the Board will then make a decision on what action, if any, should be taken. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be final.

25. A representative of the Board of directors is to serve as a liaison to settle disputes between contestants (Cutter's Representative) and the show management.

Classes and Class Explanation

Open

1. Any Horse.
2. Any rider (if rider has declared Non-Pro or Amateur status, see horse ownership requirements – pg. 19).
3. See also Points and Year-End Awards 3a and 10a.

Non-Pro

1. Any horse (see horse ownership requirements – pg. 19).
2. Rider must meet Non-Pro requirements (see pg. 18).
3. After winning the Non-Pro two (2) times a Non-Pro cannot show in the 100 Novice Rider, 500 Rider, or any Novice/Novice classes.
4. See also Points and Year-End Awards 3b and 10a.

\$5,000 Novice Horse

1. A horse with \$5,000 or less in lifetime earnings.
2. Any rider (if rider has declared Non-Pro or Amateur status, see horse ownership requirements – pg. 19).
3. See also Points and Year-End Awards 3a and 10b.

\$15,000 Novice/Non-Pro

1. A horse with \$15,000 or less in lifetime earnings. (see horse ownership requirements – pg. 19).
2. Rider must meet Non-Pro requirements (see pg. 18).
3. See also Points and Year-End Awards 3c and 10b.

\$5,000 Novice/Non-Pro

1. Any horse with \$5,000 or less in lifetime earnings, (see horse ownership requirements – pg. 19).
2. Rider must meet Non-Pro requirements (see pg. 18).
3. See also Points and Year-End Awards 3c and 10b.

\$2,000 Limit Rider

1. Any horse (no ownership requirements for Non-Pro or Amateur rider).
2. A rider with \$2,000 or less in lifetime earnings.
3. See also Points and Year-End Awards 3b and 10b.

\$1,000 Horse

1. A horse with \$1,000 or less in lifetime earnings.
2. Any rider (if rider has declared Non-Pro or Amateur status, see horse ownership requirements – pg. 19).
3. See also Points and year-End Awards 3a and 10b.

\$500 Rider

1. Any horse (no ownership requirements for Non-Pro or Amateur rider).
2. A rider with \$500 or less in lifetime earnings.
3. See also Points and Year-End Awards 3b and 10b.

\$300 Rider Jackpot

1. Any horse with 300 or less in lifetime earnings.
2. Any rider (if rider has declared Non-Pro or Amateur status, see horse ownership requirements – pg. 19).
3. See also Points and Year-End Awards 3a and 10b.

\$250 Novice/Novice

1. A horse with \$250 or less in lifetime earnings. A rider with \$250 or less in lifetime earnings, excluding NO horse ownership requirements.
2. See also Points and Year-End Awards 3c, 10b

Senior Youth

1. Any youth, age 14-18 at start of point year.
2. Any horse (may be ridden by more than one youth).
3. See also Points and Year-End Awards 3b and 10d

Junior Youth

1. Any youth, age 13 or under at start of point year.
2. Any horse (may be ridden by more than one youth).
3. See also Points and Year-End Awards 3b and 10d.

Ranch Horse Class

1. *Any Horse / Any Rider*
2. *No limit on money won for horse or rider*
3. *Horse does not have to be rider owned.*
4. *This is a one (1) or two (2) handed class, some schooling is allowed. The horse exhibit the least amount of help from rider will receive the most credit from the judge.*
5. *No penalty points for reining. No martingales or training devices allowed. Snaffle bits are allowed.*

Important Notes and Definitions

1. **Professional or Trainer:** A person who has shown, trained, or assisted in training a cutting horse or cutting horse rider, or trained in any equine discipline for direct or indirect remuneration (compensation) shall be considered a Professional. A person from other equine disciplines who has not trained horse or horse riders for direct or indirect remuneration (compensation) since January 1, 1997 may be a Non-Professional. See NCHA rulebook for complete definition.

2. **Non-Professional (Non-Pro):**A person who has not received direct or indirect remuneration (compensation) to work in any manner for a cutting horse operation (showing, training or assisting in training a cutting horse or cutting horse rider). A person from other equine disciplines who has not trained horses or horse riders for direct or indirect remuneration (compensation) since January 1, 1997, may be a Non-Pro. Professional cutting horse trainers' spouses or employees on a cutting horse operation may be considered Non-Professionals provided they do not teach cutting horse riders or train cutting horses on cattle. See current NCHA rulebook for complete definition. For CLCOW, a member has declared his/her Non-Pro status upon entering any Non-Pro cutting class; that status remains in effect permanently or until the member no longer meets the Non-Pro requirements.

