

2013 Snaffle Bit Futurity Conditions

GENERAL

- Open to 3-year-old horses of all breeds, to be shown in three rounds of competition: herd, rein and cow work. Horses may be previously exhibited in a bridle, snaffle bit, or hackamore. However, the horse may not have been shown in a bridle down the fence in any judged classes or events with the exception of horse sales.
- Fee for a Progressive Entry is \$2,400. Fee for a Slot Entry is \$2,600. They are payable by one of the following methods. All additional fees (Cattle Fee, NRCHA Fee, Monitor Fee, etc.) are due postmarked by August 26.

a. **Progressive Payments:** (cannot be sold)

Payment	Due Date	Fee	Late Fee
Nomination fee	February 15	\$150	\$75
2nd payment	March 15	\$250	\$125
3rd payment	April 15	\$350	\$175
4th payment	May 15	\$450	\$225
5th payment	June 15	\$450	\$225
6th payment	July 15	\$550	\$275
7th payment	August 15	\$200	\$100
Total Entry Fee		\$2,400	

b. **Slot Payments:** (can be sold)

Payment	Due Date	Fee	Late Fee
1st Slot Payment	March 15	\$1,200	\$600
2nd Slot Payment	May 15	\$1,200	\$600
3rd Slot payment	August 15	\$200	\$100
Total Entry Fee		\$2,600	

- Level 1 Limited Open/Amateur:** Riders wishing to enter the Level 1 Limited Open or Amateur Division may do so by completing the payments as follows:

Payment (cannot be sold)	Due Date	Fee	Late Fee
1st Payment	April 15	\$200	\$100
2nd Payment	May 15	\$250	\$125
3rd Payment	June 15	\$300	\$150
4th Payment	July 15	\$250	\$125
Total Entry Fee		\$1,000	

- Non Pro Limited:** Riders wishing to enter the Non Pro Limited Division may do so by completing the payments as follows:

Payment (cannot be sold)	Due Date	Fee	Late Fee
1st Payment	April 15	\$200	\$100
2nd Payment	May 15	\$250	\$125
3rd Payment	June 15	\$300	\$150
Total Entry Fee		\$750	

Payments must be postmarked on or before the above due dates. There will be no grace period.

Each Futurity entry will receive two exhibitor badges. The badge will be good for the exhibitor seating areas only and will be included in the exhibitor packet picked up at the show. Seating in the exhibitor sections is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Additional exhibitor badges may be purchased through the NRCHA for \$35 each.

Entry fees are subject to annual change.

- All Progressive, Level 1 Limited Open, Amateur and Non Pro Limited payments made on or before the due date are final. In a Limited Age Event, if entry payment is postmarked on or before the due date, that payment may only be refunded if written entry cancellation is received by the NRCHA Office on or before the due date. Progressive, Level 1 Limited Open, Amateur and Non Pro Limited payments do not constitute a slot, and therefore cannot be bought or sold between private parties. Progressive, Level 1 Limited Open, Amateur and Non Pro Limited entries must be named, and a copy of the horse's registration papers or a written veterinary age authentication included (complete horse description for unregistered horses must be included at the time of nomination). Failure to include a copy of the horse's registration papers or a written veterinary age authentication including complete horse description for unregistered horses or failure to name entry will constitute an incomplete entry.
- A slot entry is defined as an entry which can be transferred. For a slot entry, horse and rider may be named at a later date. Slot entries will be governed by the following rules:
 - Deadline for purchasing slot entries from the NRCHA is May 15.
 - Slot entries must be named by August 26. Slot entries named after August 26 but before September 3, will be assessed a \$250 late fee.
 - The draw will be held September 3. Slots that are not named before September 3 will not be included in the draw.
 - There will be a \$250 transfer fee for entries transferred prior to the draw, and a fee of \$500 after the draw.
 - The Open, Int. Open, Ltd. Open divisions slot draw will be at Noon the day before the starting day of the futurity - September 22. Slots that are for sale are listed as Open Slots after the draw and then those spots are redrawn during the slot draw. They are drawn in the order that the seller of the slot informs the show office that they have a buyer and the buyer has paid for the slot. Any unsold slots will automatically go in the slot draw.
 - After the draw has been completed, if an Open slot with an Level One Limited Open entry chooses to sell the Open slot, but keep the Level One Limited Open entry, the party purchasing the Open slot would take over the draw position of the original entry and the original Level One Limited Open entry would be placed in the draw, once entries close (according to NRCHA rule 9.4.1.)
 - The Non Pro, Int. Non Pro, Nov. Non Pro divisions slot draw will be at Noon the day before the starting day of the first Non Pro Division of the futurity - September 24. Slots that are for sale are listed as Open Slots after the draw and then those spots are redrawn

during the slot draw. They are drawn in the order that the seller of the slot informs the show office that they have a buyer and the buyer has paid for the slot. Any unsold slots will automatically go in the slot draw.

