



NRCHA SNAFFLE BIT FUTURITY®
2025 TERMS AND CONDITIONS



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Entry Deadlines & Show Dates

February 21, 2025 - Entries Open

August 15, 2025 - Postmark Deadline for:

- Postmark deadline for final payment of the stall fee, cattle charge, video fee and NRCHA fees.

August 31, 2025 - Deadline for Naming Horse & Rider for Slot Entries

- Slot entries must be named (horse and rider). A copy of the horse's registration papers must also be provided. Slot entries named after August 31 but before September 16 will be assessed a \$250 late fee.

September 15, 2025 - Last Day to Purchase Slots from NRCHA

- Last day to purchase a slot from NRCHA. All entries purchased on or after September 16, 2025 will incur an additional late fee, have a late draw position and cannot be sold.
- All slot types must be designated. Slot transfers after September 15 will incur a \$500 slot transfer fee (\$250 prior to the 16th). **NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity® slots not named on or before September 15 will not be included in the draw. All entries must be paid in full to be included in the draw.**

September 16, 2025 - NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity® Draw

- Entries not paid in full will not be included in the draw.

October 1, 2025 (tentative)- Open Slot Draw

- The Open slot draw will be held at noon two days prior to the first Open horse go.

October 7, 2024 (tentative)- Non Pro & Non Pro Boxing Slot Draw

- The Non Pro & Non Pro Boxing slot draw will be held at noon two days prior to the first Non Pro horse go.

October 3-18, 2025 - Show Dates



General Information

Contact Information

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Horse Eligibility

The National Reined Cow Horse Association NRCHA SNAFFLE BIT FUTURITY® is open to three-year-old horses of all breeds. Horses will 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 (NRCHA 10.6.1.3). Three-year-old horses may not have privately worked or practiced on cattle in the Will Rogers Coliseum or other facilities at the Will Rogers Memorial Center prior to the NRCHA SNAFFLE BIT FUTURITY®. The only exception is if the organized work or practice is part of an approved NRCHA sanctioned event or events produced by NRCHA affiliates or NRCHA Alliance Partners (NCHA / AQHA / APHA / NRHA / SHTX).

For NRCHA Premier Events, herd settler must be entered in the event for show at which he/she is settling. (For example, to settle a herd in any division in a derby, the herd settler must be entered in that derby, in any division). No horse may be used as a herd settler for a class in which that horse is competing. They may be used as turn back help horses. Violation of this rule may result in the following: fine, suspension, probation.

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 mouthpiece, 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



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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 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 equipment used on turn-back horses and herd holders.
6. Size and design of horseshoes will be at the exhibitor’s discretion.
7. Reference NRCHA Rule Book section 5.6 for further information.

Miscellaneous

- An owner may enter more than one horse.
- A rider may ride more than one horse.
- A horse may only be entered one time per division of the futurity:
 - Open*
 - Level 1 Open*
 - Non Pro*
 - Level 1 Non Pro*
 - Non Pro Boxing*
- Prize money will be paid to the owner or designated payee listed.
- Entrants do not have to participate in all three parts of the Futurity to be eligible for prize money.
- The Show 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.



Entry Types

Slot Entries

Slots can be purchased through the NRCHA Office until September 15, 2025.

Slot entries can be sold or transferred to another division and/or buyer.

- \$250 slot transfer fee for entries transferred to another division and/or another buyer prior to the draw (September 15)
- \$500 slot transfer fee for entries transferred to another buyer after the draw (September 16). Slots cannot change divisions after the draw.

Divisions

- Open
- Level 1 Open
- Non Pro
- Level 1 Non Pro
- Non Pro Boxing

Naming

- The horse and rider must be named by August 31.
- The horse's registration number or Grade Horse Competition License must be submitted when entry is named.
- Failure to include above documentation will constitute an incomplete entry and will not be processed by the NRCHA Office.
- Slot entries named after August 31, but on or before September 15, will be assessed a \$250 late fee.
- Slots that are not named before September 15 will not be included in the draw.
- Any change to horse name after August 31 is subject to a substitution fee (10% of entry fee paid to date).
- Riders may be changed until September 15. Rider changes after the draw (September 16) must be approved by the Show Committee.

