NCHA World Finals

Presented by Bosque Ranch

1) Classes Offered:

Class	NCHA Added Money
Open	$170,620
Non-Professional	$170,620
$25,000 Novice Horse	$20,785
$25,000 Novice Horse/ Non-Pro Rider	$20,785
$5,000 Novice Horse	$20,785
$5,000 Novice Horse / Non-Pro Rider	$20,785
Unlimited Amateur	$20,785
$75,000 Amateur	$20,785
$25,000 Amateur	$11,350
$50,000 Non-Professional	$11,350
$4,000 Limit Rider / Any Horse	$11,350

2) Qualification Methods - participants must qualify prior to entry.
   a. Horse Classes
      i. The top 15 horses in each of the horse classes will be invited to participate.
      ii. The top 15 list is determined by the sum of all monies earned in classes held at NCHA Championship shows as of the current point year ending date.
      iii. The number of different riders is not a factor in determining qualification.
      iv. 2026 Point year ending date is November 15th, 2026.
      v. If one of the top 15 qualified horses is not entered, the next horse in the standings will be invited, until all 15 spots are filled. Invitations will not extend past 20th place.
   b. Rider Classes
      i. The top 15 riders in each of the rider classes will be invited to participate.
      ii. The top 15 list is determined by the sum of all monies earned in classes held at NCHA Championship shows as of the current point year ending date.
      iii. The number of different horses shown is not a factor in determining qualification.
      iv. 2026 Point year ending date is November 15th, 2026.
      v. If one of the top 15 qualified riders does not enter, the next rider in the standings will be invited, until all 15 spots are filled. Invitations will not extend past 20th place.

3) Class Types and Entry Stipulations
   a. Horse Classes - Entry / Qualification is made by horse.
      i. Eligible horses may be shown by any Open rider or CURRENT owner. Previous ownership of the horse and any honors won by the horse shall not exclude the current owner or any trainer from showing a qualified horse.
      ii. Exhibitors in horse classes are allowed to show two horses.

iii. Once shown, the horse must have the same exhibitor, unless the exhibitor is physically unable to compete, and the change is approved by the NCHA Executive Director or NCHA Director of Shows.

b. Rider Classes - Entry / qualification is made by the rider.
   i. Riders may compete in any qualified class regardless of current earnings. However, riders entering any Non-Pro or Amateur class must hold a current Non-Pro or Amateur card to compete in those classes.
   ii. Exhibitors in Rider Classes may only show one horse. Once exhibited, that horse must be shown in all subsequent goes. No horse substitution is permitted once the first go is complete.
   iii. Naming Horses - Riders must name the horse to be shown by 3pm the day before the class starts. Horses named after 3pm the day before the class starts are subject to a $500 late naming fee.

4) Show Format
   a. Open and Non-Pro = Four (4) Go Rounds plus a Non-Working Final. 5 Rounds total.
   b. All other classes = Two (2) Go Rounds plus a Non-Working Final. 3 Rounds total.
   c. The first rider in each set will be responsible for acquiring a herd settler from the approved settler's list.

5) Show Awards
   a. World Champion – based on combined earnings from throughout the point year and money earned in the World Finals Show. NCHA will give awards:
      i. Open (World Champion Cutting Horse)
         1. Champion
            a. World Champion Horse Buckle
            b. Jim Reno Bronze Trophy
            c. World Champion Open Rider Buckle
         2. Reserve Champion = Buckle
         3. Top 15 buckles to remaining 13 entries
      ii. Non-Pro (World Champion Non-Pro Rider)
         1. Champion
            a. World Champion Non Pro Rider buckle
            b. Jim Reno Bronze Trophy
         2. Reserve Champion = Buckle
         3. Top 15 buckles to remaining 13 entries
      iii. All other classes
         1. Champion

a. Champion Buckle
b. Jan Mapes Bronze Trophy

2. Reserve Champion = buckle
3. Top 15 buckles to remaining 13 entries

b. World Champion Horse (based on Gender) Recognition – based on combined earnings from the point year and money earned in the World Finals Show. Jan Mapes trophies will be awarded to the highest placing Stallion, Mare and Gelding in each of the following 3 classes (9 trophies total):
   i. Open
   ii. 25K Novice Horse
   iii. 5K Novice Horse
c. Show Champions – based on money earned exclusively during the World Finals Show. The champion of each class will receive:
   i. Show Champion Buckle
   ii. Trophy
      1. Open / Non Pro Show Champions - Jan Mapes Bronze Trophy
      2. All other Show Champions – Jan Mapes Trophy

6) Payouts
   a. The total purse for each class will be split evenly between each of the Rounds (Go Round plus Non-Working Final).
   b. Top 8 places in each Round will receive a check based on the following percentage breakdown:
      i. 1st – 25%
      ii. 2nd – 20%
      iii. 3rd – 15%
      iv. 4th – 12%
      v. 5th – 10%
      vi. 6th – 8%
      vii. 7th – 6%
      viii. 8th – 4%

