



2024 ARHFA World Championship

Rope Horse Futurity

Hosted by ARHFA & NRCHA

October 16-19, 2024

Event Terms & Conditions

- Location of Event – Fort Worth, Tx - Will Rogers Memorial Center – “John Justin Arena”
- Hotels – Visit the NRCHA website for a list of host hotels – www.nrcha.com
- **Stalls** – All stalls must be done through the “**Open Stalls**” reservation link on the ARHFA website.
- **Entries** – All entries are online forms only and are located on the ARHFA website.
 - **Age of Futurity Horses** – All Futurity horses must be ages 3 years of age to 6 years of age as of January 1, 2024. (*Meaning the age of a horse shall be computed based on a calendar year starting Jan. 1 of the year foaled. The actual month and date of horse’s date of birth are not factored into the computing of the age of a horse*).
 - **Breed of Horses Entering** - Futurity and Non-Pro horses can be any breed. ARHFA just requires them to registered with a breed association to show proof of age and ownership.
 - **Age of Non-Pro Horses/Rider Eligibility** – Non-Pro horses can be any age. Riders must hold a current 2024 US/WS card verifying they are a **5+ or lower roper**. Non-Pro riders can’t train, assistant train, or accept money for competing on other people’s horses.
- 1. **Check Pre-Entry Deadline is September 14th!** All check payments must be submitted to the ARHFA office by this date, no exceptions. When mailing a check, we highly suggest mailing it priority mail before the deadline.
- 2. **Credit Card Pre-Entry Deadline is September 20th!** The credit card entry form will close at 11:30 p.m. on this date.
- 3. **Late-Entries – Late fees start on September 21st! Close on September 28th!** There is a \$500 late fee applied to every horse entered late. Late entries require credit card payment only! No checks will be accepted.
- 4. **Scratches/Refunds** – There are no refunds allowed after September 21st. Refunds or scratches are only allowed from August 5-September 20th. If ARHFA issues a refund during this time you will only get entry fees, stall fees, and NRCHA fees back only. We do not refund office or admin fees.
- 5. **Substitutions** – Entries may be substituted from September 21st-Oct. 11th at 5pm, by submitting an emailed request to the ARHFA office email (entries@americanropehorse.com). You will then go online to the ARHFA website and fill out the Substitution form.
 - **All substitution horses will be required to pay a slot transfer fee of \$250** starting September 21st – October 11, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. All substitutions must be completed and turned into the ARHFA office via the online substitution form by Oct. 11 at 5:00 p.m.
 - Substitutions must be done within the same class as the original horse entered.
 - It is the owner’s and/or Exhibitor’s responsibility to handle all reimbursements (*this should include all fees paid prior to ARHFA and stalls if owner and/or exhibitor chooses to sell their stall to the substitution entry*) between clients or new entrant when substituting horses when the substituted horse is not owned by the owner that originally entered with the ARHFA office. All new horses substituted in will be required to pay the \$250 slot transfer fee.
 - The ARHFA office will NOT handle any money exchanges between owners/exhibitors or trainers. The only money ARHFA will collect is the \$250 slot transfer fee from new horse owner substituting in. ARHFA will NOT be responsible for finding substitution horses for owners or exhibitors needing to substitute.



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5. **Rider Changes** – rider changes are allowed for all open riders that don't qualify for subclasses (Intermediate or Limited) till October 15th at 10:00 a.m.
 - There are no rider changes allowed once round 1 has started in any class. The rider that started round 1 must continue to ride the horse he or she entered on throughout all rounds. Horse and rider must stay the same once round 1 of any class has started.
 - **Intermediate or Limited Rider Changes** – ARHFA will allow changes in these subclasses till September 28th! After this date we will not issue any refunds for previously entered subclasses due to rider change who is not a subclass eligible exhibitor.
6. **Rider Injury during the event rule:**
 - Rider changes in the case of an exhibitor injury that enables the exhibitor from physically roping is only allowed in the first round of the Futurity heading or heeling classes. Injured rider must not have competed on the horses he or she is requesting a rider change on due to his or her injury. The horses that the injured exhibitor had previously roped on prior to the exhibitor's injury are now considered scratches for the rest of the rounds and are no longer eligible to compete. The change of rider must be a rider that is riding less than 5 horses in that class. If new rider is eligible for subclasses and the injured rider was not entered in a subclass previously, the new rider will not be able to add the subclasses. A representative of the injured exhibitor or the exhibitor themselves must contact the ARHFA show management immediately to request the rider change.
7. **Horse injured during the event rules:**
 - If an exhibiting horse gets injured during a round and cannot continue to compete, that horse is a scratch for the rest of the rounds in that class. There are no substitutions allowed during a current running class.
 - If an exhibiting horse gets injured during a heading class and is entered in the heeling class, and it cannot compete in the heeling class due to injury, the horse will be considered a scratch. ARHFA will not allow any substitutions or refunds for injured horses during the ARHFA World Championship event.

