

NON PRO NOTES

DECEMBER 17,2025

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

I hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas Holiday with family and/or friends. A NEW Year is only days away and along with that a new horse show season is just around the corner!

In trying to send out more frequent updates to the Non Pro membership, I have a relatively short report from our December Board of Directors meeting that we had in Las Vegas on December 17th. The bulk of the meeting was to go over the 2026 Budget for NRCHA. I am happy to report that the NRCHA is in good financial health.

I do have just a couple of reminders/notes before I do the actual information from the Board meeting:

- 1) The Board meeting minutes WILL get posted to the NRCHA website once they have been approved by the Board at our next meeting which will be in Fort Worth at the Celebration of Champions. I heard there has been some frustration by some members that the notes don't get published from our meetings. They ABSOLUTELY DO get published (check the NRCHA website) but there is a delay between when we hold the meeting and when the minutes get approved for release.
- 2) A quick comment regarding surveys done by NRCHA and the NRCHA Non Pro Committee. Surveys are a great way to get feedback from our membership and for those folks attending our events (members or not). The surveys are reviewed and sometimes the items on a survey prompt a change (i.e. adding a Non Pro Intermediate Hackamore class) but sometimes the Board and/or the Non Pro Committee has to make decisions that they feel is for the good of the NRCHA organization as a whole even if the that isn't what the survey results reflected. More directly, I know the change of the Select age to 60 was not what the survey indicated but that was what the Board determined was best for the NRCHA. Keeping the Hackamore Classic in Tulsa is another example where it may not have been the first choice of the membership when asked a very basic question. But when the Board reviewed ALL the RFP's received for the event, there was no question that the Tulsa Expo Center made the most sense in MANY ways (cost, cattle, practice pens, Area amenities...) for the membership to have an enjoyable event. There are roughly 3,700 Non Pro members in the NRCHA so when you receive 300-500 surveys back on a topic, it is a VERY small group that is responding. It is not necessarily definitive of what the whole Non Pro membership would want.

3) PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU READ THROUGH YOUR 2026 NRCHA RULEBOOK!

There are quite a few changes/updates and many of them are Non Pro related!

AND TO CLARIFY - RULE 3.8.1.2 HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE 2026 RULEBOOK!

YOU WILL BE SHOWING IN EITHER THE NON PRO FENCE CLASSES OR THE NON PRO BOXING CLASSES THERE IS NO LONGER ANY CROSSOVER!!

DECEMBER BOARD MEETING INFORMATION:

- 1) The Non Pro World's Greatest Horseman is being "re-branded" in 2026. It has previously been held at the Hackamore Classic in Tulsa. In 2026, the event is going to move to the Western Derby in Scottsdale, Arizona. The goals of the move are to increase participation, get additional recognition for the Non Pro riders who compete and increase sponsorship (i.e. payout money) for the Non Pro's. It is most likely also going to have a new name-stay tuned on that one.
- 2) As I mentioned earlier, the big topic of the December Board meeting is covering the 2025 budget and getting a budget for 2026. I am so happy to report that the Non Pro's will be seeing some LARGE increases in Added Money at the NRCHA Premiere Events for 2026.

With moving the Select age up to 60, entry numbers are possibly going to be reduced in the Non Pro Select and Non Pro Select Boxing classes. In order to encourage folks to enter and maybe encourage some that have been reluctant to enter in the past, I requested between \$1,000 to \$2,000 in Added Money for ALL the Select classes at ALL premiere events next year. The Board was in agreement. There has not been Added Money in the Select classes before. They were jackpot only. This is exciting news!

Stallion Stakes:

THIS IS HUGE, PLEASE READ...

2025 Non Pro Added Money	\$70,000.
2026 Non Pro Added Money	\$90,000.*

2025 Non Pro Boxing Added Money	\$12,500.
2026 Non Pro Boxing Added Money	\$20,000.*
2026 Non Pro Select Boxing Added Money	\$2,000.*

*These numbers are possibly going to increase between now and when the show is held in April. The Stallion Subscriptions and Foal Enrollments continue to come into the office right up until showtime.

SNAFFLE BIT FUTURITY:

2025 Non Pro Boxing Snaffle Bit Futurity Added	\$10,000
2026 Non Pro Boxing Snaffle Bit Futurity Added	\$15,000
2025 Non Pro Select Added Money	-0-
2026 Non Pro Select Added Money	\$2,000
2025 Non Pro Select Boxing Added Money	-0-
2026 Non Pro Select Boxing Added Money	\$2,000

Be looking for additional Added Money in ALL Non Pro classes in 2026! The Board is listening!!!

It was also decided that ALL FINALISTS IN ALL FUTURITY DIVISIONS at the 2026 Snaffle Bit Futurity will receive a buckle.

There will be a Non Pro meeting at the Celebration of Champions in February. A date won't be set until entries have been closed and the office has a chance to see what the numbers are for each day.

ALL THE BEST FOR THE NEW YEAR!

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