

**NON PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEE**  
**2024 NCHA Convention Agenda**  
**June 21, 2024 \*\* 9:00 am – 11:00 am**  
**Room – Symphony II & III**  
**Nashville, Tennessee \*\* Loews Vanderbilt**



1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Mission Statement
3. Class Levels and Caps
  - Intermediate Non Pro cap
  - All earnings counting toward 2025 Eligibility
  - Non Pro cap for showing in the open
  - Weekend class caps
  - Cap adjustments if needed, when and how much?
4. Encouraging NCHA Executive Committee and staff to improve and enhance communication with members regarding upcoming discussions on rule changes and other information members need to know.
5. Amateur Exceptions that determine returning to Amateur status.  
Amateur Committee Chair – Jennifer Palmer
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Election of Chairman & Vice Chairman
9. Adjournment

## Non-Professional Committee Mission Statement

1. Recommend the rules governing those who hold an NCHA Non-Professional card.
2. Make recommendations regarding Non-Professional classes held at Limited Age Events and Weekend Shows.
3. Make recommendations regarding rules for determining and maintaining Non-Professional eligibility.
4. Make recommendations on new ideas that will encourage participation and growth of the Non-Professional division.
5. Publish a Casebook covering these Non-Professional and Amateur rules.

# CURRENT INTERMEDIATE NON PRO

## Non-Pro Division

Current System		Leveling System			
Classes	Classes	Total LTE	Novice	Senior	Gelding
<i>Non-Pro</i>	<i>Non-Pro</i>	<i>\$500,000 or more</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>
	<i>Intermediate Non-Pro</i>	<i>\$100,001 – \$499,999</i>		<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>
<i>Limited Non-Pro</i>	<i>Limited Non-Pro</i>	<i>\$0 – \$100,000</i>		<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>

### Combo Class Options

*Limited Non-Pro – Non-Pro*

*Limited Non-Pro – Intermediate Non-Pro*

*Intermediate Non-Pro – Non-Pro*

*Limited Non-Pro – Intermediate Non-Pro – Non-Pro*

## INTERMEDIATE LEVELING

### Summary

Using a population of people with NP or AM/NP or UA status that have had a current membership in the last 5 years (2019 – 2024), the total population is 7,390.

Intermediate Eligibility as written:

- Lifetime Earnings <500,000 OR
- Age 70 or older OR
- Lifetime Earnings >=500,000 AND Not on Top 100 List

2024 LEVELING				
Class	ONLY	Breakdown %	Inclusive	% of population that is eligible
NP	54	0.7%	7390	100.0%
INP	805	10.9%	7336	99.3%
LNP	6531	88.4%	6531	88.4%

INP (not LTD) Breakdown of the 805

- 6 over 500k but are OVER age 70
- 67 over 500k but NOT on top 100 (i.e. Roll Back)
- 732 under 500K

INTERMEDIATE NON PRO – EARNINGS BUCKETS AND COUNTS.

BOTTOM	TOP	COUNT (not incl Top 100)	NEW INP #	New NP #	New NP %
\$ 490,000.00	\$ 499,999.99	2	803	56	0.8%
\$ 480,000.00	\$ 489,999.99	3	800	59	0.8%
\$ 470,000.00	\$ 479,999.99	1	799	60	0.8%
\$ 460,000.00	\$ 469,999.99	3	796	63	0.9%
\$ 450,000.00	\$ 459,999.99	3	793	66	0.9%
\$ 440,000.00	\$ 449,999.99	3	790	69	0.9%
\$ 430,000.00	\$ 439,999.99	4	786	73	1.0%
\$ 420,000.00	\$ 429,999.99	2	784	75	1.0%
\$ 410,000.00	\$ 419,999.99	7	777	82	1.1%
\$ 400,000.00	\$ 409,999.99	7	770	89	1.2%
\$ 390,000.00	\$ 399,999.99	1	769	90	1.2%
\$ 380,000.00	\$ 389,999.99	9	760	99	1.3%
\$ 370,000.00	\$ 379,999.99	8	752	107	1.4%
\$ 360,000.00	\$ 369,999.99	6	746	113	1.5%
\$ 350,000.00	\$ 359,999.99	8	738	121	1.6%
\$ 340,000.00	\$ 349,999.99	10	728	131	1.8%
\$ 330,000.00					

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Total counts. The numbers do not match because we went ahead and included in the "count" everyone that was on the top 100. Keep in mind that on both of these counts, these include all the Amateurs because they are eligible for the Non Pro. These are not "Non Pro Only" people. They are anyone with Either status.

