

# 2019 NCHA Super Stakes Classic

## (A combined 5/6-year-old event)

### I. 2019 Nominations

- To be held in spring of 2019.
- Five year olds (2014 Foals) must be enrolled in the Foal Program, Six Year Olds (2013 Foals) Must be enrolled in the Foal Program.
- The added purse will be \$50,000 or twenty-five percent (25%) of the total added purse for the Super Stakes, whichever is less, and will be divided between the Open and Non-Professional divisions in direct proportion to the entries qualifying in each division.
- The 2019 NCHA Super Stakes Classic will be held in three divisions: Open, Non-Professional and Amateur. Entry in the Open Super Stakes Classic shall be made by horse. A horse may be entered in both divisions. Note: Owners may enter an unlimited number of horses in the Open division.

#### 5. Nomination Fees—Each Division:

a. Open Nomination Fees	Open	NP
#1 On or before Jan 15, 2019	1,250	1,250
#2 On or before Feb 15, 2019	1,460*	1,435*
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,710</b>	<b>\$2,685</b>

\*\$1975 jackpotted / \$525 office charge / \$25 medication fee / \$50 NCHA Fee / \$35 Processing fee. In addition, a one percent (1%) deduction will be made for the NCHA Special Events Fund.

\*Open Includes \$100 PAC Fee. Non Professional includes a \$75 PAC Fee.

\*\*PAC fees \*\* (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).

b. Persons paying up entire nomination fee in either division on or before January 15, 2019 will receive a 10% discount (Open total due \$2,460; Non-Pro total due \$2,435). **There will be a 10-day grace period (Official postmark by US Postal Service).**

- Late Entries:** Late entries will be allowed by paying **50 percent** as much as is due on original entries, plus remaining fees. Late entries will be allowed after the draw but before the beginning of the first scheduled go-round by paying two times the nomination fee (\$5,000.00) + office fee, medication fee and process fee.

- Any payment received in the NCHA office postmarked after the date due will be subject to a penalty according to the late penalty schedule. **There will be a 10-day grace period.** Issuance of a check that is not honored for any reason or a credit card payment that is declined for any reason to cover and fee shall constitute no payment. To prevent late penalty, payment must be made good within the entry postmark.
- All late entries must be made prior to the beginning of the first scheduled go-round of the Super Stakes Classic. Late entries made after the draw will be required to work last in a herd of cattle.

### II. Rules applicable to non-pro entries

- A Non-Pro has two options on entering the Super Stakes Classic in the Non-Pro division.
  - You may name your horse when you send in the first payment.
  - You may enter under your name (slot).
- Non-Professional riders may purchase only the number of "slots" for horses which they are eligible to ride — 4 of any combination.
- A Non-Professional rider's name (slot) may be sold to another Non-Professional.**
  - A non-pro may sell their slot or named entry after the draw but before the beginning of the first scheduled go-round. **The buyer will be required to submit horse registration papers or a bill of sale showing proof of ownership to the NCHA along with \$400.00 by 5pm the evening**

**before the go-round starts. After 5pm and prior to the start of the go-round charge will be \$500.** When a Non-Professional or Amateur sells a slot after the draw they cannot repurchase another slot in that class. 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.

- 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 evening before the event for an additional charge of \$400. Any slot entry that is not complete by 5pm the evening before start of first go-round (rider change, horse name, fees paid or slot sale) will be charged \$500. Horses that are not named before the go-round starts and has a draw (riders name) the second day or later in such go-round may be named by paying double the entry fee as a late naming fee prior to the first horse riding to the herd that day.**
- Each Non-Professional Super Stakes Classic entry shall name the horse or horses to be ridden; if a Non-Professional rider doesn't name his/her horse or horses before the draw, the working order will be drawn in the name of the rider; if four horses are entered they shall work in alphabetical order. A rider who names one horse will work in the first assigned draw and the other draws will be left vacant.
- Double Entry and Transfer Privileges: Entry made in a Non-Professional rider's name (slot) may not be transferred to the Open division.**
  - Any horse paid up to date in either division on or before the February 15 payment may enter in the other division without a late penalty. If you have a Non-Pro slot, you must name your horse at this time.
  - A Non-Pro may transfer to the Open division only if the horse is named on the first payment entry form.
  - A horse (**not a slot**) may be transferred to or from either division on or before February 15 without penalty. A transfer after the final payment but before the draw will be required to pay \$1,000 plus a \$100 transfer fee.
  - Once a horse has been nominated it is an entry, there fore it cannot be considered for double entry privileges. A horse can only be entered (1) one time (one or more payments made) in each division**
- Non-Professional must send in proof of ownership as required by NCHA standing rules when accompanying entry.**

