

## Abilene Spectacular Cutting

### General Rules

January 2-13, 2023

1. **Riders** may show an unlimited number of horses.
2. **All classes** require a minimum of 20 horses to have a working final
3. **No horses** will advance with a score of 180 or zero.
4. **The 4 Year Old Open & Non Pro (Derby)** divisions will consist of two go rounds and a finals. 60% will advance to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Go. 95% of the total purse will be paid in the finals. 5% of the total purse will be divided in the goes. Open Entry fee \$2000. (\$1000 jackpot - \$1000 cattle/office charge) Added Money- \$80,000. Non Pro Entry fee \$1500. (\$750 jackpot - \$750 cattle/office charge) Added Money- \$10,000. There is a sliding scale in 4 NP (if more than 30 entries there will be \$15,000 Added.) A minimum of 25% with a maximum of 30 plus ties will advance to the finals. There will be an advancement fee of \$225 to the finals. \$46,000 in Stallion Incentive bonuses will be paid in the 4 Year Old Open. \$36,000 to the eligible incentive horses plus \$10,000 paid to the 4 Year Old Open Champion.
5. **The 5/6 Year Old Open & Non Pro (Classic/Challenge)** division will consist of one go round and a finals. 100% of the total purse will be paid in the finals of both divisions. Open Entry fee \$1700. (\$850 jackpot - \$850 cattle/office charge) Added Money- \$30,000. Non Pro Entry fee \$1400. (\$700 jackpot - \$700 cattle/office charge) Added Money- \$10,000. A minimum of 25% with a maximum of 25 plus ties will advance to the finals. The 5/6 Open will have a sliding scale bonus added money of \$10,000 (100 + horses). There will be an advancement fee of \$225 to the finals.
6. **Mid- Level Open Derby & Classic/Challenge** divisions are restricted to riders who have earnings of not more than \$200,000 in the former 2 years (As of Jan 1, 2023) **There is NOT a lifetime earnings cap.** Entry fee \$1100. (\$550 jackpot - \$550 Cattle/Office Charge) \$7,500 added money in each division. There will be one go round and a final. A minimum of 25% with a maximum of 25 plus ties will advance to the finals. There will be an advancement fee of \$175 to the finals.
7. **Mid- Level Non Pro Derby & Classic/Challenge** divisions are restricted to riders who have earnings of not more than \$75,000 in the former 2 years (As of Jan 1, 2023). Entry fee \$1100. (\$550 jackpot - \$550 Cattle/Office Charge) Added money \$7,500. **There is NOT a lifetime earnings cap.** There will be one go round and a finals in the Classic/Challenge. There will be two go rounds and a final in the Non Pro Derby. A minimum of 25% with a maximum of 25 plus ties will advance to the finals. A combo class is offered within the Non Pro classes. There will be an advancement fee of \$175 to the finals.
8. **\$200,000 Ltd Open** division is restricted to riders that have earnings from \$0 - \$200,000 Lifetime total earnings in the Open. This is offered as a class within the Mid Level Open. The \$200,000 Ltd Open can be entered as a stand-alone class or as a combo with the Mid Level. Entry fee \$700. (\$375 Jackpot - \$325 office charge) Added money \$1000. In the event there is not a minimum number of entries for a final, payout will be made to the highest advancing horses based on number of entries in the class.
9. **\$50,000 Ltd Non Pro** divisions is restricted to riders with \$0 - \$50,000 Lifetime total earnings in the Non Pro. This is offered as a class within the Non Pro and can be entered as a stand-alone class or as a combo with the Mid Level Non Pro. Payout will be made to the highest advancing horses based on number of entries in the class. Entry fee \$700 (\$400 Jackpot - \$300 office charge) \$1000 Added money. There will be a pencil final.
10. **\$10K Novice Horse & \$35K Novice Horse:** The 4 Year Old Open \$10K Novice Horse (LTE) and the 5/6 Year Old Open \$35K Novice Horse (LTE) will be held as separate divisions (Not a class within a class). Entry Fee \$1100. (\$550 Jackpot - \$550 Office/Cattle Charge) \$7500 Added money. In the event there are not a minimum number of entries for a final, payout will be made to the highest advancing horses based on number of entries in the class. There will be an advancement fee of \$175 to the finals.
11. **Open Mid Level and Limited \$10K Novice Horse & Open Mid Level and Limited \$35K Novice** divisions are a class held within a class of the appropriate age divisions. Entry fee \$700.00 (Jackpot \$400 – Office Charge \$300) \$1000 Added Money. Payout will be made to the highest advancing horses based on number of entries in the class.
12. **Amateur Divisions:** There will be 3 levels within the 4 Year Old and 5/6 Year Old Amateur classes. The levels are based upon the rider's 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 herd 2 times max per horse. A minimum of 25% with a maximum of 25 plus ties will advance to the finals. There will be an advancement fee of \$175 to the finals. If an amateur rider is not on the top 100 Amateur list money earnings for the previous 2 years, 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 - \$100,000 or more - Added money \$7,500 – Entry Fee \$1100. (Jackpot \$550 – Office/Cattle \$550)