➤ **Fall of Horse during a run rule:** The ARHFA management as the option to grant a re-run if a Help Head or Heel horse falls down completely to the ground during a run. If an exhibiting head or heel horse falls completely down to the ground during a run the ARHFA management and Judges will discuss and/or review the run to determine if the exhibiting head or heel horse will be granted a re-run if the fallen horse is able to continue to compete.



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Intermediate and Limited Subclass Information:

1. **Entering Intermediate and Limited Subclasses** – If a rider is eligible for the Intermediate or Limited subclass, they must first enter the corresponding Futurity class. Example: My rider is a #7E Header and I want to enter him or her in the Intermediate Heading class, I must first enter the regular Futurity Heading class and then add the Intermediate Heading class. You CAN NOT enter the Intermediate or Limited classes by themselves, you MUST enter the Futurity class that goes with the subclass you are wanting to enter.
2. **Intermediate Classification Rules** – Riders must have a current 2024 USTRC or WSTR card that verifies their number eligibility. This card must be emailed to the ARHFA office when entering. **Riders who want to enter this division must be a #7E or lower Header and a #8E or lower Heeler.**
3. **Limited Classification Rules** - Riders must have a current 2024 USTRC or WSTR card that verifies their number eligibility. This card must be emailed to the ARHFA office when entering. **Riders who want to enter this division must be a #6E or lower Header and a #7 or lower Heeler.**
4. **Intermediate and Limited Rules regarding classification numbers:**
 - ARHFA Management reserves the right to reclassify riders in the Intermediate or Limited division at anytime no matter what the rider's number is on his or her USTRC or WSTR membership card.
 - If an Intermediate or Limited rider's number gets raised between the time entered and the start of the event, the exhibitor must notify the ARHFA management immediately. If a rider's number is raised above the ARHFA stated classification rules per subclass entered, ARHFA management will refund that subclass fee. If the class has not started the rider has the option to substitute a different rider that is eligible for the original subclass entered.
5. **2024 Intermediate Trailer Race rules:**
 - If a rider's number gets raised and they can no longer compete in the intermediate division their earnings will still count towards the Trailer Race up to the last show they competed at prior to their number getting raised.
 - All seasonal events where Intermediate divisions are offered, all intermediate earnings will count towards the trailer race.
 - Intermediate earnings at the World Championship will be added to the intermediate rider's total earnings, but only half (1/2) of the money won will count in the intermediate divisions.

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ARHFA Event Rules:

