

# **Rules and Procedure for the Cut Out Horse Competition at National Finals**

## **CHAMPION OPEN CUT OUT HORSE OF AUSTRALIA**

1. Every committee that runs an Open and/or Restricted Open Draft must find an outright winner for the cut-out and record it on the official results sheet.
2. Where two or more horses tie for first place the winner shall be determined by a run-off, however if under exceptional circumstances (cattle numbers, time etc) it cannot be run off and is drawn out of a hat then cut out points will not be given.
3. Where Committees are running an Open Draft with two full rounds, the winner of the cut out will be determined from the aggregate winner from the two first rounds.
4. Points be allocated for the winner of the cut-out in any Open and Restricted Open drafts using the current ACA points system. (A cut-out win will be worth the same amount of points as a draft win)
5. Points will be gained from the 1<sup>st</sup> April to the 31<sup>st</sup> March.
6. Points are gained and recorded from the Open & Restricted Open drafts from any ACA affiliated events.
7. The owner of the horse must be a financial member of the ACA and the horse must be registered with the ACA for points to be allocated.
8. The top 15 horses that are leading the standings on the 31<sup>st</sup> March be invited to compete at the Finals with accumulated points from the year carried forward.
9. If one of the 15 cannot attend the finals the next horse down the list will be invited.
10. The competition will be judged by two Judges at the National Finals.
11. Accumulative points will be added at the National Finals.
12. There will be three full rounds at the National Finals and points will be added to accumulative points from these three full rounds.
13. The horse with the highest accumulative total at the end of the third round will be crowned "ACA Champion Open Cut-out Horse".
14. Where a tie occurs at the end of three rounds, a runoff will take place until there is an outright winner.
15. Changes of riders between rounds is only permissible under special circumstances i.e. (Sickness, injury, family sickness, bereavement and the like).
16. A separate draw is done for each of the three rounds that are to be held and given to the host committee. Also an announcer's sheet will be prepared for this event by the points officer in a similar format as the Rookie Horse competition.

## **ZONE CUT OUT HORSE AWARD**

1. There be Zone Cut Out Horse award winners.
2. Points are gained and recorded in the same way as our current Zone Points System where a horse will only get points from within the zone of its owner.

3. Points be obtained from the Open and Restricted Open drafts.
4. Committee's be encouraged to run off a cut out instead of drawing out of a hat.
5. If under exceptional circumstances (cattle numbers, time etc) it cannot be run off and is drawn out of a hat then cut out points not be given.
6. The winners will be decided on the highest accumulated points in each Zone at the end of the competition year.