

MCHA Membership Poll - 2017 Show Season

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1. What month would your ideal MCHA show season begin?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
January	4	5.1%
February	6	7.6%
March	37	47.4%
April	30	38.4%
No Responses	1	1.2%
Total	78	100%
10 Comment(s)		

2. Would you attend an MCHA show in the months of January or February?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	30	38.4%
No	48	61.5%
No Responses	0	0.0%
Total	78	100%
19 Comment(s)		

3. Are you interested in MCHA shows approved out of state?

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.

	Yes	No	Depends - Please provide details below
Washington	20 34%	36 62%	2 3%
Oregon	12 22%	42 76%	1 2%
Idaho	53 76%	14 20%	3 4%
Utah	41 60%	24 35%	3 4%
Wyoming	60 82%	11 15%	2 3%
South Dakota	21 38%	32 58%	2 4%
12 Comment(s)			

4. Do you have any recommendations for 2017 shows in terms of: * Facility / Location * Producer / Sponsor * Cattle Suppliers

23 Response(s)

5. Do you think out of state Northwest Regional Series (NRS) show earnings should be included in MCHA year end standings?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes - Include All NRS Earnings	14	17.9%
No - Don't Include NRS Earnings	42	53.8%
Only include NRS earnings from affiliates who allow the MCHA NRS show	20	25.6%
No Responses	2	2.5%
Total	78	100%
8 Comment(s)		

6. Would you like to see the 50% rule continued?		
	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	30	38.4%
No	21	26.9%
Depends on whether the out of state NRS Regional Series show earnings are or	23	29.4%
No Responses	4	5.1%
Total	78	100%
5 Comment(s)		

7. Would you like to see a minimum % attendance requirement for eligibility of year-end awards continued?		
	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	48	61.5%
No	28	35.8%
No Responses	2	2.5%
Total	78	100%
4 Comment(s)		

8. Would you like to see the "Never Won A Buckle" class continued?		
	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	69	88.4%
No	9	11.5%
No Responses	0	0.0%
Total	78	100%
9 Comment(s)		

9. What classes outside of the standard NCHA weekend classes would you like approved for year-end awards?				
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	Yes	No	Depends - Please provide details below	
Derby Open	48 86%	8 14%	0 0%	0%
Derby Non Pro	49 86%	8 14%	0 0%	0%
Classic Open	38 76%	10 20%	2 4%	4%
Classic Non Pro	40 77%	10 19%	2 4%	4%
\$1,500 Novice Horse	34 72%	11 23%	2 4%	4%
\$800 Rider	33 69%	14 29%	1 2%	2%
7 Comment(s)				

10. What month would your ideal MCHA show season end?		
	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
August	4	5.1%
September	15	19.2%
October	46	58.9%
November	13	16.6%
December	0	0.0%
No Responses	0	0.0%
Total	78	100%
7 Comment(s)		

11. Any other comments / concerns / questions you would like MCHA Directors to be aware of?

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1. What month would your ideal MCHA show season begin? - Comments	
Answer	
	I start my show season by going to warm country in mid-February.
	Early events should b considered with limited added money as weather can play a roll. Hosting an event early is good as we have something to work towards and it brings in income and gets things rolling.
	Bad Roads make it impossible to travel the state before April. Plus our assoc has snowbirds that are gone till spring
	Hauling horses on snowy roads is not ideal
	Mid to end of March
	weather likely to be too cold, roads bad, etc.
	May
	WE spend the winter down south and return home in April
	Weather would play a roll in entries
2. Would you attend an MCHA show in the months of January or February? - Comments	
Answer	
	I doubt there would be a venue that would be safe to drive to in January or February
	As long as it is not on top of my horse sale
	Horses need a rest and weather is too unreliable to plan to travel. And also to keep a horse prepared to show.
	Not everyone can keep their horses legged up outside in winter
	I would if it was approved in Arizona
	Yes, however it depends on the weather, rods and distance to location.
	Most likely only in a warmer climate, like AZCHA shows in Queen Creek or Las Vegas
	I am usually in Arizona in January & February
	Only if the forecast was good with clear roads.
	Depends entirely on where it is.
	If snow was light
	Would depend on weather and location.
	Probably would have the best chance of attending a show in the Billings area this time of year. Would not want to conflict with Central Wyoming Cutting Club shows in these months.
	Provided the venue Was equipped with heat and had indoor stalling.This time of year the location would have to be off major highways for accessibility due to the weather.
	Weather permitting
	depending on where
	depending on weather
3. Are you interested in MCHA shows approved out of state? - Comments	
Answer	
	This pertains to MCHA residents of MT
	Destination cuttings with increased added money and good schedule including aged event classes
	We are the MONTANA CHA .
	Driving 650 miles one way is too far
	Just too far to travel when you are in the West
	Depends on how far across the state....any further than an easy day's drive 6-8hrs is way too far for a weekend show.
	Please look at the added money in the South Dakota shows. Tracey Barton needs to make the added money equal in all the added money classes. He has done a very self serving thing the way the added money is distributed now. He doesn't have to haul to keep the stud he's showing in the top 15 standings with the current distribution. South Dakota has to offer better ground, stalls, and more cattle before I will haul there.
	Close & without replacing MT shows
	Distance is a concern if too far away.
	Not affordable and time off work is a concern.
	Willing to travel for good turn key facilities / ground, cattle, classes offered, and added money
	Also depends on weather - too hot or too cold.
	depends on distance

