

2018 Cotton Stakes Cutting Classic RULES & REGULATIONS

• Futurity classes open to all 3 year old horses

FUTURITY OPEN: A contestant may ride unlimited horses in the Open division. There will be three rider levels within the Open Division. The levels are based upon the rider's Total Lifetime Earnings as of January 1, 2018 as reported by the NCHA.

The rider levels are as follows:

OPEN – Total LTEs of \$750,000 or more

INTERMEDIATE OPEN – Total LTEs of \$200,001 to \$749,999

LIMITED OPEN – Total LTEs of \$0 - \$200,000.

Total added money for the Futurity Open Classes is \$31,000 and is allocated as follows: \$20,000 to Open, \$9,000 to Intermediate Open and \$2,000 to Limited Open. A Rider may enter any level or levels in which he is eligible for.

The Futurity Open will have two go rounds and a final. 60% will go to 2nd go- round and 25% will go to the finals.

FUTURITY NON PRO: A Non Pro may ride unlimited horses in the Non Pro division. There will be three rider levels within the Non Pro Division. The levels are based upon the rider's Total Lifetime Earnings as of January 1, 2018 as reported by the NCHA.

The rider levels are as follows:

NON PRO – Total LTEs of \$500,000 or more

INTERMEDIATE NON PRO – Total LTEs of \$100,001 to \$499,999.

LIMITED NON PRO – Total LTEs of \$0 - \$100,000.

Total added money for the Futurity Non Pro Classes is \$12,000 and is allocated as follows: \$6,000 to Open, \$4,000 to Intermediate Open and \$2,000 to Limited Open. A Rider may enter any level or levels in which he is eligible for.

The Non Pro Division will have two go rounds with a combined score non-working finals.

• Derby classes open to all 4 year old horses

DERBY OPEN: A contestant may ride unlimited horses in the Open division. There will be three rider levels within the Open Division. The levels are based upon the rider's Total Lifetime Earnings as of January 1, 2018 as reported by the NCHA.

The rider levels are as follows:

OPEN – Total LTEs of \$750,000 or more

INTERMEDIATE OPEN – Total LTEs of \$200,001 to \$749,999.

LIMITED OPEN – Total LTEs of \$0 - \$200,000.

Total added money for the Derby Open Classes is \$27,000 and is allocated as follows: \$17,000 to Open, \$8,000 to Intermediate Open and \$2,000 to Limited Open. A Rider may enter any level or levels in which he is eligible for.

The Derby Open will have one go round and a final. 25% will go to the finals.

DERBY NON PRO: A Non Pro may ride unlimited horses in the Non Pro division. There will be three rider levels within the Non Pro Division. The levels are based upon the rider's Total Lifetime Earnings as of January 1, 2018 as reported by the NCHA.

The rider levels are as follows:

NON PRO – Total LTEs of \$500,000 or more

INTERMEDIATE NON PRO – Total LTEs of \$100,001 to \$499,999.

LIMITED NON PRO – Total LTEs of \$0 - \$100,000.

Total added money for the Derby Non Pro Classes is \$17,000 and is allocated as follows: \$10,000 to Non Pro, \$5,000 to Intermediate Non Pro and \$2,000 to Limited Non Pro. A Rider may enter any level or levels in which he is eligible for.

The Derby Non Pro Classes will have one go round and a final. 25% will go to the finals.

DERBY AMATEUR: An Amateur may ride unlimited horses in the Amateur division. There will be three rider levels within the Amateur Division. The levels are based upon the rider's Total Lifetime Earnings as of January 1, 2018 as reported by the NCHA.

The rider levels are as follows:

AMATEUR – Total LTEs of \$100,000 or more

INTERMEDIATE AMATEUR – Total LTEs of \$25,001 to \$99,999.

LIMITED AMATEUR – Total LTEs of \$0 - \$25,000.

Total added money for the Derby Amateur Classes is \$9,500 and is allocated as follows: \$5,000 to Amateur, \$3,500 to Intermediate Amateur and \$1,000 to Limited Amateur. A Rider may enter any level or levels in which he is eligible for.

The Derby Amateur Classes will have one go round and a final. 25% will go to the finals.

• Classic classes open to all 5 and 6 year old horses

CLASSIC OPEN: A contestant may ride unlimited horses in the Open division. There will be three rider levels within the Open Division. The levels are based upon the rider's Total Lifetime Earnings as of January 1, 2018 as reported by the NCHA.

The rider levels are as follows:

OPEN – Total LTEs of \$750,000 or more

INTERMEDIATE OPEN – Total LTEs of \$200,001 to \$749,999.

