

# 2017 NCHA FUTURITY

## CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

### For the 2017 NCHA Futurity, Non Pro Futurity, Derby, Non Pro Derby, Classic Challenge & Non Pro Classic Challenge

All rules of the National Cutting Horse Association Inc. (NCHA) not in direct conflict with the rules of the 2017 NCHA Futurity, as approved by the Board of Directors of the NCHA Inc. and as published herein will apply. These rules are subject to change by action of the NCHA Inc Board only. Judges selected will be named one month prior to the Futurity Show.

**These events will be held in Tamworth from the 30<sup>th</sup> May – 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017 (Dates are subject to change due to programming)**

#### I. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. Owners and riders must be "Full" financial members of the NCHA Inc at the time of nomination and at time of competition.
2. The event is open to all horses irrespective of breed.
3. Recognition awards and ribbons will be presented to finalists.
4. Go Round ribbons will be given to four places in each round of the Open and NP Futurity.
5. Proof of age to be supplied by official Registration or Recording Certificate issued by respective Breed Society. Unregistered horses & Pending Registrations must complete and include an NCHA Age Inspection Form when submitting entry form and first payment. Entry will not be accepted until this Age Inspection Form is provided. Age Inspection Form to be completed by a registered veterinarian and included at least four colour photographs of nearside, offside, front and rear.
6. Proof of ownership must be supplied by the two parties concerned in the change of ownership of a horse.
7. 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.
8. All nominations will be ineligible to be accepted as an entry until accurate identification is presented.
9. All entries payments must be paid prior to the draws including applicable late fees.
10. Prize money will be paid to the person whose name and signature appears on the entry form.
11. If sustaining or final payment is not made by due date, the nomination will be regarded as withdrawn and re-entry will only be accepted on payment of late fees (as per special condition 6).
12. There will be **NO REFUND/CARRY OVER OF ENTRY FEES.**
13. Entries must be named (**Excluding Non Pro Slots**) or described on nomination with the first payment, **due 01 October 2016.**
14. Change of ownership does not affect eligibility but the NCHA Inc must be notified of the transfer with applicable transfer fees paid to the NCHA office.
15. All nominations must be on the Official Entry form provided by the NCHA Inc and bear the signature of the owner or their agent. Official Entry form must include first payment and appropriate copy of Breed registration papers or Age Inspection form. No further payments will be accepted until this process has been completed.
16. Payments must be made on or before the due date.
17. The NCHA Inc reserves the right to cancel these competitions without liability and return all entry fees paid at any time should unforeseen circumstances occur.
18. Late fees will not be included in the payouts.
19. No horse will be allowed to start in the 2017 Futurity and Non Pro Futurity where it can be proven by the Board of Directors of the NCHA Inc that the horse has been shown or judged in an Affiliated or Unaffiliated cattle working event prior to the Futurity.

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20. All payments include GST.
21. All payments must be on the official forms.
22. Prize money Payouts will be as per NCHA Rule Book and/or Cadusch system.
23. Number of finalists is as per the NCHA rule book including Gelding, Limited NP and Limited Open.
24. Prize money Payouts will be completed within 30 days from the final day of competition.
25. 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 Inc.
26. All scratchings must be in writing and forwarded to the NCHA office.
27. *Draws will be posted **a minimum of ten days prior to the start of the show.** Refund is applicable for sundry costs prior to draws being posted. Sundry costs only include TRC levy, cattle hire, judges Levy and video fee.*
28. *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.*

## II. RULES APPLICABLE TO NON PRO ENTRIES

1. **A Non Pro has two options on 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 Professionals rider's name (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 \$100.
  - 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 \$250. 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 of 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 \$250. *Failure to notify the office of the horses name 1 hour prior to the commencement of the event will result in disqualification.*
  - d) Each Non Professional Futurity, Non Professional Derby and Non Professional Classic Challenge entry shall name the horse or horses to be ridden. If a Non Professional doesn't 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. Entry made in 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 \$100 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 to and including the last payment.**
5. **Amateur Classes**
  - a) The 2017 Futurity will host Finals in the Amateur Futurity, Amateur Derby and Amateur Classic Challenge.
  - b) Horses will qualify through the go rounds of the Non Pro Derby and Non Pro Classic Challenge. Entries are required to qualify for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Go Round. The top 80% plus ties will advance to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Go Round. No refunds are applicable to the bottom 20% of competitors.
  - c) A separate final will be held for each event.
  - d) \$5000 added per Amateur event.
  - e) 12 horses plus ties will advance to the final, with all finalists receiving prizemoney. This overrides Rule 15, page 48 of the current NCHA Rule book.
  - f) Entry into the Amateur Class must be made by the last payment on a separate Amateur/Limited Entry form.