

Abilene Spectacular Cutting

General Rules

January 2-9, 2024

1. **Riders** may show an unlimited number of horses.
2. **All classes** require a minimum of 20 horses to have a working finals.
3. **No horses** will advance with a score of 180 or zero.
4. **There** will be an advancement fee of \$225 to the finals in the Open & Non Pro Classes & \$200 to the Amateur finals.
5. **The 4 Year Old Open (Derby)** will consist of two go rounds and a finals. 60% will advance to the 2nd Go. A minimum of 25% with a maximum of 25 plus ties will advance to the finals. 100% of the total purse will be paid in the finals. Entry Fee \$2000. (\$1000 Jackpot - \$400 Cattle/\$600 Office Charge) Added Money- \$80,000. **\$35,120 in Stallion Incentive** bonuses will be paid in the 4 Year Old Open. \$25,120 to the top 5 eligible incentive horses plus \$10,000 paid to the 4 Year Old Open Champion.
6. **The 4 Year Old Non Pro** will consist of two go rounds and a finals. 60% will advance to the 2nd Go. A minimum of 25% with a maximum of 25 plus ties will advance to the finals. 100% of the total purse will be paid in the finals. Entry Fee \$1100. (\$550 Jackpot - \$200 Cattle/\$350 Office Charge) Added Money is based on a sliding scale- 1-15 entries \$3000 added, 16-25 entries \$7500 added, 26+ entries \$10,000 added. **The 4 Yr Old Non Pro \$100K (2 Yr Rollback)** class is one go and a finals. The go round is ran within the first go of the Non Pro with a separate finals. This can be entered as a stand alone entry or as a combo with the Non Pro. There must be a minimum of 8 entries for the class to be held. Entry Fee \$800. (\$400 Jackpot - \$200 Cattle/\$200 Office Charge) Added Money- \$1,500. \$100 discount on combo entries.
7. **The 5/6 Year Old Open (Classic/Challenge)** division will consist of one go round and a finals. A minimum of 25% with a maximum of 25 plus ties will advance to the finals. 100% of the total purse will be paid in the finals. Entry Fee \$1650. (\$825 Jackpot - \$300 Cattle/\$525 Office Charge) Added Money- \$25,000.
8. **The 5/6 Year Old Non Pro** class is one go and a finals. 60% will advance to the 2nd Go. A minimum of 25% with a maximum of 25 plus ties will advance to the finals. 100% of the total purse will be paid in the finals. Entry Fee- \$1100. (\$550 jackpot - \$200 cattle/\$350 office charge Added Money is based on a sliding scale- 1-15 entries \$3000 added, 16-25 entries \$7500 added, 26+ entries \$10,000 added. **The 5/6 Yr Old Non Pro \$100K (2 Yr Rollback)** class is one go and a finals. The go round is ran within the go round of the Non Pro with a separate finals. This can be entered as a stand alone entry or as a combo with the Non Pro. There must be a minimum of 8 entries for the class to be held. Entry Fee- \$800. (\$400 Jackpot - \$200 Cattle/\$200 Office Charge) Added Money- \$1,500. \$100 discount on combo entries.
9. **\$200K (2 Year Rollback) 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, 2024.) **There is NOT a lifetime earnings cap.** There will be one go round and a finals. A minimum of 25% with a maximum of 25 plus ties will advance to the finals. Entry Fee- \$1100. (\$550 jackpot - \$200 Cattle/\$350 Office Charge) Added Money- \$5,000 in each division.
10. **\$200,000 Ltd Open** division is restricted to riders that have earnings of \$0 - \$200,000 total lifetime earnings in the Open. This is offered as a class within the \$200K (2 Yr Rollback). The \$200,000 Ltd Open can be entered as a stand-alone class or as a combo with the \$200K (2 Yr Rollback). Entry Fee- \$800. (\$400 Jackpot - \$200 Cattle/\$200 Office Charge) Added Money- \$1500.
11. **Amateur Divisions** will consist of 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 may only ride to the herd 2 times max per horse. There will be one go and a finals. A minimum of 25% with a maximum of 25 plus ties will advance to the finals. If an amateur rider is not in the top 100 Amateur list money earnings for the previous 2 years, they may drop back into the Intermediate. Senior exception: once a rider turns 70, the rider may drop back to the Intermediate, regardless of earnings.

The rider levels are as follows

Amateur- \$100,000 or more. Entry Fee \$1100. (Jackpot \$550 - \$200 Cattle/\$350 Office Charge) Added Money- \$5000

Intermediate Amateur- \$25,001 - \$99,999. Entry Fee \$850. (Jackpot \$425 - \$200 Cattle/\$225.00 Office Charge) Added Money- \$3000

Limited Amateur- \$0 - \$25,000. Entry Fee \$800. (Jackpot \$400 - \$200 Cattle/\$200 Office Charge) Added Money- \$1500

12. 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 running concurrently within the appropriate age Open division. This class is one go and a finals. This can be entered as a stand alone entry or as a combo with the Open. Entry Fee- \$850. (\$425 Jackpot - \$200 Cattle/\$225 Office Charge) Added Money- \$3000. \$100 discount on combo entries.
All other \$10K Novice Horse & \$35K Novice Horse divisions are a class held within a class of the appropriate age divisions. 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. (Jackpot \$400 – Office Charge \$100) Amateur Entry Fee \$300. (Jackpot \$225- Office Charge \$75).
13. **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. Entry fee- \$500. (Jackpot \$400 – Office Charge \$100) Amateur Entry Fee- \$300. (Jackpot \$225 - Office Charge \$75).
14. **Chrome Cash Division** is open to all registered American Paint Horses and is offered in every class. Proof of American Paint Horse Registration must accompany entry. 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. Entry Fee- \$500. (Jackpot \$400 – Office Charge \$100). Amateur Entry Fee- \$300. (Jackpot \$225 - Office Charge \$75).
15. **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 finals. 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). Amateur Entry Fee- \$300. (Jackpot \$225 - Office Charge \$75).
16. **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 announcers stand under any circumstances. An entry may not be withdrawn 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.
17. **Payout:** All checks will be made payable to the owner unless submitted in writing to the show office. Entry fees paid by 2nd party: if requested, winnings will be sent to the person paying the entry fees.
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 the go rounds and the finals together, with the highest accumulative scores to determine the awards.
18. **Entries & Payments:** In addition to mailed in entries both faxed or 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 December 20, 2023, or there is a two payment option. 1st payment of half the fees are due December 1, 2023 with the remainder paid in full December 20, 2023. Horses must be named and registration papers submitted at the final payment. Entries close December 30, 2023.
19. **Stalls and RV:** First come, first serve basis. Reservations accepted. Contact Keith Clearman at 325-518-8693. Stalls will not be available until 7:00 am on December 27, 2023. **Stall fee \$225.00, RV Nightly fee \$50.00**
20. **Credit Cards:** Credit Cards are accepted with a 4% handling fee.
21. **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 AFTER 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 9, 2024.
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 waived.