

PCCHA – HOLY COW PERFORMANCE HORSES
FUTURITY – CUTTING STAKES – CLASSIC/CHALLENGE
RULES & REGULATIONS

Las Vegas, NV

September 21 – September 30, 2023

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: ONE PAYMENT** Is due & payable on August 15, 2023 with **no grace period**. Entries will be taken with a late fee applied if postmarked after August 15th until September 11th. After September 11th, one can enter but must go at the end of a set with no late fee or fresh cattle added. **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.
3. **NCHA and PCCHA membership:** Both owner & riders must be current NCHA and PCCHA members.
4. **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.
5. **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 August 1st, 2023) 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.
6. **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 three (3) limited aged groups:
 - Futurity (3 year olds)
 - Cutting Stakes (4 year olds) – only for offspring sired by Subscribed Stallions
 - 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, 2019 as reported by the NCHA. See LEVELS chart for earnings levels per division.
 - **Top (Open)** – 2 go rounds – 20% to finals
 - **Top (NP or Amateur)** – 1 go round – 25% to finals
 - **Intermediate** – 1 go round – 25% to finals
 - **Limited** – 1 go round – 25% to finals
 - d. **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.
 - **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
	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

7. Rider Eligibility:

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

8. Go Round/Finals Advancement:

- The top levels (Open) within each division will have 2 go rounds and a finals.
 - **Go Rounds:** The top scoring sixty (60%) percent of the Open first go round will advance to the second go round.
 - **Finals:** The Top Level (Open) the high-scoring twenty (20%) percent, from the 1st 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).
- The top levels (Non-Pro and Amateur) within each division will have 1 go round and a finals.
 - **Finals:** The Top Level (Non-Pro and Amateur) the high-scoring twenty (25%) percent, from the go 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 middle level (Intermediate) in all divisions will have (1) go round and a finals.
 - The OPEN Intermediate levels will compete within the 2nd go round of their respective divisions. Then move onto their separate finals.
 - The NP and Amateur Intermediate will be it's own go round.
 - **Finals:** The Limited Level of each division the high-scoring twenty (25%) 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).
- d. The bottom level (Limited) in all divisions will have (1) go round and a finals.
 - The OPEN Limited levels will compete within the 1st go round of their respective divisions. Then move onto their separate finals.
 - The NP and Amateur Limited will go within the Intermediate go rounds.
 - **Finals:** The Limited Level of each division the high-scoring twenty (25%) 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 score(s) from the go round. Note: In the **LIMITED LEVEL ONLY** in all Divisions, in the event there more than 20 horses, there will be \$1,000 added to the Finals purse. No horse shall advance that marks a "o" 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.**

- 9. **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.
- 10. **Awards:** All working finalists will receive an award. Champion & Reserve Champion awards will be presented in all finals.
- 11. **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.
- 12. **Refunds:** Please see current **PCCHA Event Rules**.
- 13. **Unpaid Show Bills:** Any unpaid fees/accounts left open at the close of the show will be charged a 15% fee and remanded to NCHA for collection after 90 days.
- 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.

ENTRIES DUE: Please see Payment Schedule for due dates.

STALLS DUE: Postmarked by September 11, 2023

TAX INFORMATION MUST BE PROVIDED BEFORE CHECKS WILL BE RELEASED.