

South Burnett Quarter Horse Cutters Inc.

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Saturday 2nd May Start Time 8am

Practice (1 run per horse, 2 horse maximum + a Futurity Horse)

Adults \$60 per entry

Youth \$50 per entry

Sunday 3rd May Start Time 8am

Youth Cutter \$60.00 per entry

Youth Mechanical Cow \$20.00 per entry

Beginner Cutter \$70.00 per entry

Beginner Horse \$70.00 per entry

Encouragement Cutter \$70.00 per entry

Novice Snaffle Bit \$70.00 per entry

Open Snaffle Bit \$70.00 per entry

Rookies \$70.00 per entry

Novice \$70.00 per entry

Open \$70.00 per entry

Powered Camp Site \$20.00 Unpowered Camp Site \$15

Enquires Lisa Gibson (President) 0451126304 or

Melissa Cowan (Secretary) 0427607667

Entries via Campdraft Central www.campdraftcentral.com.au Nominations open Friday 17th April & Close Thursday 23rd April at 5pm or when numbers are reached and availability of cattle.

Payment will be required by 27 april 2026 5pm to secure your spot.

OPEN TO SBQHC MEMBERS ONLY. NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE BY EMAIL southburnettqhcutter@gmail.com



2026 RULE BOOK

GENERAL CLUB RULES

RULE 1: MEMBERSHIP & FEES

- A All Members are accepted on the same basis with equal rights: one ruling applies to all.
- B All the club forms are available from the club Secretary. Membership forms to state: "MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN ALL EVENTS AT THEIR OWN RISK". A parent or Guardian is to sign Youth Membership Forms.
- C The SBQHC Inc does not accept affiliation of other clubs, but single membership is welcome.
- D Membership falls due on the day after the Annual General Meeting of the calendar year in which the Annual General Meeting is held. All membership fees must be paid before the Club's first official activity in the same calendar year.
- E Any Member joining after the month of September will automatically remain financial for the following year but, should fees be increased, the Member will be obliged to pay the difference.
- F ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION: \$120.00 per Family –
- Includes Two adults residing at the same address and their dependents who are 17 years of age and under. Both adults have equal voting rights.
- \$75.00 per individual Adult
- \$35.00 per individual Youth under 18 years
- \$40.00 Event Membership- Only for new people to the sport that are unsure if they would continue & for 1 off people travelling though.

CUTTING POINTS DAY

ENTRY FEE:

Youth Cutter	\$60.00 per entry
Youth Mechanical Cow	\$20.00 per entry
Beginner Cutter	\$70.00 per entry
Beginner Horse	\$70.00 per entry
Encouragement Cutter	\$70.00 per entry
Novice Snaffle Bit	\$70.00 per entry
Open Snaffle Bit	\$70.00 per entry
Rookies	\$70.00 per entry
Novice	\$70.00 per entry
Open	\$70.00 per entry

CUTTING PRACTICE DAY

ENTRY FEE:

Adults	\$60.00 per entry
Youth	\$50.00 per entry

INSTRUCTION / CLINIC FEE As set and advertised

CAMPING FEE \$15 per vehicle unpowered sites
 \$20 per vehicle powered sites

The Management Committee reserves the right to increase fees, if necessary, to defray costs.

G Both the Model Rules (Constitution), Know Your Club (Club Rules for Events) and Club Newsletter are available. On joining, Members will be given an electronic copy of the South Burnett Quarter Horse Cutters Inc. Model Rules (Constitution) and Know Your Club (Club Rules for Events).

H Members shall be obliged to pay full cost for Clinics at the time of booking. If members are unable to attend, they may find a substitute to fill the position. Application may be made in writing along with a medical certificate or vet certificate to the management committee for a refund under extenuating circumstances.

I Cancellation of Club Day nominations after entry cutoff date will only be accepted in cases of hardship, a medical certificate or vet certificate is required otherwise Members will be obliged to pay full entry charges as per nomination.

J Instructors will receive a fee as negotiated. Should fees collected be less than the amount due, the Club is to pay the balance due.

RULE 2 YOUTH MEMBERSHIP

A Youth Membership is offered to all Youth aged 17 years and under. If a Youth turns 18 during a year, he/she shall remain in Youth Classes for the duration of that year.

