

**North Texas Chevy Dealers**

**NCHA World Championship Futurity**

**Presented by Great American Insurance Group**

**In cooperation with the City of Fort Worth and Visit Fort Worth**

1. All owners and riders of entered horses must be members in good standing of the National Cutting Horse Association.
2. For three (3) year olds, all breeds.
3. The NCHA Futurity will be held in three divisions: Open, Non-Pro, and Amateur. Entry in the Open Futurity shall be made by horse. Entry in the Non-Pro & Amateur shall be made by rider. A horse may be entered in all three divisions. Owners may enter an unlimited number of horses in the Open Division.
4. Riders may ride a maximum of two (2) horses, of any sex in each of the Futurity divisions. Any violation of this rule will cause the rider to be disqualified from the contest, with possible additional disciplinary action.
  - a. 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.
  - b. Non-Pro Division & Amateur Divisions: If a rider shows more than the allowed two horses in any division or sub-class, all entries will be disqualified in that division or sub-class.
5. Upon being entered, 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, 2019. In addition, a horse cannot be worked on cattle in Will Rogers Coliseum prior to the Futurity
6. **Entry Fees- Each Division:** Persons paying entire entry fee in Open or Non-Pro division on or before October 15, 2020 will receive a 10% discount.

**OPEN**

	<b>Total</b>	Jackpot	Office	Medication	NCHA	Processing
On/Before Oct 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2020 10% Discount	<b>\$2,920</b>					
#1 – On/Before Oct 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>\$100</b>					
#2 – On/Before Jan 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>\$200</b>					
#3 – On/Before May 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>\$500</b>					
#4 – On/Before July 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>\$600</b>					
#5 – On/Before Sept 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>\$600</b>					
#6 – On/Before Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>\$1,220</b>		\$325	\$25	\$50	\$45
Total	<b>\$3,220*</b>	\$2,675				

\* Open includes optional \$100 PAC Fee

**LIMITED OPEN\* Subclass**

	<b>Total</b>	Jackpot	Office	Medication	NCHA	Processing
On/Before Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>\$545</b>	\$450	\$50			\$35

**NON-PRO**

	<b>Total</b>	Jackpot	Office	Medication	NCHA	Processing
On/Before Oct 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2019 10% Discount	<b>\$2,445</b>					
#1 – On/Before Oct 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>\$100</b>					
#2 – On/Before Jan 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>\$100</b>					
#3 – On/Before May 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>\$400</b>					
#4 – On/Before July 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>\$400</b>					
#5 – On/Before Sept 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>\$500</b>					
#6 – On/Before Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>\$1,195</b>		\$325	\$25	\$50	\$45
Total	<b>\$2,695*</b>	\$2,175				

\* Non-Pro includes optional \$75 PAC Fee

**LIMITED NON-PRO**

	<b>Total</b>	Jackpot	Office	Medication	NCHA	Processing
On/Before Sept 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>\$750</b>					
On/Before Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>\$890</b>		\$225	\$25	\$50	\$45
Total	<b>\$1,640*</b>	\$1,275				

\* Limited Non-Pro includes optional \$20 PAC Fee

**LIMITED NON-PRO COMBO\* Subclass**

	<b>Total</b>	Jackpot	Office	Medication	NCHA	Processing
On/Before Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>\$1,340*</b>	\$1,275				\$45

\* Limited Non-Pro Combo includes optional \$20 PAC Fee

**AMATEUR**

	<b>Total</b>	Jackpot	Office	Medication	NCHA	Processing
On/Before Sept 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>\$700</b>					
On/Before Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>\$840</b>		\$225	\$25	\$50	\$45
Total	<b>\$1,540</b>	\$1,175				

\* Amateur includes optional \$20 PAC Fee

**UNLIMITED AMATEUR**

	<b>Total</b>	Jackpot	Office	Medication	NCHA	Processing
On/Before Sept 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>\$800</b>					
On/Before Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>\$960</b>		\$225	\$25	\$50	\$45
Total	<b>\$1,760</b>	\$1,395				

\* Unlimited Amateur includes optional \$20 PAC Fee

**UNLIMITED AMATEUR COMBO\* Subclass**

	<b>Total</b>	Jackpot	Office	Medication	NCHA	Processing
On/Before Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>\$1,460*</b>	\$1,395				\$45

\* Unlimited Amateur Combo includes optional \$20 PAC Fee

**SENIOR\* Subclass**

	<b>Total</b>	Jackpot	Office	Medication	NCHA	Processing
On/Before Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>\$545</b>	\$450	\$50			\$35

**GELDING\* Subclass**

	<b>Total</b>	Jackpot	Office	Medication	NCHA	Processing
On/Before Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>\$545</b>	\$450	\$50			\$35

**Entries must be received in office on the due date. Penalties apply the day following the deadline on all payments.**

A one percent (1%) deduction will be made for the NCHA special Events Fund.

