



2010 Snaffle Bit Futurity Conditions

GENERAL

1. 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.

2. Entry fee for an Open Division Progressive entry is \$2,400, Open Division Slot entry is \$2,600, Non Pro Division Progressive entry is \$2,200, and Non Pro Slot entry is \$2,400 payable by one of the following methods:

A. Progressive Payments: (cannot be sold)

Payment	Due Date	Fee	Late Fee
Nomination fee due	February 1	\$150	\$75
2nd payment due	March 1	\$250	\$125
3rd payment due	April 1	\$350	\$175
4th payment due	May 1	\$450	\$225
5th payment due	June 1	\$450	\$225
6th payment due	July 1	\$550	\$275
7th payment due (OPEN ONLY)	August 1	\$200	\$100
Total Entry Fee Non Pro		\$2,200	
Total Entry Fee Open		\$2,400	

B. Slot Payments: (can be sold)

Payment	Due Date	Fee	Late Fee
1st Slot Payment due	March 1	\$1,200	\$600
2nd Slot Payment due	May 1	\$1,200	\$600
3rd Slot Payment due (OPEN ONLY)	August 1	\$200	\$100
Total Entry Fee Non Pro		\$2,400	
Total Entry Fee Open		\$2,600	

Riders wishing to enter the Amateur Division may do so by completing the payments as follows:

Payment	Due Date	Fee	Late Fee
1st Payment	March 1	\$200	\$100
2nd Payment	April 1	\$250	\$125
3rd Payment	June 1	\$250	\$125
4th Payment	July 1	\$300	\$150
Total Entry Fee		\$1,000	

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

Upon initial nomination all entries will receive an official coupon book for making all remaining payments or divisional entries. Entry is responsible for payments whether coupon book is received or not.

All Futurity entries will receive 2 exhibitor badges. The badge will be good for the exhibitor seating areas (sections 2, 3 and 17) 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 serve basis. Additional exhibitor badges may be purchased through the NRCHA for \$35 each.

Entry fees are subject to annual change.

3. All progressive payments made on or before the due date, are final. In an LAE if entry payment is postmarked on or before the due date, that payment only may be refunded if written entry cancellation is received by the NRCHA office on or before the due date. **Progressive payments do not constitute a slot, and therefore cannot be bought or sold between private parties.** Progressive entries must be named, and a copy of the horse's registration papers or a written veterinary age authentication including complete horse description for unregistered horses 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.**

4. 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 1.
- Slot entries must be named by August 1. Slot entries named after August 1 but before August 9, will be assessed a \$250 late fee.
- The draw will be held August 9.** Slots that are not named before August 9 will not be included in the draw.
- A \$250 fee will be assessed for all slot transfers. A slot transfer occurs anytime ownership of a slot changes.
- If a slot entry is sold, purchase of the slot constitutes assuming the draw position of the purchased slot.
- Selling and transferring of Open and Non Pro slots must be completed by noon the day prior to the beginning of each division (Open or Non Pro).
- 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.

h. After the draw is completed, an Amateur that is already entered and in the draw purchases a Non Pro slot would maintain their Amateur draws.

5. Owners and riders must be current members in good standing with the NRCHA by noon the day preceding competition.

6. All slot payments made on or before the due date are final. In an LAE if entry payment is postmarked on or before the due date, that payment only may 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.

7. Payment of fees: 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 payment 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 1.1.5 and all late fees upon re-entry.

8. 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. 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)**

b. A substitution fee of 10% of the total entry fee paid to date

c. A copy of the new entry's registration papers or a written veterinary age authentication including complete horse description for unregistered horses

d. A new entry blank must be completed

e. Substitution coupon from payment booklet

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.

9. Rider Substitution: Prior to August 1, rider substitutions can be completed by contacting the NRCHA office. After August 1, rider substitutions can be completed by contacting the NRCHA office but are required to be approved by the Show 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.

10. Late entries will be accepted until noon the day prior to the beginning of each division (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 (August 9) will be placed in the draw, once entries close, according to NRCHA rule 9.4.1.