B Points gained in Youth events are awarded to the Youth Member, not the Youth's horse/s. Trophies are awarded at the end of the year for all Youth events.

C Youth may compete on the same horse as that ridden by an adult member of the family.

D Two (2) Youth members of the same Family may ride the same horse and both score points

E Youth members entering **Youth Cutting** events may compete on a maximum of two (2) horses for the duration of the Club year but may only nominate ONE horse to receive competition points. The horse must be nominated to the Secretary prior to the competition Show Day.

F Youth may not ride or handle stallions at Club Days. Youth will not be permitted in the arena whilst a stallion is in the arena.

- G All youth riders must have a responsible guardian on the grounds as per AQHA rules.
- H Youth members may only gain points in Youth classes. Youth who compete in Youth classes are not eligible to compete in other classes.
- I Youth Members may sit in with a Judge to learn more about judging. One Youth per Judge is permitted. Youth Members are to advise the Secretary prior to a Point Scoring Day being held when wishing to avail themselves of this opportunity.
- J Youth members are welcome to attend all Club meetings but do not have the right to vote on motions.
- K All Youth riders **must wear an approved safety helmet at all times**, whilst riding on the Club grounds whether competing or not. Safety standard numbers for these helmets are AS-NZS 3838, ARBHS 2012 and ASTM F1163.

RULE 3: SUNDRY RULES

- A **Unless otherwise stated**, the starting time for Club Days will be 8.00am and events will commence with those Members present.
- B Only Financial Members are permitted to be mounted on a horse on the club grounds and be in the arena on Club Days.
- C All complaints regarding incidents occurring on Club Days are to be in writing and lodged With a Committee Member so the incident can be addressed at the next committee meeting.
- D “Snap” decisions to resolve any issues on any day may be made by a majority of five (5) Members of the Management Committee.
- E If a dispute is to be heard on a Club Day where less than five (5) Committee Members are present, then the general members shall elect the number required to bring the Committee Member number on that day to five (5).
- F There is a Zero tolerance policy that any the following acts should be reported. i. Slapping or hitting the horse on the head, or any other part of the body, one time or more than one time, in any manner, either with the rider’s hands, reins or any object ii. Using a bit in such

a way that a horse is caused to bleed from its mouth or face, iii. Using any object held in the rider's hand to hit a horse. iv. Any act in which the general public would perceive to be a violation of the Zero tolerance policy. This includes such acts occurring not only in the show arena but also those occurring anywhere on the showgrounds, the warmup area, practice pen or any other location. Inhumane treatment or abuse of a horse in any manner within the showgrounds is prohibited. Inhumane treatment includes the showing of a crippled, lame, or injured horse or a horse with any health abnormality which could result in the horse's undue discomfort or distress. Abuse includes excessive jerking, spurring whipping or any other act intended to cause trauma or injury to horse. Any act of abuse, or intent to abuse, a horse in the show arena or on the showgrounds which could endanger the safety of other persons or animals will be dealt with by the South Burnett Quarter Horse Cutter Club Executive members.

G Members bringing dogs to Club Days must keep them under control at all times. They must be either on leads under the control of a responsible adult or tied to the owners' trailer or vehicle.

H a) The SBQHC does not tolerate alcohol and drug intoxicated members. The committee or show management and/or arena director have the right to bar an obviously intoxicated person from the club grounds. The committee has the right to immediately disqualify, refuse entry and remove from the grounds any person who violates this rule. Refusal to comply with the committee's request regarding this rule will result in immediate removal by the police.

b) - No glass bottles or alcohol of any kind is permitted in either of the working arena areas at any time.

I The Show Society are to be paid a hire fee for the Arena as well as the Camping as determined by the Committee in appreciation of the use of their facilities and to assist with costs of maintenance.

J All children on grounds must be supervised by a responsible adult who is not riding.

K Club Members may place Commercial advertisements in the Club Newsletter. Non-Members may place advertisements. Advertisements carry a charge as determined by the Committee. Costs for any major advertisements shall be negotiated with the Committee.