LIMITED OPEN – Total LTEs of \$0 - \$200,000.

Total added money for the Classic Open Classes is \$27,000 and is allocated as follows: \$17,000 to Open, \$8,000 to Intermediate Open and \$2,000 to Limited Open. A Rider may enter any level or levels in which he is eligible for. The Classic Open will have one go round and a final. 25% will go to the finals.

CLASSIC NON PRO: A Non Pro may ride unlimited horses in the Non Pro division. There will be three rider levels within the Non Pro Division. The levels are based upon the rider's Total Lifetime Earnings as of January 1, 2018 as reported by the NCHA.

The rider levels are as follows:

NON PRO – Total LTEs of \$500,000 or more

INTERMEDIATE NON PRO – Total LTEs of \$100,001 to \$499,999.

LIMITED NON PRO – Total LTEs of \$0 - \$100,000.

Total added money for the Classic Non Pro Classes is \$17,000 and is allocated as follows: \$10,000 to Non Pro, \$5,000 to Intermediate Non Pro and \$2,000 to Limited Non Pro. A Rider may enter any level or levels in which he is eligible for.

The Classic Non Pro Classes will have one go round and a final. 25% will go to the finals.

CLASSIC AMATEUR: An Amateur may ride unlimited horses in the Amateur division. There will be three rider levels within the Amateur Division. The levels are based upon the rider's Total Lifetime Earnings as of January 1, 2018 as reported by the NCHA.

The rider levels are as follows:

AMATEUR – Total LTEs of \$100,000 or more

INTERMEDIATE AMATEUR – Total LTEs of \$25,001 to \$99,999.

LIMITED AMATEUR – Total LTEs of \$0 - \$25,000.

Total added money for the Classic Amateur Classes is \$9,500 and is allocated as follows: \$5,000 to Amateur, \$3,500 to Intermediate Amateur and \$1,000 to Limited Amateur. A Rider may enter any level or levels in which he is eligible for.

The Classic Amateur Classes will have one go round and a final. 25% will go to the finals.

RIDER ELIGIBILITY:

A rider can compete in whatever division he/she qualifies in as determined by the definitions of an Open, Non-Pro and Amateur rider in the NCHA Rule Book.

The levels within each division are based upon the Rider's Total Lifetime Earnings at the beginning of the NCHA point year. There is NO distinction between Limited Aged Event earnings and Weekend earnings. ALL earnings (i.e. senior, area work-offs, etc.) are now included in a rider's Total Lifetime Earnings.

Revolving Door: If a rider is NOT in the Top 100 money earning riders for the previous point year in ANY division, they may drop back into the Intermediate.

Senior Exception: Once a rider turns 70, the rider can drop down into the Intermediate class regardless of earnings.

Earnings Cap: Once an Amateur has won \$250,000 or more in Total Non-Pro LAE and Non Pro Championship Weekend money, they MUST make a choice: to remain an Amateur and compete exclusively in the Amateur Division or to compete in the Non-Pro Division. Non Pro Championship Weekend money EXCLUDES Novice Horse Non Pro and \$35k Non Pro earnings.

Once a Non-Pro has won \$250,000 or more in Total Open LAE and Open Championship Weekend Open money, they MUST make a choice: to remain a Non-Pro and compete exclusively in the Non-Pro Division or to compete in the Open Division. Open Championship Weekend money EXCLUDES Novice Horse earnings.

ADVANCEMENT FEE:

There will be a \$150 advancement fee deducted for each horse advancing to the finals of the 3 year old Open and Non Pro, 4 year old Open and Non Pro and 5/6 year old Open and Non Pro divisions. There will be \$100 advancement fee deducted for each horse advancing to the finals in the 4 year old and 5/6 year old Amateur divisions.

GELDING DIVISION:

There will be a Gelding division in the Derby and Classic Classes. Entry fee will be \$400. \$350 entry fee, \$50 office charge. Monies will be paid out to the highest advancing horses.

SENIOR DIVISION:

There will be a Senior division (class within a class) in the Derby and Classic Classes. The entry fee is \$250. \$200 entry fee, \$50 office charge. Monies paid out to highest advancing horses.

STALLS:

Stall fee is \$140. Stall fee is due with final payment.

ENTRY FORMS:

Entry forms must be filled out and completed with owner's Social Security number; the entrant must sign the entry form. Entries will CLOSE ON MONDAY, 8/20/2018, entries after deadline may be subject to penalty.

JUDGES:

The five judge adjusted monitoring system will be used.