4. Do you have an recommendations for 2017 shows in terms of:* Facility / Location* Producer / Sponsor* Cattle Suppliers - Responses	
Answer	
No	
Horse palace is my first pick to add additional shows especially early shows. They know how to produce and have a producers mindset, they understand that our success is their success, they have access to cattle reasonably and are centrally located in a city with reasonable hotel/motel accommodations and good restaurants& shopping	
its not possible to select cattle that not been worked unless the supplier is very astute and forth right..paying for fresh cattle and getting cattle you cant get out of the herd is is worrisome.	
NILE Billings	
State Fair Gt Falls	
Heart K	
Corvallis	
Sheridan with better cattle, Livingston, Piney was great	
Would like to see someone put shows on again in the Bitterroot at Sapphire where it would not take much prep for pens. Since Dillon will eventually get an indoor facility with the college, it would be nice to see us pursue that venue because of the number of cattle in the valley. I realize we have to home someone to spearhead though.	
Billings	
Sapphire arena Corvalis.	
Briggs arena Whitehall.	
Ralph Young arena Columbus.	
You all do a great job when ever I attend.	
Please explore more of turn key facilities in Montana; Sapphire, Columbus, maybe Dillon, Hardin, Miles City	
I think anyone that has good facility and willing to put on cuttings close to Montana, Montana should approve	
Laurel	
Livingston	
Sheridan, WY	
We need more MT shows. We have several people that continue to produce shows, but we need some more people to step up to the plate and produce a show. There are several venues available, and prior producers that we need to approach.	
Heart K, Miller's, Big Piney, Farmington, Nampa	
N/A	
No	
Great idea to get show scheduled dialed in asap	
K Heart Livingston	
Might try Lencense in Dillon they have a nice big in door barn and keep a number of yearlings in close	
I'm too new to the area to know.	
Laurel, Livingston, Bozeman.	
The shows in Laurel and Livingston were great - locations fit me very well.	
Keyser Creek Arena Columbus Mt Ralph Young 406 425-1623	
Cottonwood Equestrian Silesia Mt Dean Welsh 406 580 2097	
Copper Spring Ranch Bozeman Mt Brian Anderson 406 579 2621. Lisa Anderson 406 579-1540	
5. Do you think out of state Northwest Regional Series (NRS) show earnings should be included in MCHA year end standings? - Comment:	
Answer	
To grow our membership and participation we need to make it easy for all members to see their name in the standings and give them a hope they can finish in the top five. If they know they will not have a chance at the standings they do not strive to attend more shows and keep competing.	
If a show is approved, I think earning should count. If someone wants to travel they should be rewarded and it makes our shows larger and in return the regional partner shows larger.	
The regional series has its own end of the year shoot out and awards it shouldn't double count for the Montana club too especially since some won't go out of the state too far for weekend shows.	
Unfairly tips the scale to " haulers"	
Only if shows are MCHA approved.	
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N/A	