### III. Rules Applicable to Amateur/Unlimited Amateur Entries

- The 2019 Rios or Mercedes / NCHA Super Stakes Classic Amateur Cutting Horse Contest is limited to Amateur card holders under the following rules:
  - Under age of 60 - Lifetime is \$100,000 or less and LAE eligibility is less than \$50,000.
  - Age 60-69 - Lifetime is \$400,000 or less and LAE eligibility is less than \$200,000.
  - Age 70 and above - No money cap if Amateur card holder.
- The 2019 Rios of Mercedes / NCHA Super Stakes and Super Stakes Classic Unlimited Amateur class is limited to Amateur card holders under or of the following rules:
  - Under the age of 60, the criteria necessary for remaining in the Unlimited Amateur class is lifetime Non-Pro Limited Age Event earnings (approved classes) of less than \$100,000. Beginning with the 2016 point year, an Amateur competitor who reaches \$100,000 or more in lifetime Non-Pro Limited Age event earnings can continue to compete in Limited Age Non-Pro classes until the beginning of the next point year. At that point, the Amateur competitor must make a choice: to remain an Amateur and compete exclusively as an Unlimited Amateur or to compete as a Non-Pro.

- b. Once an individual reaches the age of 60, if he or she qualifies under Amateur rules, they may return to the Unlimited Amateur class (LAE Events Only), regardless of Limited Age Non-Pro class money won. The member will be allowed to show in both LAE Non-Pro and LAE Unlimited Amateur competition.

#### IV. Super Stakes Classic rules applicable to all entries

##### 1. Double Entry and Transfer Privileges

- a. Any horse paid up to date in either division on or before the February 15 payment is due may enter in the other division without a late penalty.
- b. A Non-Pro can transfer to the Open division if you named your horse on the entry form when making your first payment. **Horses that are transferred 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. A horse (not a slot) may be transferred to or from either division on or before February 15 without penalty. Transfer after the final payment is due but before the draw will be required to pay \$1,000 plus a \$100 transfer fee.
- d. Once a horse has been nominated it is an entry, therefore it cannot be considered for double entry privileges. A horse can only be entered (1) one time (one or more payments made) in each division.

2. Substitutions: Non-Pro Division: 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 maximum of \$500. No substitution will be allowed after the beginning of the division's first go-round. Open Division: 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) again as much as has been paid on original entry. No substitution will be allowed after the beginning of a division's first go-round. 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. **After the draw any horse that is in the Open Division may sell their draw position if a veterinary certificate is received stating that the horse entered is unable to compete. The buyer of that draw position will be required to pay NCHA an additional \$200. (\$1,000 jackpot, \$1,000 office charge). Horse registration papers must be submitted to NCHA for the new entry. This transaction must be completed before the beginning of the divisions' first go-round to be able to compete. A horse that has had their draw position sold will be unable to be shown in any other division for the remainder of the show.**

3. **Change of Ownership:** An entry may change ownership and retain eligibility under the new owner, provided the National Cutting Horse Association Limited Age Events Committee is so advised and the new owner keeps up all payments when due.

4. **Declining Entries:** Entries to this contest are received subject to the right of the National Cutting Horse Association Limited Age Events Committee to refuse the entry or acceptance of a transfer of any entry without notice to the subscriber. The decisions of the committee shall be final in all matters.

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 entry money to subscribers.

5. **Open and Non-Professional division riders will be allowed to show four horses of any age combination. Any violation of this rule will cause the rider to be disqualified from the contest on all horses with possible additional disciplinary action.**

6. All owners and riders of a nominated horse must be members in good standing of the National Cutting Horse Association.

7. **Refunds:** There will be no refunds for any reason.

8. **Failure to Pay Fees:** 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 or entry will be cancelled without refund. **There will be a 10-day grace period.**

a. 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 riders) for which all payments have been received in the NCHA office will be drawn. There will be no exceptions. In the event that a horse 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.

