

# **PCCHA – CORE BALANCE DERBY – CLASSIC/CHALLENGE**

## **RULES & REGULATIONS**

Las Vegas, NV

June 11 - 20, 2021

1. **Judges:** A five (5) judge system will be used. Horses will be scored under NCHA Rules.
2. **Registration certificate:** required on all horses. Proof in the form of a photocopy of the registration certificate or a notarized statement of age & description must be submitted with all entries. No horses will be entered into the draw without copy of certificate.
3. **Entries:** 1<sup>st</sup> payment of Entries are due & payable on April 15, 2021 with a 10 day grace period without penalty. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and final payment is due May 15, 2021 with no grace period. Any entry not postmarked by due dates will be assessed a late fee. Please see Payment Schedule for payment amounts.
  - a. Entries are taken and processed per PCCHA aged event entry rules.
  - b. Unlimited number of entries per owner and/or rider will be taken.
4. **NCHA and PCCHA membership:** Both owner & riders must be current NCHA and PCCHA members.
5. **Ties:** If any two riders tie for the championship of any class, Co-Champions shall be declared. First & second place monies will be divided equally. The highest accumulative score of the two go rounds and the finals will determine awards. Three way or greater ties shall be worked off with one being determined as Champion and remainder as Co-Reserve Champions. The money will be split equally.
6. **Novice, Gelding & Senior divisions:** Within all open, non pro and amateur divisions, a gelding division will be held. Within all non pro and amateur divisions, a senior division will be held. (Senior age is 60 years old.) Within all open divisions, a Novice division will be held. (Novice eligibility less than \$10,000 as of May 1, 2021.) Payout will be made to the furthestmost advancing 25% of entries. The novice, gelding and senior classes are a class within a class. There is not a separate final. Entry fee: \$400/\$100 office. \_
7. **Eligibility:** Each Limited Aged Group will have three (3) Divisions within each and each Division will have three (3) Levels.
  - a. **Horses:** There will be two (2) limited aged groups:
    - Derby (4 year olds)
    - Classic/Challenge (5/6 year olds)
  - b. **Divisions:** The divisions are:
    - Open
    - Non-Pro
    - Amateur
  - c. **Levels:** Each level is based upon rider's Total Lifetime Earnings as of January 1, 2021 as reported by the NCHA. See LEVELS chart for earnings levels per division.
    - **Top (Open, NP or Amateur)** – 2 go rounds – 25% to finals
    - **Intermediate** – 1 go round – 30% to finals
    - **Limited** – 1 go round – 30% to finals – There will be a \$300 Finals Advancement Fee for each contestant making it to the finals.
  - d. **Special Assignments:**
    - **Revolving Door:** If a rider is NOT in the Top 100 money earning riders for the previous 2 years (2019 & 2020) in ANY division, they may drop back into the Intermediate.
    - **Senior Exception:** Once a rider turns 70, the rider can drop down into the Intermediate class 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 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 EXCLUDES Novice Horse earnings.

- **Limited Level:** The lower level (Limited) in all divisions is protected. No one can ever roll back into the Limited Level.

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

#### 8. **Rider Eligibility:**

- a. **Enter:** A rider may enter any level or levels in which he is eligible. (See Combo Levels below.)
- b. **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.

#### 9. **Go Round/Finals Advancement:**

- a. The top levels (Open, Non-Pro & Amateur) within each division will have 2 go rounds and a finals.
  - **Go Rounds:** The top scoring fifty five (55%) percent of the Open first go round will advance to the second go round.
  - **Finals:** The Top Level (Open, NP & Amateur) the high-scoring twenty five (25%) percent, from the 1<sup>st</sup> round, with a minimum of eight (8) and maximum of twenty five (25) of the entries based on the number of horses drawn for the first go-round may advance directly to the divisions’ finals. If there are fewer than 25 entries in a division, a minimum of six (6) horses will advance to the finals. In the event there are less than 20 horses, there shall be a non-working finals based on the total aggregate score(s) from the go round(s).
- b. The middle level (Intermediate) in all divisions will have (1) go round and a finals. These Intermediate levels will compete within the 2<sup>nd</sup> go round of their respective divisions. Then move onto their separate finals.
  - **Open Divisions:** Within the Open divisions of each aged level, if a horse is entered in the Open Top Level division, that horse has the option of adding the Intermediate Level with an additional rider no later than ½ hour at the conclusion of the first Top Level go round without late penalty. If not entered in the Top Level all penalties shall apply.
  - **Finals:** The Limited Level of each division the high-scoring thirty (30%) percent, from the round, with a minimum of eight (8) and maximum of twenty five (25) of the entries based on the number of horses drawn for the first go-round may advance directly to the divisions’ finals. If there are fewer than 25 entries in a division, a minimum of six (6) horses will advance to the finals. In the event there are less than 20 horses, there shall be a non-working finals based on the total aggregate score(s) from the go round(s).