Entry Information



Slot Transfer/ Slot Sales

If a slot owner wishes to sell a slot, they may advertise the slot for sale via the NRCHA website or other means. To be listed on NRCHA.com, please send written confirmation of the type of slot (Open / Level 1 Open / Non Pro / Level 1 Non Pro / Non Pro Boxing), contact name and phone number to the NRCHA office at entries@nrcha.com to post. They will be listed in the order received and not removed until written confirmation of sale is received from the seller.

Slots will not be officially transferred without the following items:

- Written confirmation of new owner from previous slot owner
- New entry form from new slot owner
- Payment of all required fees to date

Slots can be transferred to/from any division prior to the draw, **September 16**.

All payments toward the slot convenience fee, entry fee and miscellaneous fees will be transferred to the new entry. Late fees charged/paid will remain with the original entry. The transfer fee will be billed to new entry.

Slots transferred **BEFORE** the draw will be drawn in the initial draw on September 16. Slots transferred **AFTER** the draw will go into the slot draw.

Slot Draw

Slots that are for sale after the September 16 draw date will be listed in the draw as an "Available Slot." Slots that sell will be re-drawn in the slot draw:

- OPEN division at noon 2 days prior to first Open go
- NON PRO division at noon 2 days prior to first Non Pro go
- NON PRO BOXING division at noon 2 days prior to the first Non Pro Boxing go

Slots will be drawn in the order they were sold as determined by the date and time a slot seller notifies the NRCHA office in writing that a buyer has paid for the slot. Slots will not go into the slot draw and will not be officially transferred without the following items:



Entry Information

- Written confirmation of new owner from previous slot owner
- New entry form from new slot owner
- Payment of all required fees to date

Any unsold slots will retain their positions as determined by the original September 16 draw.

Slot Combinations

Level 1 Open / Open Slot Combinations

- After the draw, if an Open entry adds the Level 1 Open to an existing Open entry, the Open entry retains their draw position.
- After the draw, if an Open slot with a Level 1 Open entry chooses to sell the Open slot, but keep the Level 1 Open entry, the party purchasing the Open slot will be placed into the slot draw and the original Level 1 Open entry will be inserted into the draw according to NRCHA rule 9.5.
- After the draw, if a Level 1 Open entry that entered in that division only and then purchases an Open slot, he or she will be placed into the slot draw with other Open slots sold after the draw. The Level 1 Open entry will be listed in the draw as “Moved to Open.”

Level 1 Non Pro / Non Pro Slot Combinations

- After the draw, if a Non Pro entry adds the Level 1 Non Pro to an existing Non Pro entry, the Non Pro entry retains their draw position.
- After the draw, if a Non Pro slot with a Level 1 Non Pro entry chooses to sell the Non Pro slot, but keep the Level 1 Non Pro entry, the party purchasing the Non Pro slot goes into the slot draw and the original Level 1 Non Pro entry would be placed in the draw according to NRCHA rule 9.5.
- After the draw, if a Level 1 Non Pro entry that entered in that division only and then purchases a Non Pro slot, he or she will be placed into the slot draw with other Non Pro slots sold after the draw. The Level 1 Non Pro entry will be listed in the draw as “Moved To Non Pro.”

Entry Fees & Payment Schedule



Entries Purchased After The Draw

Entries for any division may be purchased from NRCHA on or after September 16 and by noon the day before the first go of each division. Any entry purchased from NRCHA after the draw will receive a late draw position and cannot be sold. Late entry fees are listed below.

| Divisions | Entry Fee | Est. Misc. Fee | Late Fee | Total |
|-----------------|-----------|----------------|----------|---------|
| Open | \$3,000 | \$1,072 | \$1,986 | \$6,058 |
| Level 1 Open | \$1,150 | \$1,067 | \$1,061 | \$3,278 |
| Non Pro | \$1,950 | \$1,067 | \$1,061 | \$4,478 |
| Level 1 Non Pro | \$1,150 | \$1,067 | \$1,061 | \$3,278 |
| Non Pro Boxing | \$1,150 | \$1,067 | \$1,061 | \$3,278 |



Entry Fees & Payment Schedule

OPEN DIVISIONS

Automatic division entry: Entries in the Open will be automatically entered in additional divisions for which the rider is qualified (Intermediate Open, Limited Open)

Level 1 Open will be offered as a stand-alone division and may be entered separately. Level 1 Open can be added to an existing Open Slot without penalty until noon the day before the first go.

