

46th Annual Augusta Futurity 2026

SHOW RULES & INFORMATION

Contests All Go-Rounds & Finals to be held at the Georgia National Fairgrounds
401 Larry Walker Parkway Perry, Ga.

4-yr old Futurity & 5/6 Year old Classic:

\$125,000 will be added to the 4 yr old Open class and \$70,000 will be added to the 5/6 yr old Open class. \$10,000 will be added in each \$200,000 roll back (RB) class. Any open rider who as LTE of \$750,000 or less as of January 1 or has won less than \$200,000 in the previous 2 years, are eligible for the Open INT RB class.

\$30,000 will be added to each Non Pro class. \$10,000 will be added in each \$50,000 Intermediate class. Intermediate NP eligibility will be determined by total LTE earnings between \$150,001-\$499,999.. Non Pro riders who are not on the top 100 riders list are eligible to roll back into the intermediate class.

A contestant may show six(6) horses, 2019 foals, all breeds in the Futurity classes (4 yr old).

A contestant may show six(6) total entries in any combination of 5-year-old & 6-year-old horses 2019 & 2020 foals, all breeds in the Classic classes.

Non-Pro must qualify under NCHA Non-Pro rules.

The Open Futurity and Classic classes will consist of one (1) go-round and finals. The top 25% plus ties will advance to the finals. (A minimum of 10 to the finals will apply to the Open) The Non-Pro Futurity and Classic will consist of one (1) go round and finals. The top 30% plus ties will advance to the finals (A minimum of 10 to the finals will apply to the Non-Pro) Limited classes will advance the top 25% to the finals. Futurity, Classic, Limited & all Amateur levels must consist of **20 entries** to have a working final. Score of 0 or 180 will not advance to the finals. Finals may be combined as needed.

4 yr old Futurity second shot round (Augusta Mulligan)

Contestants who did not advance in the go round of the 4-year-old Open are eligible to enter a "second shot" round. This round will have a total entry fee of \$1300 (EF -\$1000, CC \$200, OC \$100) The entry fee portion of the total entry

fee will be added to the original 4 yr. old Open purse and payout in the finals. 20% from the second shot round will advance to the 4-year-old finals (maximum of 6 to advance). Entry deadline, for this go round, will be Sunday, January 12th at 8 PM (EST)

A minimum of 8 entries will constitute a level or class. Show management may combine all levels or refund entry fees if that minimum is not met.

\$250 advancement fee will apply for all Futurity & Classic finalists.

\$200 advancement fee will apply for all Amateur finalists.

Entries accepted on a first-paid basis. Contests close when maximum numbers received.

Draws for the LAE classes will be held 2 days before the class goes. Draws for the weekend classes will be held 1 day before the class goes. Weekend entries deadline: 12 PM (EST) day before class goes.

Class Leveling for the **AMATEUR** will be used and defined as follows:

Amateur: Total LTE \$100K or over

Amateur Intermediate: Total LTE \$25,001-\$99,999

Amateur Limit: Total LTE \$0-\$25,000

Rider Eligibility: Amateur Classes

A rider may compete in any division he/she qualifies for as determined by the definition of an 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 2 point years in ANY division, they may drop down into the intermediate.

Senior Exception: Once a rider turns 60, the rider may drop down into the Intermediate class regardless of earnings. (Amateur Classes)

Earning Cap: Once an Amateur has won \$250K in Non-Pro weekend & LAE earnings, 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. See 2025 rulebook for additional information.

All levels within a class will run concurrently. A horse may walk to the herd two times in a class. The top 25 % will advance to the finals.

\$35,000 Non-Pro (any-age horse NCHA approved) (fresh cattle) Contestant must meet NCHA Non Pro rules.

Must not exceed \$50,000 eligibility as of January 1, 2026. Class will consist of one go-round & finals with 25% plus ties. Must have 20 entries to have a working finals. .

75,000 AMA \$1500 added (go round/finals)- Class will consist of one go round and finals with 25 % plus ties advancing Must have 20 entries to have a working finals.

