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## **Amarillo Texas gears up for the 2006 NCHA World Finals**

*Top NCHA point-earners compete for the title*

(Fort Worth, TX) – The NCHA World Championship finals is heading back to Amarillo this year, and the best of the best will soon compete for top honors and a chance at the title of World Champion.

The top 50 NCHA money-earners in each of the 12 NCHA-approved classes will make their way to Amarillo from all over the country early next month. Competition will begin February 7th and continue through the 19th at the Amarillo National Center in the Tri-State Fairgrounds. Daily go-rounds will start at 8:00 am. Scores and a live web cast will be available each day through the [NCHA website](#).

This year entries reach nearly 600 and a record total purse of more than \$670,000; this event is shaping up to be the best World Finals yet. Spectators can expect to see some of the most exciting cutting competition all year with many eyes watching top horse Dual Rey Me in the Open Division, and top rider Joe Howard Williamson in the Non-Pro.

Jeremy Barwick from Stephenville, TX will be riding Dual Rey Me for the owners, he and wife Candace Barwick. Dual Rey Me has already earned more than \$94,700 going into the Open finals. Also a favorite in the Non-Pro division, Joe Howard Williamson of Archer City, TX looks to claim the Non-Pro title, as he has already earned \$76,700.00 this year.

The National Cutting Horse Association is made up of 17,000 members across the United States with a wide range of backgrounds. The sport of cutting has roots in Western ranching traditions, where good horses were a necessity for everyday ranch work and cattle handling. From cowgirls to CEOs, from firefighters to professional football players, the common ground is often in the cutting arena. Each year more than 2,200 NCHA-approved events are held throughout the country with more than \$42 million in prize money awarded. For more information about the NCHA, or for World Finals information and scores, please log on to [www.nchacutting.com](http://www.nchacutting.com) or call 817-244-6188.

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