



International Circuit Program Seminar

Friday, June 19, 2026

Las Vegas, Nevada

Mission Statement

The National Cutting Horse Association's International Circuit Program is designed to welcome and support all NCHA members in the time-honored Western lifestyle and sport of cutting—regardless of members' economic status, stage of life, or level of experience. Built on a foundation of accessible, affordable, and locally hosted NCHA-sanctioned weekend events, the program offers every member a clear path for growth and success. Competitors can advance within their local circuit, qualify for the year-end circuit championship show, and ultimately earn a spot at the prestigious International Circuit Championship event.

Local competition. National Recognition.



Circuit Program Financial Impact

\$492,000

Added Money

\$564,000

Awards

\$300,000

International Circuit Championship

International Circuit Championship

\$64,000

NCHA Days

NCHA Days

Youth Year End

\$128,000

Local Circuit Championship Subsidy

Local Circuit Championships

Non-Youth Year End



Payouts & Entries Comparison

All Classes

	2024	2025	2026
TOTAL PAYOUT	\$ 527,790.00	\$ 634,589.40	\$ 615,117.60
TOTAL ENTRIES	529	755	720
UNIQUE HORSES	385	505	496
UNIQUE RIDERS	376	493	499

	2024			2025			2026		
	Entries	Finalists	Payout	Entries	Finalists	Payout	Entries	Finalists	Payout
OPEN	31	8	\$ 41,260.00	60	17	\$ 55,152.00	62	18	\$ 56,090.40
NON-PRO	46	12	\$ 48,160.00	62	17	\$ 56,090.40	49	13	\$ 49,990.80
\$35,000 NON-PRO	43	14	\$ 46,780.00	61	16	\$ 55,621.20	56	14	\$ 53,275.20
\$25,000 NOVICE HORSE	47	13	\$ 48,620.00	64	16	\$ 57,028.80	56	14	\$ 53,275.20
\$25,000 NOVICE NON-PRO	45	13	\$ 47,750.00	64	16	\$ 57,028.80	51	13	\$ 50,929.20
\$5,000 NOVICE HORSE	32	9	\$ 41,720.00	49	13	\$ 49,990.80	47	14	\$ 49,052.40
\$5,000 NOVICE NON-PRO	43	11	\$ 46,830.00	53	14	\$ 51,867.60	54	15	\$ 52,336.80
UNLIMITED AMATEUR	45	13	\$ 47,700.00	71	26	\$ 60,313.20	66	18	\$ 57,967.20
\$50,000 AMATEUR	47	13	\$ 48,620.00	67	18	\$ 58,436.40	71	20	\$ 60,313.20
\$15,000 AMATEUR	49	12	\$ 49,540.00	74	22	\$ 61,720.80	64	17	\$ 57,028.80
\$2,000 LIMIT RIDER	46	12	\$ 48,160.00	59	16	\$ 54,682.80	60	16	\$ 55,152.00
JUNIOR YOUTH	31	8	\$ 7,130.00	35	11	\$ 8,211.00	40	10	\$ 9,384.00
SENIOR YOUTH	24	5	\$ 5,520.00	36	11	\$ 8,445.60	44	11	\$ 10,322.40



Qualified Entries

	Qualified	Entered	Percentage Entered
2024	1641	474	28%
2025	1954	684	35%
2026	1957	636	32%

	2024		2025		2026			
	Qualified	Shown	Qualified	Shown	Qualified	Shown	% of Qualified	% of ICC
ALAMO	104	13	115	27	120	44	37%	7%
APPALACHIAN	133	46	137	26	127	33	26%	5%
AURORA	122	12	129	8	127	7	6%	1%
BIG SKY	116	23	129	29	129	35	27%	6%
CACTUS	94	46	103	56	109	68	62%	11%
COTTON	114	49	126	54	120	52	43%	8%
EUROPEAN	102	12	106	8	114	5	4%	1%
GREAT LAKES	132	46	135	74	130	27	21%	4%
HEARTLAND	129	55	132	62	130	43	33%	7%
OILER	120	45	128	63	126	70	56%	11%
OZARK	N/A	N/A	134	53	127	62	49%	10%
PIONEER	124	29	121	28	125	31	25%	5%
RED RIVER	105	52	89	74	90	58	64%	9%
REDWOOD	122	15	128	28	129	31	24%	5%
SUNSHINE	124	31	117	49	126	30	24%	5%
UPPER MIDWEST	N/A	N/A	125	44	128	40	31%	6%



