

**Minnesota Cutting Horse Association, Inc**  
**Rules and Regulations**  
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1. The Minnesota Cutting Horse Association (MCHA) shall at all times abide by and conduct contests in accordance with all the rules of the National Cutting Horse Association.
2. The current National Cutting Horse Case book shall be the guide in determining eligibility of horses and riders in all NCHA and MCHA approved classes. Those classes not approved by the NCHA will be governed by the Minnesota Cutting Horse Association Rules and Regulations.
3. The Minnesota Cutting Horse Association cutting year shall end at the same time as the NCHA cutting year.
4. The standings for the MCHA Year End Awards will be determined by the following point system. Points will be awarded based on the number of monies paid (placings) in the class. Examples: if two monies are paid – 1<sup>st</sup> place = 4 pts., 2<sup>nd</sup> place = 3 pts. If three monies are paid – 1<sup>st</sup> place = 5 pts., 2<sup>nd</sup> place = 4 pts., and 3<sup>rd</sup> place = 3 pts. One point will be given for showing in the class.
5. Points shall count only from the date of paid membership in the Minnesota Cutting Horse Association. Owner and riders must both be members of the MCHA in order for points to count in the MCHA standings for the Annual Year End Awards.
6. The Rookie Class offered by the MCHA will be available to cutters that have not won \$250 in any type of cutting competitions. Points will be awarded based on the number of monies paid plus one point, i.e. if three monies are paid – first place would get 4 points, second – 3 points, third – 2 points, and everyone else that showed in the class would receive 1 point. A person must be a paid member of the MCHA in order to earn points toward a Rookie buckle. Once a cutter has accumulated 12 points they will be awarded a Trophy Buckle.
7. The MCHA annual membership dues shall be paid on or before January 1 of each year.
8. The MCHA Year End Awards will be awarded at the MCHA Annual Awards Banquet.
9. Any notarized leasing agreement recorded with the Secretary of the MCHA by a member of the MCHA shall be considered ownership for accumulating points.
10. Determination of ownership of a horse may be made by the MCHA Board of Directors when necessary.