

# 2026 NYCHA SUMMER SCHOLARSHIP CUTTING

## Entry Information and Rules

- 1) Location: Fort Worth, TX - Will Rogers Memorial Center
- 2) Membership: All owners and riders of entered horses must be members in good standing of the National Cutting Horse Association.
- 3) Divisions Offered
  - a) The show will be held in two divisions:
    - i) Junior Youth
    - ii) Senior Youth
  - b) Eligibility
    - i) Rider eligibility is based upon the **2027 Youth Point Year** (June 1, 2026-May 31, 2027). Some youth riders competing in the 2026 Youth World Finals may be ineligible for the same class in the 2026 NYCHA Scholarship Cutting.
- 4) Entry Information
  - a) Riders may only enter once
  - b) Horse Information
    - i) Naming of horses - **Horses must be named by 3:00 pm the day before the division go-round begins. Any change to named horses after the time are subject to a \$500 renaming fee.**
    - ii) Identification of Horses
      - (1) Breed Registered Horses: Name and registration number of a registered horse must be provided prior to being shown.
      - (2) Unregistered Horses: Please submit either the NCHA registration information for the horse, or if the horse has not yet been registered, an NCHA Unregistered horse application must be obtained. Submit the Unregistered Horse Application (found at [nchacutting.com](http://nchacutting.com)), a bill of sale, a vet statement attesting to the horse's age and photos of the horse front & back & both sides to the NCHA office no later than June 8, 2026.
- 5) Entry Fees and Refunds
  - a) Fees
    - i) Entry fee = \$211
    - ii) Stall fee = \$147 (\$75 plus 6 bags of shavings)
  - b) Refunds
    - i) Entries withdrawn prior to the draw are eligible to receive a full refund. Withdraw requests must be submitted in writing to the NCHA office. Refunds will be made to the original payor.
    - ii) No refunds will be issued to entries withdrawn after the draw.

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- 6) Entry Deadlines, Penalties / Late Entries / Draw:
  - a) **Due Date - Entries must be done ONLINE by June 8, 2026.**
  - b) Late Penalty - There are no penalties on entries received after the due date. However, entries received or completed AFTER THE DRAW will be treated as a late entry and inserted into the draw based on Standing Rule 12.
  - c) Payment
    - i) **To be included in the draw, entry and payment must be made and received in the office by 5pm the night before the draw.**
    - ii) All payments must be made payable to the National Cutting Horse Association in United States funds or its equivalent.
    - iii) Issuance of a check that is not honored for any reason or credit card / ACH payment that is declined for any reason to cover an entry fee shall be deemed as Non-Payment. Non-Payment entries will not be included in the draw.
- 7) The Draw
  - a) Date – The draw will not take place more than twenty-one (21) days prior to the beginning of the go-round. Only those riders for which payment has been received in the NCHA office will be drawn. No exceptions.
  - b) Late Entries – Entries received AFTER the draw will be added to the draw; according to Standing Rule 12. Additional cattle will not be added for late entries.
  - c) Missed Entries - If a horse that is properly entered is found to be left out of the draw, a redraw will not be held. The working order will be assigned based on Standing Rule 11.
- 8) Show Format / Advancement Criteria
  - a) Both Youth Divisions will consist of one (1) Go-round and a clean slate Final.
  - b) The high scoring twenty five percent (25%) in the Go-round (plus ties) will advance to the Finals.
    - i) Advancing calculations are determined at the time of the draw. Late entries / after the draw will not modify the advancing counts.
    - ii) Minimum ten (10) riders will advance.
    - iii) Only scores of 181 or higher will advance to the finals.
    - iv) The clean slate Finals will use only the scores made in the Finals to determine placings.

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### 9) Points

a) The following point system will be used for the NCHA Summer Scholarship Cutting:

# Horses in contest	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
3	1									
4-7	2	1								
8-11	3	2	1							
12-15	4	3	2	1						
16-20	5	4	3	2	1					
21-25	6	5	4	3	2	1				
26-30	7	6	5	4	3	2	1			
31-36	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
37-42	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
43 & UP	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

b) # of Horses (above) is based on the number of LEGAL entries in the first go. An entry is considered LEGAL when the rider is an active participant in the class by crossing the timeline and making a real attempt to show their horse. A scratched entry does not count as a legal entry.

c) 2 sets of points will be awarded:

- i) First Go points – based on legal entries in the first go. Maximum 10.
- ii) Finals points – also based on legal entries in the first go. Maximum 10.

### 10) Ties – In the event of a tie for the championship in either division:

- i) First Place tie with two riders – a work off will not be held.
  - (1) Scholarships: The first and second place will be added together and split fifty percent equally. (There will be co-champions)
  - (2) Prizes / Awards: The winner of the tie breaker for awards will be determined by adding up all five scores from the finals.
    - (a) If still tied, the scores from go-rounds will be added.
    - (b) If still tied, the winner will be determined via a coin toss with the riders. The winning rider will choose first from the pool of awards, with remaining prizes being selected in alternating fashion.
- ii) First Place tie with more than 2 riders:
  - (1) Scholarships: All scholarships will be split equally.
  - (2) Prizes / Awards: A work-off will be held for prizes and the title.

### 11) Rules applicable to all entries

a) Horse Health Papers & Back Numbers

- i) All horses on-grounds will be required to have 30 day health certificate showing a negative EIA (Coggins) test.
- ii) Competition Horses will be required to wear a back number while in the Coliseum, Watt Arena, warm up areas and in the practice pen.