3. **Amateur:** Certain Non-Professionals may also be classified as Amateurs. A member shall be disqualified from being classified as an Amateur under any of the following circumstances: **a.** Has ridden or trained horses or horse riders for remuneration (compensation), directly or indirectly; **b.** Has in the last ten (10) years assisted in training horses or riders for remuneration (compensation) directly or indirectly; **c.** Has in the last ten (10) years been married to and/or

resided with a person who is presently considered a Professional; **d.** Has in the last ten (10) years resided with a parent, step-parent, or foster parent of the member, who was at the time of the member's residency with the parent a Professional; **e.** Is directly or indirectly employed by a Professional and performs the duties of employment on the premises of a horse training operation; **f.** Has been an apprentice trainer at any time; **g.** Has received more than \$50,000 in lifetime earnings. See current NCHA rulebook for complete definition. For CLCOW, a member has declared his/her Amateur status upon entering any Amateur cutting class; that status will remain in effect permanently or until the member no longer meets the Amateur requirements.

4. Horse Ownership Requirements For Non-Professionals and

Amateurs: Any horse being exhibited in Non-Professional or Amateur cutting classes must be owned by the contestant showing the horse or by the contestant's spouse or minor child (under 21 years of age). **a.** At twenty-one (21) years of age or older, a declared Non-Pro or Amateur can show a horse owned by his/her father, mother, adult son or daughter, in cutting competition except the Non-Pro or Amateur classes, provided the member pays all entry fees and expenses. **b.** Declared Non-Pros and Amateurs may ride horses owned by others in the \$2,000 Limit Rider class (and any Rider class with earnings limit of less than \$2,000). **c.** In the event that a declared Non-Pro and/or Amateur member publicly exhibits in any contest (except the \$2,000 Limit Rider class or any Rider class with earnings limit less than \$2,000) a cutting horse not owned by the member or by the member's spouse father, mother, son, daughter, or minor sibling, his/her Non-Pro and/or Amateur status can be automatically revoked (for NCHA Non-Pro/Amateur card holder, a permit can be obtained from NCHA to show a horse that he/she does not own in a maximum of five (5) NCHA approved Open or \$10,000 Novice Horse classes). See current NCHA rulebook for complete definition.

5. Age Limit Effective January 1 of the current year (i.e. a youth who is 19 years old on May 1 will be eligible to show Senior Youth until the end of the current year).

6. Family Membership Available to two (2) adults, either married or living at the same address, plus any child(ren), or a father and child(ren), or a mother and child(ren) or a guardian and child(ren). Children must be 18 years of age or younger at the beginning of the point year to be included in a family membership.

7. Total Earnings Effective January 1 of current year.

8. Jackpot Payout Schedule:

No. Entries	Places Paid	%of Purse per Place
1 to 3	1	100
4 to 6	2	60-40
7 to 9	3	50-30-20
10 to 12	4	40-30-20-10
13 to 15	5	30-25-20-15-10
16 to 18	6	30-24-18-12-9-7
19 or more	7	28-23-16-12-9-7-5

In event of a tie, the payout for the tied places will be combined and then divided evenly. No jackpot is permitted in the Sr. or Jr. Youth classes.

9. Added Money This rule applies to added money only. In order for added money to be awarded in a class, the class must have four (4) or more entries. For entries to be eligible for added money they must jackpot the class. The Open and Non-Pro are excluded from the four (4) entries per class requirement. Jackpot rules (2 entries jackpotting to have a jackpot) still apply.

10. Judges Card – Run Content The following areas may be scored during a cutting horse run (+ Above Average; Average; - Below Average): Herd Work, driving a Cow, Setting Up a Cow, Loose Reins, Working Center of Arena, Degree of Difficulty, Eye Appeal, Time Working, Amount of Courage. Credit for run content may be reduced if there is excessive herd holder help.

11. Judges Card – Penalties The following penalties may be addressed during a cutting horse run: **1 point penalties:** losing working advantage (miss); reined or visibly cued; noise directed to cattle; toe, foot, or stirrup on the

shoulder; hold on too long on a cut; working out of position. **3 point penalties:** hot quit; cattle picked up or scattered; second hand on reins; spur in shoulder; pawing or biting cattle; failure to make a deep cut; back fence. **5 point penalties:** horse quitting a cow; losing a cow; changing cattle after a specific commitment; failure to separate a single animal after leaving the herd. A score of 60 will be given if a horse turns his/her tail to the cow or falls to the ground. Disqualification (score 0) will occur for illegal equipment or leaving the working area before time expires.