**Payouts in all classes at NCHA produced events will be made to the owner on record at the time of the show.**

**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 Events. 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.

**Refunds:** Entry Fees may be refunded due to the death of the entered rider, owner or an immediate family member of the rider or owner as defined in NCHA Rule 50.4.d; 30 days or less before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the event. Requests for refunds shall be accepted from the estate executor/executrix and refunds will be made payable to the estate of the rider/owner as determined appropriate by Probate Court. Any refund request shall be accepted until 48 hours after an event completed to file a request for a refund. There will be no refunds for any other reason.

**Late Entries:**

- a. Entries must be received in office on the due date. Penalties apply the day following the deadline on all payments.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Applicable Fee</b>
Through July 1	2x original entry fee, plus remaining fees due through July 1
July 2- Draw	4x original entry fee, plus remaining fees as they come due
After draw – 1 <sup>st</sup> Go Round	5x original entry fee

- b.** Issuance of a check that is not honored for any reason or a credit card payment that is declined for any reason to cover an entry fee shall constitute no payment. To prevent late penalty, the entry and payment must be made and received in the office by the due date.
- c.** All entries made after the draw will be required to work last in the herd of cattle.

**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 received in the office by the due date. All fees including late penalties must be paid on or before dates specified or entry will be cancelled without refund.

### III. Open Divisions

**Futurity Open:** Entry in the Open shall be made by horse.

Class	Advancement Criteria	Stipulations
Second go-round	Top 60% from 1 <sup>st</sup> go plus ties	Max. 240- Score of 181 or better
Semi-Finals*	Top 15% composite go-round scores plus ties	Min. 45 – Max 60
Finals	Top 20 from Semi-Finals plus ties	

- a. All other horses will be dropped from further competition.
- b. \*In the event there are less than one hundred (100) horses entered in the division of the trials, there will be no semi- finals.
- c. Scores made in the go-rounds and semi-finals to be disregarded, with scores made in the Futurity Finals only to determine final placings.
- d. 35% of purse to be paid in semi-finals and 65% in the finals.
- e. All advancement calculations will be based on number of horses entered at the time of the draw.

### IV. Non-Pro Divisions

A Non-Pro has two options on entering the Futurity.

- i. You may name your horse when you send in the first payment.
- ii. You may enter under your name (slot).

**Futurity Non- Pro:**

Class	Advancement Criteria	Stipulations
2nd go-round	Top 60% from 1 <sup>st</sup> go plus ties	Max. 240- Score of 181 or better
Semi-Finals*	Top 20% composite go-round scores plus ties	Min. 45 – Max 60
Finals	Top 20 from Semi-Finals plus ties	

- a. All other horses will be dropped from further competition.
- b. \*In the event there are less than one hundred (100) horses entered in the division of the trials, there will be no semi- finals.
- c. Scores made in the trials and semi-finals to be disregarded, with scores made in the futurity finals only to determine final placings.
- d. 45% of the purse to be paid in semi-finals and 55% in the finals
- e. All advancement calculations will be based on number of horses entered at the time of the draw.

**Limited Non- Pro Division:**

#### 1. **Limited Non-Pro Only: (combination entries please see item 2.)**

- a. The Limited Non-Pro will be limited to Non-Pro/ Amateur card holders under one of the following rules:
  - a. Non-Pros whose eligibility earnings in NCHA- approved and/or sponsored events equal less than \$200,000 at the beginning of the point year, entry is restricted to current NCHA Non-Pro/ amateur card holders.

- b. Non-Pro riders whose lifetime earnings are less than \$50,000 during the previous three (3) point years. (LAE & Weekend earnings) may enter the limited non-pro separately to allow two (2) runs in the go-rounds & finals. All limited non-pro rollover entries must have a corresponding non-pro entry on the same horse. NCHA Non-Pro Hall of Fame members are ineligible to compete in this class.
- c. Age 70 and above- No money cap if non- pro card holder.

Class	Advancement Criteria	Stipulations
Semi-Finals*	Top 50% composite go-round scores plus ties	Max 75 – Max 5 sets of cattle
Finals	Top 20% of total entries based on semi finals scores	Max 30 – Max 2 sets of cattle

- a. All other horses will be dropped from further competition
  - b. \*In the event there are less than 100 entries in the class, there will be no semi-finals and will consist of one go-round plus finals for the high scoring twenty percent (20%), with a maximum of thirty (30) plus ties.
  - c. The Limited Non-pro contest will consist of one go-round.
  - d. In the event there are less than 25 entries in a class at draw time, there will not be a working final. Payout will be according to the NCHA mandatory payout.
  - e. All advancement calculations will be based on number of horses entered at the time of the draw.
2. The NCHA Futurity Non-Pro class will give an option for a combination of class. To know if you are eligible for this combo class please read the requirements listed above for the \$200,000 limited Non-Pro class. **A Non-Pro entry must accompany this entry.**
- a. If a rider has attempted to compete in these classes and is found to be ineligible, disciplinary action may be taken. The burden of proof of eligibility is upon the rider.
  - b. This class will be held in conjunction with the Non-Pro.

