

2026 UTAH CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION October 18-24, 2026

Futurity & Aged Event Rules

1. Entries & Registration papers: Entries are due October 5. Please make all entries online. Registration papers are required on all horses. Proof in the form of a photocopy of the registration certificate or a veterinarian statement of age and description must be submitted with all entries.
2. NCHA & UCHA Membership: Both rider and owner must be current members of NCHA and UCHA. \$25 per UCHA membership.
3. Stalls: Stalls are due October 5. Weekend only stalls are \$150. LAE only stalls are \$200. Stalls for the entire time are \$275. Each stall comes with 3 bags of shavings. Please use stall form for reserving the stalls. Stalls will be available Tuesday before the event but not before.
4. Horses: The aged event is for futurity (3 year olds), derby (4 year olds) and Classic/Challenge (5/6 year olds). The divisions are as follows:
 - Futurity: Open, Open Intermediate, Open Limited, Non Pro.
 - Derby: Open, Open Intermediate, Open Limited, Non Pro, Non Pro Intermediate, Non Pro Limited, Amateur, Amateur Intermediate and Amateur Limited
 - Classic/Challenge: Open, Open Intermediate, Open Limited, Non Pro, Non Pro Intermediate, Non Pro Limited, Amateur, Amateur Intermediate and Amateur Limited
5. Leveling Eligibility: Leveling follows NCHA guidelines with the intermediate divisions of the open and non pro classes using the \$200,000 Rollback criteria. The Top 100 is not used in the open and non pro divisions. However, it is used in the Amateur divisions. To check your eligibility, go to NCHA website (nchacutting.com) rider eligibility then to leveling. Verification can be done there. Amateur riders over the age of 60 who are NOT listed on ANY of the Top 100 money earning rider lists may roll back into the Intermediate Amateur. Amateur riders under the age of 60 who are NOT listed on ANY of the Top 100 money earning rider lists and are NOT in the Non-Pro Hall of Fame may roll back into the Intermediate Amateur level. Open and Non-Pro riders aged 70 and older can roll back into the Intermediate level regardless of earnings or Top 100 list rider rankings. Amateur riders aged 70 and older can roll back into the Intermediate level regardless of earnings, top 100 list rider rankings or Hall of Fame status. A rider may never return to the Limited level once earning limits have been reached.

<u>Leveling</u>	
Intermediate 200K Rollback	
Open Division Level	Rider Lifetime Earnings
Open	\$750,000 or more
Intermediate Open	\$200,001 to \$749,999
Limited Open	\$0-\$200,000
Top 100 list not used	
Intermediate 200K Rollback	
Non Pro Division	Rider Lifetime Earnings
Non Pro	\$500,000 or more
Intermediate NP	\$150,001 to \$499,999
Limited NP	\$0-\$150,000
Top 100 list not used	
Amateur Division	Rider Lifetime Earnings
Amateur	\$100,000 or more

Intermediate Am	\$25,001 to \$99,999
Limited Am	\$0-\$25,000
Top 100 list used	

6. Gelding, 4 Op 10K Horse, 5 Op 15K Horse & Senior (60 & Up) divisions: Within all open, non pro and amateur divisions, a gelding division will be held. Within all non pro and amateur divisions, a senior division will be held. (Senior age is 60 years old.) Within the 4 open division a \$10,000 lifetime earnings as of September 1 will be held. Within the 5/6 Open division a \$15,000 lifetime earnings as of September 1 will be held. Payouts will be made to the furthestmost advancing 30% of entries
 7. Classes: Riders may ride unlimited entries in divisions they qualify for.
 - Open - 2 go rounds and a finals
 - Non Pro – 2 go rounds and a finals
 - Amateur – 1 go round and a finals

Limited - The Limited divisions of the open and non pro classes will be within the 1st go round of each of their respective divisions. You can enter this division only or make it a combination. If a combination a \$300 deduction will be granted as a horse cannot walk to the herd twice in the 1st go round. This division will be one go round and a finals.

Intermediate – The Intermediate divisions within the open and non pro classes will be within the 2nd go round of each of their respective divisions. You can enter this division only or make it a combination. If a combination a \$300 deduction will be granted as a horse cannot walk to the herd twice in the 2nd go round. This division will be one go round and a finals.

Intermediate & Limited Amateur – The intermediate and limited amateur divisions will be held together. You can be in either the intermediate or limited divisions or a combination of both on the same horse, if a combination a \$300 deduction will be granted. No horse can be ridden twice in the intermediate and limited amateur divisions. A rider may be in the intermediate division on one horse and may enter the limited division on a different horse.
 8. Advancement:
 - Derby Open and Non Pro: 70% will advance to the 2nd go round. 30% will advance to the finals.
 - Classic/Challenge Open and Non Pro: 70% will advance to the 2nd go round. 30% will advance to the finals Futurity Open & Non Pro - All will advance to the 2nd go except 0's and scratched entries. 30% will advance to the finals.
 - All Intermediate classes: 30% will advance to the finals
 - All Limited classes: 30% will advance to the finals. Note: In the LIMITED LEVEL ONLY in all Divisions, in the event there more than 20 horses, there will be \$1,000 added to the Finals purse.
 - All Amateur classes: 30% will advance to the finals.

There must be 14 horses to have a working finals. Finals will be a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 25 plus ties to the finals. Any division with less than 14 horses will be a pencil finals.
 9. Ties: If any two riders tie for the championship of any class, the highest accumulative score of the two go rounds determine awards. If there is still a tie, a designated tie breaking judge's score for the finals will be used. First and second place monies will be divided equally. Three way or greater ties shall be worked off with one being determined as Champion and remainder as Co-Reserve. The money will be split equally.
 10. Payout:
 - Open and non pro divisions will pay the top two in each of the go rounds. Five percent (5%) of jackpotted purse will be paid in each go round with 90% of the jackpotted purse plus the added money will be paid in the finals. All horses advancing to finals will receive a check.
 - Classes with one go round: No money will be paid in the go round. All money will be paid in the finals with all finalists receiving a check.
 - Gelding, 10K horse, 15K horse and Seniors: Payout will be made to the furthestmost advancing 30% of entries.
 11. NCHA rules will be followed as long as they don't conflict with the UCHA Futurity rules.
- UTAH CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION, the producer of this event, reserves the right to accept or reject any entry or substitution for any reason. Management has the right to modify these rules as deemed necessary. It is hereby understood by all participants that all liability that may arise to the UTAH CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION is hereby waived.