Abilene Spectacular Cutting General Rules January 4-10, 2021

- 4 Year Old Open (Derby): The 4 Year Old Open will consist of two go rounds and a finals. 60% will advance to the 2nd Go. 95% of the total purse will be paid in the finals. 5% of the total purse will be divided in the goes. A minimum of 25% with a maximum of 25 plus ties will advance to the finals. A minimum of 20 entries are required to have a working finals. Zeros and 180s will not advance. Entry fee \$1900. (\$1000 jackpot \$900 cattle/office charge) Added Money-\$70,000. Pro-rated with the 4 Year Old Non Pro. The 4 Year Old Open will have sliding scale bonus added money \$10,000 (150-199 horses) \$30,000 added (200 + Horses). A rider may ride an unlimited number of horses. There will be an advancement fee of \$200 to the finals. \$50,000 in Stallion Incentive bonuses will be paid in the 4 Year Old Open. \$40,000 to the eligible incentive horses plus \$10,000 paid to the 4 Year Old Open Champion.
- 2. The 4 Year Old Non Pro (Derby): The 4 Year Old Non Pro will consist of two go rounds and a finals. 95% of the purse will be paid in the finals. 5% of the total purse will be divided in the goes. A minimum of 25% with a maximum of 25 plus ties will advance to the finals. A minimum of 20 entries are required to have a working finals. Zeros and 180s will not advance. Entry fee \$1700. (\$850 jackpot \$850 cattle/office charge) Added Money- \$70,000. Pro-rated with the 4 Year Old Open. A rider may ride an unlimited number of horses. There will be an advancement fee of \$200 to the finals.
- 3. The 5/6 Year Old (Classic/Challenge): The 5/6 Year Old Open & Non Pro will consist of one go round and a finals. 100% of the total purse will be paid in the finals of both divisions. A minimum of 25% with a maximum of 25 plus ties will advance to the finals. A minimum of 20 entries are required to have a working finals. Zeros and 180s will not advance. Open Entry fee \$1700. (\$850 jackpot \$850 cattle/office charge) Non Pro Entry fee \$1600. (\$800 jackpot \$800 cattle/office charge) Added Money- \$50,000. Pro-rated between 5/6 Open & Non Pro. The 5/6 Open will have sliding scale bonus added money \$10,000 (85-99 horses) \$20,000 added (100 + Horses). A rider may ride an unlimited number of horses. There will be an advancement fee of \$200 to the finals.
- 4. Mid Level Open Derby & Classic/Challenge: The \$200,000 Mid Level Open Derby and Classic/Challenge are restricted to riders who have earnings of not more than \$200,000 in the former 2 years. There is not a lifetime earnings cap. A rider may ride an unlimited number of horses. There will be one go round and a finals. \$200,000 Mid Level Open Derby and Classic/Challenge Entry fee \$900.(\$450 jackpot \$450 Cattle/Office Charge) \$4,000 added money in the 4 Year Old Mid Level Open and the 5/6 Year Old Mid Level Open. A minimum of 25% with a maximum of 25 plus ties will advance to the finals. A minimum of 20 entries are required to have a working finals. Zeros and 180s will not advance. There will be an advancement fee of \$150 to the finals.
- 5. **\$200,000 Ltd Open & Non Pro:** The \$200,000 Ltd Open & Non Pro divisions are restricted to riders that are eligible by NCHA Rules. This is offered as a class within a class. There will not be a working finals. Payout will be made to the highest advancing horses based on number of entries in the class. Entry fee \$500 (\$400 Jackpot \$100 office charge)
- 6. Amateur Divisions: There will be 3 levels within the 4 and 5/6 Year Old Amateur classes. The levels are based upon the riders total lifetime earnings as of January 1, of that year. A rider may enter any level that they are eligible for. A rider may enter all 3 levels but only ride to the heard 2 times max. A rider my ride an unlimited number of horses. A minimum of 25% with a maximum of 25 plus ties will advance to the finals. A minimum of 20 entries in each level is required to have a working finals. Zeros and 180s will not advance. There will be an advancement fee of \$150 to the finals. If an amateur rider is not on the top 100 Amateur list money earnings for the previous year, they may drop back to the mid level. Senior exception: once a rider turns 70, the rider may drop back to the mid level, regardless of earnings.

The rider levels are as follows Amateur -

\$100,001 or more Added \$4000 – Entry Fee \$900 (Jackpot \$450 – Office/Cattle \$450) Mid Amateur - \$25,002 - \$100,000 Added \$2000 – Entry Fee \$800 (Jackpot \$400 – Office/Cattle \$400) Limited Amateur - \$0 - \$25,001 Added \$1000 – Entry Fee \$700 (Jackpot \$350 – Office/Cattle \$350.00)

- 7. Gelding Division: The Gelding division is offered in every class. There will not be a working finals. Payment will be made to the highest advancing horses based on the number of entries in the class.
 4 Year Old Open & Non Pro Entry fee \$500 (Jackpot \$400 Office Charge \$100) ((Two go rounds)) All one go round classes Entry Fee \$350 (Jackpot \$275 Office Charge \$75)
- 8. Senior Division: The senior division is offered in Non Pro and Amateur classes. The division is restricted to riders 60 years and older. There will not be a working finals. Payment will be made to the highest advancing horses based on the number of entries in the class. 4 Year Old Non Pro Entry fee \$500 (Jackpot \$400 Office Charge \$100) ((Two go rounds)) All one go round classes Entry Fee \$350 (Jackpot \$275 Office Charge \$75)
- 9. \$25,000 Novice: The \$25,000 Novice Horse is offered in all classes. This division is restricted to horses with LTE of \$24,999 or less. There will not be a working finals. Payment will be made to the highest advancing horses based on the number of entries in the class. 4 Year Old Open & Non Pro Entry fee \$500 (Jackpot \$400 Office Charge \$100) ((Two go rounds)) All one go round classes Entry Fee \$350 (Jackpot \$275 Office Charge \$75)
- Payout: All checks will be made payable to the owner unless submitted in writing to the show office. There is an advancement fee in all Open, Non Pro and Amateur Finals. In the event of a tie Co-Champions will be declared with first and second place monies divided equally. Awards will be determined by adding the scores from go rounds and the finals together, with the highest accumulative scores to determine the awards.
- 11. Entries & Payments: All Entries will be accepted in the form of a slot. Faxed/emailed entries will be accepted. However, Payment must be received before the draw. No refunds will be made after the draw. Slots may be sold. Payments may be paid in full by December 27, 2020 or there is a two payment option. 1st payment of half the fees are due December 10, 2020 with the remainder paid in full December 27, 2020. Horses must be named and registration papers submitted at the final payment. Entries close Jan. 1, 2021.
- 12. **Stalls and RV:** First come first serve basis. Reservations accepted. Contact Keith Clearman 325-518-8693 Stalls will not be available until 7:00 am on December 27, 2020. Stall fee \$150
- 13. Credit cards: Credit Cards are accepted with a 4% handling fee.
- 14. Show management reserves the right to accept or reject any entry or substitution for any reason. Show management reserves the right to change, transfer, or reschedule this event without liability. Any changes or additions to these rules may be made by show management if deemed necessary. In the event of cancellations, all fees paid will be refunded. It is herby understood by all participants that all liability that may arise to the Abilene Spectacular Cutting Event is hereby waved.