

## 2026 NRCHA Derby Non Pro Meeting Notes – 5/30/2026

Non Pro Committee Chairman: Lori Wyman

NRCHA President: Paul Bailey

Non Pro Committee Members: Lanham Brown, Tammy Johnston, Amy Bailey

NRCHA Staff: Patty Tiberg, Callie Boevers, Taylor Meek

1. Introduction
  - a. Gastrobim – Clark Weaver
2. Board Meeting Updates
  - a. In 2<sup>nd</sup> Look At Board Meeting
    - i. 2.3.8.3 Open Trainers over 60 can Fall back to the Non Pro under a reduced compliance period, if they have less than \$100,000 in Open earnings and have not earned any Open money for 2 years.
  - b. In Discussion
    - i. \$100,000 in Open earnings – clarification on when they lose Non Pro status
    - ii. Bringing back rule 3.8.1.2 – Non Pro's over 60 can go down the fence in HS & show LAE Boxing without using their boxing fall back
    - iii. Non Pro Top Rider List – reduce from top 25 to top 10-15
    - iv. College Professors – not eligible for Non Pro Status
    - v. Select Age – analysis for boxing vs fence
      1. CofC NP LAE – 1 entry
      2. Stakes NP LAE – 4 entries
      3. Derby NP LAE – 1 entry but scratched
    - vi. Marketing/Influencers – Allow to hold Non Pro Status
3. Marketing
  - a. Callie – Media/Marketing Updates
4. 2026 NRCHA Kimes Ranch Derby Payouts
  - a. Non Pro
    - i. \$100,000 across all 4 divisions
  - b. Non Pro Boxing
    - i. \$45,000 across all divisions
  - c. ALL NP HS Payouts
    - i. \$160,000
5. Reduced NPBX HS Cattle Fee
  - a. Do Non Pro Boxers prefer rerun cattle vs. fresh at Premier Events?

- i. General consensus, most Non Pro's want a fresh cow at premier events
  - b. How much of a reduced cattle fee would make a difference?
- 6. Cattle Expenses at Derby
  - a. Cattle Crew ~\$40,000
  - b. Cattle Feed ~\$35,000
  - c. Cattle Expense ~\$552,270
  - d. TOTAL Cattle Cost **\$627,270**
  - e. Cattle Loss Cost - \$3,400 / head
  - f. Board discussion on moving to a fence only finals at Derby
    - i. Non Pro's not in favor, prefer full finals/clean slate
- 7. Communication Devices
  - a. Hearing aids vs communication devices
    - i. Added advantage?
    - ii. Non Pro's not in favor of allowing communication devices in the show pen
- 8. WGNP
  - a. Doubled in size
  - b. Payouts
    - i. \$12,500 to first
    - ii. \$50,000 total
  - c. Roping Steers for WGNP
    - i. Will run the steers through before the roping
    - ii. There will be NO roping practice
  - d. Draw Party
    - i. Draw steer stopping position
    - ii. During the Equidome lunch break Friday June 5<sup>th</sup> (est. noon)
    - iii. All WGNP entries need to be on arena floor on foot
    - iv. Will receive WGNP jacket and items from Gastrobim
    - v. Food/drinks on the concourse near owner's lounge
  - e. Feedback on WGNP

#### Questions/Discussion from Attendees

- 9. Adding more production/recognition for Non Pro finals at premier events
  - a. Bring back rider intros on horseback
  - b. Recognize the Non Pro's on Open finals night as well