

Nominate Now To The 2018 NCHA World Championship Futurity

PRESENTED BY THE NATIONAL CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION

In cooperation with the City of Fort Worth, the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce and the Fort Worth Convention and Visitors Bureau vv

I. NOMINATIONS, PAYMENT SCHEDULE, LATE ENTRIES

A. NOMINATIONS

1. To be held in the fall of 2018
2. All owners and riders of nominated horses must be members in good standing of the National Cutting Horse Association.
3. For three year olds (foals of 2015), all breeds.
4. **Identification of Horses:**

A photocopy of the registration (at the time of nomination) certificate of registered horses must be provided prior to being shown. If the horse being entered is unregistered, adequate proof of ownership (unregistered horse application, bill of sale, photos front & back & both sides, and a vet statement attesting to age) must be forwarded to the NCHA business office no later than July 1, 2018. If between July 1 and thirty days before the Trials, \$100.00. Horses entered late after July 1 must furnish this identification with entry. Failure to comply will cause all fees to be forfeited and entry to be disqualified. A horse is not eligible to participate in the National Cutting Horse Futurity if its age, as determined by examination of its teeth, exceeds the age shown on its registration certificate on registered horses or the notarized statement of age and description required for unregistered horses, such determination by dentition examination to be made in accordance with The Official Guide for Determining the Age of the Horse as currently published by the American Association of Equine Practitioners. July 1, 2018 is the deadline for papers on open entries to be submitted without penalty.

During the NCHA Futurity, as each horse exits the working area after its first go, it will be immediately examined by a licensed equine veterinarian appointed by the NCHA, in its sole discretion, to inspect the horse's teeth for age qualification. The guidelines used for this dental examination will be those set forth by the AAEP (American Association of Equine Practitioners) in effect at that time. If the dental examination reveals that the horse meets the age criteria, that horse will not have its teeth inspected for age qualification by the NCHA at any future NCHA produced limited age event. If the dental examination reveals that the horse's age appears to exceed that of the AAEP qualifying age guidelines, the NCHA veterinarian will immediately notify the Director of Shows that there is a potential issue concerning the age of the horse.

Upon such notification, the NCHA Director of Shows will immediately contact the owner or the trainer of the horse in question prior to initiating any further testing procedures on the horse. By entering a horse in the Futurity, the owner agrees that both the owner or trainer of the horse are fully authorized, individually, to consent to or to decline to consent to the additional testing procedures outlined below. These additional testing procedures may include, but are not limited to, radiographs, photos and videos of the horse's mouth, including molars. Further, these additional testing procedures may include sedation of the horse in question in order to perform the tests. The owner or trainer of the horse has the option of either immediately withdrawing the horse from any further competition in the Futurity or allowing the horse to immediately undergo the additional testing described herein. If such additional testing procedures are consented to and performed, they will be done at the owner's sole expense. If the owner or trainer consents to allow the horse to undergo such additional testing procedures but fails to immediately make the horse available for such additional testing procedures, the horse will be disqualified from further competition in any class at the Futurity.

The records from those additional testing procedures will be submitted to a veterinary expert on horse teeth, determined by the NCHA in its sole discretion, whose credentials include that of being a Diplomat of the American Veterinary Dental College, certified in Equine, for a second opinion as to the horse's age. All costs associated with that expert's examination of the horse will be at the NCHA's sole expense. This process must be completed and a favorable opinion rendered as to the age of the horse in order for the horse to continue to compete at the Futurity. Should there be an unfavorable opinion rendered as to the age of the horse, the horse will be immediately disqualified from competing in any classes in the Futurity. By entering a horse in the Futurity, the owner and trainer agree that the opinion of that expert as to the horse's age will be final and binding on all parties with no right to any further appeals. The owner and trainer further agree that the expert's opinion as to the age of the horse will be final and binding for all future NCHA limited age events. A horse that has been disqualified from

competing will be allowed to enter future NCHA produced/approved aged events as a 5/6 year old.

Should a horse be disqualified after the above process, all fees shall be forfeited for that horse at the Futurity and that horse will be disqualified from further competition at that Futurity. However, if that horse is listed in a Non-Pro or Amateur entry, the contestant will have the opportunity to substitute a horse or sell their slot according to NCHA rules.

