

2018 Rios of Mercedes / NCHA Derby & Classic/Challenge Unlimited Amateur Cutting Horse Class



1. The 2018 Rios of Mercedes / NCHA Derby & Classic Challenge Unlimited Amateur class will be based on lifetime Limited Age Non-Pro earnings (approved classes) of less than \$100,000 (Limited Age Non-Pro earnings will not reset at zero for purposes of this rule), assuming Amateur criteria and eligibility requirements are met;
 - a. Under the age of 60, the criteria necessary for remaining in the Unlimited Amateur class is lifetime Non-Pro Limited Age Event earnings (approved classes) of less than \$100,000. Beginning with the 2018 point year, an Amateur competitor who reaches \$100,000 or more in lifetime Non-Pro Limited Age event earnings can continue to compete in Limited Age Non-Pro classes until the beginning of the next point year. At that point, the Amateur competitor must make a choice: to remain an Amateur and compete exclusively as an Unlimited Amateur or to compete as a Non-Pro.
 - b. Once and individual reaches the age of 60, if he or she qualifies under Amateur rules, they may return to the Unlimited Amateur class (LAE Events Only), regardless of Limited Age Non-Pro class money won. The member will be allowed to show in both LAE Non-Pro and LAE Unlimited Amateur competition.
2. The 2018 NCHA Derby & Classic Challenge Unlimited Amateur Cutting Horse Contest, with a minimum of 150 entries will consist of one go-round with 30% moving to the semifinals with a maximum of 60 plus ties, and with 20 plus ties to the finals. Calculations for the semifinals will be determined on the final payment date. Late entries will not dictate semifinals.
 - a. In the event there are less than 150 entries in a class, there will be no semi-finals and will consist of one go-round plus finals for the high scoring twenty-five (25%), with a minimum of ten and a maximum of thirty (30).
3. Riders may ride only two horses in the Derby Unlimited Amateur and four horses of any age combination in the Classic Challenge Unlimited Amateur class.
4. **Nomination Fees Derby & Classic Challenge**
On or before April 10, 2018 \$1,490*
 (\$995 jackpot / \$375 office / \$50 NCHA fee / \$15 drug fee / \$35 processing fee)
Late entries or payments received after the 10-day grace period (official postmark by US Postal Service) will be subject to a penalty of fifty percent (50%) of the payment. In addition, a one percent (1%) deduction will be made for the NCHA Special Events Funds. *Includes a \$20 PAC fee: Under Texas Election Code, Chapter 253, the Political Action Committee (PAC) fee is a voluntary contribution. Funding the PAC is important to be able to maintain state funding at the NCHA Triple Crown. Your contribution will provide critical assistance to the NCHA with this effort. To opt out of the PAC fee, submit your payment without the amount indicated as the PAC fee for your class.
5. All rules of the 2018 NCHA Derby & Classic Challenge will apply in these events where applicable.
6. By your signature on this entry form, you acknowledge that you are familiar with and subject to the provisions of the Medication and Drug Rules and Guidelines contained in the NCHA Rulebook. You also agree that, if requested, you will permit blood samples to be taken from your horse to comply with the random testing provisions contained in those Rules and Guidelines. Blood samples will be taken from the champion horses in all divisions. Random testing will also be performed throughout the show.

NCHA EVENT ENTRY FORM (Must be fully completed)

LATE ENTRY IN ALL EVENTS REQUIRES A PENALTY. • ENTRIES NOT ACCEPTED WITHOUT PAYMENT • SEE CORRESPONDING SCHEDULE

RIDER & NCHA NO.	DIVISION ENTERED		HORSE & REG NO	YEAR FOALED
	DERBY 4 YR OLDS	CL/CH 5/6 YR OLDS		
# _____			# _____	
# _____			# _____	

If contestant is under 21 years of age both contestant and parent or legal guardian must sign this form.

RELEASE FROM LIABILITY AND WAIVER OF RESPONSIBILITY

As a condition to participate in this event, the NCHA, its directors, officers, employees, members, agents and representatives **ARE HEREBY RELEASED** from all claims, demands, or causes of action of any kind or nature whatsoever; whether now existing or to hereafter accrue, on account of any damage, cost or expense (i) **AS A RESULT OF ANY BODILY INJURY, LOSS OR DAMAGE TO ANY ANIMALS, EQUIPMENT OR OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY, FROM ANY CAUSE WHATSOEVER INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE SOLE OR CONCURRENT NEGLIGENCE OF NCHA, ITS DIRECTORS,**

OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS OR REPRESENTATIVES; or (ii) as a result of the interpretation or enforcement of the NCHA Constitution, ByLaws, Rules or Regulations and the risk of any such damage, cost or expense which may occur by reason of foregoing is hereby assumed and accepted. This waiver is binding on the undersigned as well as all riders, grooms and other helpers associated with the participation of the horse(s) described herein in this event and the undersigned indemnifies the NCHA from all claims, demands, or causes of action based on any of the foregoing.

Owner _____ Address _____
(as it will be listed in the event program)

City, State, Zip _____ Daytime Phone _____

Signed by: _____ NCHA ID No. _____

Minor Signature: _____ Birth Date _____ Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Correspondent _____ Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Daytime Phone _____

Signed by: _____ NCHA ID No. _____

**Photocopy of registration certificate or colored application for unregistered horses must accompany this application. Send to:
 NCHA, 260 Bailey Avenue • Fort Worth, Texas 76107-1862 • (817) 244-6188 • fax 817-244-2015**

Premium checks will be made to the Registered owner of the horse. S.S. or Corp. ID must be on file with NCHA.

*The Internal Revenue Service is now requiring NCHA to withhold income tax on premium monies won at a rate of 28% on all taxpayers who do not provide a Taxpayer identification Number (Social Security No. or Business ID No.). Please be sure to provide this information to NCHA accounting department.

MasterCard Visa Card AmExp Discover Card Number _____

Amount \$ _____ Exp. Date _____ 3 digit security code _____