## V. Amateur & Unlimited Amateur Divisions

### 1. **Amateur & Unlimited Amateur only: (Combination entries please see item iii.)**

- a. An Amateur has two options on entering the Futurity.
  - i. You may name your horse when you send in the first payment.
  - ii. You may enter under your name (slot).
- i. The Rios of Mercedes/ NCHA World Championship Futurity is limited to Amateur card holders under the following rules:
  - a. Under age 60- Life time is \$100,000 or less and LAE eligibility is less than \$50,000.
  - b. Age 60-69- Lifetime is \$400,000 or less and LAE eligibility is less than \$200,000.
  - c. Age 70 and above- No money cap if amateur card holder.
  - d. Reinstated Non-Pros are not eligible to compete in this class.
- ii. The McAlister Assets & RCR Rail Co./ NCHA World Championship Futurity Unlimited Amateur class is limited to Amateur card holders under the following rules:
  - a. Under age 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 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 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 60, if he or she qualifies under amateur rules, they may return to the Unlimited Amateur (LAE Events only) regardless of limited age Non-Pro class money won. The members will be allowed to show in both LAE Non-Pro and LAE Unlimited Amateur competition.

Class	Advancement Criteria	Stipulations
Semi-Finals*	Top 50% composite go-round scores plus ties	Max 75 – Max 5 sets of cattle
Finals	Top 20% of total entries based on semi finals scores	Max 30 – Max 2 sets of cattle

- a. All other horses will be dropped from further competition.
  - b. \*In the event there are less than 100 entries in a class, there will be no semi finals and will consist of one go-round plus finals for the high scoring twenty (20%), with a maximum of thirty (30).
  - c. In the event there are less than 25 entries in a class at draw time, there will not be a working final. Payout will be according to the NCHA mandatory payout.
  - d. All advancement calculations will be based on number of horses entered at the time of the draw.
- iii. The McAlister Assets & RCR Rail Co./ NCHA World Championship Futurity Amateur Class will give an option for a combination of class. **An Amateur or an Unlimited Amateur entry must accompany this entry.**
- a. If a rider has attempted to compete in these classes and found to be ineligible, disciplinary action may be taken. The burden of proof of eligibility is upon the rider.

### **Rules Applicable to Non-Pro & Amateur Classes**

- 3. **Selling of slots:** A Non-Pro or Amateur rider's name (slot) may be sold to another Non-Pro or Amateur.
  - a. A Non-Pro or Amateur 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, a completed transfer with original horse papers, or a bill of sale showing proof of ownership of an unregistered horse 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 the go-round, the charge will be \$500 (\$250 jackpot, \$250 office charge).
  - b. When a Non-Pro or Amateur sells a slot after the draw they cannot repurchase another slot in that class if they currently have the maximum number of slots or entries allowed for the division. They may, however, buy a horse from another Non-Pro or Amateur which is entered in that class and show the purchased horse in the slot which has been

assigned to that horse. (A completed transfer with original papers will need to be included with such slot purchase in office.)

4. 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 event for additional charge of \$400. Any slot entry that is not complete by 5pm the evening before the start of the go-round (rider change, horse name, fees paid or slot sale) will be charged \$500.
  - a. Horses that are not named before the go- round starts and has a draw (rider 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.
5. Each Non-Pro or Amateur Futurity entry shall name the horse or horses to be ridden. If a Non-Pro or Amateur rider doesn't name their 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 who names one horse will work in the first assigned draw and the other draw will be left vacant.
6. A Non-Pro & Amateur must send proof of ownership of horse as required by NCHA standing rules with accompanying entry.

## VI. Rules applicable to all Sub Class Entries

1. **Limited Open Entries:** This is a combo class where the horse entering must have a corresponding Open entry.
  - a. NCHA Futurity Limited Open Combo will be limited to riders whose cutting lifetime earnings are less than \$200,000 during the previous two (2) point years (LAE & Weekend earnings) as of January 1. NCHA Open Hall of Fame members are ineligible to compete.
    - i. Riders may ride 2 horses of any sex in the Limited Open.
    - ii. All finalists will be required to pay an advancement fee for additional cattle costs in the amount of \$225 per horse. Deduction will be made from premium check for this charge.
    - iii. All riders that have cutting earnings from any organization (including but not necessarily limited to ACHA, AQHA, Australian, etc.) other than NCHA earnings must verify their lifetime earnings with the NCHA by signing the entry form stating that they are eligible to compete in this class.
    - iv. If a rider has attempted to compete in these classes and is found to be ineligible, disciplinary action will be taken. The burden of proof of eligibility is upon the rider.

