

# El Rancho Futurity & Foothill Fiesta Aged Event

## Rancho Murieta, California

### September 15-26, 2009

1. **Judges:** A five judge AMS system will be used. Horses will be scored under NCHA Rules. All owners and riders must be current members of NCHA.
2. **Registration certificate** required on all horses. Proof in the form of a photocopy of the registration certificate or a notarized statement of age and description must be submitted with all entries.
3. **Entries:** Entries are due and payable in full by August 20, 2008. Any entry not postmarked by August 27 will be assessed a late fee. Open divisions will be assessed a late fee of \$250. Non Pro divisions will be assessed a late fee of \$150. Amateur divisions will be assessed a late fee of \$100. Unlimited number of entries per owner and/or rider will be taken.
4. **Copy of NCHA membership** card on both owners and riders must be submitted with all entries.
5. **Stall fees** will be \$125 due and payable on August 20, 2009. Any stall reservations not postmarked on or before August 27, 2009 will be \$150. Stall payments are payable to: El Rancho Futurity, 7200 Lone Pine Drive, Rancho Murieta, California 95683.
6. **Haul In Fees** will be \$20 per competition horse per day that does NOT have a stall.
7. **Ties:** If any two riders tie for the championship of any class, Co-Champions shall be declared. First and second place monies will be divided equally. The highest accumulative score of the two go rounds and the finals will determine awards. Three way or greater ties shall be worked off with one being determined as Champion and remainder as Co-Reserve Champions. The money will be split equally.
8. **\$200,000 Limit Non Pro and \$50,000 Amateur divisions:** All amateur and non pro contestants must meet all the NCHA requirements as defined in the NCHA rule book for amateurs and non pros. The \$200,000 Ltd Non Pro is restricted to current NCHA Non Professional cardholders whose lifetime earnings do not exceed \$200,000 as of January 1, 2009. The \$50,000 Amateur is restricted to current NCHA amateur cardholders whose eligibility earnings do not exceed \$50,000 as of January 1, 2009. The 200,000 Limit Non Pro and 50,000 Amateur divisions will be drawn together. They will each have their own separate finals. A contestant may enter either division separately or both. If entered in both divisions, a \$150 credit for cattle will be given.
9. **Gelding divisions:** Within all open and non pro divisions, a gelding division will be held. Payout will be made to the furthestmost advancing 25% of entries. The gelding is a class within a class. There is not a separate finals. Entry fee: \$100 entry fee/\$50 office. Awards will be given.
10. **\$200,000 Limit Rider Division:** Within the Non Pro Futurity, a \$200,000 Limit Rider division will be held. Payout will be made to the furthestmost advancing 25% of entries. The \$200,000 Limit Rider is a class within a class. There is not a separate finals. Entry fee: \$100 entry fee/\$50 office. Awards will be given.
11. **Derby Open \$10,000 Ltd Horse division:** Within the Derby open, a \$10,000 Ltd Horse division will be held. Eligibility is determined by lifetime earnings as of August 1, 2008. Payout will be made to the furthestmost advancing 25% of entries. This class is a class within a class within the open derby. There is not a separate finals. Entry fee: \$100 entry fee/\$50 office. Awards will be given.
12. **Go Round/Finals Advancement:** The Futurity Open and Non Pro divisions: All horses will advance to the 2<sup>nd</sup> go, except zeros and 180's with 25% of entries advancing to the finals. Derby and Classic/Challenge Open and Non Pro divisions: 70% of the entries will advance to the 2<sup>nd</sup> go with 20% advancing to the finals. Derby and Classic/Challenge \$50,000 Amateur, \$200,000 Limit Non Pro Derby and 7-Up Non Pro divisions will consist of one go round and a finals. 30% will advance to the finals. There is a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 25 entries plus ties in the finals. All finalists will receive a check.
13. **Payout:** Total purses will be paid out in the finals. There will be an advancement fee charged to all working finals of \$175.

14. **Awards:** All working finalists will receive a finalist vest. Champion and Reserve Champion awards will be presented in all finals. Roohide saddles will be presented to the Open Futurity, Open Derby, Open Classic/Challenge, Non Pro Futurity, Non Pro Derby and Non Pro Classic/Challenge Champions. Barbara Weber artwork to Non Pro Futurity, Non Pro Derby, Non Pro Classic/Challenge and Non Pro Uncola Champions.
15. **Jerry Ward Owner/Breeder Incentive Award:** The Jerry Ward Owner/Breeder Incentive Award is being sponsored and funded by Carol Anderson Ward in memory of her late husband, Jerry Ward. It is designed to reward those persons who have bred, raised and uninterruptedly owned three year old cutting horses up to and including the time they are shown in the El Rancho Futurity. The Jerry Ward Owner/Breeder Incentive Award will be awarded to the cutting horse that advances the furthest in each of the Open and Non Professional divisions and fulfilling the requirement listed above. The Jerry Ward Incentive trophy designed by Jan Mapes and a check for \$2,500 will be awarded in each division. In the Open divisions, the horse may be shown by a rider other than the owner. In the event of a tie, the award and purse shall be paid to the owner of the horse with the highest total scores through the go rounds, semi finals (if applicable) and the finals.
16. **Show management** reserves the right to make any changes, additions and deletions to these rules as deemed necessary by them. Notice of any changes will be posted at the show and/or upon request. Show management reserves the right to cancel said event or any classes within said event, without notice anytime prior to the contest. In such event, fees pertaining to that class or the event, as the case may be, will be refunded.
17. **Refunds:** Will consider refunding fees prior to the draw for only two reasons: 1) a sick or injured horse with a veterinarian's verification; 2) a sick or injured rider, with physician's verification. Absolutely no refunds for any other reason. An office charge of \$150 will be retained.
18. **NSF Checks:** Individuals presenting El Rancho Futurity with checks which cannot be redeemed for the full amount in cash are subject to appropriate legal proceedings and prosecution as well as expulsion from participating in cutting horse events. A \$50 fee will be charged to NSF checks.

**ENTRIES Due:** Postmarked by August 20, 2009 – LATE FEE after August 27, 2009  
Open divisions - \$250, Non Pro divisions - \$150, Amateur divisions - \$100

**STALLS Due:** Postmarked by August 20, 2009 – Stalls \$150 after August 27, 2009.

***Stall availability not guaranteed after August 27, 2009.***