- After the draw has been completed, if a Non Pro slot with an Amateur entry chooses to sell the Non Pro slot, but keep the Amateur entry, the party purchasing the Non Pro slot would take over the draw position of the original entry and the original Amateur entry would be placed in the draw, once entries close (according to NRCHA rule 9.4.1.)
 - After the draw is completed, if an Amateur that is already entered and in the draw purchases a Non Pro slot, he or she would maintain the Amateur draw position.
- Owners and riders must be current members in good standing with the NRCHA by noon the day preceding competition.
 - All slot payments made on or before the due dates are final. In an LAE, if entry payment is postmarked on or before the due date, that payment may only be refunded if written entry cancellation is received by the NRCHA Office on or before the due date. Entries scratched prior to the draw will be refunded any additional fees that have been paid. Entries scratched after the draw is complete will be refunded any additional fees paid minus the cattle fees. Once the draw has been made, horses that have scratched may only re-enter as a late entry and will be placed in the draw accordingly. They will not be allowed to purchase a slot.
 - Payment of Fees: All additional fees (Cattle Fee, NRCHA Fee, Monitor Fee, etc.) are due postmarked by August 26. It is the owner's responsibility to make the payments by the due date. NRCHA will not be responsible for entries or payments received late. All checks for entry and other fees are to be made payable to the National Reined Cow Horse Association (in US Funds) and payments should be sent by guaranteed mail to insure delivery. Payments must be postmarked on or before the due date, or late penalties will be assessed. There will be no grace period. When the postmark date falls on Sunday or an official holiday that the US Postal Service is not in operation, postmarks of the next day of operation will be accepted with no late fees. Payments returned due to insufficient funds will constitute an incomplete entry and the responsible party will be subject to all provisions of NRCHA rule 1.1.6 and all late fees upon re-entry.
 - Horse Substitution: In order to complete a horse substitution the substitute horse must be owned by the same person or persons and the following items must be sent to the NRCHA office or presented to the Horse Show Office at the show by noon the day before the entered division starts:
 - A veterinary certificate or statement stating why the horse entered will be unable to work (except in the case of an Amateur entry substitution no veterinary certificate is required).
 - A substitution fee of 10% of the total entry fee paid to date
 - A copy of the new entry's registration papers or a written veterinary age authentication including complete horse description for unregistered horses
 - A new entry blank must be completed.Any current entry that would like to substitute must provide all the items listed above or it will be considered a late entry and will be assessed the late entry fees due at time of entry.
 - Rider Substitution: Prior to August 26, rider substitutions can be completed by contacting the NRCHA Office. After August 26, rider substitutions can be completed by contacting the NRCHA Office but are required to be approved by the Shows Committee. Substitution of riders, due to accident or illness during the NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity, will be subject to approval by the Show committee. Their decision will be final.
 - Late entries will be accepted until noon the day prior to the beginning of each division (Open, Level 1 Limited Open and Non Pro). Late entries will be assessed all entry fees due at time of entry plus late entry penalties of 50% of entry fees and all remaining payments when due. Entries received after the draw has been completed (September 3) will be placed in the draw, once entries close, according to NRCHA rule 9.4.1.
 - Change of Ownership: If any entry changes ownership, the entry will retain eligibility by complying with the following steps:
 - Notification of change in ownership, and the intention of the new owner to continue the entry.
 - Provide the NRCHA with a copy of the corrected registration papers showing the new owner.
 - Payment of remaining fees when due
 - The new owner must be a current member of the NRCHA.The Futurity management reserves the right to approve all transfers.
 - An owner may enter more than one horse. A rider may ride more than one horse. A horse may only be entered one time in each division (Open, Level 1 Limited Open or Non Pro/Amateur) of the Futurity.
 - Prize money will be paid to the owner. Entrants do not have to participate in all three parts of the Futurity to be eligible for prize money.
 - The Shows Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any entry. All decisions are final.
 - The NRCHA reserves the right to cancel, transfer or reschedule the Futurity without notice and/or liability. In the event of cancellation all entry fees paid to date will be refunded. Interest earned on the entries is the property of the National Reined Cow Horse Association.
 - NRCHA rules will apply unless specifically deleted or altered.
 - These rules and conditions are subject to change by action of the NRCHA Board of Directors.
- ### DIVISIONS & FINALS
- OPEN: This division is open to all riders. There will be added money to the purse.
 - In the Open Futurity, \$15,000 of the entire purse will be designated to go-round monies. There will be five monies paid in each go-round of the elimination. Preliminary monies will be paid in accordance with NRCHA rule 7.2.
 - If there are 99 entries or less in the Open Futurity, the 20 highest scoring horses will advance to the Open Finals. If there are 100 entries or more in the Open Futurity, the 25 highest scoring horses will advance to the Open Finals. Ties for the final placing will advance.
 - If there are 50 entries or less in the Open Futurity, prize money will be paid 1st through 15th; 51-99 entries will pay the top 20 horses, 100 entries and up will pay 25 places. If a tie advances more