<b>BOTTOM</b>	<b>TOP</b>	<b>COUNT (INCLUDING people listed on the Top 100)</b>	<b>NP AGE 70+ in that count</b>	<b>AM AGE 60+</b>
\$ 490,000.00	\$ 499,999.99	2	0	0
\$ 480,000.00	\$ 489,999.99	4	0	0
\$ 470,000.00	\$ 479,999.99	3	0	0
\$ 460,000.00	\$ 469,999.99	5	3	3
\$ 450,000.00	\$ 459,999.99	4	2	2
\$ 440,000.00	\$ 449,999.99	3	0	1
\$ 430,000.00	\$ 439,999.99	4	2	1
\$ 420,000.00	\$ 429,999.99	4	1	2
\$ 410,000.00	\$ 419,999.99	8	2	3
\$ 400,000.00	\$ 409,999.99	7	4	5
\$ 390,000.00	\$ 399,999.99	1	0	1
\$ 380,000.00	\$ 389,999.99	9	3	6
\$ 370,000.00	\$ 379,999.99	8	2	6
\$ 360,000.00	\$ 369,999.99	8	3	4
\$ 350,000.00	\$ 359,999.99	12	0	0
\$ 340,000.00	\$ 349,999.99	10	4	9
\$ 330,000.00	\$ 339,999.99	14	8	7
\$ 320,000.00	\$ 329,999.99	15	4	7
\$ 310,000.00	\$ 319,999.99	9	3	4
\$ 300,000.00	\$ 309,999.99	10	3	6
\$ 290,000.00	\$ 299,999.99	9	0	1
\$ 280,000.00	\$ 289,999.99	5	1	4
\$ 270,000.00	\$ 279,999.99	11	1	6
\$ 260,000.00	\$ 269,999.99	17	5	10
\$ 250,000.00	\$ 259,999.99	10	5	5

## ALL EARNINGS COUNTING IN 2025

Weekend Class Eligibility - Cutting Earnings from Other Associations are now Included in Your Eligibility. When Calculating your eligibility, IN 2025 you will need to add ALL of your NCHA earnings plus any earnings from other associations to determine if you are eligible for the class. **Including Area Work Off.** The rider has the burden of proof that he/she is eligible for any class they enter.

## NON PRO CAP FOR SHOWING IN THE OPEN

STANDING RULE 50.d.6. Once a Non-Pro has won \$250,000 or more in Total Open LAE money (excluding shows with less than \$10,000 in added money), they MUST make a choice: 1. to remain a Non-Pro and compete exclusively, during the current competition year in the Non-Pro Division. 2. to compete in the Open Division. Open competition defined as Open and Novice Horse classes at Limited Age Events.



## WEEKEND CLASS CAPS

### **HORSE CLASSES**

1. Open - open to any horse with any rider regardless of either's earnings.
2. \$25,000 Novice Horse - open to horses with less than \$25,000 in earnings; regardless of rider earnings.
3. \$5,000 Novice Horse - open to horses with less than \$5,000 in earnings; regardless of rider earnings.
4. \$25,000 Novice Horse Non-Pro - open to Non-Professional riders on an owned horse that has earned less than \$25,000 in earnings;.
5. \$5,000 Novice Horse Non-Pro - open to Non-Professional riders on an owned horse that has earned less than \$5,000 in earnings;.

### **RIDER CLASSES**

1. Non-Pro - open to Non-Professionals on any owned horse; regardless of either's earnings.
2. \$35,000 Non-Pro - open to Non-Professional riders on any owned horse; who have earned less than \$35,000;.
3. Unlimited Amateur - open to Amateur Riders on any owned horse; who meet the eligibility qualifications;.
4. \$50,000 Amateur - open to Amateur riders on any owned horse; who have earned less than \$50,000;.
5. \$15,000 Amateur - open to Amateur riders on any owned horse\* who have earned less than \$15,000;.
6. \$2,000 Limited Rider - open to riders that have earned less than \$2,000;.
7. Senior Youth - open to riders aged 14 - 18 (based on age as of June 1)
8. Junior Youth - open to riders aged 13 and under (based on age as of June 1)

## Amateur and Non Pro Riders

Members with either NP or some type of Amateur status and have been active any time in 2019 – 2023.

**84.8 %** of the population have less than 50,001 in earnings.

**Only 15.2 %** of the population's earnings are more than \$50,001.

Lifetime, lifetime as of end of the 2023 point year.

<b>BOTTOM LTE RANGE</b>	<b>TOP LTE RANGE</b>	<b># PEOPLE</b>	<b>% OF POPULATION</b>	<b>CUMULATIVE %</b>
\$0.00	\$0.99	695	7.5%	7.5%
\$1.00	\$250.99	1293	14.0%	21.5%
\$251.00	\$500.99	680	7.4%	28.8%
\$501.00	\$1,000.99	732	7.9%	36.8%
\$1,001.00	\$2,000.99	980	10.6%	47.3%
\$2,001.00	\$2,500.99	214	2.3%	49.7%
\$2,501.00	\$5,000.99	738	8.0%	57.6%
\$5,001.00	\$7,500.99	434	4.7%	62.3%
\$7,501.00	\$10,000.99	333	3.6%	65.9%
\$10,001.00	\$15,000.99	476	5.1%	71.1%
\$15,001.00	\$25,000.99	530	5.7%	76.8%
<b>\$25,001.00</b>	<b>\$50,000.99</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>8.0%</b>	<b>84.8%</b>
\$50,001.00	\$100,000.99	546	5.9%	90.7%
\$100,001.00	\$150,000.99	281	3.0%	93.8%
\$150,001.00	\$200,000.99	157	1.7%	95.4%
\$200,001.00	\$250,000.99	102	1.1%	96.6%
\$250,001.00	\$300,000.99	52	0.6%	97.1%
\$300,001.00	\$350,000.99	58	0.6%	97.7%
\$350,001.00	\$400,000.99	38	0.4%	98.2%
\$400,001.00	\$450,000.99	26	0.3%	98.4%
\$450,001.00	\$500,000.99	18	0.2%	98.6%
\$500,001.00	\$6,000,000.99	127	1.4%	100.0%

