



2026 NACHA

“Team Cutting Challenge”

NACHA Team Cutting Challenge Rules

- The Team Cutting Challenge will run during the 3 shows of the Summer Cutting Circuit (July 18th, August 8th and August 29th)
- NACHA Club members may enroll in the Team Cutting Challenge by forming a two person team and filing the paperwork with the show office. The Class, Rider and Horse for each team member must be included on the Team Entry Form and points will accumulate by the team. Horses and riders may not be substituted at any time. There is a \$100 Team Origination Fee which will fund the winner’s jackpot.
- There will be two divisions: Regular and Limited Rider.
 - For the **Regular division**: Lead team member must be from column one below. Team will consist of *one rider from each class column. Team members cannot come from the same class.*

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▪ **Column 1**

▪ **Lead Team Member**

- Open
- \$25K Novice Horse
- \$5K Novice Horse
- Non Pro
- \$25K Amateur
- \$2,500 Novice Horse

Column 2

Secondary Team Member

- \$5K Novice/ Non Pro
- \$4K Limited Rider
- \$1K Amateur
- Beginner Cutter
- Youth Cutting

- For the **Limited Rider division**: Lead team member must be from column one below. Team will consist of *one rider from each class column. Team members cannot come from the same class.*

- \$25K Amateur
- \$5K Novice/ Non Pro
- \$4K Limited Rider
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- \$4K Limited Rider
- \$1K Amateur
- Beginner Cutter
- Youth

- Team riders may ride any horse eligible in the class they have designated as their team “class” and “horse”; however, the teams will be Rider/Horse combinations; no substitute riders or horses with respect to point accumulations. If a rider changes horses, then the points from that show will not be counted.
- Both the rider and the horse’s owner must be current NACHA members, in good standing and must have paid their membership and their team origination fee before they can accumulate points.
- Riders may participate in multiple teams provided they represent only one team in each class that they ride in.
 - Example: John Doe, rides in the open and creates a team with a Beginner. John may then also form another team when he rides a different horse in the \$25K Novice Horse class but, he cannot form the rest of the team with someone in the Beginner class (as he would already have a team member from that class on his other team).
- The team challenge is a class within the class so there are no other fees except the Team Origination Fee.
- Only one horse/rider team shall be the winner in each division. *(If there is a tie for 1st place, the prize money would be split between those tying for 1st place).*

Spectator Calcutta:

Spectators, fans, owners or riders can “buy” a team at the show office at any time during the season, provided the team has not already been “purchased”. The opening bid will be \$100 for a team. The bidding will be in effect for the first show of the circuit (July 18th). Highest bid will “buy” the team. Any unsold teams after July 18th, can be purchased at the office at either of the August shows and the purchase price will be \$100. Money collected for purchased teams will be held separately between the Regular teams and the Limited Rider teams. The “team owner” of the winning horse/rider teams wins the entire pot for that division. *(If there is a tie for 1st place, the pot will be split among the winning horse/riders “team owners”).*