

2025 NRCHA Kimes Ranch Derby Non Pro Meeting

Chairman: Diane Edwards

Committee Member: Tammy Johnston

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- Select
 - The board is still discussing the potential of raising the select age
 - Select numbers are growing at shows, potential for select to run as a stand alone
 - Considering adding a super select division

- NPBX LAE
 - Members asking for similar payouts in NPBX LAE as the NP LAE classes
 - Potential for 3 event finals in the NPBX LAE premier events
 - Discussion on adding the level for the NPBX LAE, letting Level 1 NPBX LAE enter as a stand-alone class (similar to the NP LAE)
 - NPBX LAE entries have been comparable to NP entries consistently at premier events.

- Intermediate Non Pro Hackamore Class
 - The Board approved the addition of an Intermediate Non Pro Hackamore Class at the Hackamore Classic Show in Tulsa.
 - There will be \$250 Added and participants must still enter the Non Pro Hackamore.

- Updated Merit award Program
 - NRCHA will be rolling out an updated and improved Merit Award Program in 2026.
 - Many folks are not aware of the Merit Program so the new version will hopefully make NRCHA members more aware of the program and get their horses signed up but it will also have updated requirements and additional categories that your horse will be eligible to qualify for.
 - Be looking for information on the new program later this fall.

- Non Pro Survey Results
 - Reviewed the Survey results from the Survey that was sent out just prior to the NRCHA Stallion Stakes Show in Las Vegas. There were 612 responses.

- Q1. What events do you currently compete in within the NRCHA?
 - Boxing Classes. 53.10%
 - Cow Horse Classes. 37.58%
 - Trainer Competes. 2.45%
 - Not Currently Competing. 6.86%

- Q2. Do you compete in mainly horse show classes or limited-age events?
 - Horse Show. 43.84%
 - Limited Age. 6.90%
 - Both. 43.68%
 - Do not currently show. 5.58%

- Q3. What division(s) do you compete in (select all that apply)?
 - Non Pro. 36.11%
 - Intermediate Non Pro. 29.58%
 - Limited/Level 1 Non Pro. 27.29%
 - Non Pro Boxing. 34.15%
 - Intermediate Non Pro Boxing. 25.33%
 - Limited/Level 1 Non Pro Boxing. 28.27%
 - Do not currently show. 6.54%

- Q4. What age group are you in?
 - 18-25. 5.56%
 - 26-35. 10.78%
 - 36-45. 18.30%
 - 46-50. 8.17%
 - 51-55. 8.99%
 - 56-60. 13.73%
 - 61-65. 14.22%
 - 66 & Over. 20.26%

- Q5. The NRCHA Board of Directors is re-visiting the current Non Pro Select age of 50. Would you be in favor of changing the Select Age?
 - Leave at 50. 50.17%
 - Change to 60. 37.29%
 - Change to 62. 12.54%

- Q6. At the NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity would you be in favor of changing the current Boxing finals format to a clean slate finals with the 3 events? Currently the finals are a cow work only with the finals cow work score added to the preliminary composite score to determine the winner.
 - Leave as Cow Work Only Finals. 30.20%
 - Change to a Clean Slate Finals. 69.80%

- In conversations I have had with some Non Pro's who show (have shown) in the Boxing Futurity, IF the NRCHA Board was to agree to a Clean Slate Finals, the Added Money would need to increase to be more in line with the Non Pro Finals.

- -The Board is still of the mind to change the Select Age most likely to 60. The Non Pro Committee has been tasked with going through some of the Non Pro rules that deal with the Select age and making them easier to understand.

- OPEN DISCUSSIONS:
 1. Since the Select Division continues to grow, the possibility of adding a stand alone class might be in a future NRCHA schedule. The Derby in Scottsdale would be a good show to try it as there is probably more time in the schedule than any other NRCHA Premiere Event to add a class.
 2. It was brought up to consider having a "super" Select class for those maybe 65-70 years old and up. This was an item that the Board had discussed but wanted to table it until a final decision is made on the Select age.
 3. Since the Non Pro Boxing LAE entries have been comparable to NP entries consistently at recent Premiere Events, there was discussion of having the Non Pro Boxing LAE, Level 1 as a stand alone class and perhaps the addition of a Limited Non Pro Boxing LAE class. This can be brought up at a future Board of Directors meeting.

- Meeting Adjourned!