## COMMUNICATION

The Non Pro Committee encourages the NCHA Executive Committee and staff to improve and enhance communication with members regarding upcoming discussions on **RULE CHANGES AND SHOW CHANGES** and other information members need to know.

The concern is the rule changes that are approved and put in place that the membership is not aware of. The membership feels they are being left out of the loop on things that matter. Notice after the fact is not inclusive.

Communication has improved on what is going on, shows, etc. and everyone is appreciative.

### Communications from the Office

NCHA continues to send out communications via email, however, the focus on communicating by videos over the social media platforms has been well received. Videos have proven to be more effective as there continues to be many that unsubscribe with each email notification released.

NCHA YouTube channel launched

Monday Minute launched

Eblast on Rules and Medication

**AMATEUR/NON PRO EXCEPTIONS**

**2025** 3YR \$50,000 CHANGE TO 5YR/\$35,000 FOR 2024 POINT YEAR

1	2025	2025	AMATEUR	3YR/\$50,000 5YR/\$35,000	FOR: PAST LOPERS, TRAINERS WIVES, TRAINERS KIDS	MUST BE 5 YRS SINCE WORKED FOR, MARRIED TO OR LIVED WITH TRAINER MUST HAVE LESS THAN \$35,000 IN <b>NCHA</b> LIFETIME MONEY	NEW FOR 2025				
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**2023**

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1	2016	2024	NON PRO	3YR/\$100,000	FOR: PAST CUTTING HORSE TRAINERS, APPRENTICE TRAINERS	MUST BE 3 YEARS SINCE TRAINED MUST HAVE LESS THAN \$100,000 IN OPEN MONEY (EQUISTAT & NCHA)	17	9	19	8	4
2	2016	2024	AMATEUR	3YR/\$15,000	FOR: PAST TRAINERS NO CUTTING	MUST BE 3 YEARS SINCE TRAINED IN OTHER DISCIPLINE MUST HAVE LESS THAN \$15,000 IN TOTAL OPEN MONEY (EQUISTAT & NCHA)	10	8	4	6	3
3	2016	2024	AMATEUR	3YR/\$50,000	FOR: PAST LOPERS, TRAINERS WIVES, TRAINERS KIDS	MUST BE 3 YRS SINCE WORKED FOR, MARRIED TO OR LIVED WITH TRAINER MUST HAVE LESS THAN \$50,000 IN <b>NCHA</b> LIFETIME MONEY	26	13	18	14	5
4	2016	2024	AGE 60 SENIOR AMATEUR/ UNLIMITED AMATEUR	5YR/\$15,000 (5 YR PRIOR)	FOR: PAST TRAINERS SPOUSES	MUST BE 5YRS SINCE MARRIED TO OR SINCE TRAINER WAS ACTIVELY TRAINING MUST HAVE LESS THAN \$15,000 IN NCHA LIFETIME MONEY IN THE 5 YRS PRIOR TO APPLICATION	2	2	1	0	0
5	2021	2024	UNLIMITED AMATEUR	5YR/\$250,000	FOR: PAST LOPERS, TRAINERS WIVES, TRAINERS KIDS	MUST BE 5 YRS SINCE WORKED FOR, MARRIED TO OR LIVED WITH TRAINER MUST HAVE LESS THAN \$250,000 IN <b>NCHA</b> LIFETIME MONEY	0	3	4	13	3

As of 4/19/2024



## ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

NOMINEE WITH THE MOST VOTES IS CHAIR, SECOND MOST VOTES IS VICE-CHAIR.

*If a nominee is termed out from a Chair position, they will only be eligible for vice-chair.*

VOTE: \_\_\_\_\_

Each Standing Committee shall be headed by a Chairman, assisted by a Vice-Chairman, each of whom shall be elected annually by the committee members by written ballot, email ballot or roll call vote as determined by sitting Chairman. No voting by proxy shall be allowed. The committee member receiving the greatest number of votes shall serve as Chairman and the committee member receiving the next highest number of votes shall serve as Vice-Chairman. The Chairman shall vote only in case of a tie vote concerning committee action. The Vice Chairman shall serve as presiding officer in the Chairman's absence or incapacity. No individual may serve as Chairman for more than three (3) consecutive years.