L Judges will be selected by the Committee. Judges' decisions will be final, and no correspondence will be entered into. The "nominated" Judge is to be paid fees as negotiated to help defray travelling expenses. The Secretary is to write letters of appreciation to all Judges, except those on the Committee.

M Members attending Clinics or Training Days may wear caps and short sleeved shirts with collars but no singlets or T shirts. Appropriate safe footwear must be worn.

N SBQHC Practice and Show days are open to any breed of horse to compete as long as the rider is a financial member.

O All riders/owners of Stallions must have them either tied and hobbled to their trailer, steel penned or Double Electric fenced whilst on the grounds (2)wire electrified then another electric fence 3ft outside the first fence. When under saddle they must have Green Ribbon tied front and back of the horse.

P Horses are **not** to be tied under the walkway, in the loping pen/arena or behind the Mechanical Cow at any time during Practice days and Club days.

Although these are the current Club Rulings as set down by resolution, they are subject to change from time to time.

CUTTING RULES

RULE 1: DEFINITION OF CUTTING EVENTS

PLEASE READ HOW TO CHOOSE AN EVENT AT THE END OF THIS RULE

A – OPEN EVENT (HORSE)

One handed event. Any legal headgear. Cutting Saddle only

B - NOVICE EVENT (HORSE)

One handed event. Any legal headgear. Cutting Saddle only.

NOTE Horses that have won over \$5000 are classified as Open Horses. Open horses will be allowed to ride in both Novice and Open classes and receive on the day respective placement winnings, However no points will be allocated towards end of the year points for an open horse in the Novice class.

End of year points will be allocated on the day to Novice horses.

C - ROOKIE \$1,000 (Earnings won at any association) (RIDER)

One handed event. Any legal headgear. Rookie riders can also compete in Snaffle Bit Cutting or Beginner Horse Cutting if the horse they ride is eligible for the respective event. At the end of year the winner is required to move out at the end of year. Cutting Saddle only

D - BEGINNER HORSE (HORSE)

Horses can be ridden one or two handed in any legal headgear which is appropriate for the event in which it is being shown (Competing).

A Horse that has shown (Competed) in any cow event and has won or placed is ineligible to be shown (Competed) in the Beginner Horse at the Club.

Competitors can use western or fender saddles.

The Horse who wins the year-end champion buckle OR has won 3x 1ST place ribbons in any cutting event must move out of Beginner Horse class at the end of that year.

E - BEGINNER CUTTER (RIDER)

(*Please note competitive Snaffle Bit Riders are NOT eligible to compete in this event.)

Open to Riders who have not won or placed in any cow event.

Horses can be ridden one or two handed in any legal headgear which is appropriate for the event in which it is being shown (competed).

Competitors can use western or fender saddles.

The rider who wins the year-end champion buckle OR has won 3x 1ST place ribbon in any cutting event must move out of Beginner Cutter class at the end of that year.

F – ENCOURAGEMENT CUTTER (RIDER)

Snafflebit event open to a rider that has not won a cutting event.

A horse that has not won a cutting event.

No one-handed horses are allowed to compete in this event.

Competitors can use western or fender saddles.

The rider who wins the year-end champion buckle OR has won 3x 1ST place ribbons in any cutting event must move out of Encouragement Snaffle class at the end of that year.

G – OPEN SNAFFLEBIT (HORSE)

Two-handed snaffle bit event. No lifetime earnings apply. No one-handed horse is allowed in this event.

End of year winners and runners-up are not required to move out of this event.

Competitors can use western or fender saddles.

H – NOVICE SNAFFLEBIT (HORSE)

Two-handed snaffle bit event. No lifetime earnings apply. No one-handed horse is allowed in this event.

End of year winners and runners-up are not required to move out of this event.

Competitors can use western or fender saddles.

NOTE Horses that have won over \$5000 are classified as Open Snafflebit Horses. Open Snafflebit horses will be allowed to ride in both Novice Snafflebit and Open Snafflebit classes and receive on the day respective placement winnings, However no points will be allocated towards end of the year points for an open Snafflebit horse in the Novice Snafflebit class.

