

PCCHA is proud to announce we are “Testing” The New NCHA LEVELING System!



The PCCHA Board of Directors voted unanimously to move forward with helping test the new Leveling System during 2019. It is our hope that this new and innovative structure will help Level the playing field of Cutting, put more money in more hands and give everyone an opportunity to compete with like riders in their division. This is an exciting time to be involved in Cutting! Please feel free to contact us with any questions!

How Levels Work:

- a. **Horses:** There will be limited aged groups: Futurity (3 year olds), Derby (4 year olds) etc. Each Limited Aged Group will have three (3) Divisions within each and each Division will have three (3) Levels.
- b. **Divisions:** There are 3 divisions:
 - Open
 - Non-Pro
 - Amateur
- c. **Levels:** Each level is based upon rider’s Total Lifetime Earnings as of January 1, 2019 as reported by the NCHA. See LEVELS chart for earnings levels per division.
- d. **Go Rounds:** All 3 Levels compete in the same limited aged group Division go round(s) then move onto their respective finals.
- e. **Special Assignments:**
 - **Revolving Door:** If a rider is NOT in the Top 100 money earning riders for the previous point year in ANY division, they may drop back into the Intermediate Level.
 - **Senior Exception:** Once a rider turns 70, the rider can drop down into the Intermediate Level regardless of earnings.
 - **Earnings Cap:** Once an Amateur has won \$250,000 or more in Total Non-Pro LAE and Non-Pro Championship Weekend money, they MUST make a choice: to remain an Amateur and compete exclusively in the Amateur Division or to compete in the Non-Pro Division. Non-Pro Championship Weekend money and Non-Pro LAE money EXCLUDES Novice Horse Non-Pro and \$35k Non-Pro earnings.
Once a Non-Pro has won \$250,000 or more in Total Open LAE and Open Championship Weekend Open money, they MUST make a choice: to remain a Non-Pro and compete exclusively in the Non-Pro Division or to compete in the Open Division. Open Championship Weekend money and Open LAE money EXCLUDES Novice Horse earnings. (This is the current rule.)
 - **Limited Level:** The lower level (Limited) in all divisions is protected. No one can ever roll back into the Limited Level.
- f. **Rider Eligibility:**
 - **Enter:** A rider may enter any level or levels in which he/she is eligible.
 - **Combo Levels:** Riders may choose to show once or multiple times. A rider/horse combo may only show twice within a division, therefore if they wish to compete in all 3 levels, they must “Combo” at least 2 levels.

LEVELS	DIVISION	RIDER
	LEVEL	LIFETIME EARNINGS
	OPEN	\$750,000 or more
	Intermediate	\$200,001 - \$749,999
	Limited	\$0 - \$200,000
	DIVISION	RIDER
	LEVEL	LIFETIME EARNINGS
	NON-PRO	\$500,000 or more
	Intermediate	\$100,001 - \$499,999
	Limited	\$0 - \$100,000
DIVISION	RIDER	
LEVEL	LIFETIME EARNINGS	
AMATEUR	\$100,000 or more	
Intermediate	\$25,001 - \$99,999	
Limited	\$0 - \$25,000	