Fees:

Futurity Open (4 yr old). \$125K Added purse. Ef\$850+Cc\$900, Oc\$100-\$1850. Open \$200K RB \$10K Added. Ef\$675+Cc\$725,Oc-\$100-\$1500.

Futurity Non-Pro (4 yr old): \$30K Added purse Ef\$750+C\$800, Oc-\$100-\$1,650. \$10,000 Added purse Intermediate Non Pro; Ef\$575+Cc\$625,OC-\$100-\$1,300.

Futurity Amateur (4 yr old): \$15,000Added Ef\$575+Cc\$625,Oc \$100-\$1,300. Amateur Intermediate \$8,500 Added Ef\$550+Cc\$600, Oc \$100,\$1,250. Amateur Limit \$4,000 Added Ef\$500+Cc\$550,OC\$100-\$1,150.

Classic Open (5/6 yr old). \$70K Added purse, Ef\$850+C\$900,\$100-\$1850. Open \$200K Roll Back (RB) \$10,000 Added. Ef\$675+Cc\$725,Oc\$100-\$1500.

Classic Non-Pro (5/6 yr old): \$30K Added purse Ef\$750+Cc\$800,OC\$100-\$1,650. \$10,000 added \$50K Intermediate Non Pro Ef\$575+Cc+\$625,Oc\$100-\$1,300.

Classic Amateur (5/6 yr old): \$15,000 Added Ef\$575+Cc\$625,Oc4100-\$1,300. Amateur Intermediate \$8,500 Added Ef\$550+Cc\$600,Oc\$100-\$1,250. Amateur Limit \$4,000K Added Ef\$500+\$550,\$100-\$1,150.

Class Within Class. A Gelding will be offered within each class/division. Senior will be offered within Amateur and Non Pro divisions. A \$10K Novice Horse (total LTE as of January 1, 2025) will be offered within all Futurity (4 yr old) Open and Non Pro classes. An Unlimited Amateur will be offered within the Non Pro and LTD NP classes. Contestant must meet NCHA Amateur requirements to be eligible. All class within classes, will payout to highest advancing. Ef\$350+Oc\$50= \$400.

AMATUER Bonus: \$2000 (\$1000 to Futurity, \$1000 to Classic) will be paid to the highest money earner that enters both the Non Pro and Amateur classes. Stallion incentive money will NOT be included.

ENTRY RULES:

- A. All entries are due paid in full by Tuesday January 6, 2026, in order to be in the draw. Entries received after will ride last in set.
- B. Slots may be sold before said class begins. ALL PAYMENTS ARE FINAL. THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS.
- C. Slots will be assigned on a first-paid basis. CONTESTS WILL CLOSE TO NEW ENTRIES WHEN MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ENTRIES ARE RECEIVED OR WHEN THE 1ST HORSE RIDES TO THE HERD IN A CLASS.
- D. Credit card information MUST accompany faxed entries.
- E. All entries must be accompanied by horse ownership papers and a current NCHA membership card.
- F. **A 15% fee will be added to total for all NSF payments.**

MEMBERSHIPS:

Each owner & rider must be a member of the Atlantic Coast Cutting Horse Association. The 2026 membership of \$25 payable with entry.

Stalls:

Stall fee: \$225. All stalls will be assigned & paid for on site. Stalls open beginning Thursday, January 8, 2026

CHANGES:

Written or faxed changes within the established event/division will be accepted from the slot owner after the draw until 1st horses walks to the herd in each class. No changes will be allowed thereafter.

JUDGES:

A five judge adjusted monitor system will be used in all classes. NCHA adjusted monitor system will be used.

OTHER RULES:

The ACCHA Show Committee reserves the right to reject any entry. All decisions of the committee are final. The ACCHA reserves the right to cancel, transfer or reschedule the Augusta Futurity & Classic without notice and/or liability. In the event of a cancellation, all fees will be refunded.

All rules of the NCHA not in direct conflict with the rules of the ACCHA as published herein shall apply. These rules are subject to change by the Executive Committee.

PAYMENT OF WINNINGS:

Winnings will be paid to the owner of record unless otherwise directed by the owner in writing. **Winnings checks will not be released without tax information on file.**