End of year points will be allocated on the day to Novice Snafflebit Horses

J - YOUTH EVENTS (RIDER)

You must wear an approved safety helmet at all times. Judging information: - The Youth cutting event will be judged at the judge's discretion with major penalties penned on the judge's sheet. Credit to be given for effort to be ridden one handed. Credit to be given for ability to control the cow. Credit for eye appeal. Penalty for being out of position on the cow.

Competitors can use western or fender saddles.

NO TRAINING AIDS ARE PERMISSIBLE ON COMPETITION HORSES

Horses must be shown in the required tack for any event in which they are competing.

Competitors must wear the required attire for the events in which they are competing.

**TO HELP YOU CHOOSE WHAT CUTTING EVENT TO ENTER IN PLEASE READ
BELOW**

The event entry rules of the "Club" are at present:

COMPETITION RIDER EVENTS:

YOUTH can nominate ONLY in the RESPECTIVE RIDER EVENT they choose. THE RIDER CANNOT COMPETE IN ANY OTHER EVENT.

RIDERS 16 YEARS OR OLDER ARE ELIGIBLE TO RIDE IN THE YOUTH EVENT OR THEY CAN CHOOSE TO RIDE IN 2 OF THE OTHER CLASSES; HOWEVER, THEY MAY NOT RETURN TO YOUTH CLASSES ONCE THEY HAVE LEFT. Approved Helmets must be worn for any rider 17 years an under regardless of class

BEGINNER CUTTERS will also be eligible to ride in the Encouragement Cutter class ONLY. THE RIDER CANNOT COMPETE IN ANY OTHER EVENT.

(EXCEPTION) ROOKIE \$1000 RIDERS can also compete in Snaffle Bit or Beginner Horse providing the horse they ride is eligible for the respective event.

However, the rider can nominate two different horses but MUST nominate ONE horse before the start of the event on which to receive competition points.

(*Please note competitive Snaffle Bit Riders are NOT eligible to compete in the Beginner Cutter/Rider event)

COMPETITION HORSE EVENTS:

If you nominate in any competition horse event you can nominate no more than two separate horses, ONCE ONLY, in their eligible event. (EXCEPTION) of 1 Beginner Horse allowed

PRACTICE DAYS are a good opportunity to work your horse where you have five (5) minutes and the opportunity to ride up to TWO different horses. Each horse can be entered once only.

(EXCEPTION) 1 Horse Family.

(EXCEPTION) 2 Futurity Horses per rider will be eligible to enter practice day.

Some of you might feel these rules are restrictive but the Committee must be mindful of being able to source sufficient numbers of cattle from our suppliers which at times can prove to be difficult. The club programme provides at least SIXTEEN separate days a year incorporating Cutting Competition and Practice events pending weather and cattle supply.

RULE 2: CLASSIFICATION OF CUTTING HORSES AND RIDERS

- A. Any **Rider** who has shown in any one-handed Cutting event is ineligible to compete in the Beginner Cutter & or Encouragement Cutter at the Club
- B. A **Horse** that has been shown in any one-handed Cutting event or has won/placed in any cow event is ineligible to be shown in the Beginner Horse at the Club.
- C. The same horse may be ridden in Youth and or Beginner Rider Events and competitors are eligible to score points.
- D. High Point Winners in classes Beginner Cutter and Rookies will be upgraded each year.

Upgrading of Beginner Cutters is solely at the discretion of the Committee. The Committee has the authority to declare a Horse or Rider is not yet capable of competing at a higher level.

Open Snaffle Bit and Novice Snaffle Bit end of year winners are not required to move out of this event.

E. Beginner Horses, Beginner Cutters, Encouragement Cutters Open Snaffle Bit, Novice Snaffle Bit Horses and Youth (except for Rookie Cutting Riders) **must** compete in their division according to classification and **REMAIN ONLY IN THAT DIVISION** throughout the year unless reclassified by the committee.

F. Any Member wishing to re-grade a horse must apply to the Committee in writing for permission.

The Committee has the authority at the end of the year to upgrade any horse or rider according to their performance.

G. A new Member who wishes to compete in classes other than OPEN must satisfy the Committee that both he/she and their horse/s are eligible for these classes. New Members should refer to Rule 4 when nominating for events and if they have a query, they should contact a Committee Member for clarification as to which Event/Class they are eligible for. The history of the horse and rider in previous competition will be a deciding factor in the decision.