Entry fees (30% retained by NRCHA):

- Open Entry Fee - \$3,000
- Level 1 Open Entry Fee - \$1,150

Level 1 Open entries that also enter the Open will be credited \$330 against the Level 1 entry fee at the end of the show

All Slots will incur a one time \$200 slot convenience fee.

Slots not paid in full will incur a \$20 administrative fee for each monthly payment. Balance may be paid in full at any time. Partial payments on or after the first deadline will incur administrative fees and applicable late fees until the balance is paid in full.

Miscellaneous Fees:

Cattle fee, stall fee, NRCHA fee(s), and video fee are due postmarked by August 15. Estimated Misc fees are \$1,067. Final Misc Fee will be determined by July 15.

- Estimated Cattle Fee: \$675
- Stall Fee: \$330
- Video Fee: \$52
- NRCHA Fee: \$10



Entry Fees & Payment Schedule

Open Slot Payments (can be sold)

| Payment | Postmarked Due Date | Pay In Full | Pay in Full Late Fees | Monthly Payments | Monthly Late Fee |
|------------------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1st Payment | March 15 | \$3,200 | \$1,600 | \$660 | \$330 |
| 2nd Payment | April 15 | – | – | \$660 | \$330 |
| 3rd Payment | May 15 | – | – | \$660 | \$330 |
| 4th Payment | June 15 | – | – | \$660 | \$330 |
| 5th Payment | July 15 | – | – | \$660 | \$330 |
| Est. Misc. Fees | August 15 | \$1,072 | – | \$1,072 | – |
| Estimated Total | | \$4,272 | | \$4,372 | |

Level 1 Open Payments (can be sold)

| Payment | Postmarked Due Date | Pay In Full | Pay in Full Late Fees | Monthly Payments | Monthly Late Fee |
|------------------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1st payment | March 15 | | | \$290 | |
| 2nd payment | April 15 | | | \$290 | |
| 3rd payment | May 15 | \$1,350 | \$675 | \$290 | \$145 |
| 4th payment | June 15 | – | – | \$290 | \$145 |
| 5th payment | July 15 | – | – | \$290 | \$145 |
| Est. Misc. Fees | August 15 | \$1,067 | – | \$1,067 | – |
| Estimated Total | | \$2,417 | | \$2,517 | |

Payments must be postmarked on or before the above due dates. **There is 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. Payment amounts must be made in full by the specified deadline. Any payments that are not made in full will be assessed a late fee.



Entry Fees & Payment Schedule

NON PRO DIVISIONS

Automatic division entry: Entries in the Non Pro will be automatically entered in additional divisions for which the rider is qualified (Intermediate Non Pro, Limited Non Pro)

Level 1 Non Pro will be offered as a stand-alone division and may be entered separately. Level 1 Non Pro can be added to an existing Non Pro Slot without penalty until noon the day before the first go.

Entry fees (30% retained by NRCHA):

- Non Pro Slot Entry Fee - \$1,950
- Level 1 Non Pro Slot Entry Fee - \$1,150

Level 1 Non Pro entries that also enter the Non Pro will be credited \$330 against the Level 1 entry fee at the end of the show

All Slots will incur a one time \$200 slot convenience fee.

Slots not paid in full will incur a \$20 administrative fee for each monthly payment. Balance may be paid in full at any time. Partial payments on or after the first deadline will incur administrative fees and applicable late fees until the balance is paid in full.

Miscellaneous Fees:

Cattle fee, stall fee, NRCHA fee(s), and video fee are due postmarked by August 15. Estimated Misc fees are \$1,067. Final Misc Fee will be determined by July 15.