5. The 2018 NCHA World Championship Futurity will be held in three divisions: Open, Non-Professional and Amateur. A horse may be entered in all divisions.
6. Riders may ride two horses of any sex in all 3 divisions. Any violation of this rule will cause the rider to be disqualified from the contest, with possible additional disciplinary action. Clarification of Rule: Open Division-Any horse(s) over the allowed two will be disqualified and the one(s) disqualified will be determined by the latter placement in the draw. Non-Pro and Amateur-If a rider shows more than the allowed two horses in any division or sub-division, all entries will be disqualified in that division or sub-division.
7. Upon being nominated, a horse cannot be shown in any event involving cattle from that time until the Futurity. Substituted horses and late entries must not have been shown after September 15, 2017. In addition, a horse cannot be worked on cattle in Will Rogers Coliseum prior to the Futurity.

B. PAYMENT SCHEDULE

1. NOMINATION FEES

Nomination Fees—Each Division:	OPEN	NON-PRO
#1 On or before Oct 15, 2017	\$100.00	\$100.00
#2 On or before Jan 1, 2018	\$200.00	\$100.00
#3 On or before May 1, 2018	\$500.00	\$400.00
#4 On or before July 1, 2018	\$600.00	\$400.00
#5 On or before Sep 1, 2018	\$600.00	\$500.00
#6 On or before Oct 1, 2018	\$1,210.00*	\$1,185.00*
Total	\$3,210.00	\$2,685.00

Persons paying up entire nomination fee in Open or Non-Pro division on or before October 15, 2017 will receive a 10% discount. (Total due \$2,910 Open. \$2,435 Non-Pro, which includes **PAC fee).

AMATEUR, UNLIMITED AMATEUR, LIMITED NON-PRO*

Payment #1 On or before Aug 1, 2018

Payment #2 On or before Oct 1, 2018

LIMITED OPEN & ALL SENIOR CLASSES & COMBO CLASSES* & GELDING CLASSES.

Payment due on October 1, 2018

ADVANCEMENT FEE:

Horses advancing to the finals of the Limited Open will pay an additional cattle charge in the amount of \$225.00

*Nomination Form is individual for each class and will be due with first payment.

2. All entry fees will include*

- a. NCHA fee
- b. Drug Testing Fee
- c. PAC fee**
- d. Processing fee

** (Under Texas Election Code, Chapter 253, the Political Action Committee (PAC) fee is a voluntary contribution. Funding the PAC is important to be able to maintain state funding at the NCHA Triple Crown. Your contribution will provide critical assistance to the NCHA with this effort. To opt out of the PAC fee, submit your payment without the amount indicated as the PAC fee for your class).

3. All entry fees will be made payable to the National Cutting Horse Association in United States Funds or its equivalent and transmitted by U.S. Mail showing stamp cancellation date not later than midnight of the due date. All fees must be paid on or before dates specified (by draw date) or entry will be cancelled without refund.
4. Penalties apply after 10 day grace period on all payments. (Official postmark by US Postal Service).
5. ALL MAILED ENTRIES MUST HAVE A VISIBLE DATE STAMPED BY THIRD PARTY (US POSTAL SERVICE, UPS, FED EX). Privately metered mail will not be accepted after grace period.
6. Refunds: There will be no refunds for any reason.

C. LATE ENTRIES - OPEN AND NON-PRO

1. Late entries will be allowed by paying two times as much as is due on original entries, plus remaining fees as they come due, through July 1, 2018.
2. Late entries will be allowed after July 1, 2018 but before the draw by paying four times as much as is due on original entries, plus remaining fees as they come due.
3. Late Entries will be allowed after the draw but before the beginning of the first scheduled go-round of the respective class by paying five times the nomination fee (\$15,210.00 open, \$12,685.00 non-pro).
4. Late entries made after the draw will be required to work last in a herd of cattle.
5. Any payment received in the NCHA office postmarked after the date due will be subject to a penalty according to the late penalty schedule
6. Issuance of a check that is not honored for any reason or a credit card payment that is declined for any reason to cover entry fee shall constitute no payment.
7. By your signature on the entry, you agree and acknowledge that the NCHA's acceptance of any full or partial payments for any entry does not guaranty that the entry will be allowed to show at the Futurity. All entries must meet all requirements for the class or subclass in which that are entered to show in at the time that the competition occurs. In the event that the NCHA determines, in its sole discretion, that an entry is not qualified to show in any class or subclass in which it is entered at the time of the competition under NCHA rules, you agree that the NCHA can eliminate that entry with no further liability to the NCHA.

