



**AMATEUR COMMITTEE**  
**2022 NCHA Convention Agenda**  
**June 4, 2022 \*\* 8:30 am – 11:00 am**  
**Trinity Ballroom**  
**Fort Worth, Texas \*\* Marriott at Champions Circle**

Call to Order and Roll Call

1. Review \$50,000 AMA/Unlimited AMA entries, what is working best and the effect on other classes.
2. Weekend 50Am/Un AM Entry - Combined or Stand Alone? Show Producers ability to change based on entries after show is approved.
3. Are the leveling caps for Triple Crown at the right level
4. Review monetary caps for the \$15,000 AMA and \$50,000 AMA
  - Any other issues or concerns regarding earning caps
5. Purse parity
6. Review of Amateur 3/\$50,000 Exception

Elect Chair and Vice Chair

**UNLIMITED AM WITH 50 AM**

Stand Alone

Class within a class (enter both, one payout)

Class within a class (enter both, one payout with Am side payout)

Concurrent (both classes have at least 3 entries, pay separate)

**Unlimited Amateur (through March 31)**

23 class within a class w/50 (must enter both)

18 concurrent w/50 (at least 3 entries each, pay separate)

4 concurrent w/NP (at least 3 entries each, pay separate)

17 Challenger – Stand alone

406 Weekend stand alone

# LEVELING

Amateur Division		Leveling System		Novice	Senior	Gelding
Current System	Classes	Classes	Total LTE			
	Unlimited Amateur	Amateur	\$100,000 or more	X	X	X
		Intermediate Amateur	\$25,001 – \$99,999		X	X
	Amateur	Limited Amateur	\$0 – \$25,000		X	X
Combo Class Options						
	Limited Amateur – Amateur					
	Limited Amateur – Intermediate Amateur					
	Intermediate Amateur – Amateur					
	Limited Amateur – Intermediate Amateur – Amateur					

## Additional Class Details

- Each level within a division is its own class and a rider may enter up if they choose.
- Senior, Gelding and Novice Classes remain the same as a class within a class.
- There is NO exception to roll back to the Limited Division.
- If a rider chooses to enter more than one level in a class, show management must ensure that a horse will not be drawn twice in the same set. In addition, if a rider chooses to enter all three levels in one division, he/she must combo one of the runs so that a horse will only be shown twice in the same class.

## Exceptions

### SENIOR EXCEPTION:

Open, Non-Pro or Amateur leveled riders 70 and older can enter down into the Intermediate class regardless of earnings or rider rankings. There is no exception that allows a rider to return to the Limited class.

An Amateur competitor who is 60-69, if he or she qualifies under Amateur rules, may compete in the top tier Amateur class regardless of Limited X Age Non-Pro earnings.

## **REVOLVING DOOR:**

Open, Non-Pro or Amateur leveled riders **NOT** in the Top 100 money earning riders from the previous two point years, in **ANY** division, may drop back into the Intermediate class.

## **EARNINGS CAP:**

An Amateur competitor under the age of 60, who has won \$250,000 or more in total Non-Pro LAE money (excluding shows with less than \$10,000 in added money) they **MUST** make a choice:

- to remain an Amateur and compete exclusively, during the current competition year in the Amateur Division
- to compete in the Non-Pro Division

Once a Non-Pro has won \$250,000 or more in Total Open LAE money (excluding shows with less than \$10,000 in added money), they **MUST** make a choice:

- to remain a Non-Pro and compete exclusively, during the current competition year in the Non-Pro Division
- to compete in the Open Division

## **\$50,000 and \$15,000 Amateur**

1990-1995	\$20,000 Limited Amateur
1994-2022	\$50,000 Limited Amateur
1996-2009	\$10,000 Limited Amateur
2010-2022	\$15,000 Limited Amateur

## **Added Money & Bonus Money**

**2021 and 2022 show fees.** These do NOT include PAC, since you have the ability opt out.

As you know, payouts are directly driven by Jackpot fee. And all of the Amateur levels are just over half the corresponding tier in the Open / Non Pro divisions. When you look at the office fees – those include cattle/office – varies, NCHA always \$50, Medication always \$25, Processing always \$35. As for the office / cattle / processing fees... and how they compare across divisions... by a strict percentage of Jackpot – Office ratio, the amateur is higher. But, that is because the jackpots are less. Keep in mind that for combo entries, – the only additional fee is the jackpot. No additional office fees are collected. So, all of the cattle fees for all the go rounds, semis, and finals have to come out of the original office fee.