H. MEMBERS ARE TO RESPECT THE COMMITTEE'S DECISIONS.

RULE 3: LEGAL HEADGEAR

NOTE: Twisted wire bits and Tie-downs are allowed only on Practice Days and not to be used on the grounds on competition day)

NOTE: If you are unsure on which Bit is acceptable, please contact us

A. WESTERN BITS

Any bit intended for use complete with a curb strap or chain. Mouthpiece may be bar, port or jointed. Bits include Grazing Snaffle, Cowboy Snaffle, Jointed Snaffle with shanks, Half-breed, bar or Spade. Curb straps and chains must be of a minimum width of 1.25 cm (1/2 in) and must lie flat to the horse's jaw. These must meet with the approval of the judge.

B. WESTERN SNAFFLE BITS:

Plain smooth jointed mouthpiece of 1 cm (5/16 in) minimum diameter 2.5 cm (1 in) in from the rings or, with an overly wide bit, where the mouthpiece rests on the bars of the mouth. Loose "O" rings, Eggbutts, Dees and Sidebars are permitted. Nylon or leather ring straps are permitted but must be at least 1.25 cm (1/2 inch) wide and have no metal apart from the buckles. Reins must be fastened above the ring strap.

The diameter of Snaffle bit rings must be a minimum of 50mm and a maximum of 100mm. The inside circumference of the ring must be free of rein, curb or headstall attachments which would provide leverage.

C. BOSALS (HACKAMORES)

A rawhide braided or leather braided or rope bosal, fully rigged with a fiador and mecate or bosal with reins only. Absolutely no metal will be permitted under the jaw or around the nose, regardless of how padded or taped except a wire core inside a properly braided bosal.

RULE 4: GENERAL CUTTING EVENT RULES

A. A maximum of two (2) Youth and/or two (2) Beginner Cutter/Riders may compete on the same horse on the same day and both score points in their respective events.

B. The maximum number of horses that can be ridden by any adult competitor on a competition day is two unless in Beginner horse.

(Example) RIDER EVENTS: (Beginner Cutter, Encouragement Cutter, Rookies and Youth) The competitor can nominate up to two horses in the competitor's respective eligible event but can only score end of year points on ONE horse which has to be nominated PRIOR to the event on the day.

(Example) HORSE EVENTS: (Open, Novice, Beginner Horse, Novice Snaffle Bit and Open Snaffle Bit). A single competitor can nominate up to two different horses one time only in the horse's

respective eligible event.

C. Cattle for Cutting will only be available for those Members who give notice by nominating prior to the closing date as advertised. Late nominations cannot be accepted. Cancellation of nominations will be accepted in cases of hardship only prior to the ordering of cattle, a medical certificate or vet certificate is required otherwise Members will be obliged to pay cattle charges as per nomination.

D. In the case of a Family Membership who own ONE ONLY competition horse, two family members may participate on the same horse in Two events ONLY. One will be eligible to score towards a high point award in each event. This rule applies only to events in which the HORSE is classified.

E. Should there be only one (1) entry in an event that event will be held.

F. The Committee reserves the right to remove any problem horse or rider from an arena and/or grounds if necessary.

G. The Club shall use Australian Quarter Horse Association and National Cutting Horse Association of Australia rules as guidelines for the conduct of events.

Where AQHA, or NCHA Rules disagree, the SBQHC rules will override those of the AQHA or NCHA.

H. All cutting nomination fees and charges are to be paid into the Clubs Bank Account 2 days after receiving an acceptance, then the remittance will be sent to the Secretary via the SBQHC email.

RULE 5: POINTS SCORING ON OFFICIAL POINTS DAYS

A. Three places will be awarded in each event. Points will be allocated according to the number of entries.

<u>Entries</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
3+	3	2	1
2	2	1	
1	1		

B. In the event of equal points (ties), points are divided, for example, if two horses tie for first place, the first and second points are added and divided by two and so on.

C. Ribbons or place cards will be issued according to placings. No ribbon or place card will be awarded to any competitor who has scored a zero in an event or "No Score" in Cutting events.