than the specified number of finalists to be paid, the payout will be adjusted according to the number of horses in the finals, but the total payout will not change.

d. EACH FINALIST WILL BE ASSESSED A \$340 FINALS FEE.

2. **CINCH INTERMEDIATE OPEN:** This division is open to any rider who is not on the Top 30 Open Rider listing, based on Open money won in the past three years at any NRCHA approved Limited Age Events, and is not on the Top 12 Non Pro Rider listings, based on Open and Non Pro money won in the past three years at any NRCHA approved Limited Age Events. Contestants shall enter and pay Open Futurity payments plus \$450 to be eligible for the Cinch Intermediate Open Division. Any entry wishing to enter the Cinch Intermediate Open Division must indicate so by paying \$450 which must be postmarked on or before August 26, 2013. Entries postmarked after August 26 will be charged the \$450 entry fee plus a \$50 late fee. No entries will be accepted after noon the day prior to the beginning of the Open division. There will be added money to the purse.

a. There will be \$6,000 and three places paid for the preliminary go-rounds for the Cinch Intermediate Open Division. The payout of preliminary money will be based on NRCHA rule 7.2.

b. A minimum of ten (10) horses will advance to the finals for 50 entries or less. With more than 50 entries, 10 horses plus one for every 10 horses above 50 will advance to the finals with a maximum of 20 finalists. Ties for final placing will advance.

c. If a tie advances more than the specified number of finalists to be paid, the payout will be adjusted according to the number of horses in the finals, but the total payout will not change.

d. EACH FINALIST WILL BE ASSESSED A \$340 FINALS FEE.

e. Finalists that qualify for multiple finals that run concurrently will be required to pay one \$340 finals fee only.

3. **LIMITED OPEN:** This division is open to any rider who is not on the Top 30 Open Rider listing, based on Open money won in the past three years at any NRCHA approved Limited Age Events, has not earned over \$15,000 in Open and Non Pro money at the NRCHA Futurity, Derby, Hackamore Classic, Stakes or Maturity through 2002, and after 2002 at any NRCHA approved Limited Age Events, and is not on the Top 12 Non Pro Rider listings; based on Open and Non Pro money won in the past three years at any NRCHA approved Limited Age Events. Contestants shall enter and pay Open Futurity payments plus \$450 to be eligible for the Limited Open Division. Any entry wishing to enter the Limited Open Division must indicate so by paying \$450 which must be postmarked on or before August 26, 2013. Entries postmarked after August 26 will be charged the \$450 entry fee plus a \$50 late fee. No entries will be accepted after noon the day prior to the beginning of the Open division. There will be added money to the purse.

a. There will be \$6,000 and three places paid for the preliminary go-rounds for the Limited Open Division. The payout of preliminary money will be based on NRCHA rule 7.2.

b. A minimum of 10 horses will advance to the finals for 50 entries or less. With more than 50 entries, 10 horses plus one for every 10 horses above 50 will advance to the finals with a maximum of 20 finalists. Ties for final placing will advance.

c. If a tie advances more than the specified number of finalists to be paid, the payout will be adjusted according to the number of horses in the finals, but the total payout will not change.

d. EACH FINALIST WILL BE ASSESSED A \$340 FINALS FEE.

e. Finalists that qualify for multiple finals that run concurrently will be required to pay one \$340 finals fee only.