II. ENTRIES—OPEN and NON-PRO

- A. **OPEN:** Entry in the Open Futurity shall be made by horse: Owners may enter an unlimited number of horses in the Open Division.
- B. **Rules applicable to non-pro entries**
 1. **A Non-Pro has two options on entering the Futurity in the Non-Pro division.**
 - a. You may name your horse when you send in the first payment.
 - b. You may enter under your name (slot).
 2. A Non-Pro may enter two horses in the Non-Pro division.
 3. **A Non-Professional must send in proof of ownership as required by NCHA standing rules when accompanying entry.**
 4. **NAMING YOUR HORSE**
 - a. **Each Non-Professional Futurity entry shall name the horse or horses to be ridden prior to the horse being shown at the Futurity.**
 - b. A horse must be named before it can be Double Entered or Transferred to another division. (Horses eligible to be transferred must have been named on entry form when submitted).
 - c. If a Non-Professional rider doesn't name a horse or horses before the draw, the working order will be drawn in the name of the rider; if two horses are entered, they shall work in alphabetical order. A rider that names one horse will work in the first assigned draw and the other draw will be left vacant.
 - d. If at the time final nomination payment is made; the horse or horses to be ridden are not named, you have the option to withhold this information until 5pm the evening before the start of the non-pro class for an additional charge of \$400. Any slot/entry (rider change, horse name, fees paid or slot sale) that is not complete by 5pm the evening before start of first go-round of the non-pro class will be charged \$500. If a non-pro or amateur horse is scheduled after the first day of a go-round, the horse must be named by the time the first horse of the day goes to the herd, an additional fee applies, equal to the jackpot portion of the entry fee.
5. **SELLING YOUR SLOT**
 - a. **A Non-Professional rider's name (slot) or named entry may be sold to another Non-Professional.**
 - b. A non-pro may sell his/her slot or named entry after the draw but before the beginning of the first scheduled go-round of the non-pro class. The buyer will be required to submit horse registration papers or a bill of sale showing proof of ownership to the NCHA along with \$400 (\$200 jackpot, \$200 office charge) by 5pm the evening before the go-round starts. After 5pm and prior to the start of go-round charge will be \$500. (\$250 jackpot, \$250 office charge).
 - c. When a Non-Professional or Amateur sells a slot after the draw they cannot repurchase another slot in that class, **if they currently have the maximum amount of slots or entries allowed for the division.** They may however buy a horse from another Non- Professional or Amateur which is entered in that class and show the purchased horse in the slot which has been assigned to that horse.

III. FUTURITY RULES APPLICABLE TO ALL ENTRIES

A. DOUBLE ENTRY PRIVILEGES-OPEN & NON-PRO ONLY

1. Any horse (**not a slot**) paid up to date in either division on or before the Sept. 1 payment is due may enter in the other division without a late penalty. Grace period applies. If you have a non-pro slot, you must name your horse at this time.

2. Once a horse has been nominated it is an entry, therefore it cannot be considered for double entry privileges. **Clarification: If a horse has been entered in both the open and the non-pro divisions by making one or more payments in each division, it is considered an entry. Payments cannot be dropped in one division and later be considered for double-entry back into that division.**

B. TRANSFER PRIVILEGES

1. A horse (**not a slot**) may be transferred to or from either division on or before Sept. 1 without penalty, and may be transferred until the final payment by payment of a \$100.00 transfer fee.
2. Transfer after the final payment is due but before the draw will be required to pay \$1,000 plus a \$100 transfer fee.
3. **Entry made in a Non-Professional rider's name (slot) may not be transferred to the Open division.**
4. A horse entered in the non-pro may transfer to the Open division only if the horse is named on the first payment entry form.
5. **Owners who transfer a horse from the Non-Pro to the Open are not allowed to re-purchase a Non-Pro slot at a later date for the same horse by the same owner.**

C. SUBSTITUTION PRIVILEGES

1. Non-Pro Division:
 - a. **The owner will be allowed to substitute another horse by paying one-half (1/2) again as much as has been paid on original entry with a maximum of \$500.**
 - If a non-pro names his /her horse by Sept 1st payment and Double Enters the horse in the open without penalty, that non-pro cannot at a later date substitute that horse out of the non-pro without paying a penalty equal to the entry fee (\$2500).
 - b. No substitution will be allowed after the beginning of the division's first go-round.
2. Open Division:
 - a. If a veterinary certificate is received stating that a horse entered will be unable to work, the owner will be allowed to substitute another horse by paying one-half (1/2) as much as has been paid on original entry (excluding any penalty payments that have been made) until final payment is due.
 - b. Substitutions will be allowed after the final payment by paying an amount equal to the nomination fee(\$3,000).
 - c. No substitution will be allowed after the beginning of the division's first go-round.
 - d. Once a horse (named entry) is nominated by making one or more payments in a division, it is considered an entry. A horse that has not had all payments made may be substituted with another horse by same owner if all payments with penalties are made on original entry plus required substitution fee.
 - e. In the open, the original horse entered and placed in the draw cannot be shown in any other division for the remainder of the show.

D. CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP:

An entry may change ownership and retain eligibility under the new owner, provided the National Cutting Horse Association is so advised and the new owner keeps up all payments when due.

- E. **DECLINING ENTRIES:** Entries to this contest are received subject to the right of NCHA Limited Age Event Committee to refuse the entry or acceptance of a (Change of Ownership) transfer of any entry without notice to the subscriber. The decisions of the Committee shall be final in all matters.

F. CANCELLATION OF EVENT;

The National Cutting Horse Association reserves the right to cancel this event without notice at any time prior to the contest without liability to them, but in such event, return all entrance money to subscribers

G. THE DRAW

1. The draw will not take place more than twenty-one (21) days prior to the beginning of the first scheduled go-round. Only those horses (or non-professional & amateur riders) for which all payments have been received in the NCHA office will be drawn. There will be no exceptions.
2. In the event that a horse which was properly entered is left out of the draw, a redraw will not be held. In order to establish a working order for this entry, the judge will draw one number based on the original draw numbers and insert the entry in the position drawn. The entry shall work behind the number drawn.

H. THE FUTURITY TRIALS—OPEN & NON-PRO

1. The Trials shall consist of two go-rounds; conditioned, however, that at the conclusion of the first go-round the high scoring sixty percent (60%), taking a score of 181 or higher to advance, with a maximum of two hundred forty (240) horses plus ties will advance to the second Trials go-round.
2. All other horses entered will be excused (dropped) from further competition
3. In the event that there are less than one hundred (100) horses entered in a division of the Trials, there will be no semi-finals for that division.

I. THE FUTURITY—OPEN

The Top (20) horses plus ties to advance to the finals. Those advancing to the finals shall be based on the semi-finals score. The Top 15% of horses entered

in the first go-round with a minimum of (45) and a maximum of (60) horses shall advance to the semi-finals based on their combined go-round score. 35% of purse to be paid in Semi Finals and 65% in the finals.

J. THE FUTURITY—NON-PRO

The Top (20) horses plus ties to advance to the finals. Those advancing to the finals shall be based on the semi-finals score. The Top 20% of horses entered in the first go-round with a minimum of (45) and a maximum of (60) horses shall advance to the semi-finals.

45% of purse to be paid in Semi Finals and 55% in the finals.

K. THE FUTURITY FINALS—OPEN & NON-PRO

1. Upon qualifying for the Futurity Finals, horses will owe no future fees to remain eligible. (Exception-Limited Open Finals Advancement fee).
2. Premium money will be paid to all finalists
3. Scores made in the Trials and Semi-finals to be disregarded completely with scores made in the Futurity Finals only to determine placing.
4. If two tie, first and second place premiums will be added together, and fifty percent equally. (There will be co-champions).
5. If more than two tie, all premiums will be split equally; the work-off will be for prizes and the title.

L. JUDGES

1. Separate judges will be used to officiate the Open and Non-Professional divisions of the NCHA World Championship Futurity.
2. NCHA Judging Rules as set forth in the Rules and Regulations Handbook will apply.
3. The NCHA Adjusted Monitor System, and all rules and policies set forth by that system, will be used.

M. OTHER

1. These rules subject to change by action of the Executive Committee only.
2. Each horse is allotted two and one-half (2 ½) minutes to work during a run. The working time starts when the rider crosses the official time line. As soon as the horse, owner and rider's name are called to the herd by the announcer (the "Rider Announcement"), the announcer will start the 1-2 ½ minute clock to let the rider know how much time the rider has to cross the official time line and begin the rider's

run. If the rider has helped the contestant immediately preceding the rider's run or has drawn back to back in the working order, the rider will have 2 ½ minutes from the Rider Announcement to cross the official time line and start their run. If the rider has not helped the contestant immediately preceding the rider's run or has not drawn back to back in the working order, the rider will have 1 minute from the time of the Rider Announcement to cross the official time line and start their run. This is referred to as the 1-2 ½ Minute Clock. If the rider fails to cross the official time line in the time allotted under the 1-2 ½ Minute Clock, a buzzer will sound and one additional minute will be added to the 1-2 ½ Minute Clock. **This buzzer is the only warning that the rider will receive relating to the 1-2 ½ Minute Clock.** If the rider receives any additional buzzers relating to the 1-2 ½ Minute Clock at any time during that show, it will result in a \$500 fine per occurrence (i.e.- second buzzer is a \$500 fine, third buzzer is an additional \$500 fine, etc.) All fines assessed under this rule must be paid prior to the rider's exhibiting a horse in any future NCHA produced event.

