

# 2025 BREEDER'S INVITATIONAL DERBY/CLASSIC/CHALLENGE RULES

## 2025 Nominations

1. To be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma – Tentative dates May 10 through May 23, 2025.
2. For four year olds (foals of 2021) made eligible by their Sire being subscribed to the Breeder's Invitational in the 2020 Breeding Season and 5/6 year olds made eligible by their Sire being a past or current subscribed Breeder's Invitational Stallion.
3. Owners may enter and riders may ride an unlimited number of horses in all classes. A horse may not be entered more than once in any given class.
- 4.. A horse may be entered in all classes (if eligible) or may be entered in any single class or combination of classes without being required to enter any another class except for the Jackpot classes. A horse may not show more than twice in any Go-Round.

## CLASSES

5. All divisions (Open, Non Pro and Amateur) will have 3 classes, (Regular, Intermediate and Limited). Eligibility is subject to NCHA Leveling Requirements.
6. 10K: The Derby will also have a \$10K Class in both the Open and Non Pro. The Derby \$10K is available to any eligible 2021 foal whose Life-Time Earnings, as reported by the NCHA, does not exceed \$10,000 by May 1, 2025.

## JACKPOT CLASSES

7. Jackpot classes are a class within a class. The entry fee is \$600. There is no added money in the jackpot classes.
8. Jackpot Finals (All Classes): All jackpot finals will be pencil finals with payouts to the furthest advancing 30% of entries. If there are less than 3 entries, there will be no class and entry fees will be refunded.

## ADDED MONEY

9. Derby: \$190,000 of the added purse will be added to the Open, \$25,000 added to the Intermediate Open, \$7,500 to the Limited Open, \$20,000 to the Open 10K, \$80,000 to the Non Pro, \$20,000 to the Intermediate Non Pro, \$7,500 to the Limited Non Pro, \$15,000 to the Non Pro 10K, \$20,000 to the Amateur, \$10,000 to the Intermediate Amateur and \$5,000 to the Limited Amateur.
10. Classic/Challenge: \$40,000 of the added purse will be added to the Open, \$10,000 added to the Intermediate Open, \$3,000 to the Limited Open, \$20,000 to the Non Pro, \$7,500 to the Intermediate Non Pro, \$2,500 to the Limited Non Pro, \$10,000 to the Amateur, \$5,000 to the Intermediate Amateur and \$2,000 to the Limited Amateur.

## ENTRY FEES (includes video/photo fee)

11. Derby: Open (\$2,500), Intermediate Open (\$2,300), Limited Open (\$2,000), Open 10K (\$2,200), Non Pro (\$2,400), Intermediate Non Pro (\$2,200), Limited Non Pro (\$2,000), Non Pro 10K (\$2,100), Amateur (\$1,500), Intermediate Amateur (\$1,300), & Limited Amateur (\$1,200).
12. Classic/Challenge: Open (\$2,100), Intermediate Open (\$1,900), Limited Open (\$1,800), Non Pro (\$1,900), Intermediate Non Pro (\$1,800), Limited Non Pro (\$1,700), Amateur (\$1,600), Intermediate Amateur (\$1,400), & Limited Amateur (\$1,300).

## TRIALS/GO-ROUNDS

13. In all classes, all sub-classes (including Jackpot classes) will be run jointly with the main class. The Open and Non Pro Trials shall consist of two go-rounds. At the conclusion of the first go-round only the high scoring sixty percent (60%) with a maximum of one hundred twenty (120) plus ties will advance to the second Trials go-round and all other horses will be dropped from further competition. Those advancing to the finals shall be based on the aggregate score from the Trials go-rounds. The Amateur class will have one joint go-round. The number of horses to advance to the finals shall be equal to twenty percent (20%) of those horses competing in the class. The Derby will have a maximum of twenty (20) plus ties. The Classic Challenge will have a maximum of twenty-five (25) plus ties.
14. Wild Card Round: In the Derby Open and Non Pro classes, the next ten (10) highest scoring horses plus ties that did not make the finals will compete in a Wild Card round in which two of these horses will advance to the finals. If there are more than 200 entries in the class, the number of horses advancing from the Wild Card round will be a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 5 to make up a 25 horse finals. In the case of ties in the Wild Card round scores from all five judges will be used to break the ties. If still tied, a tiebreaker judge will be designated. If still tied, the NCHA Judges Monitor or his designee will

pull a chip. Only horses with a score of 180 or more will be allowed to advance. The remaining horses will split a purse of \$20,000 per class. A \$250 advancement fee will be charged for each horse in the round.

