

# WEST TEXAS FUTURITY 2026

\$318,500 TOTAL ADDED MONEY

## WEST TEXAS CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION GENERAL RULES

West Texas Futurity aged event will be held August 8-16, 2026.

ONLY ONLINE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Class Leveling will be used and defined as follows:

OPEN: Total LTE \$750K or over  
Open Intermediate: Total LTE \$201K-\$749,999  
Open Limit: Total LTE \$0-200K

Non Pro: Total LTE \$500K or over  
Non Pro Intermediate: Total LTE \$150,001-\$499,999  
Non Pro Limit: Total LTE \$0-150K

Amateur: Total LTE \$100K or over  
Amateur Intermediate: Total LTE \$25,001-\$99,999  
Amateur Limit: Total LTE \$0-\$25,000

### **Rider Eligibility:**

A rider may compete in any division he/she qualifies for as determined by the definition of an Open, Non-Pro and Amateur rider in the NCHA Rule Book. The levels within each division are based on rider total lifetime earnings at the beginning of the NCHA point year. There is NO distinction between Weekend and Limit Aged earnings. All earnings (i.e. senior, area work off, etc.) are included in a rider Total Lifetime Earnings.

Revolving Door: If a rider is NOT in the top 100 money earning riders for the previous two point years in ANY division, they may drop down into the intermediate division.

Hall of Fame Riders: Open & Non-Pro Hall of Fame riders may enter the Intermediate division if they meet all other NCHA rules applying to leveled classes.

Senior Exception: Once a rider turns 70, the rider may drop down into the Intermediate division.

Earning Cap: Once an Amateur has won \$250K in LTE, they MUST declare Amateur or Non-Pro. Once a Non-Pro has won \$250K in Open LAE & Weekend money, they MUST declare Open or Non-Pro division.

**Fees:**

Futurity (3 yr old). 2 go-rounds & final

\$40K Added purse Open. Ef\$1310+Cc\$1310+Oc\$260.

\$20K Added purse Open Intermediate. Ef\$1060+Cc\$1060+Oc\$260.

\$10K Added purse Open Limit. Ef\$960+Cc\$960+Oc\$260 .

Futurity Non-Pro \$2500K Added. Ef\$810+Cc\$810+Oc\$260.

2 go-rounds & final

Derby (4 yr old): 2 go-rounds & final

\$40,000 Added purse Open. Ef\$1400+Cc\$1400+Oc\$260.

\$20,000 Added purse Open Intermediate. Ef\$1060+Cc\$1060+Oc\$630

\$10,000 Added purse Open Limit Ef\$960+Cc\$960+Oc\$230

4 yr old 50K Novice Horse LTE: \$2,500 added purse. Ef\$650+Oc\$260. Will run as C/C in both Open & Intermediate Open.

Derby Non-Pro. 1 go-round & final.

\$12,500 Added purse Non-Pro. Ef\$890+Cc\$890+Oc\$260.

\$7,500 Added purse Non-Pro Intermediate Ef\$740+Cc\$740+Oc\$260

\$4,000 Added purse Non-Pro Limit Ef\$590+Cc\$590+Oc\$260

Derby Amateur: 1 go-round & final

\$12,500 Added purse. Amateur Ef\$890+Cc\$890+Oc\$260.

\$7,500 Added purse. Amateur Intermediate Ef\$740+Cc\$740+Oc\$260.

\$4,000 Added purse. Amateur Limit Ef\$590+Cc\$590+Oc\$260.

Classic/Challenge (5&6 yr old): 1 go-round & final

\$40,000 Added purse Open. Ef\$1140+Cc\$1140+Oc\$260.

\$20,000 Added purse Open Intermediate. Ef\$1060+Cc\$1060+Oc\$260

\$10,000 Added purse each Open Limit. Ef\$960+Cc\$960+Oc\$260.

5/6 yr old 75K Novice Horse LTE: \$2,500 added purse. Ef\$650+Oc\$230. Will run as C/C in both Open & Intermediate Open.

Classic/Challenge (5/6 yr old). Non-Pro. 1 go-round & final.

\$12,500 Added purse Non-Pro. Ef\$890+Cc\$890+Oc\$260.

\$7,500 Added purse Non-Pro Intermediate Ef\$740+Cc\$740+Oc\$630

\$4,000 Added purse Non-Pro Limit Ef\$590+Cc\$590+Oc\$260

Classic/Challenge(5/6 yr old) Amateur: 1 go-round & final

\$12,500 Added purse Amateur. Ef\$890+Cc\$890+Oc\$260.

\$7,500 Added purse Amateur Intermediate. Ef\$740+Cc\$740+Oc\$260 .

\$4,000 Added purse Amateur Limit. Ef\$590+Cc\$590+Oc\$260 .