Youth Entries

	Junior	Senior	Total
2024	31	24	55
2025	35	36	71
2026	40	44	84

	2024		2025		2026			
	Junior	Senior	Junior	Senior	Junior	Senior	Total	% at ICC
ALAMO	4	2	2	6	2	5	7	8%
APPALACHIAN	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1%
AURORA	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1%
BIG SKY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
CACTUS	0	1	3	2	1	5	6	7%
COTTON	0	1	1	3	2	2	4	5%
EUROPEAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
GREAT LAKES	3	1	2	2	0	3	3	4%
HEARTLAND	2	0	1	0	3	0	3	4%
OILER	5	3	4	6	3	5	8	10%
OZARK	0	2	0	3	1	0	1	1%
PIONEER	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	1%
RED RIVER	10	6	13	5	21	13	34	40%
REDWOOD	0	1	0	1	3	2	5	6%
SUNSHINE	4	1	5	4	1	5	6	7%
UPPER MIDWEST	0	2	1	2	1	3	4	5%



All Entries

	2024			2025			2026			
	Youth	Qualified	Total Entries	Youth	Qualified	Total Entries	Youth	Qualified	Total Entries	% of ICC
ALAMO	6	13	19	8	27	35	7	44	51	7%
APPALACHIAN	2	46	48	2	26	28	1	33	34	5%
AURORA	1	12	13	1	8	9	1	7	8	1%
BIG SKY	0	23	23	0	29	29	0	35	35	5%
CACTUS	3	46	49	5	56	61	6	68	74	10%
COTTON	1	49	50	4	54	58	4	52	56	8%
EUROPEAN	0	12	12	0	8	8	0	5	5	1%
GREAT LAKES	4	46	50	4	75	78	3	27	30	4%
HEARTLAND	2	55	57	1	62	63	3	43	46	6%
OILER	8	45	53	10	63	73	8	70	78	11%
OSARK	n/a	n/a	n/a	3	53	56	1	62	63	9%
PIONEER	2	29	31	2	28	30	1	31	32	4%
RED RIVER	16	52	68	18	74	92	34	58	92	13%
REDWOOD	1	15	16	1	29	29	5	31	36	5%
SUNSHINE	5	31	36	9	49	58	6	30	36	5%
UPPER MIDWEST	n/a	n/a	n/a	3	44	47	4	40	44	6%



Payouts By Circuit

\$615,117.60

CIRCUIT	# of Finalists	Monies Won	% of Total Payout	# of Finalists	Monies Won	% of Total Payout
Red River	32	\$103,021.62	16.2%	30	\$97,074.48	15.8%
Ozark	17	\$58,505.27	9.2%	23	\$77,705.57	12.6%
Cotton	14	\$33,734.43	5.3%	22	\$67,462.83	11%
Cactus	26	\$88,670.32	14.0%	21	\$66,876.45	10.9%
Oiler	21	\$66,826.56	10.5%	23	\$63,506.29	10.3%
Upper Midwest	11	\$48,302.41	7.6%	10	\$50,028.62	8.1%
Redwood	16	\$54,083.47	8.5%	10	\$32,652.34	5.3%
Heartland	18	\$50,844.26	8.0%	10	\$30,535.61	5.0%
Great Lakes	9	\$19,761.39	3.1%	8	\$26,027.01	4.2%
Pioneer	10	\$25,029.46	3.9%	7	\$22,611.01	3.7%
Big Sky	7	\$12,434.56	2.0%	6	\$21,829.08	3.5%
Alamo	8	\$19,875.66	3.1%	9	\$19,744.29	3.2%
Sunshine	13	\$22,840.66	3.6%	7	\$13,845.00	2.3%
Appalachian	6	\$15,282.02	2.4%	4	\$13,634.23	2.2%
Aurora	2	\$7,594.61	1.2%	3	\$11,584.75	1.9%
European	3	\$7,782.70	1.2%	0	0.00	0.0%



Awards

- Jeff Smith Custom Saddles
- Top Ten Gist Buckles
- Rios of Mercedes Boots
- Mapes Trophies
- Director Chairs
- Western Hat Cans
- Cuttin' Up Show Blankets
- 4Cyte
- MVP
- Ultra Cruz
- 6666 Ranch
- Finalist Jackets





International Circuit Team *Challenge*

- Red River: 18
- Upper Midwest: 14
- Cotton: 9
- Ozark: 8
- Cactus: 7
- Redwood: 2
- Appalachian: 2
- Aurora: 2
- Big Sky: 2
- Great Lakes: 2
- Alamo: 1
- Pioneer: 1
- European: 0
- Heartland: 0
- Sunshine: 0

Gold = 3 points, Silver = 2 points, Bronze = 1 point

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Facebook

Views --- 1,271,334

Followers --- 1,098

Interactions --- 31,956

Instagram

Reach --- 239,497

Views --- 1,120,615

Followers --- 1,161

Interactions --- 55,031





Question & Answer

Should each circuit be able to host one show/weekend per point year at a venue located outside its circuit border?

- Miles from the Border
- Director Approval
- In-Circuit Host

Thank you for your support and dedication to the *International* Circuit Program!