4. **LEVEL 1 LIMITED OPEN:** This division is open to any rider who has not earned \$7,500 or more in Open and Non Pro money at the NRCHA Futurity, Derby, Hackamore Classic, Stakes or Maturity through 2002, and after 2002 at any NRCHA approved Limited Age Events. To be eligible to compete in this division, contestants must have a valid LAE Level One Limited Open designation on their membership card and a current application on file in the office. Entry into the Open is not required. This class will have a separate draw. If also entered in the Open, the horse will run in the Open, and their scores will carry over to the Level 1 Limited Open. Horses will not run twice unless riders are not the same. General Futurity conditions will apply.

a. There will be \$3,000 and three places paid for the preliminary go-rounds for the Level 1 Limited Open Division. The payout of preliminary go-round money will be based on NRCHA rule 7.2.

b. The composite of the preliminary go-rounds will determine the winner in the Level 1 Limited Open Division. Payout will be in accordance with NRCHA rule 7.2.

5. **LADIES:** This division is open to all female Open and Non Pro riders. Contestants shall enter and pay normal Futurity payments plus \$450 to be eligible for the Ladies Division. Any entry wishing to enter the Ladies Division must indicate so by paying \$450 which must be postmarked on or before August 26, 2013. Entries postmarked after August 26 will be charged the \$450 entry fee plus a \$50 late fee. No entries will be accepted after noon the day prior to the beginning of the preliminaries. The preliminary go-rounds will determine the winner in the Ladies division. Horses and/or riders that are entered in both the Open and Non Pro Divisions must declare which division's score will be used for the Ladies Division. A horse may be entered only once. Payout will be in accordance with NRCHA rule 7.2.

6. **NON PRO DIVISION:** This division is open to any rider who possesses a current NRCHA Non Pro card. All Non Pros must abide by ownership rules. There will be added money to the purse.

a. A Non Pro can enter both the Open and Non Pro divisions for double the entry fees and will be required to show the horse in each of the Open and Non Pro go-rounds. One draw will be for the Non Pro competition, and one draw will be for the Open competition.

b. In the Non Pro Futurity, \$15,000 of the entire purse will be designated to go-round monies. There will be five monies paid in each go-round of the elimination. Preliminary monies will be paid in accordance with NRCHA rule 7.2.

c. 30% of the entries, a minimum of 15 horses, with a cap of 20 horses will advance to the finals. Ties for the final placing will also advance. Rounding up will occur when the percentage is 0.5% or above.

d. If a tie advances more than the specified number of finalists to be paid, the payout will be adjusted according to the number of horses in the finals, but the total payout will not change.

7. **INTERMEDIATE NON PRO:** Contestants entered in the Non Pro Futurity, that are eligible for the Intermediate Non Pro, will automatically be entered. This division is open to any rider who possesses a current NRCHA Non Pro card and is not on the Top 12 Non Pro Rider listings, based on Open and Non Pro money won in the past three years at any NRCHA approved Limited Age Events. There will be money added to the purse.

a. There will be \$6,000 and three places paid for the preliminary go-rounds for the Int. Non Pro Division. The payout of preliminary money will be based on NRCHA rule 7.2

b. 30% of the entries, a minimum of 10 horses, with a cap of 20 horses will advance to the finals. Ties for the final placing will also advance. Rounding up will occur when the percentage is 0.5% or above.

c. If a tie advances more than the specified number of finalists to be paid, the payout will be adjusted according to the number of horses in the finals, but the total payout will not change.

8. **NOVICE NON PRO:** Contestants entered in the Non Pro Futurity, that are eligible for the Novice Non Pro, will automatically be entered. Open to any rider who possesses a current NRCHA Non Pro card and is not on the Top 12 Non Pro Rider listing and the rider must not have earned more than \$15,000 in the past three years at any NRCHA approved Limited Aged Event and they must have a valid LAE Novice Non Pro designation on their membership card and current application on file in the NRCHA Office.

a. Payout will be in accordance with rule 7.2. Go-round money will be paid.

b. 30% of the entries, a minimum of 10 horses, with a cap of 20 horses will advance to the finals. Ties for the final placing will also advance. Rounding up will occur when the percentage is 0.5% or above.

c. If a tie advances more than the specified number of finalists to be paid, the payout will be adjusted according to the number of horses in the finals, but the total payout will not change.