6. Would you like to see the 50% rule continued? - Comments	
Answer	
	The whole point in the series was to get participation in the Region. Utah cleverly avoided supporting any other show in the series. One either supports the series or they don't.
	I believe he who wins the most....wins!!!! It should not be about limitations and restrictions. If you win the most have the sense to enter, go, win-even if it's 3 shows and u win the most- you are the winner. Period.
	If someone does well at a handful of shows, they should be rewarded. Just because someone can't travel to all ends of the earth does not mean they are not worthy of an award if they do well. As long as they are a member, let them be eligible. Seems crazy to go down to an 8th or 10th place money earner to give an award or not even have enough to qualify for an award that has been purchased. That is not rewarding the best competitor.
	Exclude Regional Series shows that are so far away, and this is not an issue for main stream MCHA members
7. Would you like to see a minimum % attendance requirement for eligibility of year-end awards continued? - Comments	
Answer	
	I think this is necessary for the health of your association
	He who wins...wins!!!
	See comment above
	Exclude Regional Series shows that are so far away, and this is not an issue for main stream MCHA members
8. Would you like to see the "Never Won A Buckle" class continued? - Comments	
Answer	
	Again, this is a decision based on your area's level of participation. I think it has always been a great class.
	That's where we bring newcomers on board. Absolutely! Need to reward these people more than anyone
	For adults only
	But only for riders who have really never won a buckle!
	Without the \$800 rider, this is an excellent entry level class for beginners. But it needs to be moved from end of day, /so there is greater support for new cutters. This would help them feel more welcomed / involved.
	Don't care.
	If there is participation and it helps build capacity of the association.
	If these classes make money for the club they should be continued. It's a good way to get novice cutters more involved.
	Maybe three total and a shootout at the year end
9. What classes outside of the standard NCHA weekend classes would you like approved for year-end awards? - Comments	
Answer	
	My horse is finished with her Derby year, but when they are 4, you aren't showing them in other classes so a year end award would really help. By the time they are 5, chances are you're showing them in other ncha classes, so a 5/6 isn't as noteworthy as the derby year
	None
	We need to get entry level people into cutting, more classes for aged riders and trainers make the shows too long so new people show late
	The 2000 rider seems to be the same people who start in the 800 rider so if we have one entry level class for the rider (\$2000) and one for the beginner horse (\$1500horse) that seems to be enough. Most people who have a Classic/Challenge horse is seasoned enough to show in the \$5000 so don't think we need it.
	Adding the Classic classes to standard Weekend class listing may help add entries to shows, enticing trainers who are wanting to show aged event horses w/ out affecting LTE. In previous years, I believe MCHA had included the Classic within classes eligible for year-end awards.
	I would like to see the NCHA challenger series at a few shows
	Perhaps the inclusion of more non-pro classes will stimulate entries and interest
10. What month would your ideal MCHA show season end? - Comments	
Answer	
	Mid October to first 10 days of November so done before weather is bad and before holidays.
	End of October. I think the Farmington show in Utah seems to be well attended for a yearend show. We can always have a meeting and awards banquet separate from the final show to accommodate awards. I know we have battled with this for years. If we want to have the yearend in Montana, I think end of September is more reasonable for most people.
	I would think that the availability of cattle dictates when the show year begins and ends.
	Or October
	UCHA show in Farmington may be a nice show to end on, good facility/ cattle, not that far from MT. Then hold year end banquet separately with Director planning meeting afterwards.
	The early October show in Laurel was a good one.
	end before holidays begin

11. Any other comments / concerns / questions you would like MCHA Directors to be aware of? - Responses

Answer
Being in the ICHA and coming to some Montana shows, I would just like to see support between associations continue. I'm really ticked about Utah benefiting from being in the NW series, and not supporting it. What ever venue gets the shootout, needs to earn those entries. Somehow that shootout needs to rotate to all associations.
Any way you would consider not using reruns for the \$2k and \$15am classes
it was a wonderful show season, all the grounds were perfect to get your horse shown successfully.
I'd like to change constitution to allow the President a two year term. It just gets established and working and is over in one year.
Keep it friendly and keep it fun
I would hate to see approval for shows a long distance for members to travel. If we have the regional shows approved they should be within a reasonable distance outside of our own borders. If we approved, a show in Wyoming, one in Utah, one in Idaho and one in Montana for the region it seems more reasonable.
Encourage producers to increase the added money, and you will see classes big enough to split again. I liked showing in the 2 Wyoming shows, and would haul there again. Utah and Idaho have great facilities and great ground, would haul there again.
Please pay attention to what keeps MCHA members coming to shows. For trainers and some NP it may be classes / facility & ground / added money. But for Amateurs, most likely this is a fun hobby and many come for the social experience, the more friendly, supportive, positive, and upbeat things can be kept the better.
More shows with lower entry fees. Save \$\$ by using new video products that will eliminate the need for a camera person, for example.
We love Montana! Keep it simple and fun to cut!
Contact me before Jan 1 on sponsorship levels and contributions
general meetings need to be held during a show, Not day after.
It would be nice to at least have a flag at all cuttings.
One show per month is comfortable. More and people start to burn out.
More shows in the southern and southeastern part of Montana and northern Wyoming work best for me. Maybe more shows at the new facility at Sheridan College would draw quite a few entries.