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7) Entry Fees
   a. Open & Non Pro – 4 Go Rounds plus Non-Working Final

Jackpot	Office Fee*	Total Entry Fee
$1,535	$2,020	$3,555

   b. Unlimited Amateur, $75K Amateur, $25K Novice Horse, $25K Novice Horse / Non-Pro, $5k Novice Horse, $5K Novice Horse / Non-Pro – 2 Go Rounds plus Non-Working Final

Jackpot	Office Fee*	Total Entry Fee
$620	$836	$1,456

   c. $50K Non-Pro, $25K Amateur, $4K Limit Rider – 2 Go Rounds plus Non-Working Final

Jackpot	Office Fee*	Total Entry Fee
$465	$641	$1,106

*Includes drug fee. Blood samples will be taken in all divisions throughout the show. Refusal to allow testing of a selected horse shall result in disqualification of the horse, and potential disciplinary action against the responsible party/parties.

8) Refunds
   a. **Prior to the Draw**: Entries withdrawn prior to the draw are eligible to receive a full refund. Withdraw requests must be submitted in writing to the NCHA office. Refunds will be made to the original payor.
   b. **After the Draw**: No refunds will be issued to entries withdrawn after the draw.

9) Horse Health Papers & Back Numbers
   a. All horses on-grounds will be required to have current 30-day health paper and a negative EIA (Coggins) test. Back numbers will not be distributed until proper documentation is presented.
   b. Back numbers for competition horses may be picked up from the show office following presentation of health papers and receipt / indication of some form of payment for pending show expenses.
   c. If a rider crosses the timeline without the correct, assigned back number for the horse being shown, the rider will receive a warning. Subsequent occurrences during the event will result in a $500 fine per occurrence. (i.e.- second offense is $500 fine, third offense is an additional $500 fine, etc.)
   d. All fines assessed under this rule must be paid prior to the rider exhibiting a horse in any future NCHA produced show.
   e. Competition Horses are required to wear a back number while in the Coliseum, Watt Arena, Justin Arena, warm up areas and in the practice pen(s).

f. Non-Competition horses do not require back numbers but will need to be able to show proof of health papers at show office, stall office or in the practice pen.

10) Judges

a. Five Judges will be used. The highest and the lowest score for each horse discarded. The total of the remaining three scores will be the official mark. No individual scores will be announced.
b. Judges will be selected for those NCHA 4A and 5A rated judges available to judge the event.

11) Rules applicable to all entries

a. All horses must meet the respective state health requirements.
b. Medication & Testing Provisions
    i. All entries are bound by all rules within the NCHA Rulebook, including Standing Rule 35 A. A positive prohibited medication test will result in the loss of all titles, awards, premiums and will result in a fine of $2,500-$5,000 for a first offense and will result in an automatic 6 month suspension.
    ii. By submitting your entry, you acknowledge that you are familiar with and subject to the provisions of the Medication and Drug Rules and Guidelines contained in the NCHA Rulebook. You also agree that, if requested, you will provide blood samples from your horse to comply with the random testing provisions contained in those Rules and Guidelines.
    iii. Blood samples will be taken in all divisions throughout the show. Refusal to allow testing of a selected horse shall result in disqualification of the horse, and potential disciplinary action against the responsible party/parties.
c. Release and Indemnification By signing the entry form to participate in the NCHA World Finals (the "Event"), being held at Will Rogers Memorial Center in Fort Worth, TX, the entrant acknowledges and agrees that there is inherent danger in participation in the Event due to potential exposure of the entrant and his/her horses to the Novel Coronavirus (the "Coronavirus") at the Event. By signing this entry form, the entrant acknowledges and agrees that:(i) prior to entering the Event, he/she was made aware of and understood the potential dangers presented by the Coronavirus at the Event; (ii) even though the NCHA and the Facility have taken all reasonable steps to present a safe environment for the Event, there are many factors beyond their reasonable control that could lead to potential exposure to the Coronavirus at the Event; and (iii) he/she is voluntarily assuming all risk of harm, illness or injury to themselves or any of their horses that may be incurred by participating in the Event, or activities associated with the Event, that are in any way related to the Coronavirus. The entrant further hereby releases the NCHA and the Event Facilities and their respective officers, owners, employees, agents, representatives, directors, shareholders, officials,

administrators, contractors, vendors, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, attorneys, and the owners and lessors of animals used to conduct the Event (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Releasees") from any and all liability, claim, damages, injury, judgment, loss, liability, cost and expense (including, without limitation, attorney's fees and costs) incurred by the entrant or his/her horses allegedly arising out of or connected with his/her participation in the Event, or at any activities associated with the Event, that relate in any way to the Coronavirus. This Release includes, but is not limited to, claims for bodily injury and physical illness of the entrants and their horses in anyway relating to the Coronavirus, that were allegedly incurred or sustained during the Event or at any activities associated with the Event.