

# 2021 NCHA FUTURITY

## CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

### For the 2021 NCHA Open & Non Pro Futurity, Open & Non Pro Derby, and Open & Non Pro Classic Challenge

All rules of NCHA Ltd (National Cutting Horse Association) not in direct conflict with the rules of the 2021 NCHA Futurity, as approved by the Board of Directors of NCHA Ltd and as published herein will apply. These rules are subject to change by action of the NCHA Ltd Board only.

Futurity, NP Futurity &/or Amateur - **All horses must be four years old born no earlier than 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017 – 31 July 2018.**

Derby & NP Derby &/or Amateur - **All horses must be five years old born no earlier than 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016 – 31 July 2017.**

Classic Challenge & NP Classic Challenge &/or Amateur - **All horses must be six, seven or eight years old born between 1<sup>st</sup> August 2013 & 31<sup>st</sup> July 2016.**

**To be held in Tamworth from the 27 July – 8 August 2021 (Dates are subject to change)**

#### I. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. Owners and riders must be "Full" financial members of the NCHA Ltd at the time of nomination and at time of competition.
2. The event is open to all horses irrespective of breed.
3. All nominations must be done online via the NCHA iCompete online entries system.
4. Entries must be accompanied by proof of age; proof of age to be determined by official Registration or Recording Certificate issued by respective Breed Society. Unregistered horses & Pending Registrations must include an NCHA Age Inspection Form. Age Inspection form to be completed by a registered veterinarian and include at least four colour photographs of nearside, offside, front and rear. Nominations will not be accepted until this process has been completed.
5. All nominations will be inspected prior to the competition for verification of age by the official NCHA Equine Dentist. A horse will not be eligible to compete if the age as determined by examination of its teeth exceeds the age as shown on the registration certificate or the notarised statement required for unregistered horses. Right of appeal will be by way of written application to the Executive Committee.
6. The 2021 Futurity will consist of a three (3) Judge system.
7. All payments include GST must be made on or before the due date.
8. No Cattle Hire will be charged for finalists.
9. All payments/fees including late fees due must be received by the NCHA prior to the draws.
10. Late fees will not be included in the payouts.
11. Prize money will be paid to the person whose name is declared in the prize money section of the entry.
12. If instalments or final payment is not made by the due date, the nomination will be regarded as withdrawn and re-entry will only be accepted on payment of late fees.
13. **There will be NO REFUND/CARRY OVER OF ENTRY FEES.**
14. **5% Discount will be provided should the entry be paid in full by 1/12/20 for this event. (Discounted entries that are scratched will be refunded prorated from the date of scratching).**
15. Entries must be named (Excluding Non Pro Slots) on nomination with the first payment, due 1 December 2020.
16. Change of ownership does not affect eligibility but the NCHA must be notified of the transfer with applicable transfer fees paid to the NCHA office.
17. The NCHA reserves the right to cancel these competitions without liability and **return all entry fees paid less the portion of event costs incurred up to the cancellation period, at any time should unforeseen circumstances occur.**
18. No horse will be allowed to start in the 2021 Futurity and Non Pro Futurity where it can be proven by the Board of Directors of the NCHA that the horse has been shown or judged in an Affiliated or Unaffiliated cattle working event prior to the Futurity.
19. Prize money Payouts will be as per NCHA Rule Book and/or Cadush system.
20. Recognition awards and ribbons will be presented to finalists.
21. Number of finalists will be as per the NCHA rule book.
22. Prize money Payouts will be completed within 30 days from the final day of competition.
23. Any violation of the rules will render the competitor ineligible to collect any prize money or trophy and should the same have already been awarded, must be returned to the NCHA.
24. **All scratching's must be submitted online via iCompete or email** and forwarded to the NCHA office.
25. Draws will be posted a minimum of ten days prior to the start of the show.