All NCHA produced events will use the 1-2 ½ Minute Clock as described above. It will be optional for all other NCHA sanctioned events to use the 1-2 ½ Minute Clock as described above.

3. By your signature on this entry form, you acknowledge that you are familiar with and subject to the provisions of the Medication and Drug Rules and Guidelines contained in the NCHA Rulebook. You also agree that, if requested, you will provide blood samples from your horse to comply with the random testing provisions contained in those Rules and Guidelines. Blood samples will be taken from the champion horses in all divisions. Random testing will also be performed throughout the show.
4. By your signature on this form, you agree and acknowledge that the NCHA's acceptance of any full or partial payments for any entry does not guaranty that the entry will be allowed to show at the Futurity. All entries must meet all requirements for the class or subclass in which they are entered to show in at the time that the competition occurs. In the event that the NCHA determines, in its sole discretion, that an entry is not qualified to show in any class or subclass in which it is entered at the time of the competition under NCHA rules, you agree that the NCHA can eliminate that entry with no further liability to the NCHA.

2018 NCHA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FUTURITY OPEN / NON-PRO ENTRY FORM FOR FOALS OF 2015

LATE ENTRY IN ALL EVENTS REQUIRES A PENALTY. • ENTRIES NOT ACCEPTED WITHOUT PAYMENT • SEE CORRESPONDING SCHEDULE

Except for signature, please print all information below. (Must be fully completed)

HORSE NAME & REG. NO. _____ DIVISION: Choose one OPEN _____ NON-PRO _____

RIDER & NCHA NO. _____

HORSE NAME & REG. NO. _____ DIVISION: Choose one OPEN _____ NON-PRO _____

RIDER & NCHA NO. _____

If contestant is under 21 years of age both contestant and parent or legal guardian must sign this form.

RELEASE FROM LIABILITY AND WAIVER OF RESPONSIBILITY

As a condition to participate in this event, the NCHA, its directors, officers, employees, members, agents and representatives **ARE HEREBY RELEASED** from all claims, demands, or causes of action of any kind or nature whatsoever; whether now existing or to hereafter accrue, on account of any damage, cost or expense (i) **AS A RESULT OF ANY BODILY INJURY, LOSS OR DAMAGE TO ANY ANIMALS, EQUIPMENT OR OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY, FROM ANY CAUSE WHATSOEVER INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE SOLE OR CONCURRENT NEGLIGENCE OF NCHA, ITS DIRECTORS,**

OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS OR REPRESENTATIVES; or (ii) as a result of the interpretation or enforcement of the NCHA Constitution, ByLaws, Rules or Regulations and the risk of any such damage, cost or expense which may occur by reason of foregoing is hereby assumed and accepted. This waiver is binding on the undersigned as well as all riders, grooms and other helpers associated with the participation of the horse(s) described herein in this event and the undersigned indemnifies the NCHA from all claims, demands, or causes of action based on any of the foregoing.

Owner _____ Address _____
(as it will be listed in the event program)

City, State, Zip _____ Daytime Phone _____

Signed by: _____ NCHA ID No. _____

Minor Signature _____ DOB _____ Parent/Legal Guardian _____

Correspondent _____ Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Daytime Phone _____

Signed by: _____ NCHA ID No. _____

**Photocopy of registration certificate or colored application for unregistered horses must accompany this application. Send to:
NCHA, 260 Bailey Avenue • Fort Worth, Texas 76107-1862 • (817) 244-6188 • fax 817-244-2015**

Premium checks will be made to the Registered owner of the horse. S.S. or Corp. ID must be on file with NCHA.

*The Internal Revenue Service is now requiring NCHA to withhold income tax on premium monies won at a rate of 28% on all taxpayers who do not provide a Taxpayer identification Number (Social Security No. or Business ID No.). Please be sure to provide this information to NCHA accounting department.

MasterCard Visa Card AmExp Discover Card Number _____

Amount \$ _____ Exp. Date _____ 3 digit security code _____