

Checklist for Beginners:

- Know the three most important showing rules
- Understand the Judge's card
- Know the objective of the sport (watch Gabe Reynold's video at least 2x)
- Know the NCHA Competition classes
- Joined your local cutting associations
- Know who and where are your local trainers
- Familiar with cutting terms
- Estimated costs/budget
- Tack sized and obtained (saddle, bridle, reins, cinch etc)
- Know clothing rules for showing
- Understand the key elements to riding a cutting horse
- Know the best bit for you and your horse
- Comfortable at neck reining
- Know how to lope your horse
- Understand what to do on the flag with your horse
- Have a practice area set up at home
- Watch videos, watch cuttings, ask questions!