

*United States Cutting Horse Association*



**Judges  
Application**



**2025**

**STEP 1.**

**All USCHA Judge Applicants Must Meet The Following Criteria:**

- 1. Applicant must be a member of the USCHA in good standings and may not be suspended or denied privileges from any other cutting horse association.**
- 2. May apply prior to 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. Must be 21 years of age to judge a USCHA sanctioned contest.**
- 3. Judges not carded at date of application in NCHA or AQHA must pay \$100 application fee. Fee is due with application. (This is a onetime application fee.) NRCHA carded judges will be approved with no fee for ranch cutting only.**
- 4. Must pass written test and return with application. Written test is attached. Rulebook available online @ [www.unitedstatescutting.com](http://www.unitedstatescutting.com)**

**STEP 2.**

**After meeting the above criteria, completing judge's application/test and returning it to USCHA office, the USCHA judge's committee members will review the prospective new judge's application. A member of the judges committee will then contact applicant. The judges committee will determine if it is to be required that the applicant proceed with the process of apprentice judging in "second stand" up to two full USCHA cutting events at applicant's expense.**

**STEP 3.**

**USCHA Judges Committee members will review all of the applicants Apprentice Judge Score Cards and Videos and then in a timely manner notify applicant of the Committees decision to grant or not to grant full judging privileges to applicant.**

**Applicant**

**(Please Print)**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **USCHA Member#** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_

**State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone#** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_ **Are you applying for USCHA Ranch Cutting judging privileges only? Yes** \_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_

**General Information**

**Are you presently active in cutting?**

**Explain:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**How much money have you won cutting?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list all cutting horse or breed associations where you have won money cutting:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Initial:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Judging Information

Have you read and do you have knowledge of the USCHA judging rules? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an approved judge for any other equine association or group? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Have you judged in any other cutting or ranch cutting events before? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, Please tell us about those events:

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I am applying for approval as a United States Cutting Horse Association judge. I understand that being a USCHA judge requires great character and up most integrity as well as significant knowledge of the cutting horse industry. By personally signing below I submit my judges application the United States Cutting Horse Association.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## USCHA Judges Applicant References

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant must list two references.

**Reference 1.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Reference 2.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional notes or comments for contacting references:

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## Open Book Written Test

*Please answer the following questions and return this page with application and fee.*

1. In a USCHA Ranch Cutting class, a horse must be ridden two handed. True \_\_\_\_\_ False \_\_\_\_\_
2. In a USCHA Ranch Cutting class a horse will be given more credit for herd work than in a orthodox weekend cutting class. True \_\_\_\_\_ False \_\_\_\_\_
3. In any given run, excessive reining and "jerking" in a USCHA ranch cutting class will be dealt with in the run content of the score. True \_\_\_\_\_ False \_\_\_\_\_
4. Hot quits are permissible in USCHA ranch cutting class. True \_\_\_\_\_ False \_\_\_\_\_
5. There shall not be a penalty for "charging" in USCHA ranch cutting classes. True \_\_\_\_\_ False \_\_\_\_\_
6. A two minute clock will be used for USCHA ranch cutting classes. True \_\_\_\_\_ False \_\_\_\_\_
7. What are the class titles of the USCHA ranch cutting classes?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. What time before a cutting should a judge arrive at show grounds?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. How many reining points does a judge deduct on a run in USCHA ranch cutting class?  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. Is it a right or privilege to be a USCHA judge?  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. What is the most important criteria for being a judge? \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail all pages and fees due with application and written test to:

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