D. Members may inspect Judge's Score Sheets after an event. The Official Points Scorer should be approached with regard to furnishing the same.

E. Members not wishing to record scores in events on Points Scoring Days should inform the Secretary or their Representative who will note this on the Judge's sheet. All such runs will go last, i.e., go to the end of the draw.

F. POINTS CANNOT BE AWARDED TO ANY MEMBER WHO IS NOT FINANCIAL

G. The Point Scorer and a Member with a sound knowledge of Club Rules will cross check the points

Tally at the end of the Competition Year and before presentation of end of year awards.
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Persons will be chosen by the Committee.

RULE 6: END OF YEAR AWARDS

A. The yearly number of Point Cutting Scoring Days will be set at six (6). TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR HIGH POINT AWARDS in any single event, a **competitor or horse must have participated in that event** for a minimum of four (4) Points Scoring Days. Should the number of point scoring days be less than six, the number of days attended for points eligibility will be reduced. The number will be calculated (rounded up if necessary) as half of the number of eligible days plus one.

B. Trophy Buckles will be awarded at the end of each year to the High Point Cutting Horse or Cutting Rider and Trophies awarded to the Runner-up in each of these divisions: -

Open, Novice, Rookie \$1,000, Beginner Horse, Open Snaffle Bit, Novice Snaffle Bit, Beginner Cutter, Encouragement Cutter and Youth.

CUTTING RULES

The rules for Cutting classes are based on the rules contained in the NCHA Rule Book. Competitors are encouraged to review the rules contained in this book prior to competing.

Judges are to have a whistle in case the rider needs to be whistled off the cattle during their run and a stopwatch is to be kept in announcers' box in case of timer failure.

Competitors competing in all classes will have 2 head of cattle available per run on point score days pending cattle availability. Open and Novice riders will have 3 allocated cattle pending on cattle availability.

RULE A: TACK

Standard mounted Western saddle with horn. Saddle without a horn is acceptable in Snaffle bit and Beginner Youth classes. Horses must be ridden with a bridle having a bit in the mouth or with a hackamore. A bridle shall have no nose band or bosal and hackamores shall be of rope or braided rawhide with no metal parts. Braided rawhide balls across the horse's nose are not permissible. Choke ropes, tie downs, wire around the horse's neck, nose, or brow band, tight nose band, quirt, bat or mechanical device giving the rider undue control over a horse will not be permitted in the arena. Wire of any kind and on any part of the curb device is not permissible. Twisted wire bits are only permitted to be used on practice days.

RULE B: ATTIRE

Any person in the arena after the start of an event must wear western attire, including hats. Men must wear long-sleeved shirts with collars and buttons or snaps completely down the shirt front. Women must wear long sleeved shirts with a collar. T-shirts and slip over knits are not permissible.

RULE C: EVENT

In cutting horse competitions, horse and rider have two and a half minutes to demonstrate their ability to cut cattle and prevent them from returning to the herd.

A herd of cattle is held at one end of the arena by two riders who do not allow any cattle to pass them until the contestant has the animal, he has chosen to work cut out from the herd. After this animal has been driven past the riders holding the herd, it will have to be turned back giving the contestant a chance to show his horse's ability to keep it from returning to the herd. The turning back is usually done by two riders selected by the contestants.

Contestants usually separate two individual cows before time expires. The clock starts when the horse and rider cross an imaginary line (the timeline) approximately fifteen metres in front of the herd. The horse and rider walk quietly into the herd and the rider begins the process of selecting which cow to cut from the rest of the group. The rider carefully selects a cow and drives it forward from the herd. When the separation has been made, the rider must drop or loosen the reins and allow the horse to work independent of any guidance from the rider.

The horse takes control of the contest and with lightning fast starts and turns prevents the cow from returning to the herd. When the cow turns away or discontinues its effort to return to the herd the rider may lift the reins signalling the horse to quit the cow. The cow is allowed to return to the herd and the process of selecting a new cow begins.

The event is scored in a range of 60 to 80 points. Every horse enters the herd with seventy points and the judge adds or takes away from this score to determine the final score for the run.