- Estimated Cattle Fee: \$675
- Stall Fee: \$330
- Video Fee: \$52
- NRCHA Fee: \$10



Entry Fees & Payment Schedule

Non Pro Slot Payments *(can be sold)*

| Payment | Postmarked Due Date | Pay In Full | Pay in Full Late Fees | Monthly Payments | Monthly Late Fee |
|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1st Payment | March 15 | \$2,150 | \$1,075 | \$450 | \$225 |
| 2nd Payment | April 15 | – | – | \$450 | \$225 |
| 3rd Payment | May 15 | – | – | \$450 | \$225 |
| 4th Payment | June 15 | – | – | \$450 | \$225 |
| 5th Payment | July 15 | – | – | \$450 | \$225 |
| Est. Misc. Fees | August 15 | \$1,067 | – | \$1,067 | – |
| Estimated Total | | \$3,217 | | \$3,317 | |

Level 1 Non Pro Payments *(can be sold)*

| Payment | Postmarked Due Date | Pay In Full | Pay in Full Late Fees | Monthly Payments | Monthly Late Fee |
|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1st payment | March 15 | | | \$290 | |
| 2nd payment | April 15 | | | \$290 | |
| 3rd payment | May 15 | \$1,350 | \$675 | \$290 | \$145 |
| 4th payment | June 15 | – | – | \$290 | \$145 |
| 5th payment | July 15 | – | – | \$290 | \$145 |
| Est. Misc. Fees | August 15 | \$1,067 | – | \$1,067 | – |
| Estimated Total | | \$2,417 | | \$2,517 | |

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Entry Fees & Payment Schedule

NON PRO BOXING DIVISIONS

Automatic division entry: Entries in the Non Pro Boxing will be automatically entered in additional divisions for which the rider is qualified (Level 1 Non Pro Boxing)

Entry fees (30% retained by NRCHA):

- Non Pro Boxing Slot Entry Fee - \$1,150

All Slots will incur a one time \$200 slot convenience fee.

Slots not paid in full will incur a \$20 administrative fee for each monthly payment. Balance may be paid in full at any time. Partial payments on or after the first deadline will incur administrative fees and applicable late fees until the balance is paid in full.

Miscellaneous Fees:

Cattle fee, stall fee, NRCHA fee(s), and video fee are due postmarked by August 15. Estimated Misc. fees are \$1,067. Final Misc. Fee will be determined by July 15.

- Estimated Cattle Fee: \$675
- Stall Fee: \$330
- Video Fee: \$52
- NRCHA Fee: \$10



Entry Fees & Payment Schedule

Non Pro Boxing Payments *(can be sold)*

| Payment | Postmarked Due Date | Pay In Full | Pay in Full Late Fee | Monthly Payments | Monthly Late Fee |
|------------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1st payment | March 15 | | | \$290 | |
| 2nd payment | April 15 | | | \$290 | |
| 3rd payment | May 15 | \$1,350 | \$675 | \$290 | \$145 |
| 4th payment | June 15 | – | – | \$290 | \$145 |
| 5th payment | July 15 | – | – | \$290 | \$145 |
| Est. Misc. Fees | August 15 | \$1,067 | – | \$1,067 | – |
| Estimated Total | | \$2,417 | | \$2,517 | |

Payments must be postmarked on or before the above due dates. **There is 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. Payment amounts must be made in full by the specified deadline. Any payments that are not made in full will be assessed a late fee.



Additional Divisions

Ladies Division

This division is open to all female Open and Non Pro riders. Eligible riders will be automatically entered. Preliminary composite score will determine the winner. There is no entry fee and no payout – prizes only. 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.

Gelding Division

Open to all gelded horses that are officially designated as Gelding by any of the following methods:

Registered Horses

- Original or duplicate copy of Registration Papers marked "Gelding"
- Online report from association indicating "Gelding"
- Original Papers can be stamped in the show office (AQHA only)

Grade Horses

- NRCHA Competition License marked "Gelding"
- Veterinarian letter certifying the horses is a "Gelding"

Divisions:

- Open – Entry Fee \$400 / \$90% to Jackpot – must be entered in the OPEN Futurity
- Non Pro – Entry Fee \$200 / \$90% to jackpot – must be entered in the NON PRO Futurity

Preliminary composite score will determine the winners. Payout based on NRCHA Rule 10.5.2. Added money will be published by October 1. There is no late fee penalty.