9. **AMATEUR:** This division is open to any rider who possesses a current NRCHA Non Pro card and is not on the top 12 Non Pro Rider listings, based on Open and Non Pro money won in the past three years at any NRCHA approved Limited Age Events and has not won more than \$7,500 in Limited Age Events earnings in Open and Non Pro money at the NRCHA Futurity, Derby, Hackamore Classic, Stakes or Maturity through 2002, and after 2002 at any NRCHA approved Limited Age Events prior to November 16 of the current year. The Amateur Division will run concurrently with the Non Pro Futurity. Amateur entries do not need to be entered in the Non Pro Futurity. General Futurity conditions will apply.

a. There will be \$3,000 and three places paid for the preliminary go-rounds for the Amateur Division. The payout of preliminary go-round money will be based on NRCHA rule 7.2.

b. The composite of the preliminary go-rounds will determine the winner in the Amateur Division. Payout will be in accordance with NRCHA rule 7.2.

10. **NON PRO LIMITED:** This division is open to approved Non Pro riders who have not earned more than \$5,000 in classes with down the fence cow work, but may have won more than \$5,000 in Non Pro Limited earnings and who comply with all Non Pro eligibility rules. Non Pro riders in this class must meet the requirements of the 2.1.10 ownership rule. (See pages 14-17 for Non Pro eligibility rules.) After Non Pro competitors reach the age of 50, they may fall back into the Non Pro Limited class. However, they may not go down the fence again in any judged classes or events with the exception of horse sales and remain in the Non Pro Limited Class. Competitors may fall back into the Non Pro Limited Class only one time. Any rider that has not reached the age of 50 and wishes to compete in the Non Pro Limited class may petition the NRCHA Board of Directors for special consideration. This class will not be counted toward the Merit Award Program.

a. There will be \$3,000 and three places paid for the preliminary go-rounds for the Non Pro Limited Division. The payout of preliminary go-round money will be based on NRCHA rule 7.2.

b. The composite of the preliminary go-rounds will determine the winner in the Non Pro Limited Division. Payout will be in accordance with NRCHA rule 7.2.

11. **ELIGIBILITY FOR GELDING AWARDS:** For a gelding to be eligible to receive awards, a copy of updated horse registration (indicating that the horse is a gelding) must be received by the Horse Show Office before the beginning of competition. In case of a grade horse, a vet certificate must be provided.

12. **OWNER TRANSFER POLICY:** ALL Open horse owner transfers must be given to the Horse Show office. The original papers, breed association transfer form, and appropriate fees must be given to the Horse Show Office. The Horse Show Office will mail the transfer to the breed association.

EQUIPMENT:

1. Entries will be shown in a standard headstall (brow-band, shaped ear or split ear) using a "D" or "O" Ring type, no larger than 4 inches in diameter on the inside of the ring. They must have a broken, 2-piece mouth piece, being a minimum of 5/16 inch in diameter, measured 1 inch in from the inside of the ring on the snaffle bit, with a gradual decrease to center of the snaffle. The mouthpiece should be round, oval or egg-shaped, smooth and unwrapped metal. It may be inlaid, but must be smooth. Latex wrap is not acceptable. These bits must be such that when the reins are pulled no undue leverage is applied, i.e. the inside of the circumference of the ring must be free of rein, curb, or head stall attachments.

2. A leather or other woven material chin strap of any width is to be used. No iron, chain or other material may be used. Chin strap is allowed to include metal buckles and/or keepers on snaffle bits only.

3. Split or tied reins may be used. Entries must be shown with both hands on the reins, except in the herd work portion of the competition.

4. After each work, headstalls must be dropped and viewed by the appointed representative of the Futurity and mouth checked.

5. One hour prior to and during the performance, all illegal equipment must be removed from the arena. This includes turn-back horses and herd holders.

6. Size and design of horseshoes will be at the exhibitor's discretion.

GENERAL SCORING RULES:

See 2013 NRCHA Rule Book.