



ARHFA World Championship

Rope Horse Futurity

Hosted by ARHFA

October 29-Nov. 2, 2025

Facility Requirements & General Information

- **Location of Event** – Amarillo, Tx – Amarillo Tri-State Fairgrounds – “Amarillo National Center Arena”
 - **Hotels** – TBD – Information will be available on our website with a link.
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, 2025.
 2. **Facility Exhibitor Check-In Entrance** – All exhibitors will enter through the NE Gate 3 entrance.
 3. **RV Hook Ups** – All RV hookups first come first served. Enter through Gate 3 to get an RV spot.
 4. **Stalls** –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 18th.**
 - ❖ **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 8-17, 2025.**
 - ❖ **Stall Reservation link will be open from August 18-October 24th.** After this you will have to email the ARHFA office at entries@americanropehorse.com or purchase stalls at the show office.
 5. **Shavings** – Order on site when arrive at Gate 3. The facility does not do pre-bed orders.
 7. **Move In & Out** – Rope horses can move in starting October 27th. All horses must be out of the stalls. by November 3rd at 8:00a.m. Stall assignments will be posted on the ARHFA website by October 25th.
 8. **Trailer Parking** – All empty trailers are to be parked West of the Amarillo National Center in the gravel lot. DO NOT park in any of the asphalt lots!
 9. **Day Haul Parking** – Must park west of the Amarillo National Center on gravel lot.

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- **Entries** – All entries are through the ARHFA Equinal online portal located on the ARHFA website.
 - **IMPORTANT TIPS WHEN ENTERING ON THE ONLINE ENTRY PORTAL:**
 1. If you haven't signed into the portal before, create a login.
 2. After you have a login created, log out and log back in. This will allow you to start entering.
 3. Always put an email in the boxes when asked, this will ensure you get your confirmation once you finalize the entry.
 4. **Equinal Entry Confirmation** – You will receive an email once you have checked out at the end of the entry process. **You MUST CLICK the SUBMIT button**, this will then give you a screen letting you know a confirmation was sent and payment was received.
 5. **Didn't receive a Confirmation – CALL OR EMAIL THE ARHFA OFFICE!**
- **Check Pre-Entry Deadline is September 14th!** All check payments must be Priority Mailed to the ARHFA office by September 15th, no exceptions. Late fees will apply if not postmarked by the 15th of September.
- **Credit Card Pre-Entry Deadline is October 5th!** The credit card entry form will close at 10:00 p.m. on this date.
- **Late-Entries – Late fees start on October 6th! Close on October 12th!** There is a \$500 late fee applied to every horse entered late. Late entries require credit card payment only! No checks will be accepted.
- **Age of 4-year-old & Under Futurity Horses** – All horses must be ages 3 to 4 years of age as of January 1, 2025. *(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).*
- **Age of Futurity Horses** – All Futurity horses must be ages 6 years of age or younger as of January 1, 2025. *(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).*
- **4 & Under Futurity & Futurity: Breed Requirements** – Pre-Futurity & Open Futurity horses can be any breed. ARHFA just requires them to registered with a breed association to show proof of age and ownership.
- **Number of horses exhibitors can show in each Futurity class** – Exhibitors can show **4 horses** in each class (4 & Under Futurity classes and 6 & Under Futurity classes).

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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 #7+ 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 Open class that goes with the subclass you are wanting to enter.
2. **Intermediate Classification Rules** – Riders must have a current 2025 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 #7+ or lower Header and a #8+ or lower Heeler.**
3. **Limited Classification Rules** - Riders must have a current 2025 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 #6+ 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 any time 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. **2025 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. The Old West Futurity is the only exception. Due to added money at this event ARHFA has the right to only count ½ the Intermediate winnings if the payouts are higher than any other seasonal event.
 - 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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4 & Under Futurity and Open Futurity Class Formats:

- **4 & Under Futurity/Open Futurity Class Format** – 3 Go Rounds + Short Go. Progressive to the second go round and third go round. A 17 second time limit will be enforced in the first two rounds of all 4 & Under Futurity and Open Futurity classes. Once an exhibitor reaches 17 seconds on the time clock it will result in a zero score. The 3rd rounds and short goes will not have the 17 second time limit in the 4 & Under Futurity or Open Futurity classes.
 - **Short Goes** –The ARHFA will be having a separate Short-Go for the Intermediate, Limited, and Pre-Futurity to be held on Saturday, November 1st, prior to the Open Futurity Heading and Heeling Short-goes Saturday evening.
 - 4 & Under Futurity & Open Futurity Finals will be the top 20 cumulative scores from all 3 go rounds.
 - Intermediate and Limited Short Go's will be the top 15 cumulative scores from all 3 go rounds.