Chrome Cash Division

This division is open to all registered APHA horses in the Open, Non Pro and Non Pro Boxing. Original or duplicate copy of APHA Registration Papers must be submitted to NRCHA. Exhibitor must be a current APHA member. Payouts



Additional Divisions

will be made according to NRCHA rule 10.5.2. Preliminary composite score will determine the winner. Added money will be published by October 1. There is no late fee penalty.

Select Division

Select Non Pro and Select Non Pro Boxing is open to riders 50 years of age and over as of November 16th of the 2025 show year. The classes will be run concurrent in each of the Non Pro and Non Pro Boxing divisions. Entry Fee \$100 – must be entered in the concurrent Non Pro or Non Pro Boxing Futurity.

Preliminary composite score will determine the winners. Payout will be based on NRCHA Rule 10.5.2. Added Money will be published by October 1. There is no late fee penalty.



Scratches/Refunds

Refunds

Per NRCHA 10.1.2.4, NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity® payments made on or before the due date are final and non-refundable. The miscellaneous fees may be refunded before the September 16 draw date.

The NRCHA Horse Show Refund Policy requires scratches to be made in writing and received in the NRCHA office.

- Scratches made before the draw will be refunded all miscellaneous fees.
- Scratches made after the draw will be refunded the NRCHA fee(s) and video fee.

Scratches

Entries may be cancelled / scratched by submitting a written request to the NRCHA office. Horses that are scratched after the draw may only re-enter as a late entry and will be placed in the draw according to NRCHA Rule 9.4.1. They will not be allowed to purchase a slot.



Substitutions

Horse Substitutions

The substitute horse must be owned by the same person, persons, or entity. 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
- A new entry form
- A copy of the new entry's registration papers or a Grade Horse Competition License
- A substitution fee of 10% of the total entry fee paid to date

Substitutions that do not provide all the items listed above will be considered a late entry and will be assessed the late entry fees due at time of entry.

Rider Substitution

Prior to the draw on September 16, rider substitutions can be completed by contacting the NRCHA Office. After the draw on September 16 and prior to October 3, rider substitutions can be completed by contacting the NRCHA Office but require NRCHA Show Committee approval.

Substituted riders can only compete in divisions they are eligible for, regardless of what divisions the horse was entered in prior to the rider substitution:

- If the substituted rider is eligible for more divisions than the horse was originally entered in, those divisions will be added.
- If the substituted rider is eligible for fewer divisions than the horse was originally entered in, ineligible divisions will be removed.

On or after October 3:

- New riders must currently be entered in the futurity.
- Substitution due to accident or illness (injury of original rider) will be done according to NRCHA rule 10.1.2.6.
- Substitutions require review and approval of the NRCHA Show Committee.



Ownership Changes

Ownership Changes

If any entry changes ownership, the entry can 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 or Grade Horse Competition License showing the new owner.
- Payment of remaining fees when due.
- The new owner must be a current member of the NRCHA.
- NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity® management reserves the right to approve all ownership transfers.
- Non Pro entry ownership changes must comply with all Non Pro eligibility rules.

Finals & Projected Payouts



Added Money

Open - \$500,000
Level 1 Open - \$10,000
Non Pro - \$135,000
Level 1 Non Pro - \$7,500
Non Pro Boxing - \$10,000