Points and Year-End Awards

The following awards will be given each year by Cuttin' Loose Club of Washington: Year-End Awards shall be given in each class based on the number of qualifying horse and/or riders in each class and will follow the club's jackpot payout schedule (*see rule #8, pg.20, Places Paid column*. High Point Horse; High Point Rider; High Point Horse and Rider; Rookie of the Year; TurnBack Hall of Fame Award; and Sportsmanship Award.

- 1.** Points for all year-end awards for CLCOW are to be compiled using this formula: Points will be awarded equal to the number of entries in a class, with the first place entry receiving that number of points, the second place entry receiving one less, etc. (i.e. in a class with 8 entries, the first place entry receives 8 points, second place entry receives 7 points, 3rd place 6 points, and 8th will receive 1 point). If a contestant is disqualified 0 points will be received.
- 2.** In the event of a class tie points are combined and divided equally among the horses involved.
- 3.** Points toward year-end awards and high point awards will be assigned and recorded as follows:
 - a.** Points to the horse: (rider may be different each show) Open, \$5,000 Novice Horse, \$1,000 Horse. Rider Jackpot
 - b.** Points to rider: (horse may be different each show) Non-Pro, \$2,000 Limit Rider, \$500 Rider, Junior Youth, and Senior Youth.
 - c. Points** to horse and rider as a team: \$15,000 Novice/Non-Pro, \$5,000 Novice/Non-Pro, \$250 Novice/Novice.

d. Rookie of the Year – Points are calculated for this award using cumulative points in ALL classes.

4. Only points accumulated in closed CLCOW shows, open to members only, will apply towards year end high point awards.

5. In the event of a tie for year – end awards, the winner will be decided by a ride-off, unless both agree to a flip of the coin. In the event this is not possible, a coin flip by a Board member will be used to determine the winner.

6. Year-End Awards shall be given in each class based on the number of qualifying horses and/or riders in each class and will follow the club's jackpot payout schedule (*see rule #8, pg.20, Places Paid column*). To be eligible for year-end awards, all cutters must be qualified as defined below:

1. Class must be held at over 50% of shows.

2. Cutter must show in class at over 50% of shows.

The final show of the season is to count as a qualifying show for these points.

7. **High Point Awards:** High Point Awards will be given in three (3) categories: High Point Horse, High Point Rider, and High Point Horse and Rider. Cumulative points to be used in each category to determine award winners (see rule 3, page 26 for categories). Qualified entries only - to count towards high point. See rule 6 above for definition defined.

8. **Rookie of the Year Award:** This award is for a Novice, Non-Pro, or Amateur rider in their first (1st) or second (2nd) year of showing a horse in a judged cutting, boxing, or herd work competition.

A rider, who meets the above criteria and has \$500.00 or less in lifetime earnings as of January 1 of the current show year, is eligible for this award.

The rookie who accumulates the most points during the current show year shall be the winner of this award. In the case of a tie for the award the winner will be determined by a coin toss. All classes will be used to calculate points regardless of whether horse, rider, horse and rider, or reined cow horse class.

Winner of this award is no longer eligible for this award.

9. Turnback Hall of Fame Award: This is a perpetual award established in 1999 to provide greater recognition of the contribution that turnback help provides to our members. The award winner is chosen by the membership at the last show of the show season. The winner's name is not announced until the annual awards banquet, upon which time they are awarded an NCHA Trophy that is theirs to keep for one (1) year. A Turnback Hall of Fame Award winner may only win this award once.

10. Sportsmanship Award: The Sportsmanship Award is given each year at the annual awards banquet. The recipient of this award is voted on by our membership at the last show of the show season and the winner is not announced until the banquet. To be eligible for this award, one must be an active CLCOW member in good standing, during the current year. He or she must show a positive attitude, kindness, integrity, helpfulness, and willingness to set a positive example in and around the show. Please note that showing a horse is not a requirement of this award.

11. Graduation from classes:

a. No graduation required from the Open or Non-Pro classes.

b. Graduation of horse and/or rider required from all other classes if horse and/or rider exceed the class money limits in lifetime earnings and/or win the year-end championship two (2) times.

c. Horses and/or riders graduated from any class in any other cutting association are also graduated from the same class in CLCOW shows.

d. Youth shall graduate from Youth classes based on their age on January 1st of the point year.

e. Upon graduation from a class a horse and/or rider is not eligible to show in classes at a lower earnings than that graduated from (see show rule #15). For purposes of graduation Novice/Novice classes will be classified lower than Novice Rider classes of the same monetary value. Example: If you graduated from the \$500 Novice Rider class you will not be eligible to show the following year in the \$500 Novice Rider or lower classes and you would not be eligible to show in any of the Novice/Novice classes.

12. All horses and riders competing for the CLCOW Year-End and High Point awards must comply with these rules. Graduation rules are in effect beginning 2011 show season and are not retroactive.