15. Consolation Purse: In the Classic Challenge Open and Non Pro classes, if there are 100 or more horses in the class, the next five (5) highest scoring horses plus ties that did not make the finals will split a consolation purse of \$7,500 in each class.

## FINALS

16. All Premium monies will be paid in the Finals. Scores made in the Trials to be disregarded completely, with scores made in the Finals only to determine placings. In the event of a tie for the Championship in any class, a work off will be held to determine the Champion. For all other ties the premiums will be added together and split equally. In all finals there will only be a working final if there are at least 36 entries in the class.

## PAYMENT SCHEDULE

**All Open & Non Pro classes have a 1<sup>st</sup> payment due on February 1, 2025. The remaining balance and all Amateur classes are due in full on April 15, 2025.**

### LATE FEES ARE 20% OF THE PAYMENT AMOUNT

- **An owner may substitute another horse that he owns for any horse within a class if that horse has not yet been shown in that class.**
  - **Any dishonored check will be charged an additional \$100 office charge.**
17. Late Payments: Late payments will be allowed by paying all fees that are due plus Late Fees as described above.
    - A. All entry fees will be made payable to the Breeder's Invitational in United States Funds or its equivalent. **There will be a 10 day grace period.** Any payment postmarked after the grace period will be subject to a penalty according to the penalty schedule. All fees must be paid within the dates specified or entry may be cancelled without refund.
    - B. The draw will not take place more than fourteen (14) days prior to the beginning of the first scheduled go-round. Only those entries for which all payments have been received in the BI office will be drawn. There will be no exceptions. In the event that a horse properly entered is left out of the draw, a redraw will not be held. In order to establish a working order for this entry, the show management will draw one number based on the original draw numbers and insert the entry in the position drawn. The entry shall work behind the number drawn.
  18. Transfer/Sale Privileges
    - A. Entries in all Open and Non Pro classes may be sold or transferred prior to April 15, 2025, by notifying the BI office via fax or mail, signed by both the seller and the buyer without any penalty.
    - B. Entries in all Open and Non Pro classes may be sold or transferred after April 15, 2025 but prior to the draw for a fee of \$100.
    - C. Entries in all Open and Non Pro classes may be sold or transferred after the draw but prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> go round for a fee of \$250.
    - D. In all sales or transfers entry must be paid up to date, including late fees due if applicable.
  19. Refunds:
    - A. A refund is applicable for those Horses that are Combo entered in the Derby Open or Non-Pro and their respective 10K classes, who have become disqualified as a result of earnings that exceed \$10,000. Horses that are entered in the 10K class only and subsequently become ineligible will automatically be entered in the respective Open or Non-Pro main class and will be charged the difference.
    - B. No other refunds will be given.**
  20. Identification of Horses: A photocopy of the registration certificate from a recognized breed registry must be forwarded to the BI business office with each entry. A horse is not eligible to participate in the Breeder's Invitational Derby if its age, as determined by examination of its teeth, does not correspond to the age shown on its registration certificate, such determination by dentition examination to be made in accordance with The Official Guide for Determining the Age of the Horse as currently published by the American Association of Equine Practitioners. The board of Directors of the Breeder's Invitational has the right to request DNA certification of any horse entered prior to the event. The expense for this testing shall be paid for by the horse owner in advance. All finalists in all classes may be DNA sampled by the Breeder's Invitational. The expense for any finalist sampling will be paid by the Breeder's Invitational. If for lack of co-operation or results of the test, the Directors have the right to disqualify any entry from the competition and keep any entry fees paid and any premiums earned.

21. Judges: Five judges will be named to judge the event from those eligible judges on the BI Approved Judges List who have indicated their probable availability. All judges will be under the direct supervision of the NCHA Judges Monitor.
22. Judging:
  - A. Each judge will score every horse and the highest and lowest scores for each horse will be discarded. The total of the remaining three scores will be the horse's official mark.
  - B. No individual score cards will be posted; however, photo copies of all judges' cards will be posted.
  - C. All score cards will be retained for three years and will then be destroyed.
  - D. The NCHA Adjusted Monitor System and all rules and polices set forth by that system will be used.
23. All rules of the National Cutting Horse Association not in direct conflict with the rules of the Breeder's Invitational Derby shall apply.
24. These rules subject to change by action of the BI Board of Directors.

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