

# Cotton Stakes

## Rules and Regulations

September 5-12, 2021

West Monroe, LA

1. Any **3 yr old Open and Non Pro** is eligible for the Futurity. \$20,000 added money in the Open and \$6,000 added in the Non Pro. All monies will be paid in the finals. The Open will consist of 2 go rounds and a finals. 60% to second go and 25% to the finals. The Non Pro will consist of 2 go rounds, combined scores, with a non working finals. The Non Pro contestant must have a 181 to advance to the second go. There will be a \$200,000 (last 2 years) Limited (LTD) Open and \$50,000 (last 2 years) LTD Non Pro. \$11,000 added in the Open and \$4000 added in the Non Pro. The LTD Open will consist of 2 to rounds and a finals. 60% to second go and 25 % to finals. **Must have 20 horses entered to have a working finals.** The Limited Non Pro will consist of 2 go rounds, combined scores, with a non working finals. The LTD Non Pro must have a 181 to advance to the second go round.

2. Any **4 yr old Open and Non Pro** is eligible for the Derby. \$20,000 is added in the Open and \$10,000 added in the Non Pro. All monies paid in the finals. 4 yr old Open and Non Pro will consist of one go round and a finals. 25% will advance to the finals. There will be a \$200,000 (last 2 years) LTD Open and \$50,000 (last 2 years) LTD Non Pro. \$10,000 added in the Open and \$7,000 added in the Non Pro. The LTD classes will consist of one go round and finals. 25% to finals. **Must have 20 horses entered to have a woking finals.** There will be a Novice classes for the 4 Open and LTD Open. This will be \$25,000 LTE. Earnings will be checked from the NCHA website on all horses the same day as the draw. 25% to Finals. **Must have 20 horses entered to have a working finals.** The 4 Non Pro and LTD Non Pro will have a Novice class offered. This will be \$25,000 LTE and will be a class within a class. No working finals. Paid out to highest advancing horse.

3. Any **5/6 yr old Open and Non Pro** is eligible for the Classic. \$20,000 added in the Open and \$10,000 added in the Non Pro. All monies paid in the finals. 5/6 yr old Open and Non Pro will consist of one go round and a finals. 25% will advance to the finals. There will be a \$200,000 (last 2 years) LTD Open and \$50,000 (last 2 years) LTD Non Pro. \$10,000 added in the Open and \$7,000 added in the Non Pro. The LTD classes will consist of one go round and finals. 25% to finals. **Must have 20 horses entered to have a woking finals.** There will be a Novice classes for the 5/6 Open and LTD Open. This will be \$50,000 LTE. Earnings will be checked from the NCHA website on all horses the same day as the draw. 25% to Finals. **Must have 20 horses entered to have a working finals.** The 5/6 Non Pro and LTD Non Pro will have a Novice class

offered. This will be \$50,000 LTE and will be a class within a class. Non working finals. Paid out to highest advancing horse.

4. There will be 3 levels within the **4 and 5/6 Amateur classes**. The levels are based upon the riders's total lifetime earnings as of January 1 of that year. A rider may enter any level that they are eligible for. A rider may enter all 3 levels but only go to the herd 2 times. The rider levels are as follows:

Amateur- \$100,000 or more  
Intermediate Amateur - \$25,001 - \$99,999  
Limited Amateur - \$0 - \$25,000

Amateur classes will have one go round and finals. 25% to Finals. **There must be 20 horses entered to have a working finals**. If an amateur rider is not on the top 100 Amateur list money earnings for the previous year, they may drop back into the mid level. **Senior exception:** Once an amateur rider has turned 60, the rider can drop into the Intermediate level class, regardless of earnings.

5. A Gelding division is offered in every class. This will be a class within a class and will payout to the highest advancing horse.

6. A Senior division (age 60) is offered in Amateur and Non Pro classes. This will be a class within a class and will payout to the highest advancing horse.

7. A Chrome Cash will be offered in each class. This will be a class within a class and will payout to the highest advancing horses. \$2000 will be prorated between the classes that make.

**8. Those contestants who are in the NCHA Hall of Fame are not eligible for the Limited classes.**

9. A \$150 advancement fee for those advancing to the finals.

10. Five judge adjusted monitor system will be used.

11. These rules are subject to change by order of the Cotton Stakes The Cotton Stakes also reserves the right to cancel any class should there be lack of sufficient entries.

12. Proof in the form of a photocopy of the registration certificate of registered horses or a notarized statement of age and description by a licensed veterinarian for unregistered horses must be submitted at the time of entry.

13. Draw: The draw will be held two (2) days before the class is held. No refund for any reason after the class is drawn. If the class has not been drawn, we will allow

horses to withdraw with a vet certificate and/or if the owner is hurt is ill with a doctor's certificate.

14. Payment must be received prior to the draw. We take cash, check or credit card.

15. Please note due to the 150 per day rule established by the NCHA, no entries will be accepted after September 2, 2021, unless room is available in the class you wish to enter and the 150 horse rule has not been met.

16. Stalls will be \$150.