Class	Advancement Criteria	Stipulations
Finals	Top 20% from go-rounds plus ties	Min. 10 – Max. 25

- v. In the event there are less than 25 entries as of October 1, there will not be a working final. Payout will be according to the NCHA mandatory payout to the highest advancing horse.
- vi. All other horses will be dropped from further competition.





- c. A horse (not a slot) may be transferred to or from any division on or before September 1 without penalty and may be transferred until the final payment, October 1 by payment of \$100 transfer fee. A transfer after the final payment but before the draw will be required to pay \$1100 transfer fee.
- d. Owners who transfer a horse from the Non-Pro to the Open are not allowed to repurchase a Non-Pro slot at a later date for the same horse by the same owner.

**4. Substitutions:**

- a. **Non-Pro & Amateur Divisions:** 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. No substitution will be allowed after the beginning of the division's first go-round. A horse that has had their draw position sold will be unable to re-enter the original class.
- b. **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 until final payment due.
  - i. Substitutions will be allowed after the final payment by paying an amount equal to the entry fee plus office fee (\$3000)
- c. No substitution will be allowed after the beginning of the division's first go-round. A horse that has been substituted out of the open will be unable to be shown in any other division for the remainder of the show. A horse that has had their draw position sold will be unable to re-enter the original class.

5. **Change of Ownership:** An entry may change ownership and retain eligibility under the new owner, provided the new owner keeps up all payments when due.

6. **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 reserve 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.

7. **Draw Time:** The draw will not take place more than twenty-one (21) days prior to the beginning of the first schedule go-round. Only those horses & riders for which payment has been received in the NCHA office will be drawn. There will be no exceptions.
- a. If a horse properly entered is left out of the draw, a redraw will not be held. To establish a working order for this entry, a judge will draw one number based on the original draw numbers and insert the entry in the behind the entry drawn.
8. **Ties:** In the event of a tie for the championship in either division, a work off will not be held to determine the winner.
- a. If two ties, first and second place premiums will be added together and split fifty percent equally. (There will be co-champions)



5. If Registration papers are received after July 1 and thirty days before the trials the entry is subject to a \$100.00 fee.
6. Horses entered late after July 1, must furnish this identification upon entry. Failure to comply will cause all fees to be forfeited and entry disqualified.
7. 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.
8. **Examination Procedures:** During the NCHA Futurity, each horse will be 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 the time of the show.
  - a. 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 the horse.
  - b. 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.
  - c. 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 decline to consent to the additional testing procedures on the horse. These additional testing procedures outlined below.
    - i. These additional testing procedures may include, but are not limited to, radiographs, photos and videos of the horse's mouth, including molars.
    - ii. Further, these additional testing procedures may include sedation of the horse in question in order to perform the tests.
  - d. 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.
  - e. If such additional testing procedures are consented to and performed, they will be done at the owner's sole expense.
  - f. 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.
  - g. The records from those additional testing procedures, if any, 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 American Veterinary Dental College, certified in Equine, for a second opinion as to the horse's age.

- h.** All costs associated with that expert's examination of the horse will be at the owner's sole expense.
- i.** This process must be completed, and a favorable opinion rendered as to the age of the horse 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 at the Futurity.
- j.** 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 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.
- k.** Should a horse be disqualified after the above process, all fees shall be forfeited for that entry and the horse will be disqualified from further competition at the Futurity. However, if that horse is listed as a non-pro or amateur entry, the contestant will have the opportunity to substitute a horse or sell their slot according to NCHA rules.

### **VIII. Judges & Judging**

- 1.** Separate judges will be used to officiate the Open & Non-pro divisions of the NCHA World Championship Futurity.
- 2.** NCHA Judging Rules set forth in the Handbook will apply
- 3.** The NCHA Adjusted Monitor System, and all rules and policies set forth by that system will be used.
- 4.** 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 timeline.
  - i.** 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 must cross the official time line and begin the rider's run.
  - ii.** 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 timeline and start their run.
  - iii.** 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 timeline and start their run.
  - iv.** If the rider fails to cross the official timeline in the time allotted under the 1-2 ½ minute clock, a buzzer and one additional minute will be added to the 1-2 ½ minute clock. (this is the only warning that the rider will receive relating to the 1-2 ½ minute clock)
  - v.** 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 \$500 fine, third buzzer is an additional \$500 fine, etc.)
  - vi.** All fines assessed under this rule must be paid prior to the rider's exhibiting a horse in any future NCHA produced show.

5. All NCHA produced events will use the 1-2 ½ minute clock as described above in each class, including the finals. It will be optional for all other NCHA sanctioned events to use the 1-2 ½ minute clock as described above.
6. These Rules subject to change by action of the Executive Committee only.