##### 9. 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 February 15, 2019. If between February 15 and thirty days before the Trials, \$100.00. Horses entered late after February 15 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 Super Stakes 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.

10. **Super Stakes Classic Trials (Both Division):** All horses entered will work in the Super Stakes Classic trials to be held before the actual super Stakes Classic provided they meet all previous state requirements. The Trials shall consist of two go-rounds; conditioned, however, that at the conclusion of the first go-round only the high scoring sixty percent (60%) with a maximum of one hundred twenty (120) of the horses in each division will advance to the second trials go-round. **(It will take a score of 181 or higher in either division to advance to the second go-round).** All other horses will be dropped from further competition.

**Super Stakes Classic Challenge Open:** The number of horses to advance to the finals shall be equal to (20%) of the horses competing in the first go-round with a minimum of (10) and a maximum of (25). The top horses plus ties that compete in the finals will come from the first and second go-round combined scores. NCHA will pay 15% of the total purse as a bonus to the horses that do not make the finals based on their combined go-round score, going down through 40 place plus ties.

**Super Stakes Classic Challenge Non-Pro:** The number of horses to advance to the finals shall be equal to (20%) of the horses competing in the first go-round with a minimum of (10) and a maximum of (25). The top horses plus ties that compete in the finals will come from the first and second go-round combined scores. NCHA will pay 20% of the total purse as a bonus to the horses that do not make the finals based on their combined go-round score, going down through 40 place plus ties.

11. **Super Stakes Classic (Both Divisions):** Premium money will be paid to all finalists.

Only the score in the Super Stakes Classic will be considered to determine placings. In the event of a tie for the Championship in any division, there will be co-champions. If two tie, first and second place premiums will be added together, and split 50 percent and 50 percent equally. If more than two tie, all premiums will be split equally, and there will be a work-off for prizes and the title.

12. **Judges:**

Five judges will be named to judge the event from those eligible judges on the NCHA Approved Judges List who have indicated their probable availability. All judges will be under the direct supervision of the NCHA Director of Judges and Shows.

13. **Judging:**

a. Each judge will score every horse and the highest and lowest scores for each horse will be discarded. The total of the remaining three scores will be the horse's official mark.

b. No individual scores will be announced; however, unidentifiable photocopies of all judges' cards will be posted.

c. All scorecards will be retained for three years and will then be destroyed.

d. Anyone making remarks referring to the score or scores given any horse to a judge, a judge monitor, or to his or her companion or family will be given an immediate hearing by the appropriate committee and, if deemed guilty, will be disqualified, forfeit any money won and barred from the arena.

e. The NCHA Adjusted Monitor System, and all rules and policies set forth by that system, will be used.

14. After the official announcement of horses qualifying in each division for the Super Stakes Classic semi-finals or the Super Stakes Classic finals, **THERE SHALL BE NO ADDITIONS OR SUBSTITUTIONS FOR ANY REASON.** If a qualifying horse is unable or prevented from competing, the owner thereof shall be responsible for payment of any additional fees owed.

15. All rules of the National Cutting Horse Association not in direct

conflict with the rules of the National Cutting Horse Super Stakes Classic, as published herein, or amended in accordance with Super Stakes Rule #16, shall apply.

16. These rules subject to change by action of the Executive Committee only.
17. 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.

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**b. Blood samples will be taken from Champions and Reserve Champions in all divisions, plus random samples throughout the show.**

18. 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 Super Stakes Classic. 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.

**2019 NCHA SUPER STAKES CLASSIC ENTRY FORM FOR FOALS OF 2013 & 2014**

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

Photo copy of registration certificate ( front & back) or if unregistered, the unregistered horse application and colored photos MUST accompany the entry form.

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

HORSE NAME & REG. NO. _____	YEAR FOALED _____	DIVISION: Choose one	OPEN _____	NON-PRO _____
SIRE _____	RIDER & NCHA NO. _____			
_____				
HORSE NAME & REG. NO. _____	YEAR FOALED _____	DIVISION: Choose one	OPEN _____	NON-PRO _____
SIRE _____	RIDER & NCHA NO. _____			
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HORSE NAME & REG. NO. _____	YEAR FOALED _____	DIVISION: Choose one	OPEN _____	NON-PRO _____
SIRE _____	RIDER & NCHA NO. _____			
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**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. \_\_\_\_\_

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  AmEx  Discover Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

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