

Calgary Stampede Cutting Horse Futurity ~ 2026 Rules

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS (applicable to all classes & divisions).

NCHA Rules and Regulations shall apply.

Special attention is called to the Calgary Stampede General Rules and Conditions:

- [2026 General Rules](#)
 - [2026 Health Regulations](#)
 - [2026 IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics](#)
 - [2026 Animal Care Code of Practice](#)
1. **ENTRIES** - Both owner and rider must be NCHA members. NCHA membership number must be provided on the entry form. All entries will be completed online and paid by credit card. Entries are not complete until payment has been received by the Entries Office.
 2. **LATE ENTRIES** – No late entries will be accepted.
 3. **VERIFICATION OF AGE & OWNERSHIP** - All entries must include a copy of the registration certificate of each horse. Online entries papers may be supplied in electronic or hard copy format. If the horse has recently been sold and the breed registry has not been changed to the new owner, a copy of the existing registration certificate must be accompanied by a copy of the bill of sale. For entry of grade horses, a notarized statement containing the horse's name, age, gender, colour, and sire & dam (if available) must accompany the entry form.
 4. **ADDING DIVISIONS** - A second or third division (Open, Non-Pro or \$50,000 Limited Amateur) entry may be added by an existing entrant prior to the draw date at no penalty by paying the total fee due for the additional division(s).
 5. **TRANSFERS** - A horse may be transferred between divisions (Open, Non-Pro). Transfer of an entry between classes (i.e. Futurity entry to a Derby entry) may be made provided the transfer entry belongs to the same owner. Any additional entry fees and a \$50 transfer fee must be paid. If transferred after the final entry deadline a \$100 transfer fee will be applied. All transfers must be made prior to the draw.
 6. **SUBSTITUTIONS** - After the entry deadline, but prior to the draw, a horse and/or rider may be substituted within the class upon payment of \$100 substitution fee. After the draw but prior to the start of the event a horse or rider may be substituted within the class if a signed veterinary certificate/doctor certificate is provided stating an entry's inability to work and a \$200 substitution fee is paid. The substituted horse must belong to the same owner and a copy of the registration certificate must be provided. The

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substituted horse will work in the original draw position. A Substitution Form must be completed and sent with your substitution request.

7. REFUNDS/SCRATCHES - No refunds shall be given except in the event of the death or disabling injury to a horse or rider. Any veterinary fees will be the responsibility of the horse owner. These requirements must be met prior to the competition and will be refunded, minus the cattle and office charges. Failure to meet the above requirements will result in forfeiture of all entry fees. In the case of a scratch, please fill out a Scratch Form and submit to the entries office along with any applicable veterinary/doctor's note(s).
8. GENERAL REGULATIONS:
 - a. The Open and Non-Pro divisions of each event will be entered and run separately. A horse may be entered in either or both divisions. Owners may enter as many horses as they choose. Open and Non-Pro riders may ride as many horses as they desire. A Non-Pro may enter both divisions, or a Professional may ride the horse in the Open division. Both owner and rider must be a member of the NCHA. The Non-Pro division must be shown by the owner, or a member of the owner's immediate family as required by NCHA Standing Rule 8. Non-Pro riders must be able to produce a valid NCHA Non-Pro membership card on request.
 - b. First Go Round Draw Date: Friday, September 18, 2026 – 3:00 p.m. (MST).
 - c. Go Round Advancement: ***All classes will consist of three full go rounds. Prize money will be divided equally among the three go rounds with the Aggregate Champion and Reserve Champions receiving Calgary Stampede buckles.*** Draws will be made according to the NCHA rules and will not favor any rider who draws consecutively. An electronic draw will be used to determine the first go-round orders.
 - d. It is the responsibility of the contestant to be ready to work when his name is called. No horse/rider combination will be allowed in the working area except at their allotted working time. This rule is in effect during show horse and at least one hour prior to the start of each performance.
 - e. Three head of fresh cattle per entry will be used in all go rounds.
 - f. Where a contestant receives a zero score (disqualified), a contestant will be allowed to retain any earnings to which they may be allowed by their placement. The failure of a contestant to appear for a performance will result in forfeiture of all earnings for that go round.

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- g. NCHA rules for judging will be followed. Three NCHA Judges shall be used for judging throughout the competition. The NCHA Self Adjusted Monitor System will be in place.
 - h. NCHA dress codes (long sleeve shirt with full collar and cowboy hat) will be enforced for anyone in any part of the show arena.
 - i. The Calgary Stampede reserves the right to accept or reject any entry, transfer, or substitution for any reason. The Calgary Stampede reserves the right to cancel, transfer or reschedule this event without liability and to make any changes deemed necessary. In the event of cancellation, entry fees paid will be refunded.
 - j. All prize money will be paid in Canadian dollars. Non-residents of Canada will be subjected to a 15% withholding tax on all prize monies awarded as required by Revenue Canada.
 - k. The Calgary Stampede reserves the right to make any changes or alterations to any of the above rules.
9. \$50,000 LIMITED AMATEUR CLASS:
- a. A \$50,000 Limited Amateur Class will be held within the Non-Pro division of the Derby & Classic/Challenge classes. A minimum of six entries will be required in the class otherwise it will be cancelled and entry fees refunded.
 - b. All entrants must hold an NCHA Amateur card and must not have NCHA earnings more than \$50,000 as of January 1, 2026.
 - c. The Rider can enter the Non-Pro division for their class and pay the required entry fee as well as an additional entry fee for the \$50,000 Limited Amateur entry. They may also enter \$50,000 Limited Amateur only.
 - d. Scores for the \$50,000 Limited Amateur will be taken from the go round scores in the Non-Pro classes.
 - e. \$400 of the entry fee for the Amateur class will be added back to the purse to be paid out.