

Non-Pro CMSA Derby Rules

1. Entry Fee and Payout

- a. Entry fee for the Non-Pro Futurity will be \$400 per horse. A drug testing fee may be added to the entry fee each year.
- b. There will be an 80% payback on entry fees and the payback will follow CMSA rules.
- c. Any added money will be paid to the top 3 places as follows: 50% for 1st place, 30% for 2nd place, and 20% for 3rd place.

2. Horse Eligibility

- a. Registered 5-year-old horses of any breed that were entered in the prior year's CMSA Futurity during the Eastern National Show. The definition of competed is that the horse, at a minimum, completed the course of fire in the CMSA Futurity for at least one stage.
- b. Registration papers are required to prove the age and markings of the horse. Horse's name and registration number must match exactly to the CMSA Futurity roster from the prior year's CMSA Futurity class. A COLOR copy of the front and back of the registration papers must be provided and the horses will be checked prior to entering the arena before every stage. The registration papers must have a photo or drawing of the horse's markings on the back or front of the registration papers.

- c. Horses must be owned by the rider or that rider's immediate family. Immediate family is defined as mother, father, brother, sister, stepmother, stepfather, step brother, stepsister, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, spouses or grandparents.
 - d. Eligibility for the CMSA Derby follows the horse, not the rider. Rider can be the same or a different individual than the rider that rode the horse in the prior year's CMSA Futurity.
 - e. A Non-Pro CMSA Futurity horse can be ridden in the Open CMSA Derby class and an Open CMSA Futurity horse can be ridden by a Non-Pro rider in the Non-Pro CMSA Derby class.
 - f. Horses are limited to one entry, either in the Non-Pro or Open Derby class, not both.
 - g. There is a limit of three horses per rider in the CMSA Derby class.
 - h. The format and location of the CMSA Derby will be announced at least three months prior the event.
 - i. The horse and rider are entered as a team. Horse or rider cannot be changed after entries are finalized.
3. Rider Qualifications for Non-Pro Eligibility for the CMSA Non-Pro Derby.
- a. Applicant must be a CMSA Level 4 or less. If applicant was ever a Level 5 or 6 rider, applicant must wait 3 consecutive CMSA competition seasons before being eligible for the Non-Pro class.

- b. The rider cannot have more than two wins in the Double Down AA and AAA divisions, Open Eliminator, Open Senior Incentive, or AQHA World Open, Select Amateur, Open Youth, or Open Amateur classes at a CMSA major event in the past two years.
- c. As a condition for the issuance of Non-Pro card, the applicant, and/or the family member who actually owns the horse with which the applicant will participate, agrees to provide, upon request, any documentation or other proof as requested for eligibility.
- d. If a rider qualifies as a Non-Pro, but prefers to enter up to the Open Class, that is allowed.
- e. Applicant cannot have within the past 3 calendar years:
 - i. Shown, judged, trained or assisted in training a horse for remuneration, monetary or otherwise, either directly or indirectly.
 - ii. Payment of entry fees and/or expenses by anyone other than the applicant or the applicants "Immediate Family" as defined herein.
 - iii. Instructed another person in riding, driving, training or showing a horse for remuneration, monetary or otherwise, either directly or indirectly.
 - iv. Shown, trained or assisted in the training of a horse for which an immediate family member accepts remuneration, monetary or otherwise, either directly or indirectly, for such services.
 - v. Held membership accreditation with the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, Women's Professional Rodeo Association, International Professional Rodeo Association, or any other professional rodeo association.

- vi. Been a member of the American Quarter Horse Association of Professional Horsemen or the CMSA Professional Horseman.
 - vii. The applicant may not be a sponsored rider and/or hold a Pro card with CMSA or any other professional organization. An applicant is considered sponsored if applicant receives monetary, product, or discount-based compensation for promotion of a product or service of which they do not hold majority ownership.
4. There is no gender or senior split in the Non-Pro CMSA Derby class.
 5. Any kind of performance enhancing and/or calming drugs are prohibited in the CMSA Derby. The CMSA Derby will follow AQHA's drug testing standards. All horses that place in the CMSA Derby may be tested.
 6. Misconduct Rule - Abusive language or conduct shall not be tolerated in or out of the arena by any competitor, spectator, or related party. At the discretion of the Derby board match director, the competitor, spectator, or related party shall be given a warning. A second offence will result in a five-year suspension from participation in the CMSA Futurity and Derby events.
 7. All other rules will follow CMSA rules.

If any of the applicable rules are broken, there will be a FIVE-YEAR suspension of that rider and/or owner participating in the CMSA Futurity or the CMSA Derby.

