

# Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition

## NRHA Youth Freestyle Event 2026

**Date:** September 6, 2026

### Show Management

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Event Secretary			Debbie Drinko
Event Show Representative			

### Judges

Classes	Judges
NRHA Event	Janette Dublin Linda Hitt

### Important Dates

Event	Date and Time
Entries Open	June 20, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Entries Close	Entries will close as soon as the Authority receives 12 entries.
Stall Reservation Deadline	August 21, 2026 at 11:59 p.m.
Early Arrival	September 5, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.

Arrival Deadline	September 6, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.
Release Date(s)	September 7, 2026, or Following Event

## General Fee Schedule

Fee	Cost
Office Fee (Per Horse)	\$20.00
AQHA Admin Fee (Per Horse)	\$20.00
NRHA Drug Fee (Per Horse)	\$10.00
Video Fee (Per Class)	\$10.00
RMQHA Fee (Per Entry) AQHA only	\$2.00

## Stalling Fees

Stall	Fee
Fair Time Horse Stall Fee (Per Stall)	\$30.00
Fair Time Tack Stall Fee (Per Stall)	\$30.00

## Class Fee Schedule

Fee	Cost
Paid Practice (per horse)	\$20.00

## NRHA Horse Show Classes

Please refer to the Entry Form for a breakdown of Entry Fees and Added Money.

\$2,500 Added to NRHA Youth Freestyle Event

## General Information

1. Each exhibitor must read and adhere to the Colorado State Fair Competition Requirements adopted by the Colorado State Fair Authority Board of Commissioners (Board): 2026 General Competition Requirements, 2026 General Horse Show Competition Requirements, and [2026 NRHA Event Competition Requirements](#).
2. Each exhibitor must read and adhere to the 2026 NRHA Handbook: Rules, Regulations, and Judges' Guide.
3. The costume for 2026 must reflect the theme of the 250/150 Celebration of the United States and Colorado.

## Entry Information

1. Entries are available online at [www.coloradostatefair.com](http://www.coloradostatefair.com). All entries are online forms that can be directly emailed to the horse show office. No payment is required until check-in.
2. Paid Practices: The paid practices will be by sign up only. Each exhibitor will get 4 minutes. Exhibitors can enter multiple times on the same horse or on multiple horses. Each horse/rider will be charged for every practice work they sign up for. .
3. Youth Freestyle Class: Entries for the Youth Freestyle Competition are limited to 12 competitors and two alternates. The entry process will open June 20, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. via the Youth Freestyle page at [www.coloradostatefair.com](http://www.coloradostatefair.com). The entry portal will close as soon as 12 contestants and two alternates complete the online entry process.
4. No payment is necessary until check-in.

## Stalling Information

1. All stalls must be reserved online by August 21, 2026, using the 2026 Online Stall Reservation Form at [www.coloradostatefair.com](http://www.coloradostatefair.com).
2. If received after August 21, 2026, the Authority will charge a \$50 late fee per owner.
3. No payment is necessary until check-in.

## NRHA Rules

1. This event will adhere to and follow the following NRHA rules:
  - a. Draws will be posted each night on the bulletin board outside the office and on the Colorado State Fair Horse Show Updates group page on Facebook.
  - b. Entry fees for classes scratched after the class closing time will not be refunded!
  - c. At check-in, exhibitors must provide copies of all current membership cards and Horse Licenses at the show office.
  - d. All NRHA 2026 rules apply, and all classes will be paid back on schedule A.
  - e. The Authority accepts payment through credit card, money order, check, or cash.
  - f. Refer to the daily schedule for start times each day and the class list

## Awards and Premiums

1. The Youth Freestyle Champion will receive an NRHA Bronze trophy, custom buckle, and Champion Ribbon. The Reserve Champion will receive a custom reserve buckle and Reserve Ribbon. Third through 12th will receive ribbons and goody bags.

## NRHA Event Schedule

### September 5-6, 2026

8:00 a.m. Start Time

<b>Class #</b>	<b>Name</b>	
700	Paid Practice September 5, 2026	
701	Paid Practice September 6, 2026	

Youth Freestyle Practice will begin shortly after the last class.

## **September 6, 2026**

6:00 p.m. Start Time

<b>Class #</b>	<b>Name</b>	
820	\$2,500 Added Youth Freestyle	