

# NZCHA RULE BOOK AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF 2022

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## New Rulebook Version- August 2023

Amendments Collated by Rule Book Editor- Gemma Williams

Note: Amendments shown in rulebook in Blue Highlight.

### SECTION: NZCHA EVENTS, PAGE 10, RULE G

*Proposed Change: Clarify age to add" and under". Also clarify helmet ruling.*

#### Current Rule:

g. **YOUTH** - age 18 years as at the 1st May of the competition year. Youth points are accumulated at all shows which have Youth events during the competition year. Youth must wear helmets at NZCHA affiliated events.

#### Change too:

g. **YOUTH** - age 18 years and under- as at the 1st May of the competition Year. Youth points are accumulated at all shows which have Youth events during the competition year. Note: Helmets are mandatory for all youth when they are riding a horse inside or outside the arena at all NZCHA affiliated events.

### SECTION: CONTEST ARENA REGULATIONS, PAGE 16, NEW RULE .9

New Ruling:

9. There should not be children in the arena while a show is running unless they are in the arena for the purpose of being involved in the cutting competition. While in the arena, they must be under adult supervision at all times.

### SECTION: YOUTH DIVISION, PAGE 39- RULE 9

Current Rule 11: All Youth must wear helmets.

#### Change too:

11. Helmets are mandatory for all Youth Competitors or Children (all those under 18 years of age) when they are riding a horse both inside or outside the arena at any NZCHA affiliated event.

### SECTION NZCHA EVENTS, PAGE 10, RULE H- SNAFFLE BIT RIDER RULING

**Change:** Add Key change: Any rider who has competed in a hands down event in the current season is not eligible to ride in Snaffle Bit Rider. Once a rider competes in a hand down class at any point in the season, they are no longer eligible to ride in snaffle bit rider for the remainder of that season.

Current Ruling:

h. **SNaffle BIT (RIDER)**- The Snaffle Bit Rider is a one- or two-handed contest, open to ALL riders regardless of LTE. Horse/rider combination may not compete in a Non-Pro event or Open/Novice Horse event at the same show. Once the rider snaffle bit rider for the remainder of the season. Combinations may only enter a maximum of two Snaffle Bit classes per show. Points earned in Snaffle bit Rider are stand alone and do not count towards any other event eligibility. A competitor may borrow a horse and may pay a day fee to compete, however day fee competitors are not eligible to compete at National Finals or be eligible for North or South Island Annual awards. There is a limit of two horses per rider in this class, and only the points from their highest earning horse will count towards high point awards. Horses may be shown using one or two hands on the bridle reins. Twisted wire snaffles, gag snaffles or shank snaffles shall not be used. Snaffle bits are to be a minimum of 10mm (3/8") and have a smooth single jointed mouthpiece. Bosals and hackamores may be used. They shall be of rope or braided rawhide and have no metal parts. All other dress/equipment as per rule 16. Snaffle bit classes are exempt from Non-Pro rules excluding Snaffle bit aged events.

**Change too:**

h. **SNaffle BIT (RIDER)**- The Snaffle Bit Rider is a one- or two-handed contest, open to ALL riders regardless of LTE. There is a limit of two horses per rider in this class, and only the points from their highest earning horse will count towards high point awards. Horse/rider combinations may only enter a maximum of two Snaffle Bit classes per show.

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**SECTION NZCHA EVENTS, PAGE 11 RULE J- SNAFFLE BIT HORSE**

*Change: Added: combination. And they may ride also in a novice horse class. Removed: Novice Horse.*

**Current Ruling:**

j) **SNaffle BIT (HORSE)** - The Snaffle Bit Horse is a one- or two-handed contest, open to ALL Horses regardless of LTE. Horse/rider **combination** may not compete in a Non-Pro event or Open (Removed Novice Horse) event at the same show. Combinations may only enter a maximum of two Snaffle Bit Classes per show. Points earned in Snaffle bit Horse are stand alone and do not count towards any other event eligibility. A competitor may borrow a horse and may pay a day fee to compete, however day fee competitors are not eligible to compete at National Finals or be eligible for North or South Island Annual Awards. There is no limit of horses per rider in this class. Horses may be shown using one or two hands on the bridle reins. Twisted wire snaffles, gag snaffles or shank snaffles shall not be used. Snaffle bits are to be a minimum of 10mm (3/8") and have a smooth single jointed mouthpiece. Bosals and hackamores may be used. They shall be of rope or braided rawhide and have no metal parts. All other dress/equipment as per rule 16. Snaffle bit classes are exempt from non-Pro rules excluding Snaffle bit aged events.

All other dress/equipment as per Rule 16.

**Change too:**

**j) SNAFFLE BIT (HORSE)** - The Snaffle Bit Horse is a one- or two-handed contest, open to ALL Horses regardless of LTE. Horse/rider combination may not compete in a Non-Pro event or Open Horse event at the same show. Combinations may only enter a maximum of two Snaffle Bit Classes per show. Points earned in Snaffle bit Horse are stand alone and do not count towards any other event eligibility. A competitor may borrow a horse and may pay a day fee to compete, however day fee competitors are not eligible to compete at National Finals or be eligible for North or South Island Annual Awards. There is no limit of horses per rider in this class. Horses may be shown using one or two hands on the bridle reins. Twisted wire snaffles, gag snaffles or shank snaffles shall not be used. Snaffle bits are to be a minimum of 10mm (3/8") and have a smooth single jointed mouthpiece. Bosals and hackamores may be used. They shall be of rope or braided rawhide and have no metal parts. All other dress/equipment as per rule 16. Snaffle bit classes are exempt from non-Pro rules excluding Snaffle bit aged events.  
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**SECTION- APPROVED CONTESTS- RULE 6. PAGE 22.**

*Removed the ruling: The office fee may not exceed the entry fee.*

*Also redesigned the wording slightly to read more clearly.*

**Current Rule:**

6. If any charge is to be made other than entry fee, it must be stated as NZCHA Levy, cattle hire or office charge or video fee and be separated from the entry fee. This fee is to be charged to all contestants and stated on the affiliation form for publication in the Chatter. REMOVE: The office fee may not exceed the entry fee. In all cutting horse contests approved by the NZCHA all levies collected by the Show Management as calculated from the levies table must be forwarded to the NZCHA. No deduction, other than as specified above, shall be made. Failure to comply will cause approval of the show to be withdrawn.

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