- c. The bottom level (Limited) in all divisions will have (1) go round and a finals. These Limited levels will compete at the conclusion of the 1<sup>st</sup> go round of their respective divisions. Then move onto their separate finals.
- **Finals:** The Limited Level of each division the high-scoring thirty (30%) percent, from the round, with a minimum of eight (8) and maximum of twenty five (25) of the entries based on the number of horses drawn for the first go-round may advance directly to the divisions' finals. If there are fewer than 25 entries in a division, a minimum of six (6) horses will advance to the finals. In the event there are less than 20 horses, there shall be a non-working finals based on the total aggregate score(s) from the go round(s).
  - There will be a \$300 Finals Advancement fee for each contestant making the finals.
  - In the event there are enough horses to make a finals, PCCHA will add \$1,000 in added purse money.
- d. No horse shall advance that marks a "0" or "180."
- e. All monies paid out in the finals. All finalists will receive a check.
- f. Each level must have 20 to have a Finals. Finals will be a minimum of 6 and maximum of 25 entries plus ties in the finals.
- g. ANY LEVEL WITH LESS THAN 20 HORSES WILL BE A PENCIL FINALS.**
10. **Ties:** If there are any ties for the Championship of a PCCHA event the purse will be distributed 50/50. To determine the recipient of the awards, the award goes to the highest accumulative score of the event.
11. **Awards:** All working finalists will receive an award. Champion & Reserve Champion awards will be presented in all finals.
12. **Show management reserves the right:** The PCCHA Executive Committee reserves the right to make any changes, additions and deletions to these rules as deemed necessary by them. Notice of any changes will be posted at the show and/or upon request. Show management reserves the right to cancel said event or any classes within said event, without notice any time prior to the contest. In such event, fees pertaining to the class or the event, as the case may be, will be refunded.
13. **Refunds:** Will consider refunding fees prior to the draw for only two reasons: 1) a permanent injury to the horse with a veterinarian's verification; 2) a sick or injured rider, with physician's verification. Absolutely no refunds for any other reason.
- Stalls:** Stalls can be cancelled up to 10 days prior to the start of the show at no charge. After the 10 days, there is a \$100 cancellation fee.
14. **NSF Checks:** Individuals presenting Pacific Coast Cutting Horse Assn. with checks which cannot be redeemed for the full amount in cash are subject to appropriate legal processing and prosecution as well as expulsion from participating in cutting horse events. A \$50 fee will be charged to NSF checks.
15. **FINAL ACCOUNTING:** Any disputes regarding final billing/settlements must be filed with the PCCHA office no later than 15 days at close of show.

**ENTRIES DUE:** Please see Payment Schedule for due dates.

**STALLS DUE:** Postmarked by May 20, 2021

**TAX INFORMATION MUST BE PROVIDED BEFORE CHECKS WILL BE RELEASED.**

## DERBY - PCCHA LEVELING SHOW

*All TOP Levels = 2 go rounds w/Finals*

*All INTERMEDIATE Levels = 1 go round w/ Finals w/I 2nd Go Round of Top Level*

*All LIMITED Levels = 1 go round w/ Finals w/I 2nd Go Round of Top Level*

### Classes Within Division

<u>4 Year Old Open</u>	<u>Added \$</u>	<u>Total EF</u>	<u>Go Rounds</u>	<u>% to Finals</u>	<u>Gelding</u>	<u>Senior</u>	<u>Novice</u>
Open	\$50,000	\$1,925	2	25%	G		N
Intermediate Open	\$10,000	\$1,250	1	30%	G		N
Limited Open	Jackpot	\$885	1	30%	G		N
<u>4 Year Old Non-Pro</u>	-						
Non-Pro	\$15,000	\$1,525	2	25%	G	S	
Intermediate NP	\$7,500	\$1,150	1	30%	G	S	
Limited NP	Jackpot	\$885	1	30%	G	S	
<u>4 Year Old Amateur</u>	-						
Amateur	\$15,000	\$1,525	2	25%	G	S	
Intermediate Amateur	\$7,500	\$1,150	1	30%	G	S	
Limited Amateur	Jackpot	\$885	1	30%	G	S	
<u>5/6 Year Old Open</u>	-						
Open	\$25,000	\$1,825	2	25%	G		N
Intermediate Open	\$10,000	\$1,250	1	30%	G		N
Limited Open	Jackpot	\$885	1	30%	G		N
<u>5/6 Year Old Non-Pro</u>	-						
Non-Pro	\$15,000	\$1,525	2	25%	G	S	
Intermediate NP	\$7,500	\$1,150	1	30%	G	S	
Limited NP	Jackpot	\$885	1	30%	G	S	
<u>5/6 Year Old Amateur</u>	-						
Amateur	\$15,000	\$1,525	2	25%	G	S	
Intermediate Amateur	\$7,500	\$1,150	1	30%	G	S	
Limited Amateur	Jackpot	\$885	1	30%	G	S	

**Total Added Money      \$    207,000**