Open: \$11,000 per Go Round

1st - \$5,000
2nd - \$2,500
3rd - \$2,000
4th - \$1,000
5th - \$500

Int. Open: \$5,000 per Go Round

1st - \$2,000
2nd - \$1,500
3rd - \$1,000
4th - \$500

Ltd. Open: \$1,500 per Go Round

1st - \$750
2nd - \$450
3rd - \$300

Level 1 Open: \$1,000 per Go Round

1st - \$500
2nd - \$300
3rd - \$200

Non Pro: \$3,500 per Go Round

1st - \$1,400
2nd - \$1,050
3rd - \$700
4th - \$350

Int. Non Pro: \$2,000 per Go Round

1st - \$1,000
2nd - \$600
3rd - \$400

Limited Non Pro: \$1,000 per Go Round

1st - \$500
2nd - \$300
3rd - \$200

Level 1 Non Pro: \$1,000 per Go Round

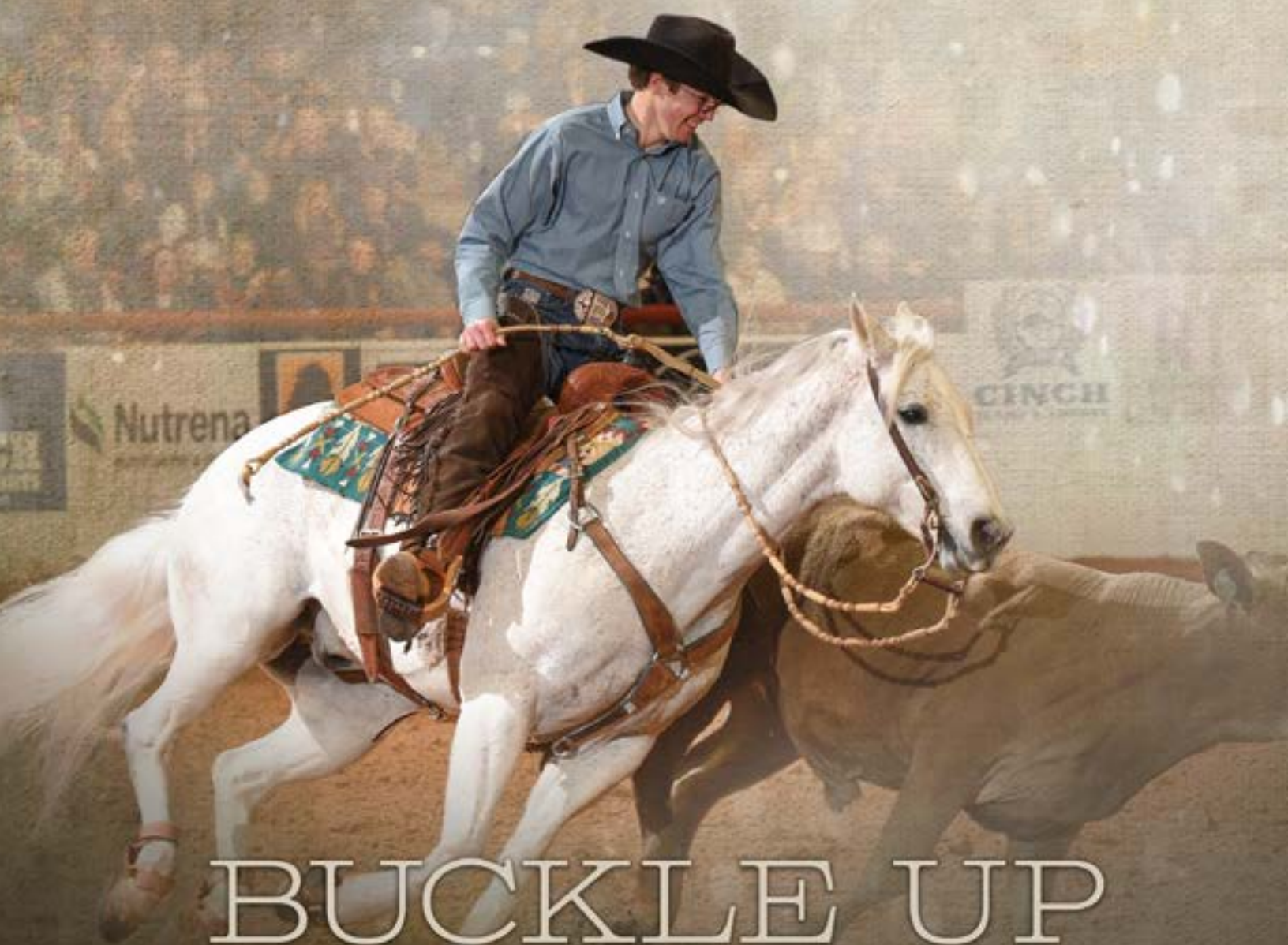
1st - \$500
2nd - \$300
3rd - \$200

Non Pro Boxing: \$1,000 per Go Round

1st - \$500
2nd - \$300
3rd - \$200

L1 Non Pro Boxing: \$500 per Go Round

1st - \$250
2nd - \$150



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