Abilene Spectacular Cutting, Inc

January 2-13, 2027

1. Riders may show an unlimited number of horses.
2. All classes require a minimum of 20 horses to hold a working finals.
3. No horses will advance with a score of 180 or zero.
4. There must be a minimum of 8 entries for a class to be held. If canceled, entry fee will be returned
5. Combo entries may deduct $200.
6. There will be an advancement fee of $250 to the finals in all classes.
7. All NCHA rules apply.
8. **The 4 Year Old Open and 5/6 Year Old Open** divisions will consist of 2-go rounds and a finals. The top 60% of the horses from the 1st go round will advance to the 2nd go round. The top 20% of the horses based on combined scores from the 1st and 2nd go round will advance to the finals with a maximum of 30 horses. A **$25,000 Novice Horse(LTE)** is available in the 1st round of the 4 Yr Old Open as a combo or as a stand alone entry. A **$50,000 Novice Horse(LTE)**is available in the 1st round of the 5/6 Yr Old Open as a combo or as a stand alone entry. 25% with a maximum of 25 horses will advance to the finals of the Novice classes.
9. **4 Year Old and 5/6 Year Old Open Intermediate** with a 2 year $200K rollback. Any Open rider who meets the criteria for NCHA Intermediate eligibility to include any NCHA Hall of Fame who is eligible. There will be one go round and a finals. A minimum of 25% will advance to the finals with a maximum of 25.
10. The **4 Year Old and 5/6 Year Old Limited Open** (riders with life time earnings $200,000 or less as of January 1, 2026 will be eligible for the Open divisions of the Limited class. No rider may roll back into this class.
11. The **4 Year Old and 5/6 Year Old Non Pro** divisions as well as **All Amateur Divisions** will consist of 1 go round and a finals. The top 25% of the horses will advance to the finals with a maximum of 25. The **4 Year Old and 5/6 Year Old Non Pro** divisions added money will be based on a sliding scale as follows: 0-15 entries $3000 added, 16-29 entries $7500 added, 30 + entries $10,000 added.
12. **The Non Pro will offer an Intermediate division** under NCHA Leveling rules. A combo option is available for horses to be shown once with the score counting for each class. Placing will be determined by advancement through the go round and finals. The Intermediate classes will be held within the first go of the main event and will be one go and a separate finals held.
13. A $25,000 Novice(LTE), Gelding, Chrome Cash, and Senior (55+) will be offered in all 4 Year Old classes. A $50,000 Novice(LTE), Gelding, Chrome Cash, and Senior (55+) will be offered in all 5/6 Year Old classes. These classes will be held as a class within a class with money paid to highest advancing, except in the Open Novice Classes.
14. **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 year's, they may drop back to the intermediate. Senior exception: once a rider turns 70, the rider may drop back to the intermediate, regardless of earnings.

15. Entries close December 20, 2026. Late entries will be accepted until the class is full or the working order is drawn with a $200 penalty. All entry fees must be paid in advance. Any entry fee or other fees placed on a credit card will be assessed a 4% merchant fee.
16. There will be no refunds after the closing date of entries. An entry may be withdrawn prior to closing date of entries by paying a $50 withdrawal fee per entry.
17. A copy of the horses registration papers must accompany the entry form. Social Security /Tax ID numbers must be furnished. Any entry that does not furnish a Tax ID or SS# will have the winning check withheld until that information is provided. NCHA membership must be current and in good standing.
18. Substitutions are allowed until the class begins. All substitutions must be made in the show office and the horse's name must appear on the judges sheets. Substitutions may not be made at the announcer's 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. A Non Pro or Amateur rider may not withdraw from a class and re-enter into another draw position.
19. 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 slot 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.
20. There will be 5 judges. The AMS will be used.
21. Payout: All checks will be made payable to the owner unless submitted in writing to the show office. Entry fees paid by a 2nd party: winnings will be sent to the person paying the entry fees, if requested. In the event of a tie, Co Champions will be declared with first and second place monies divided equally. The 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.
22. Entries & Payments: In addition to mailed in entries, both faxed and emailed entries will be accepted. **No texted entry will be accepted!** Payment must be received before the draw. A form of payment must be in the office to be included in the draw. No refunds will be made after the draw. Payments must be paid in full by December 20, 2026. Horses must be named and registration papers submitted at the final payment. Entries close December 20, 2026. Late entries will be accepted with $200 penalty per entry.
23. Stalls and RV: RV are on a first come first serve basis. Stall reservations are welcome. Contact Keith Clearman at 325-518-8693. Stalls will not be available until 7:00 am on December 28, 2026. Stall fee $250(includes 5 bags of shavings), RV nightly fee $60.00
24. Credit cards: Credit Cards are accepted with a 4% handling fee.
25. Other Fees: Returned check fee $35.00 each time a check is returned. After 10 days, a 20% courtesy fee will be charged on the total amount due of any outstanding fees. The Final day of the show is January 13, 2027. ALL FEES ARE DUE TO BE PAID BY JANUARY 15, 2027!
26. A check must be left in 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 plus a 20% courtesy fee. Cattle works $50, Flags $30.
27. 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 by waived.