

## **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 under exceptional circumstances, a draw will determine the winner of the cut-out and standings points allocated.
3. Where Committees are running an Open Draft with two full rounds, the Open Cut out horse of the year award 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 in the same way as our current Zone Points System where a horse will only get points from within the zone of its owner.
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 horse which is leading the standings on the 31<sup>st</sup> March from each of the 9 zones of the ACA will qualify to compete at the National Finals.
9. If the leading horse from a certain zone is not available the next horse in the standings will be invited until that zones spot has been filled.
10. When there is no competitor attending the National Finals from a certain zone then that spot in the Cut-out competition is filled by the next available horse in the standings from the host zone of the National Finals.
11. The competition will be judged by two Judges at the National Finals.
12. Each horse starts the competition with 0 points. The competition will consist of 3 rounds. Each horse will compete over three separate rounds at the National Finals and be scored by both judges. Judges scores will be averaged to give a single round score for each horse.
13. Changes of riders between rounds is only permissible under special circumstances i.e. (Sickness, injury, family sickness, bereavement and the like).
14. All round scores will be added together and the horse with the highest total at the end of the third round will be crowned "ACA Champion Open Cut-out Horse".
15. Where a tie occurs at the end of three rounds, a runoff will take place until there is an outright winner.