November 1st Short Go Schedule

(Times are tentative and subject to change)

1. **8:00 am: 4 & Under Futurity LIMITED HEADING Short Go (Top 15)**
*Awards Ceremony
2. **8:30 am: 4 & Under Futurity LIMITED HEELING Short Go (Top 15)**
*Awards Ceremony
3. **9:00 am: 4 & Under Futurity INTERMEDIATE HEADING Short Go (Top 15)**
*Awards Ceremony
4. **9:30 am: 4 & Under Futurity INTERMEDIATE HEELING Short Go (Top 15)**
*Awards Ceremony
5. **10:00 am: Futurity LIMITED HEADING Short Go (Top 15)**
* Awards Ceremony
6. **10:30 am: Futurity LIMITED HEELING Short Go (Top 15)**
*Awards Ceremony
7. **11:00 am: Futurity INTERMEDIATE HEADING Short Go (Top 15)**
*Awards Ceremony
8. **11:30 am Futurity: INTERMEDIATE HEELING Short Go (Top 15)**
*Awards Ceremony
11. **4:00-5:00 pm: Opening Ceremonies & Special Awards & Recognitions, National Anthem & Prayer**
 1. **5:15 pm: 4 & Under Futurity HEADING Short Go (Top 20)**
*Awards Ceremony
6. **6:15 pm: 4 & Under Futurity HEELING Short Go (Top 20)**
*Awards Ceremony
12. **7:15 pm: Futurity HEADING Short Go (Top 20)**
*Awards Ceremony
13. **8:15 pm: Futurity HEELING Short Go (Top 20)**
*Awards Ceremony



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Pro Am/Non-Pro Division New Rules (formally known as the Non-Pro)

- **Pro Am/Non-Pro definition-** Riders who are not a full-time horse trainer or train horses as a primary income. Assistant trainers are allowed to enter if their number allows them to. The ARHFA does have exceptions to the trainer rule. If you feel like you are an exception to this rule, please email the ARHFA office at arhfa.ropes@gmail.com. With the new divisions the ARHFA has created there is now a spot for all levels of Non-Pro and Pro Am riders to compete, as well as those horses that have aged out of the futurity classes. This new division is an all-in-one entry fee. Depending how a rider enters is how the ARHFA will divide the money up per class. Riders must enter all classes eligible on the entry submitted or prior to the entries closing date. Riders cannot add classes to their entry after the class has started. ARHFA management reserves the right to approve or deny a rider's eligibility into the Pro Am/Non-Pro regardless of their world series number.
- **Age and Breed Requirements:** The ARHFA allows all Pro-Am/Non-Pro horses to be any age and any breed. Riders do not have to own or be family of the owner to enter a horse. Grade horses are eligible to enter also. We ask that you call the ARHFA office to notify them you have a grade horse so we can fill out the appropriate horse information on our end.
- **Number of horses Exhibitors can show:** Each exhibitor can only show 3 horses in the heading and 3 horses in the heeling.
- **Eligibility Requirements:**
 1. **Pro Am/Non-Pro Eligibility-** This division is for assistant trainers and non-professional riders who hold a 5+ or under world series number and must provide proof of heading and heeling roper number. Copy of current 2025 card is required at all shows. This will be the main division everyone will enter. This new format will have one fee and according to how you enter the money will be divided up amongst each division.
 2. **Limited Pro Am/Non-Pro –** This division is a division within the Pro Am/Non-Pro class. Those eligible to enter this division must be a current 2025 world series member holding a 4+ or lower heading or heeling roper number. Proof of 2025 card is required.
 3. **Sr Pro Am/Non-Pro-** This division is a division within the Pro Am/Non-Pro class. Exhibitors must be 50 years of Age by November 2, 2025. Those eligible to enter this division must be a current 2025 world series member holding a 5+ or lower heading or heeling roper number. Proof of 2025 card is required. Proof of age required.
 4. **Pro Am/Non-Pro Class Format –** 2 Full Go Rounds + Short Go. All divisions are included in the short go pending on who makes the short go. The number back to short go will be determined after entries close. The Limited and Sr will payback on two if there is not enough of these riders who qualify for the short go.
 - **If over 75 entries the ARHFA management will do Progressive after 1.**



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4. **Scratches/Refunds** – There are no refunds allowed after **October 5th**. Refunds or scratches are only allowed from **August 12-October 5th**. If ARHFA issues a refund during this time you will only get entry fees and/or stall fees back only. We do not refund office or admin fees.
5. **Substitutions** – Entries may be substituted from **October 6-23rd** 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.** All substitutions must be complete the online Substitution form, and if the substituted horse is not owned by the owner that originally entered the substitution horse owner must pay the original owner all fees due. 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.
 - 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 substituting in. ARHFA will NOT be responsible for finding substitution horses for owners or exhibitors needing to substitute.
 - Substitutions must be done within the same class as the original horse entered. If the new rider is eligible for the Intermediate or Limited those subclasses can be added on the substitution form for no extra fees.
 - All Substitution forms must be submitted and paid for on the online substitution form by Oct. 23rd at 5:00 p.m. There will be no substitutions allowed after October 23rd.



