

# 2019 NCHA Super Stakes

## I. 2019 Nominations

1. To be held in spring of 2019.
2. For four-year-olds (foals of 2015). Foals must be enrolled in the Super Stakes foal program.
3. The 2019 NCHA Super Stakes will be held in two divisions: Open and Non-Professional. Entry in the Open Super Stakes 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.
4. Riders may ride a maximum of three (3) horses, two (2) of any sex and one (1) eligible Gelding Stake horse, or may ride up to three (3) eligible Gelding Stakes horses in each of the Super Stakes divisions. **A gelding that is shown as a third horse must be entered in the Gelding Stakes.** All Open riders who have a third horse will be required to submit rider changes/additions by 5:00 pm the day before the open division first go-round begins. Any violation of this rule will cause the rider to be disqualified from the contest, with possible additional disciplinary action.

### 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 jackpot / \$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). Checks from a C or S Corporation can not be accepted by the PAC.

- a. 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).**
6. **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 processing fee.
- a. 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 an entry fee shall constitute no payment. To prevent late penalty, payment must be made good within the entry postmark.
  - b. All late entries must be made prior to the beginning of the first scheduled go-round (e.g. Super Stakes or 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

1. A Non-Pro has two options on entering the Super Stakes 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 rider's name (slot) may be sold to another Non-Professional.**
  - a. 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 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.
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 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.

5. Each Non-Professional Super Stakes 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 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. **Double Entry and Transfer Privileges**  
**Entry made in a Non-Professional rider's name (slot) may not be transferred to the Open division.**
  - a. 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.
  - b. A Non-Pro may transfer to the Open division only if the horse is named on the first payment entry form.
  - c. 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.
  - d. **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**
7. **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

1. The 2019 Rios or Mercedes / NCHA Super Stakes Amateur Cutting Horse Contest is limited to Amateur card holders under the following rules:
  - a. Under age of 60 - Lifetime 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.
2. 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:
  - a. 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 and 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 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 repurchase 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 \$2000. (\$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. Riders may ride a maximum of three (3) horses, [two (2) of any sex and one (1) eligible Gelding Stakes horse] or may ride up to three (3) eligible Gelding Stakes horses in each of the Super Stakes divisions. **All geldings that compete must be entered in the gelding stakes class (a contest within a contest).**

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.

During the NCHA Superstakes, 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 that time. However, if the horse has received a dental examination by the NCHA at the Futurity and received a favorable result, that horse will not be retested for age at the Superstakes. 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 Superstakes, 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 Superstakes 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 Superstakes.

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 Superstakes. 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 Superstakes. By entering a horse in the Superstakes, 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.

Should a horse be disqualified after the above process, all fees shall be forfeited for that horse at the Superstakes and that horse will be disqualified from further competition at that Superstakes. 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.

10. **Super Stakes Trials (Both Divisions):** All horses entered will work in the Super Stakes trials to be held before the actual Super Stakes provided they meet all previous stated 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 eighty (180), will advance to the second trials go-round of the open and a maximum of one hundred twenty (120) will advance to the non-professional **(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.

#### 11. Super Stakes Derby:

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 the minimum of (45) and a maximum of (60) horses shall advance to the semi-finals based on their combine go-round score. 40% of purse to be paid in the semi-finals and 60% in the Finals.

#### Super Stakes 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 the minimum of (45) and a maximum of (60) horses shall advance to the semi-finals based on their combine go-round score. 45% of purse to be paid in the semi-finals and 55% in the Finals.

#### 12. Super Stakes (Both Divisions):

Upon qualifying for the Super Stakes, horses will owe no further fees to remain eligible. Premium money will be paid to all finalists.

Scores made in the trials and semi-finals to be disregarded completely, with scores made in the Super Stakes only to determine placings.

If two tie, first and second place premiums will be added together, and split fifty percent and fifty percent equally. **(There will be co-champions)**. If more than two tie, all premiums will be split equally, the work-off will be for prizes and the title. The premiums paid the remaining participants in the workoff will be determined by adding the balance of the premiums for these places and dividing them equally among the Co-Reserve Champions.

#### 13. 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.

#### 14. 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.

15. After the official announcement of horses qualifying in each division for the Super Stakes semi-finals or the Super Stakes 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.

16. All rules of the National Cutting Horse Association not in direct conflict with the rules of the National Cutting Horse Super Stakes, as published herein, or amended in accordance with Super Stakes Rule #17, shall apply.

17. **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.

**18. 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.
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- (e) The NCHA Adjusted Monitor System, and all rules and policies set forth by that system will be used.

19. All rules of the National Cutting Horse Association not in direct conflict with the rules of the National Cutting Horse Super Stakes, as published herein, or amended in accordance with Super Stakes Rule #20 shall apply.

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

21a. Each horse is allotted two and one-half (2 1/2) 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 1/2 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 1/2 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 1/2 Minute Clock.

If the rider fails to cross the official time line in the time allotted under the 1-2 1/2 Minute Clock, a buzzer will sound and one additional minute will be added to the 1-2 1/2 Minute Clock. **This buzzer is the only warning that the rider will receive relating to the 1-2 1/2 Minute Clock.** If the rider receives any additional buzzers relating to the 1-2 1/2 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 1/2 Minute Clock as described above. It will be optional for all other NCHA sanctioned events to use the 1-2 1/2 Minute Clock as described above.

| <b>b. Nomination Fees</b>           |  | <b>Open</b>    | <b>NP</b>      |
|-------------------------------------|--|----------------|----------------|
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**c. Blood samples will be taken from Champions and Reserve Champions in all divisions, plus random samples throughout the show.**

20. 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. 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 4-YEAR-OLD SUPER STAKES ENTRY FORM** FOR FOALS OF 2015 THAT HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO THE SUPER STAKES

**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. \_\_\_\_\_ DIVISION: Choose one OPEN \_\_\_\_\_ NON-PRO \_\_\_\_\_

SIRE \_\_\_\_\_ RIDER & NCHA NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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

SIRE \_\_\_\_\_ 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. \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_