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- iii) Back numbers may be picked up from the show office following presentation of health papers and receipt of some form of payment for pending show expenses.
- iv) Non-Competition horses do not require back numbers but will need to be able to show proof of health papers at show office, stall office or in the practice pen. All horses must meet state and facility health requirements.

### b) Medication Rules and Testing Provisions

- i) All entries are bound by all rules within the NCHA Rulebook, including Standing Rule 35A.

#### ii) Standing Rule 35A.5.a Selection / 35A.6 Testing Policy

- (1) Horses competing in all divisions / classes will be drug tested during the event as follows:
  - (a) One-Set Finals: The unofficial scores of the three highest scoring horses will be tested immediately following those finals.
  - (b) Multiple-Set Finals: The unofficial scores of the top two highest scoring horses (including ties) in each set will be tested immediately following their respective sets.
  - (c) Random Testing: Show management will predetermine days and sets in which additional random drug testing will be done in go rounds and semi-finals prior to their respective draws. Slots within those pre-determined sets that will be tested will be randomly selected from within those sets prior to their respective draws.

#### iii) Standing Rule 35A.14.e Disciplinary Guidelines for use of a Prohibited Substance

The following disciplinary actions may be considered by the NCHA, NCHA Medication Review Committee or Executive Committee in addressing a violation of the Medication Rules and Guidelines relating to the use of a prohibited substance by any responsible person and defined by these rules. The following are general guidelines only. The NCHA, NCHA Medication Review Committee or Executive Committee may assess discipline (including fines, probations, and suspensions) that is equal to, less than or greater than the discipline provided in the following guidelines based upon the nature of the violation and the severity of the circumstances presented in each case. A horse testing positive for a prohibited substance in any class at a show may also be disqualified from all other classes at that show in which that horse participated and such horse will forfeit all monies, awards and titles won in any class at the show. Any disqualified horse shall forfeit and must return all awards and monies won at the show. Offenses for use of a prohibited substance may, at the discretion of the Committee ultimately determining the violation, permanently remain on the responsible parties' record.

- (a) First Offense:
  - (i) Forfeiture of any winnings from the show
  - (ii) Fine of \$5,000
  - (iii) Loss of any titles and awards won at the show
- (b) Second Offense
  - (i) Forfeiture of any winnings from the show
  - (ii) Fine of \$10,000
  - (iii) Loss of any titles and awards won at the show
  - (iv) One (1) year membership suspension

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- (c) Third Offense
  - (i) forfeiture of any winnings from the show
  - (ii) Fine of \$15,000
  - (iii) Loss of any titles and awards won at the show
  - (iv) Membership suspension of at least two (2) years.
- iv) By submitting your entry, 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 provide blood samples from your horse to comply with the random testing provisions contained in those Rules and Guidelines.
- c) Release and Indemnification: By signing the entry form to participate in the 2026 NCHA Summer Youth Scholarship Cutting (the "Event"), being held at The Will Rogers Complex of Ft. Worth, TX (the "WRC"), the entrant acknowledges and agrees that there is inherent danger in participation in the Event due to potential exposure of the entrant and his/her horses to the Novel Coronavirus (the "Coronavirus") at the Event. By signing this entry form, the entrant acknowledges and agrees that:
  - (i) prior to entering the Event, he/she was made aware of and understood the potential dangers presented by the Coronavirus at the Event;
  - (ii) even though the NCHA and the WRC have taken all reasonable steps to present a safe environment for the Event, there are many factors beyond their reasonable control that could lead to potential exposure to the Coronavirus at the Event; and
  - (iii) he/she is voluntarily assuming all risk of harm, illness or injury to themselves or any of their horses that may be incurred by participating in the Event, or activities associated with the Event, that are in any way related to the Coronavirus. The entrant further hereby releases the NCHA and the WRC and their respective officers, owners, employees, agents, representatives, directors, shareholders, officials, administrators, contractors, vendors, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, attorneys, and the owners and lessors of animals used to conduct the Event (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Releasees") from any and all liability, claim, damages, injury, judgment, loss, liability, cost and expense (including, without limitation, attorney's fees and costs) incurred by the entrant or his/her horses allegedly arising out of or connected with his/her participation in the Event, or at any activities associated with the Event, that relate in any way to the Coronavirus. This Release includes, but is not limited to, claims for bodily injury and physical illness of the entrants and their horses in any way relating to the Coronavirus, which were allegedly incurred or sustained during the Event or at any activities associated with the Event.

### 12) Declining Entries / Event Cancellation

- a) Entries to this contest are received subject to the right of the National Cutting Horse Association to refuse the entry or acceptance of any entry.
- b) The National Cutting Horse Association reserves the right to cancel this event without notice at any time prior to the contest without liability to them.

### 13) Judges & Judging

- a) NCHA Judging Rules set forth in the Handbook will apply.

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- b) The NCHA Adjusted Monitor System, and all rules and policies set forth by that system will be used.
- c) Five Judges will be used. The highest and the lowest score for each horse discarded. The total of the remaining three scores will be the official mark. No individual scores will be announced.
- d) Each horse is allotted two and one-half (2 ½) minutes to work during a run. The working time starts when the rider crosses the official timeline.

14) These Rules are subject to change by action of the Executive Committee.