1. **Back Number and Wrong Horse Rule:** It is the exhibitor's responsibility to ensure that the correct back number is visibly displayed on the left side of the saddle pad for the horse exhibiting. If the horse exhibiting has the wrong back number on, it will result in a zero score for that run. If the exhibitor fails to exhibit the correct horse but has the correct back number on called by the announcer for that draw, it is a zero score for that run.
2. **Crossfire Rule will be enforced** – If the heeler throws his or her loop before the header has turned the steer left, that is called a “crossfire” and the run is disqualified.
3. **Dress Code** – All riders are required to wear a cowboy hat, collared button down long sleeve shirt, jeans, and cowboy boots. Failure to wear any or all the above listed will result in a zero score.
4. **Misconduct Rule** – ARHFA will not allow any misconduct in or outside the John Justin Arena or on the Fort Worth Will Rogers fairgrounds. The ARHFA has the right to refuse service to anyone and ask anyone to leave the premise due to misconduct. If you are asked by the ARHFA or NRCHA show management to leave at any time during the event there will be no refunds issued!
5. **ARHFA Code of Conduct (Strictly Enforced):** The (ARHFA) American Rope Horse Futurity Association does not allow any misconduct in or outside of the show arena or on any event fairgrounds where an ARHFA event is being held. The ARHFA has the right to refuse service to anyone and ask anyone to leave the premise due to misconduct. If you are asked to leave the premise at any time prior to the start, during, or after an ARHFA event there will no refund issued, and you forfeit all winnings won at that event. The ARHFA code of conduct will be taken very seriously at every ARHFA event held, and disciplinary action will be taken immediately if necessary. The ARHFA code of Conduct will be enforced at the World Championship event Oct. 16-19, 2024.
6. **Suspension Rule** – ARHFA is alliance partners with the NRCHA and AQHA. If you are currently on a suspension list with one or both of these associations, you will not be allowed to show at our events.
7. **Bounced Checks** – Any check that does not clear the bank will be subject to a \$40 NFS fee payable to ARHFA. Owner of NFS check will be required to submit a credit card to ARHFA to cover all fees due. All premium money will be held until payment is taken care of.

Class Formats:

- **Open Futurity Class Format** – 3 Go Rounds + Short Go. Progressive after 1st Go Round. A 16 second time limit will be enforced in the first two rounds of all futurity classes. Once an exhibitor reaches 16 seconds on the time clock it will result in a zero score. The 3rd rounds and Short goes will not have the 16 second time limit in the futurity classes.
 - **Short Goes** –The ARHFA will be having a separate Short-Go for the Intermediate and 4-year-old horses, to be held on Friday, October 19th prior to the Open Futurity Heading and Heeling Short-goes Friday night. See event schedule for times.
 - Intermediate and 4-year-old Finals will be the top 20 cumulative scores from all 3 go rounds.
 - Open Futurity Finals will be the top 25 cumulative scores from all 3 go rounds.
 - **Limited Subclass** – will not have a short-go and will be completed on the 3rd go round. We will announce the winners after the 3rd go round of each class.
- **Non-Pro Class Format** – 2 Go Rounds + Short Go. Progressive after 1st Go Round. The number back to short go will be determined after entries close.



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ARHFA Payment and Payout Information:

1. **Open Futurity Payouts:** The Open Futurity Heading and Heeling classes will pay four moneys in each go round to the two highest scores of the round. The short go will pay 25 spots per class.
2. **Intermediate & Limited Payouts:** The Intermediate and Limited subclass entry fees are 100% added to the pot with the added money. The Intermediate will have a short go round this year! All money will be given out in the Short-Go. The limited will be paid out after the 3rd go round of each class on the top cumulative scores.
3. **3–4-Year-Old Incentive Payout** – This incentive class will have a short-go this year. The short go will consist of the top 20 cumulative scores of 3–4-year-old horses only from each futurity class. All money will be paid out in the short go.
4. **Payout Checks** – All payout checks will be written to whomever is listed on the entry form with the correct Name, address, and social. Do not list an owner's name with your (you the exhibitor) information. The information for payout on the entry form must be accurate or the ARHFA office will not issue a winnings check. The ARHFA will not write winnings checks to anyone else than who is listed on the entry form. Payout checks will be mailed no later than 10 days after the event.