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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 26th at 12:00 p.m.**
 - There is 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 **October 17th at 12:00 p.m.**
 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 hoses 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 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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- 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, collard 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 Amarillo National Center or any other Arenas on the Amarillo Tri-State 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 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.
- 8. Payout Checks –** All payout checks have a 90-day limit on them. Owners or exhibitors must cash their winnings check within the 90 days of the date on the check. ARHFA will not reissue a check that is not cashed within this time limit. If you do not receive a check from us 30-days after the last day of the event it is the owners or exhibitors responsibility to contact the ARHFA office to let us know that you have not received your winnings check from the ARHFA event.



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ARHFA Payment and Payout Information:

1. **4 & Under Futurity & Open Futurity Payouts:** The 4 & Under Futurity & Open Futurity Heading and Heeling classes will pay two monies in each go round to the two highest scores of the round. The short goes will payout depending on the number of entries.
2. **Intermediate & Limited Payouts:** The Intermediate and Limited subclasses will have a separate final in 2025. All money will be given out in the Short-Go.
3. **Payout Checks** – All payout checks will be written to whomever is listed on the W-9 Payee form. This form must be completed prior to the start of the event. The information for payout on the 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 W-9 Payee 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. You can purchase memberships online through the ARHFA website.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **17 second Time Limit** – In rounds 1 and 2 of both the Pre-Futurity and Futurity classes there is a 17 second time limit. Any exhibitor that has a time of 17.00 seconds or higher will result in a zero score on the run.
- ❖ **New Steer/Re-run**– 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.
 - **New for 2025** – If the header or heeler is .300 off the Barrier the exhibitor will not receive a re-run.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **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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Important Dates to Remember

1. Entries Open – August 11, 2025
2. Check Entries Close – September 14th – Mail check payment Priority Mail by Sept. 15th!
3. Credit Card Entries Close – October 5th at 10:00 p.m.
4. Refunds not allowed – No refunds allowed after October 5th
5. Late Fees Start and close – October 6-12th close at 10:00 p.m. *\$500 late fee per horse
6. Substitutions Start and close – October 6 – 23rd at 5:00 p.m.
7. Stalls Reservations Open – August 18th Riders and/or owners will pick their own stalls so be sure if you need all your stalls together you let everyone know that is stalling with you what

Confirmations, Rider Changes, & Draws

1. **Confirmations Posted** – October 17th on the ARHFA website only!
*We highly encourage everyone to check the confirmations to make sure all horses and riders are in the correct classes and subclasses. When you enter on the Entry Portal it goes directly into the class or classes you enter in, so if there is a mistake on your entries in the confirmations it was your mistake when entering, and you need to notify us via email at: entries@americanropehorse.com The ARHFA office must be notified within the first 7 days of the confirmations being posted.
2. **Rider Changes** – Must be emailed by October 26th at 12:00 p.m.
3. **Draws Posted** – October 27th by 5:00 p.m. All draws will be posted on the ARHFA website and on the CHC Live scoring app. We will send out a mass email and Facebook post to notify everyone.



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ARHFA SHOW OFFICE HOURS

1. **Monday, October 27th** – Open from 12:00-5:00 p.m.
2. **Tuesday, October 28th** – Open from 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
3. **Wednesday-Sunday, October 29-2nd** – Open 1 hour prior to start of the show and will close 15 minutes after the last class.
4. **Saturday, November 1st** - Las Tunas Exhibitor Party immediately following the Futurity Heeling Finals. Party will be in the upper concourse of the show arena.

ARHFA WORLD SHOW SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 1st – Finals Day * Awards Ceremony to follow each class

1. **8:00 am: 4 & Under Futurity LIMITED HEADING Short Go (Top 15)**
2. **8:30 am: 4 & Under Futurity LIMITED HEELING Short Go (Top 15)**
3. **9:00 am: 4 & Under Futurity INTERMEDIATE HEADING Short Go (Top 15)**
4. **9:30 am: 4 & Under Futurity INTERMEDIATE HEELING Short Go (Top 15)**
5. **10:00 am: Futurity LIMITED HEADING Short Go (Top 15)**
6. **10:30 am: Futurity LIMITED HEELING Short Go (Top 15)**
7. **11:00 am: Futurity INTERMEDIATE HEADING Short Go (Top 15)**
8. **11:30 am Futurity: INTERMEDIATE HEELING Short Go (Top 15)**

*Awards Ceremony

9. 4:00-5:00 pm: Opening Ceremonies & Special Awards& Recognitions, National Anthem & Prayer

- **5:15 pm: 4 & Under Futurity HEADING Short Go (Top 20)**
- **6:15 pm: 4 & Under Futurity HEELING Short Go (Top 20)**
- **7:15 pm: Futurity HEADING Short Go (Top 20)**
- **8:15 pm: Futurity HEELING Short Go (Top 20)**

Sunday, November 2nd – 8:00 a.m.

1. **Pro Am/Non-Pro Heading – all goes and short go**
2. **Pro Am/Non Pro Heeling – all goes and short go**