1. The Futurity open and non-pro, will consist of two go-rounds and finals with 60% advancing to the second go. 4 & 5/6 Open & all Non Pro Levels will be 1 go-round and a final. 4 & 5/6 Open Intermediate & Limit will be 2 go-rounds & final. 60% to 2<sup>nd</sup> go. 20% of the total entries per class will advance to the respective final of the Futurity, Derby and Classis/Challenge, not to exceed a total of twenty-four (24). A contestant may ride unlimited horses in each of these classes. There will be a \$250 advancement fee.

Second Chance Class. Ef\$400+Oc\$150. (Horse did not advance to the second go-round of Open Futurity.) Must enter class before 2<sup>nd</sup> go-round draws of Futurity. Class will run concurrently with 2<sup>nd</sup> go-round of Futurity. Horse may not advance to finals. One go-round only. Money paid according to NCHA weekend payout.

2. 4 yr old Open will run as separate class, with 1 go & final. 5/6 yr old Open will run as separate class with 1 go & final. 4 yr old Open Intermediate & Limit will run concurrently. Levels may be combo run with discount. 5/6 yr old Open Intermediate & Limit will run concurrently. Levels may be combo run with discount.
3. 4 yr old Non-Pro will run separate. 4 yr old Non-Pro Intermediate & Limit will run concurrently. Levels may be combo run with discount. 5/6 yr old Non-Pro will run separate. 5/6 yr old Non-Pro Intermediate & Limit will run concurrently. Levels may be combo run with discount. If less than 10 entries in a class or level, show management may cancel the class or level. Riders will have the option of moving to another level or class they are qualified for.
4. The Amateur Derby and the Amateur Classic/Challenge will consist of one go-round and a final. 20% of the total entries per class will advance to the respective final, not to exceed a total of twenty-four (24). A contestant may ride unlimited horses in each of these classes. There will be a \$200 advancement fee.

Class Within Class. All Open & Non-Pro classes will offer a Gelding, 25K LTE Novice Horse class, Chrome Cash. Ef\$400+Oc\$150. All Amateur classes will offer a Senior class, Gelding, and Chrome Cash. Ef\$400+Oc\$150. Classes within classes will be paid on the furthest advancing horses. Senior entries will be limited to any contestant 60 years or older at the beginning of the 2026 NCHA point year West Texas Futurity.

5. Any class (including levels) with less than (20) entries will have a non-working final, with all monies paid based on the cumulative scores of the go-rounds of the class.

6. Finals may be combined as needed.
7. All monies will be paid in the finals, with all finalists receiving their entry fee in premium. The top 50% of finalists will receive additional premiums.
7. A photocopy of the registration is required on all limited age event horses. Unregistered horses must furnish a veterinarian's statement of age and description of horse to the WTCHA. The WTCHA reserves the right to have a veterinarian examine any horse to determine age, eligibility & wellness to compete.
8. All contestants must be in good standing with the NCHA. All NCHA rules apply when not in direct conflict with rules of the WTCHA.
9. There will be no refunds for any reason.
10. A five judge adjusted monitor system will be used in all classes.
11. All rules are subject to change by action of the West Texas Cutting Horse Association board of directors. All fees shall be made payable to the West Texas Futurity.
12. All earnings of winners will be withheld until tax numbers or social security numbers are furnished and all fees and charges concerning the cutting are verified as paid. All winnings will be paid to the person who paid the entry fee unless otherwise notified by that individual. All premium checks will be mailed within 7 business days, after all required paperwork is in the WTCHA office.
13. The WTCHA reserves the right to accept or reject any entry and to disqualify any contestant for actions of misconduct. All decisions of the WTCHA are final. The WTCHA reserves the right to cancel the event or a class without notice any time prior to start of the event or class without liability to them, but in such case, shall return all fees paid by contestants.
14. In case of ties in any class a work off will be held to determine the champion in the class.
15. When making entry you have released the West Texas Futurity and the West Texas Cutting Horse Association of any liability for accidents or injury which may occur during the time of the event to entrants, their employees or property.
- 16. Only online entries will be accepted. Open entries close August 5, 2026. Intermediate, Limit entries due Sunday Aug 9. Amateur entries due noon Tues Aug 13 . Payment in the form of credit card or check must be received before entries will be accepted in the draw. Credit card payments**

**will have a 4.0% convenience fee added. Any insufficient funds checks will have a 15% fee added to the balance due. No exceptions.**

17. Draws and show results will be posted at [www.westtexasfuturity.com](http://www.westtexasfuturity.com).

18. Substitutions will be allowed if a veterinary certificate is received stating that the entered horse is unable to work. The owner will be allowed to substitute another horse by paying a \$100 fee.