Below are Credits and Penalties, extracted from the NCHA Rule Book, for use as a guide:

Credits

- a. Each horse is required to quietly enter the herd sufficiently deep enough with very little Disturbance, to show its ability to make a cut.
- b. When an animal is cut from the herd, it is more desirable that it be taken toward the centre of the arena, and credit will be given for same. Additional credit will be given the horse which drives the stock sufficient distance from the herd to assure that the herd will not be disturbed by the work, thereby showing its ability to drive a cow.
- c. Riding with a loose rein through a performance is a requirement and will be recognised.

- d. Credit will be given for setting up a cow and holding it in a working position as near the centre of the arena as possible.

Penalties

- a. If the cutting horse or his/her rider creates disturbance at any time throughout the working period (2.5 minutes) they will be penalized.

- b. A horse will be penalized each time the back fence actually stops or turns the animal being worked.

- c. If a horse turns the wrong way with tail toward animal being worked, an automatic score of 60 points will be given.

- d. While working, a horse will be penalized each time the reins are used to control or direct (to rein) the horse, regardless of whether the reins are held high or low.

- e. If a horse lets an animal that he is working get back in the herd, he will be penalized.

- f. If a rider changes cattle after visibly committing to a specific cow, a penalty will be assessed.

- g. When a horse goes past an animal to the degree that he loses his working advantage, he will be penalised each time he does so.

- h. Unnecessary roughness, such as a horse actually pawing, biting or kicking cattle, will be penalised.

- i. A contestant may quit an animal when it is obviously stopped, obviously turned away or is obviously behind the turn back horses and the turn back horses are behind the timeline. A penalty must be charged if the animal is quit under any other circumstances.

- j. If a horse quits a cow, a penalty will be assessed.

- k. If a horse clears the herd with 2 or more cattle and fails to separate a single animal before quitting, a penalty will be charged. There is no penalty if time expires.

- l. If a contestant is thrown from a horse or horse falls to ground, an automatic score of 60 points will be given.

- m. Any rider who allows his/her horse to quite working or leave the working area before his/her allotted time is up will be disqualified to that go -round with no score.

Note: DO NOT dismount your horse after completing your run until you are over the timeline.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The South Burnett Quarter Horse Cutters are a not-for-profit organisation that is dedicated to providing a safe and enjoyable environment for its members to partake in friendly competition and social interaction.

Members are expected to participate in Club activities with consideration of the following behaviour: -

1. Participate as per AQHA and SBQHC rules and regulations:

2. Never argue with Committee Members. If you disagree or have a complaint approach and discuss the issue with another member of the Committee who will then bring the matter before a Committee meeting.

3. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of Committee Members and sledging other Club Members, deliberately distracting or provoking other Club Members are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in this Club and will be dealt with pursuant to the penalties as set out below.
4. Foul language or disrespectful behaviour towards Committee Members or other Club members will not be tolerated.
5. Be a good sport. Applaud all good participants.
6. Treat all members of the Club as you would like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
7. Assist new Members in a friendly and helpful manner with generosity and genuine concern for their enjoyment of the Club. This will assist in the building of a strong club as well as the communities' perception of a friendly and welcoming Club.
8. Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, remembering there are other members including junior members looking for encouragement and inclusion in our sport; and
9. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

It is an important fact that our youth are the up-and-coming members of our club and are the future of our sport. It is important that all youth club members are encouraged in a constructive and responsible manner.

10. Remember that youth participate in sport for their enjoyment.
11. Encourage our youth to participate and focus on their efforts and performance rather than their winning or losing.
12. Encourage the youth to always ride according to the rules and settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.

13. Remember that children learn by best example. Appreciate good performances by all participants.

14. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every youth regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Penalties for a breach of the Code of Conduct to be read in conjunction with the Constitution of the Club.

- a) 1st reported offence – written warning
 - b) 2nd reported offence – written warning
 - c) 3rd reported offence – Minimum 2 years expulsion and cancellation of membership with the member being brought before the committee and asked to provide reasons for the behaviour and to show cause as to why they should not be excluded from the Club,(the member must re-apply for new membership and be accepted into the Club by the Committee).
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15. There is a zero tolerance of any physical abuse of any member, committee member or spectator. Any member who is found to have breached this code of conduct will have their membership revoked.