

Weekend Class Structure Proposal

There will be 4 divisions: Open, Non-Pro, Amateur and Youth.

A rider can compete in the division he/she qualifies in as determined by the definition of an Open, Non-Pro, Amateur and Youth rider in the NCHA's Rule Book.

Rider class eligibility is determined by their total LTE at the beginning of the NCHA point year. There is **NO** distinction between Limited Aged Event earnings and Weekend earnings for Rider Earnings. However, consistent with existing Novice horse rules, Horse earnings for weekend eligibility do not include Limited Aged Event earnings-

Open Classes

Open – The Open will remain as currently structured.

\$25,000 Novice Horse & \$5,000 Novice Horse – Both classes will remain as currently structured.

Non-Pro Classes

Non-Pro – The Non-Pro will remain as currently structured.

\$25,000 NH/NP & \$5,000 NH/NP - Both classes will remain as currently structured.

\$100,000 Non-Pro – The \$100K Non-Pro will be a new class, anyone classified as a Non-Pro with total LTEs under \$100K can show in this class. The revolving door applies to this class.

\$35,000 Non-Pro – This class will remain as currently structured. **The revolving door does NOT apply to this class.**

Amateur Classes

Amateur – This class is open to anyone with an Amateur status as defined by the NCHA.

\$50,000 Amateur – The \$50,000 Amateur class will remain as currently structured. The revolving door applies to this class.

\$15,000 Amateur – This class will remain as currently structured. **The revolving door does NOT apply to this class.**

Other Classes

\$2,000 Limit Rider – This class will remain as currently structured

Youth – This class will remain as currently structured

Select Non-Pro – This class will remain as currently structured, earnings will be recorded and will NOT count for year-end awards or standings

\$1000 Limit Amateur – will remain as currently structured. Earnings will be recorded and will NOT count for year-end awards or standings. However, all earnings in this class will count toward achievement buckles.

The Senior World Tour (60 and up) will remain structured as is, a class within a class.

Senior Exception: Once a rider turns 70, the rider can drop down into the \$100k Non Pro Class and or the \$50k Amateur Class, as determined by their rider eligibility, regardless of earnings..

Revolving Door: If a rider is NOT in the Top 100 money earning riders for the previous point year in ANY division, they may drop back into the \$100k Non Pro Class or the \$50k Amateur Class, as determined by their rider eligibility.

Earnings Cap:

Once an Amateur has won \$250,000 or more in Total Non-Pro LAE and Non Pro Championship Weekend money, they MUST make a choice: to remain an Amateur and compete exclusively in the Amateur Division or to compete in the Non-Pro Division. Non Pro Championship Weekend money EXCLUDES Novice Horse Non Pro and \$35k Non Pro earnings.

Once a Non-Pro has won \$250,000 or more in Total Open LAE and Open Championship Weekend Open money, they MUST make a choice: to remain a Non-Pro and compete exclusively in the Non-Pro Division or to compete in the Open Division. Open Championship Weekend money EXCLUDES Novice Horse earnings.

PROPOSED WEEKEND CLASSES

OPEN

NON-PRO

AMATEUR

\$25,000 NOVICE HORSE

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\$100,000 NON-PRO

\$50,000 AMATEUR

\$5,000 NOVICE HORSE

\$5,000 NOVICE HORSE NON-PRO

\$35,000 NON-PRO

\$15,000 AMATEUR

**\$2,000 LTD RIDER
YOUTH**

SELECT NON-PRO

\$1,000 LIMIT AMATEUR