### **ADDED MONEY (split across all entries)**

Super Stakes Added Money

Percentage split per class – percentage decision by Stallion Owners Committee

Summer Show & Futurity– NO Added Money

### **BONUS MONEY (targeted place 1-3)**

#### **2021 Futurity**

Open - \$100,000 (50k,30k,20k)

Ltd Open \$12,500 (7500, 3500, 1500)

Non Pro - \$30,000 (15K, 10K, 5K)

Ltd NP \$12,500 (7500, 3500, 1500)

Unlimited Am - \$12,500 (7500, 3500, 1500)

50K Am - \$12,500 (7500, 3500, 1500)

### **2022 Amateur Bonus Money (All 3 Triple Crown)**

McAlister Assets - Unlimited (top tier) Amateur (Top 4 places 1,000 each)

Rios of Mercedes - 50 Amateur (intermediate tier) (Top 3 places 2,000 / 1500 / 1500)

**Amateur Bucks** come Right off the top of every Amateur level payout purse @ \$50 per entry

2022 Super Stakes across all levels:

19,600 in the 4 YO

22,750 in the 5/6 YO

## NATIONAL CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION

### 2022 Verified Application For 3 Year/\$50,000 Amateur Exemption Application

Membership No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What is your occupation? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Please answer "yes" or "no" to each of the following questions:

a) Have you ever been a trainer and/or assistant trainer of horses or horse riders in any equine discipline astride for remuneration, directly or indirectly?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

b) Have you ever been involved as a trainer or assistant trainer of cutting horses for direct or indirect remuneration in any amount or have you ever been an apprentice cutting horse trainer?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

c) At any time during the three (3) years immediately prior to the date of this application, have you been married to a person, or had a co-habitational relationship with a person or resided with a person who was engaged in activities that would require the person to be classified, because of the activities then occurring, as a Professional under the by the provisions of Rule 51.a.3?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

d) At any time during the three (3) years immediately prior to the date of this application, have you been directly or indirectly employed by a person who was engaged in activities that would require the person to be classified, because of the activities then occurring, as a Professional under the by the provisions of Rule 51.a.3?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

- e) Prior to the date of this application, have you received a combined total of lifetime earnings of \$50,000 or more in all cutting horse competitions and all breed associations of all types (as reported by Equistat), regardless of who produced, sponsored or approved such competitions?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

*The undersigned understands and acknowledges that there is no right to classification as an amateur and this classification may be granted based upon an evaluation of all circumstances considered relevant by the NCHA. The undersigned further understands and acknowledges that the NCHA may request additional information and documentation in order to evaluate this application.*

*The undersigned agrees to become familiar with and be bound by the rules of the National Cutting Horse Association. The undersigned expressly agrees to have all disputes related to compliance with or violation of these rules resolved by the procedures provided in the rules.*

*The undersigned understands that a false declaration will result in suspension of NCHA privileges for a period of a minimum of six (6) months for the first offense. It is the member's responsibility to notify the NCHA office immediately upon any change in his/her Non-Professional/Amateur status. Failure to do so could result in loss of Non- Professional/Amateur status for life.*

I hereby swear and affirm under oath that all of the information contained in this Application is within my personal knowledge true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicant)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
20\_\_ by the said \_\_\_\_\_.

My commission expires:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public, State of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed or Stamped Name of Notary

Director's Signature and NCHA # \_\_\_\_\_

**Please be advised that an NCHA Director's signature is required before this application will be considered.**