Mid-Level Amateur - \$25,001 - \$99,999.00 - Added money \$3000 – Entry Fee \$800. (Jackpot \$400 – Office/Cattle \$400)

Limited Amateur - \$0 - \$25,000 - Added money \$1000 – Entry Fee \$700. (Jackpot \$350 – Office/Cattle \$350.00)

13. **Gelding Division:** The Gelding division is offered in every class. There will not be a working final. Payment will be made to the highest advancing horses based on the number of entries in the class.  
Entry fee \$500 (Jackpot \$400 – Office Charge \$100)
14. **Chrome Cash Division:** The Chrome Cash division is offered in every class. Proof of American Paint Horse Registration must accompany entry. There will not be a working final. Payment will be made to the highest advancing horses based on the number of entries in the class. Entry fee \$500 (Jackpot \$400 – Office Charge \$100)
15. **Senior Division:** The senior division is offered in all Non Pro and Amateur classes. The division is restricted to riders 60 years of age and older. There will not be a working final. Payment will be made to the highest advancing horses based on the number of entries in the class. Entry fee \$500 (Jackpot \$400 – Office Charge \$100)
16. **Novice Horse:** The 4 Year Old Non Pro & Amateur \$10K Novice Horse (LTE) divisions as well as the 5/6 Year Old Non Pro & Amateur \$35K Novice Horse (LTE) divisions are a class within a class. Payment will be made to the highest advancing horses based on the number of entries in the class. Entry fee \$500 (Jackpot \$400 – Office Charge \$100).
17. **Substitutions are allowed until the class has started.** All substitutions must be made in the show office and the horses name must appear on the judges sheets. Substitutions may not be made at the announcer stand under any circumstances. An entry may not withdraw from a division after the class has been drawn and re-enter the same horse into another draw in that division. Slots may be sold. Any slot that is sold must be done through the show office. All funds will be handled through the show office. No slots may be sold after the start of the division in which slot is in. Any reimbursements for slots sold will be made at the conclusion of the event.
18. **Payout:** All checks will be made payable to the owner unless submitted in writing to the show office. Entry fees paid by a 2<sup>nd</sup> party; if requested, winnings will be sent to the person paying the entry fees. 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.
19. **Entries & Payments:** 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 through the show office. Payments may be paid in full by January 1, 2023, or there is a two payment option. 1<sup>st</sup> payment of half the fees are due December 10, 2022 with the remainder paid in full January 1, 2023. Horses must be named and registration papers submitted at the final payment. Entries close January 1, 2023.
20. **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 29, 2022. **Stall fee \$150.00, RV Nightly fee \$40.00**
21. **Credit Cards:** Credit Cards are accepted with a 4% handling fee. **Other fees:** RETURNED CHECK FEE IS \$30 FOR THE FIRST TIME A CHECK IS RETURNED. AFTER 10 DAYS OF A CHECK BEING RETURNED OR ANY FEES NOT PAID BY 10 DAYS OF THE COMPLETION OF THE SHOW, A 20% COURTESY FEE WILL BE CHARGED ON THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE OF ANY OUTSTANDING FEES. FINAL DAY OF THE SHOW IS JANUARY 13, 2023.
22. **A check must be left at the practice pen prior to working your horse.** Anyone who leaves the show and does not pay any fees due to the practice pen will be assessed a \$50.00 fine.
23. 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 hereby understood by all participants that all liability that may arise to the Abilene Spectacular Cutting Event is hereby waved.