11. Change of ownership: If any entry changes ownership, the entry will retain eligibility by complying with the following steps:

a. Notification of change in ownership, using change of ownership coupon, and the intention of the new owner to continue the entry.

b. Provide the NRCHA with a copy of the corrected registration papers showing the new owner.

c. Payment of remaining fees when due.

d. The new owner becomes a member of the National Reined Cow Horse Association. The Futurity management reserves the right to approve all transfers.

12. 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 or Non Pro/Amateur) of the Futurity.

13. 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.

14. The Limited Aged Events Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any entry. All decisions are final.

15. The National Reined Cow Horse Association 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.

16. NRCHA rules will apply unless specifically deleted or altered.

17. These rules and conditions are subject to change by action of the NRCHA Board of Directors.

DIVISIONS & FINALS

1. OPEN: This division is open to all riders. There will be added money to the purse.

a. In the Open Futurity, \$15,000 of the entire purse will be designated to go-round monies. There will be 5 monies paid in each go-round of the elimination. Preliminary monies will be paid in accordance with NRCHA rule 7.2.

b. 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.



c. 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. 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 normal Futurity payments plus \$450 to be eligible for the Intermediate Open Division. Any entry wishing to enter the Intermediate Open Division must indicate so by returning the appropriate coupon and \$450 which must be postmarked on or before August 1, 2010. Entries postmarked after August 1 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 3 places paid for the preliminary go-rounds for the 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, ten horses plus one for every ten 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 for the first division and an additional \$190 for the second division.

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 \$10,000 in Open and Non Pro money at the NRCHA Futurity, Derby, Hackamore Classic, Stakes or Maturity through 2001, and after 2001 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 normal 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 returning the appropriate coupon and \$450 which must be postmarked on or before August 1, 2010. Entries postmarked after August 1 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 3 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 ten (10) horses will advance to the finals for 50 entries or less. With more than 50 entries, ten horses plus one for every ten 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 for the first division and an additional \$190 for the second division.

4. 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 returning the appropriate coupon and \$450 which must be postmarked on or before August 1, 2010. Entries postmarked after August 1 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, on the Ladies divisional coupon, 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.

5. 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 5 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 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 .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.

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

f. Finalists that qualify for multiple finals that run concurrently will be required to pay one \$340 finals fee for the first division and an additional \$190 for the second division.

6. INTERMEDIATE NON PRO: 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. Contestants shall enter and pay normal Non Pro Futurity payments plus \$450 to be eligible for the Intermediate Non Pro Division. Any entry wishing to enter the Intermediate Non Pro Division must indicate so by returning the appropriate coupon and \$450 which must be postmarked on or before August 1, 2010. Entries postmarked after August 1 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 Non Pro division. There will be money added to the purse.

a. There will be \$6,000 and 3 places paid for the preliminary go-rounds for the Intermediate Non Pro Division. The payout of preliminary money will be based on NRCHA rule 7.2.

b. 30% of the entries 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 .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.

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 for the first division and an additional \$190 for the second division.

7. AMATEUR DIVISION: 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 2001, and after 2001 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 3 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.

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:

1. The Show Committee will select the patterns to be used in the rein work and each entry will work cattle. Any pattern or condition change will be posted at least one hour before the go-round to which it applies.

2. Each entry's performance in herd, rein, and cow work will be scored from 60-80 points, with 70 points as an average work. Half points may be used at the discretion of the judges.

3. Unofficial scores may be announced and/or exhibited on the scoreboard after each entry's work. Scores will then be verified from the judge's cards, and any correction will be made. Scores will not be official until all cards have been verified.

4. In case of a tie for first place in the finals, the cow work score will determine the winner. In the event there is still a tie, there shall be a compulsory work-off consisting of the cow work. If a tie still exists the high preliminary total score will determine the winner. If a tie still exists the contestants will be declared co-champions.

5. Falling of the horse or rider in all works will result in a score of -0-.

6. Bloody mouth (inside) will be a score of -0-.

7. If at anytime during a performance a piece of equipment breaks, the rider may continue provided the broken equipment does not pose a hazard to the rider or is not cruel to the horse. If the rider is unable to continue because of the broken equipment, the rider will be excused with a no score.

8. No Futurity entry (horse) may be used as a herd settler. (Futurity entries may be used to turn back.)

9. During the cow work if the cow leaves the working area, the contestant will automatically receive a new cow, and scoring will begin again with the new cow.