

Western Horseman Cup Qualifying Standards



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- The fourth *Western Horseman Cup* will be held in January/February 2008 in conjunction with the Augusta Futurity.
- A total of fifteen (15) Open horses and fifteen (15) Non-Pro professional riders will participate.
- The series during the 2007 point year (finals in January/February 2008) is for foals born in 2003. Horses will be five years old at the time of the finals.
- The total purse for the Open Division will be \$89,000.
- The total purse for the Non-Pro Division will be \$67,000.
- The entry fee for the Open Division shall be \$2,500. The entry fee for the Non-Pro Division shall be \$1,900. Entry fees shall be due on or about December 10, 2007.
- The purse distribution of each division shall be as outlined on this page.
- Each division shall consist of a finals only. (i.e., each cutter cuts only once).
- Four head of fresh cattle per cutter shall be supplied.
- A five-judge adjusted monitor system shall be utilized.
- All applicable NCHA rules shall apply, including all non-pro horse ownership rules.
- The top five (5) point earners from each of the three seasons shall be the finalists.
- Once a horse (in the Open Division) or a non-pro rider (in the Non-Pro Division) qualifies, they will not be able to obtain a second qualifying spot from a subsequent season. (i.e. each open horse or non-pro rider can only show once in their respective division in the finals).
- Non-pro riders will be placed in the seasonal standings based on the total points earned on all of the horses they owned and showed in the Non-Pro Division of participating events during that season.

- A horse may compete in both the Open and Non-Pro Divisions, provided that horse qualified for the finals in both divisions.
- An open rider may show one (1) horse in the Open Division finals.
- Owners of Open finalists may name any rider to show their horse in the finals, regardless of whether that rider showed that horse during the year or not. All Open riders must be named at time of entry.
- A Non-Pro rider may show any 5-year-old horse during the

finals, provided they comply with all NCHA non-pro horse ownership rules. The horse shown by a non-pro in the finals does not necessarily have to be the horse the non-pro qualified for the finals on.

- The draw for working order will be determined first by a draw for the order of selection of working order position. This draw will determine the order in which each horse owner comes forward and selects their preferred working order position (in the order of the initial random draw). For example: In the draw for the Open finals, the horse named Peppy Peanut is drawn from the hopper. Then the #1 is drawn from a separate hopper. This indicates that the owner of Peppy Peanut gets to pick first which working order position they want for their horse (1st – 15th in the working order).
- If a horse (Open Division) or non-pro rider (Non-Pro Division) finishes among the top five point earners in more than one season, the next highest point earner who has not previously qualified will be deemed a qualifier from that season. In other words, each season will produce five qualifiers in each division.
- In the event of a tie for fifth place in a season, the horse with the highest earnings at *Western Horseman Cup* shows in that class in that season will qualify.
- In the event that a qualifier declines to enter the *Western Horseman Cup* finals, the next highest point earner from the declining contestant's qualifying season will be deemed to qualify, with seasonal *Western Horseman Cup* earnings used to break ties.
- If there is a tie for first place in the *Western Horseman Cup* finals, there will be a work-off to determine the champion.
- These qualifying standards may be amended by the Steering Committee. ★

Western Horseman Cup Finals Purse

	Open	Non-Pro
1	\$20,000	\$15,000
2	\$12,500	\$10,000
3	\$9,000	\$7,000
4	\$8,000	\$6,000
5	\$7,000	\$5,000
6	\$6,000	\$4,000
7	\$5,000	\$3,500
8	\$3,500	\$3,000
9	\$3,000	\$2,100
10	\$2,500	\$1,900
11	\$2,500	\$1,900
12	\$2,500	\$1,900
13	\$2,500	\$1,900
14	\$2,500	\$1,900
15	\$2,500	\$1,900
Total	\$89,000	\$67,000