

El Rancho Futurity & Foothill Fiesta Aged Event

Rancho Murieta, California

September 11 - 19, 2021

1. **Judges:** A five judge AMS system will be used. Horses will be scored under NCHA Rules. All owners & riders must be current members of NCHA.
2. **Registration certificate** required on all horses. Proof in the form of a photocopy of the registration certificate or a notarized statement of age & description must be submitted with all entries.
3. **Entries:** Entries are due & payable in full by August 23, 2021. Any entry not postmarked by August 23 will be assessed a late fee. Open division will be assessed a late fee of \$175. Non-Pro division will be assessed a late fee of \$100. Amateur divisions will be assessed a late fee of \$75. Unlimited number of entries per owner and/or rider will be taken.
4. **Copy of NCHA membership card** on both owners & riders must be submitted with all entries.
5. **Stall fees** will be \$175 due & payable on August 23, 2021. Stalls include four bags of shavings. All stall reservations not postmarked on or before August 23, 2021 will be \$195. Stall payments are payable to: El Rancho Futurity, 7200 Lone Pine Drive, Rancho Murieta, California 95683.
6. **Haul In Fee** will be \$20 per competition horse per day that does NOT have a stall.
7. **Ties:** If any two riders tie for the championship of any class, Co-Champions shall be declared. First & second place monies will be divided equally. The highest accumulative score of the two go rounds and the finals will determine awards. Three way or greater ties shall be worked off with one being determined as Champion and remainder as Co-Reserve Champions. The money will be split equally.
8. **Non Pro Divisions & \$200,000 Limit Non Pro:** All non-pro contestants must meet all the NCHA requirements as defined in the NCHA rule book for non-pros. All NCHA rules to eligibility shall apply.
9. **Unlimited Amateur & \$50,000 Amateur divisions:** All amateur & non pro contestants must meet all the NCHA requirements as defined in the NCHA rule book for amateurs & non pros. All NCHA rules to eligibility shall apply. Each division will be a go round & finals.
10. **Gelding & Senior divisions:** Within all open & non pro divisions, a gelding division will be held. Within all non pro divisions, a senior division will be held. (Senior age is 60 years old.) Payout will be made to the furthestmost advancing 25% of entries. The gelding is a class within a class. There is not a separate final. Entry fee: \$125/\$75 office. Awards will be given.
11. **Derby Open \$10,000 Ltd Horse division:** Within the Derby open, a \$10,000 LTD Horse division will be held. Eligibility is determined by lifetime earnings as of August 1, 2019. Payout will be made to the furthestmost advancing 25% of entries. This class is a class within a class within the open derby. There is not a separate final. Entry fee: \$125 entry fee/\$75 office. Awards will be given.
12. **Intermediate Open Rider division:** Intermediate Open Rider is held as a 3 year old Futurity, 4 year old Derby & 5/6 year old. The go round will run concurrently with the Open 2nd go round with a Separate Finals. A rider may enter the Open Intermediate and/or the Open division. (If entering both divisions, a discounted entry fee with an adjusted cattle charge will be offered, as a horse cannot walk to the herd twice in the 2nd go round.)
 - a. **Rider Qualifications:**
 - i. Must meet all of the NCHA requirements for LAE Leveling shows.

- ii. Intermediate Open riders cannot have won over \$749,999 LTE.
- iii. Open riders who are not in the Top 100 NCHA money earning riders from the previous two point years, may drop back into the Intermediate.
- iv. Open riders 70 and older may enter down into the Intermediate regardless of earnings or ranking.
- v. Please refer to NCHA website to see if a rider qualifies before entering.

13. **Limited Open Rider division:** Within the Open Intermediate divisions, a Limited division will be held. Limited Open riders must have a LTE of \$200,000 or less. This is a class within a class. There is not a separate final. Entry fee: \$125/\$75 office. Money payout only.

14. **Go Round/Finals Advancement:**

- a. **The Futurity Open & Non Pro divisions:** All horses will advance to the 2nd go, except zeros & 180's with 25% of entries advancing to the finals. There is a maximum of 25 entries plus ties in the finals. All finalists will receive a check. (Non Pro division will be Pencil finals.)
- b. **The Futurity Open Intermediate division:** This division will consist of one go round and a finals. 25% will advance to the finals. All finalists will receive a check.
- c. **Derby & Classic/Challenge Open & Non Pro divisions:** 70% of the entries will advance to the 2nd go with 25% advancing to the finals. There is a maximum of 25 entries plus ties in the finals. All finalists will receive a check.
- d. **\$50,000 Amateur, \$200,000 Limit Non Pro divisions:** (Futurity, Derby & Classic/Challenge) These divisions will consist of one go round and a final. 25% will advance to the finals. All finalists will receive a check. (Futurity division will be Pencil finals.)
- e. **Unlimited amateur divisions:** (Futurity, Derby & Classic/Challenge) These divisions will be one go round and a final. 25% will advance to the finals. All finalists will receive a check.
- e. **ANY DIVISION WITH LESS THAN 20 HORSES WILL BE A PENCIL FINALS.**

15. **Payout:** Total purses will be paid out in the finals. There will be an advancement fee charged to all working finals of \$200.

16. **Awards:** All working finalists will receive a finalist jacket. Champion & Reserve Champion awards will be presented in all finals.

17. **Jerry Ward Owner/Breeder Incentive Award:** The Jerry Ward Owner/Breeder Incentive Award is being sponsored and funded by Carol Anderson Ward in memory of her late husband, Jerry Ward. It is designed to reward those persons who have bred, raised and uninterruptedly owned three-year-old cutting horses up to and including the time they are shown in the El Rancho Futurity. The Jerry Ward Owner/Breeder Incentive Award will be awarded to the cutting horse that advances to the furthest in each of the Open & Non Professional divisions and fulfilling the requirement listed above. The Jerry Ward Incentive trophy designed by Jan Mapes and a check for \$2,500 will be awarded in each division. In the Open divisions, the horse may be shown by a rider other than the owner. In the event of a tie, the award and purse shall be paid to the owner of the horse with the highest total scores through the go rounds, semifinals (if applicable) and the finals.

18. **Show management reserves the right** to make any changes, additions and deletions to these rules as deemed necessary by them. Notice of any changes will be posted at the show and/or upon request. Show management reserves the right to cancel said event or any classes within said event, without notice any time prior to the contest. In such event, fees pertaining to the class or the event, as the case may be, will be refunded.

19. **Refunds:** Will consider refunding fees prior to the draw for only two reasons: 1) a sick or injured horse with a veterinarian's verification; 2) a sick or injured rider, with physician's verification. Absolutely no refunds for any other reason. An office charge of \$150 will be retained.

20. **NSF Checks:** Individuals presenting El Rancho Futurity with checks which cannot be redeemed for the full amount in cash are subject to appropriate legal processing and prosecution as well as expulsion from participating in cutting horse events. A \$50 fee will be charged to NSF checks.

ENTRIES DUE: Postmarked by August 23, 2021 – LATE FEE after August 23, 2021.
Open division - \$175, Non Pro division - \$100, Amateur division - \$75

STALLS DUE: Postmarked by August 23, 2021 – Stalls \$175 after August 23, 2021.
Stall availability not guaranteed after August 24, 2021.

**CHECKS WILL BE MAILED WITHIN FIVE DAYS. TAX INFORMATION MUST BE
PROVIDED BEFORE CHECKS WILL BE RELEASED.**