

## **Non Pro Meeting Minutes – 2024 NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity®**

Non Pro Committee Chairman: Diane Edwards

Committee Members Present: Parke Greeson, Tammy Johnston, and Lanham Brown

NRCHA Staff members Present: Taylor Meek, Emily Konkel, Patty Tiberg, and Tara Carter

### **Non Pro Boxing Eligibility**

2025 Non Pro Boxing new eligibility passed for the upcoming show year. Here are the rules which will be updated regarding eligibility for the 2025 show year:

-The top 50 Non Pro Boxing riders based on lifetime money won in the last 3 years at approved NRCHA events are ONLY eligible for the Non Pro Boxing.

-Intermediate Non Pro Boxing – Open to all riders who are not in the top 50 Non Pro Boxing riders based on lifetime money won in the last 3 years at NRCHA approved events.

Limited Non Pro Boxing – Open to all riders who are not in the top 175 Non Pro Boxing riders based on lifetime money won in the last 3 years at NRCHA approved events with a hard earnings cap of \$5,000 in lifetime earnings.

Level 1 Non Pro Boxing LAE – Hard earnings cap of \$2,000 in lifetime earnings.

### **Non Pro Futurity Payouts**

Oswood Stallion Station has generously increased the Non Pro Futurity payout, with this year's Non Pro winner taking home a \$50,000 paycheck. The Non Pro Boxing Futurity winner will be paid out \$6,000.

### **Cow Horse Incentive Program**

The Stallion Stakes in Las Vegas 2025 plans to see a large payout increase thanks to our new Cow Horse Incentive program. The purse should increase to \$15,000 to the Non Pro Derby winner, and \$150,000 to the Open Derby winner.

Please contact Patty for more info about the new Cow Horse Incentive Program, and be sure to get all your foals enrolled by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **NRCHA Leases**

The topic of allowing Non Pro's to lease and show a leased horse through the NRCHA has been brought up for conversation. The majority of the feedback during the discussion was not in favor of allowing leases. At this time we will not be moving forward with any further discussion regarding leases.

### **Box Drive Rules**

The board has talked about adding a few rules to clarify the rules for judging and competing in the Box/Drive class.

### **Internships**

NRCHA is working on building a formalized internship program and form to better outline internships for exhibitor's within the NRCHA.

### **Snaffle Bit Schedule/Non Pro Finals**

The Snaffle Bit schedule is being reviewed to determine if there is a way to make the schedule more suitable for all riders. Working to create less conflict with the Open and Non Pro classes especially on herd work days. Concerns were also voiced about entries being pulled from the Open or Non Pro due to the conflicts in schedule between them. Finalists in 2023 were overall complimentary of the finals and schedule overall.

### **Select Age**

The select age changed to 50 this year. The Non Pro survey we had sent out voted in favor of keeping the age at 50. The board decided to keep the age for select riders at 50 for 2025.

Diane is considering a proposal to add a "super senior" class for 62 or 65 and up? These would most likely only take place at some premier events and be Cat 2 classes.

### **Hackamore Classic 2025**

The board voted to change the Hackamore Classic Rule to allow for 6-year-olds ONLY to be shown in Non Pro Boxing division of the Hackamore Classic LAE in a Hackamore ONLY.

### **Show Management**

Due to the large class sizes at some affiliate and weekend shows, show management can decide to use the same rein score for NPBX, INPBX, LNPBX, and BD. Must specify before the class begins.

**3.12.4 At the discretion of show management, the rein work for the Box Drive and Non Pro Boxing divisions, including Intermediate and Limited, may be run concurrently. When the rein work is conducted concurrently, the rein work score will be used for both the Box Drive and Non Pro Boxing divisions. The cow work for the Box Drive will be run and scored separately.**

As always, feel free to reach out to Diane or the NRCHA office with any questions or concerns. Remember it is the competitor's responsibility to stay up to date with the NRCHA rules be sure to read your rule book!