General Terms & Rules

- ❖ **ARHFA Memberships Required** - All owners and riders that enter the ARHFA events must be current members. Please check the ARHFA website for the up-to-date current membership list and expired membership list. You can purchase memberships online or on the 2024 World Championship entry form.
- ❖ **Scoring Rules** – All classes are timed with an electric eye on both sides (heading and heeling). Scores are based on two judges scores, plus the time recorded. Example of an ARHFA score (see score sheets on our website for more detailed information).
 1. Judge 1 = 70 points, Judge 2 = 70 points, score is 5.0 which is (80-time) = 75points, total score on this run is a 215.
 2. If there is a tie in a go round or short go the money will be added together and split. If there is a tie for first place in the short go, there will be a run off for first place.
- ❖ **Barrier and Leg Rule** – A broken barrier by the header or heeler is a 10 second penalty. If header and heeler both break the barrier only 1 barrier penalty of 10 seconds is applied to the run. There is a 5 second penalty for roping a leg.
- ❖ **Legal Head Catches** – slick horns, half head, or neck.
- ❖ **Two Loop Rule** – ARHFA only allows two loops (one head loop and one heel loop) in every class, including non-pro.
- ❖ **New Steer** – The Flagger or Judges are the only ones who will determine if an exhibitor is granted a new steer. An exhibitor must declare immediately to the flagger if he or she feels they should have gotten a new steer.
- ❖ **Reviews** – If there is a 6 or more-point spread the ARHFA judges monitor will request that the judges review the run on the video. All reviews will take place on a drag.



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Will Rogers Facility Requirements & General Information

1. **Health Requirements** – To comply with state animal health regulations, all horses must have a negative Coggins dated within 12 months, and a health paper dated no later than October 1, 2024.
2. **Facility Entrance for Ropers Only** – All ropers will use gate 35 to come in and unload near Multi-Purpose B stalling area. When finished unloading all ropers will exit gate 33 and go around to gate 50 Trail Drive to park empty trailers.
3. **Warm-up Arenas for Ropers** - All ropers can use one of the designated warm-up arenas in the Equestrian Multi-purpose Building. Ropers are not allowed to warm-up in the covered arena near the RV lot.
4. **RV Hook Ups** – All RV hookups are first come first serve. You can not reserve a spot. You will pay the Will Rogers Memorial Center staff for the RV spots.
5. **Shavings** – All shavings can be ordered at Cattle Barn 4 in the shaving's office. There is no pre-bedding. You must purchase shavings and pay for them at the shaving's office before they will deliver them.
6. **Stalls** – All Rope horse stalls will be in Multi-Purpose B barn (the underground parking garage by John Justin arena) overflow stalls will be in Multi-Purpose A barn. Stalls can be reserved on the ARHFA website through the Open Stalls link. You will be able to pick your stalls off a map of the stall area, so be sure to book early if you want good stalls. **Stalls reservations will open on August 17th.**
 - ❖ **Sponsors** – all sponsors that are a **Gold sponsor and above will have VIP access** to book stalls before the general public. ARHFA will send a VIP password to each qualifying sponsor to go online to book stalls from August 5-16, 2024.
 - ❖ **Stall Reservation link will be open from August 17-October 12th.** After this you will have to email the ARHFA office at entries@americanropehorse.com or purchase stalls at the show office.
7. **Move In & Out** – Rope horses can move in starting October 14th. All horses must be out of the stalls. by October 20th. Stall assignments will be posted on the ARHFA website by October 14th.
8. **Paid Parking** - Will Rogers requires you to pay for parking a vehicle and your trailer.
9. **Day Haul Parking** – All day haul trailers must park in the Day Haul lot behind cattle barns 1-4. You will be charged at the gate to Day Haul per day.
10. **ARHFA Office Hours** – October 14th the office will be open from 12-5 p.m. October 15th 10 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. October 16-19 the office will open 1 hour prior to start of the show.

Tentative World Show Schedule

1. **Wednesday, October 16th – 7:00 a.m. – Futurity Heading Rd 1 begins (all 3 rounds go today)**
2. **Thursday, October 17th – 7:00 a.m. – Futurity Heeling Rd 1 begins (all 3 rounds go today)**
3. **Friday, October 18th – 9:00 a.m. – Intermediate Heading & Heeling Finals**
4. **Friday, October 18th – 1:00 p.m. – 3–4-Year-Old Heading & Heeling Finals**
5. **Friday, October 18th – 6:15 p.m. – Opening Ceremonies & Crowning of Intermediate Trailer Winner.**
6. **Friday, October 18th – 7:00 p.m. – Futurity Heading and Heeling Finals**
7. **Saturday, October 19th – 8:00 a.m. – Non-Pro Heading all goes, Non-Pro Heeling all goes.**