



National Sorting Cow Horse Association

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NSCHA 2015 Rider Rating System

The NSCHA uses the following system to rate riders. All members must follow the rating system.

The rating system will be as follows:

Do you have combined earnings in any cow horse competition including but not limited to team penning, team sorting, cutting, roping or reined cow horse events:

- Less than \$500 Rating = 1 (Amateur)
- Exceeding \$500 Rating = 2 (Amateur)
- Exceeding \$10,000 Rating = 3 (Amateur)
- Exceeding \$25,000 Rating = 4 (Open)
- Exceeding \$50,000 Rating = 5 (Open)
- Exceeding \$100,000 Rating = 6 (Open)

If you train horses or have ever trained horses in the past but no longer accept money for riding or training horses on any level, you will automatically be rated a 3, your rating will be adjusted based on your cow horse competition earnings.

When a #1 Amateur rider reaches the \$500 earnings limit they will be moved to a #2 Amateur.

When a #2 or #3 Amateur reaches \$5000 in earnings during a show year they will be advanced up to the next rating.

Senior Rating - Over Age 65

The NSCHA offers special consideration to our senior riders (starting the current show year over the age of 65) as follows:

You will automatically become an Amateur rider regardless of moneys earned. If you

are currently a #1 rated Amateur, you will remain a #1 Amateur. If you are higher than a #1 rated rider the NSCHA requests you rate yourself as a #2 or #3 Amateur rider. You can apply for re-evaluation of your rating annually. If you wish to be considered for #1 Amateur rating then you will need to apply for that consideration with a hardship application.

**Falsifying information on a NSCHA application or rating system will result in a \$500 fine and suspension for a period no less than 6 months.
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