

NCHA Eastern / Western National Championships

Presented by 6666 Ranch

1. NCHA will offer an added purse of \$150,000 for the Championships, to be divided:

Open	\$15,000
Non-Professional	\$15,000
\$35,000 Non-Professional	\$15,000
\$25,000 Novice	\$15,000
\$5,000 Novice	\$15,000
\$5,000 Novice Non-Pro	\$15,000
\$50,000 Amateur	\$15,000
\$15,000 Amateur	\$15,000
\$25,000 Novice Horse/Non Pro Rider	\$15,000
\$2,000 Limit Rider/Any Horse	\$15,000

2. All entries must be eligible for classes entered.

3. Eligibility

- a. Any horse shown in the Open or Non-Professional division of the NCHA World Championship finals and finishing in the Top 15 in the final standings (point year plus World Finals earnings) is ineligible to show in the National Championships in any class during the same year, with exception of the youth class.
- b. Horses that are eligible in any Open class, Novice class for the National Championships, may be shown at the Championships by any Open rider or owner. The previous ownership of the horse and any honors won by the horse, other than competing at the NCHA World Championship Finals, shall not exclude the current owner or any trainer from showing said horse.
- c. Owners and riders must be current members.
- d. A rider's and horse's eligibility is determined as of November 11th, 2019 (last day of point year) with the exception of Non-Professional and Amateurs who must hold a current Non-Professional/Amateur card to compete in these respective classes. **All contestants in the horse classes will be allowed to show three horses. All contestants in the rider classes will be able to show two horses (excluding youth).**

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Entry Fee	Office Fee	NCHA Fee	Drug Fee	Total Entry
\$247.50	\$252.50	\$100	\$25	\$625

Youth Entry Fee	Office Fee	Drug Fee	Total Youth Entry
\$75	\$75	\$25	\$175

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If sponsors are obtained office fee will be refunded. The finals will be worth 1 point less than 1st go, but based off of the 1st go entries with a maximum of 6 points awarded in the go round and 5 in the Finals. The Youth class will be divided into two age groups: 13 and under; 14-18 year old. Youth eligibility at the National shows falls under weekend show rules and approval, therefore, only riders of the current youth point year will be eligible to enter and compete in the Youth classes. By this standard, new Youth Members who join in the current year will be eligible to compete.

6. The Championships will consist of one go-round and Finals. Rule 8 may be amended for any class having less than 20 entries. The high scoring forty percent (40%) in the go-round will advance to

the Finals with a minimum of ten (10) and a maximum of twenty-six (26) horses to qualify for the Finals, except in the Youth Class where a minimum of ten (10) will advance to the Finals in each age group.

7. NCHA unit payout system to be used.
8. Judges:
 - (a.) Five Judges will be used and the highest and the lowest score for each horse discarded. The total of the remaining three scores will be the official mark. No individual scores will be announced.
 - (b.) Judges will be selected for those NCHA AAA and AAAA rated judges available to judge the event.
9. All horses must meet the respective state health requirements.
10. Horse substitution may be allowed provided horse is owned by the same owner and qualification is verified before class begins.
11. At the Championships, slots may be sold up to 5 p.m. the day before a class starts for a fee of \$100, of which \$50 will be jackpot and \$50 office charge. Late entries will be allowed up to 5:00p.m. the day before a class starts for the original entry fee plus a fee of \$100, of which \$50 will be allocated to the jackpot and \$50 will be allocated as office charge. Entrant will be last in a bunch without any additional cattle. The burden of proof for eligibility would be the member's responsibility in both instances.
12. Entries postmarked after the due date will be subject to a penalty of 25% of the entry fee.
13. Beginning with 2001 Point Year monies from the Eastern and Western Area Work Off will be recorded on horse and rider lifetime earnings and will not count against horse and rider eligibility.
14. Blood samples will be taken in all divisions throughout the show. Refusal to allow testing of a selected horse shall result in disqualification of the horse, and potential disciplinary action against the responsible party/parties.
15. By signing the entry form to participate in the event, the entrant acknowledges and agrees that there is inherent danger in participation in the Event due to potential exposure of the entrant and his/her horses to the Novel Coronavirus (the "Coronavirus") at the Event. By signing this entry form, the entrant acknowledges and agrees that: (i) prior to entering the Event, he/she was made aware of and understood the potential dangers presented by the Coronavirus at the Event; (ii) even though the NCHA and the NWC have taken all reasonable steps to present a safe environment for the Event, there are many factors beyond their reasonable control that could lead to potential exposure to the Coronavirus at the Event; and (iii) he/she is voluntarily assuming all risk of harm, illness or injury to themselves or any of their horses that may be incurred by participating in the Event, or activities associated with the Event, that are in any way related to the Coronavirus. The entrant further hereby releases the NCHA and the NWC and their respective officers, owners, employees, agents, representatives, directors, shareholders, officials, administrators, contractors, vendors, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, attorneys, and the owners and lessors of animals used to conduct the Event (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Releasees") from any and all liability, claim, damages, injury, judgment, loss, liability, cost and expense (including, without limitation, attorney's fees and costs) incurred by the entrant or his/her horses allegedly arising out of or connected with his/her participation in the Event, or at any activities associated with the Event, that relate in any way to the Coronavirus. This Release includes, but is not limited to, claims for bodily injury and physical illness of the entrants and their horses in any way relating to the Coronavirus, that were allegedly incurred or sustained during the Event or at any activities associated with the Event.