26. Refund is applicable for sundry costs prior to draws being posted. Sundry costs include TRC levy, cattle hire, judges Levy, Video fee and Covid-19 Tax if applicable.
27. A person with an Open entry may add an entry to the Non Pro Division (being the same horse) with no penalty up to and including the last payment.
28. In the event that entries in the Open Futurity exceed one hundred and fifty entrants, the top 80% plus ties only will qualify to advance to the 2nd round in draw.
29. Entrants in the Open Derby and Open Classic Challenge are required to qualify for the 2nd go round. The top 80% plus ties only will advance to the 2nd go round in draw.
30. In the event that entries in the Non Pro Futurity, Non Pro Derby or Non Pro Classic Challenge exceed one hundred, the top 80% of scorers plus ties only will advance to the 2nd go round in draw.
31. Should there be a tie for first place they will be awarded Co-Champions of the event. The prize money for first and second place will be added and divided equally between the Co-Champion owners. All other prizes will be awarded to the highest aggregated horse over the three rounds. In the event that there is still a tie then the awards will be decided by the toss of a coin. The NCHA will supply a duplicate Buckle and trophy only.
32. In the event that there is three or more tied for first place then a run off will be conducted. The tied competitors will draw for order of work in the same herd as the final.
33. **Any Dogs in the Camping Area must be on a lead or adequately restrained. No dogs will be allowed in the seated area of the Complex.**
34. **Due to the current uncertainty related to the current COVID-19 pandemic at the time of the 2021 Futurity T&C's release date. A form of COVID-19 entries tax may apply, pending any added costs to stage the event with applied restrictions.**

## II. RULES APPLICABLE TO NON PRO ENTRIES

1. A Non Pro has two options when entering the Non Pro Futurity, Non Pro Derby and Non Pro Classic Challenge divisions.
  - a) You may name your horse when you send in the first payment.
  - b) You may enter the riders name only; this will be considered a 'slot' entry.
2. A Non Professional rider's slot or named entry may be sold to another Non Professional.
  - a) A Non Pro may sell their slot before the draw. This will attract an administration fee of \$165.
  - b) 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's registration papers or a bill of sale showing proof of ownership to the NCHA along with \$300. When a Non Professional sells a slot after the draw they **cannot repurchase another slot in that class**. They may however buy a horse from another Non Professional which is entered in that class and show the purchased horse in the allocated draw position which has been assigned to that horse.
  - c) If at the time final nomination payment is made; the horse or horses to be ridden are not yet named, you have the option to withhold this information until 1hr prior to the event for an additional charge of \$300. **Failure to notify the office of the horses name 1 hour prior to the commencement of the event will result in disqualification.**
  - d) If a Non Professional does not name their 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 that names one horse will work in the first assigned draw and the other draw will be left vacant.
3. **Double Entry and Transfer Privileges**; an entry made in a Non Professional rider's name (slot) may **not** be transferred to the Open Division.
  - a) A Non Pro may transfer to the Open Division before the draw and only if the horse is named on the first payment entry form, and will be required to pay the difference between the Open and Non-Professional Futurity entry fees plus \$165 transfer fee.
  - b) A Horse can only be entered (1) one time in each division.
4. A person with a Non Pro entry where the entry was named on the first payment may add an entry (**being the same horse**) to the Open division with no penalty, up until the draws.

## III. RULES APPLICABLE TO AMATEUR ENTRIES

- a) The 2021 Futurity will hold Amateur divisions separate to the Non Pro Futurity, Non Pro Derby and Non Pro Classic Challenge.
- b) Amateurs may enter the Amateur divisions only. It is not compulsory to enter the Non Pro class.
- c) The entry fee for the Amateur divisions will be the same cost as the Non Pro Division of that class.
- d) Should an Amateur enter both the Non Pro Class and the Amateur division, the entry fee will be the total of the Amateur division plus \$920 for the Non Pro class.
- e) Finalists will be as per the NCHA Rule book.
- f) A separate final will be held for each event.
- g) Entry into the Amateur Division must be made online via the NCHA iCompete online entries system.