

Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition

NRCHA Event 2026

Date: September 5 - September 7, 2026

Show Management

Role	Contact		
Director of Agriculture and Competitive Exhibits	Amber Henker	719-404-2060	amber.henker@state.co.us
Horse Show Coordinator	Lacey Cooper	719-404-2024	cda_csf_horse_show@state.co.us
Event Secretary	Pam Orth		
Event Show Representative	John Snyder		

Judges

Classes	Judges
NRCHA Event	Dolly Chayer Jan Dublin

Important Dates

Event	Date and Time
Entry Deadline	August 21, 2026 at 11:59 p.m.
Stall Reservation Deadline	August 21, 2026 at 11:59 p.m.
Late Entry Deadline	September 3, 2026 at 11:59 p.m.
Arrival Dates	September 3, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Release Date(s)	September 7, 2026, Following the event

General Fee Schedule

Fee	Cost
Office Fee (Per Horse)	Included in Cattle/Office fee
AQHA Admin Fee (Per Horse)	\$10.00
NRCHA Fee (Per Class)	\$10.00
Video Fee (Per Class)	\$10.00
Late Fee (Per Horse)	\$50.00
RMQHA Fee (Per entry) AQHA only	\$2.00

Stalling Fees

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

\$5,000 Added Ultimate Top Hand Challenge

\$35,200 Added NRCHA classes, plus great prizes

Futurity, Derby, Bridle Spectacular, 4 Event Top Hand Challenge, two slates of NRCHA Horse Show classes, and Single Judged AQHA Special Event classes are offered!

Friday, September 4 - Monday, September 7, 2026

Class No.	Name	Added \$	Entry Fee	Cattle/ Off	NRCHA/ AQ	Video	Total	Pattern No.
700	Open Futurity	\$5700	\$500	\$250	\$10	\$10	\$770	12 A
701	Limited Open Fut.	\$500	\$150	\$0	\$10	\$0	\$160	12 A
702	L.1 Open Futurity	\$500	\$150	\$250	\$10	\$10	\$420	12
703	NP Futurity	\$500	\$150	\$250	\$10	\$10	\$420	12 A
704	L1 NP Futurity	\$250	\$150	\$250	\$10	\$10	\$420	12 A
705	NP Boxing Futurity	\$500	\$150	\$225	\$10	\$10	\$395	12 A
706	L1 NP Boxing Futurity	\$100	\$125	\$0	\$10	\$0	\$135	12 A

Derby/Horse Show 1 Classes

Class No.	Name	Added \$	Entry Fee	Cattle/ Off	NRCHA/ AQ	Video	Total	Pattern No.
707	Open Derby	\$10,000	\$500	\$250	\$10	\$10	\$770	8 T
708	Limited Open Derby	\$1,000	\$150	\$0	\$10	\$0	\$160	8 T
709	L. 1 Open Derby	\$500	\$150	\$250	\$10	\$10	\$420	8 T
710	Novice Horse Derby	\$1,000	\$150	\$250	\$10	\$10	\$420	8 T
711	Open Hackamore	\$300	\$125	\$125	\$10	\$10	\$270	8 T

Class No.	Name	Added \$	Entry Fee	Cattle/ Off	NRCHA/ AQ	Video	Total	Pattern No.
712	Intermediate Open Hackamore** **Must enter open hackamore	\$150	\$125	\$0	\$10	\$0	\$135	8 T
713	Limited Open Hackamore	\$100	\$75	\$125	\$10	\$10	\$220	8 T
256	AQHA Junior	\$0	\$35	\$95	\$10	\$10	\$150	8 T
714	Non-Pro Derby	\$1,000	\$150	\$250	\$10	\$10	\$420	8 T
715	L.1 NP Derby	\$300	\$150	\$250	\$10	\$10	\$420	8 T
716	Non-Pro Hackamore	\$150	\$125	\$125	\$10	\$10	\$270	8 T
717	NP Boxing Derby	\$350	\$150	\$225	\$10	\$10	\$395	8 T
718	L.1 NP Boxing Derby	\$150	\$125	\$0	\$10	\$0	\$135	8 T

Spectaculars / Horse Show 1 Classes

Class No.	Name	Added \$	Entry Fee	Cattle/ Off	NRCHA/ AQ	Video	Total	Pattern No.
719	Open Bridle Spectacular	\$2000	\$250	\$250	\$10	\$10	\$520	8 T
720	Open Two Rein Spec.	\$1,000	\$150	\$250	\$10	\$10	\$420	8 T
721	Open Bridle	\$750	\$150	\$125	\$10	\$10	\$295	8 T
722	Inter. Open Bridle* *Must enter Open Bridle	\$250	\$125	\$0	\$10	\$0	\$135	8 T
723	Ltd. Open Bridle	\$150	\$125	\$125	\$10	\$10	\$270	8 T

Class No.	Name	Added \$	Entry Fee	Cattle/ Off	NRCHA/ AQ	Video	Total	Pattern No.
724	Open Two Rein	\$500	\$150	\$125	\$10	\$10	\$295	8 T
257	AQHA Senior CH	\$0	\$35	\$95	\$10	\$10	\$150	8 T
739	Ultimate Top Hand Challenge *Must enter OBS or OTRS	\$4,000	\$250	\$0	\$10	\$0	\$260	8 T
725	Non-Pro Bridle Spec.	\$1,500	\$150	\$250	\$10	\$10	\$420	8 T
726	L1 NP Bridle Spec.	\$750	\$150	\$250	\$10	\$10	\$420	8 T
727	NP Two Rein Spec.	\$650	\$150	\$250	\$10	\$10	\$420	8 T
728	NP Bridle	\$500	\$150	\$125	\$10	\$10	\$295	8 T
729	Int. NP Bridle	\$200	\$125	\$125	\$10	\$10	\$270	8 T
730	L.1 NP Bridle	\$300	\$150	\$125	\$10	\$10	\$295	8 T
731	NP Two Rein	\$200	\$150	\$125	\$10	\$10	\$295	8 T
258	AQHA Amateur CH	\$0	\$35	\$95	\$10	\$10	\$150	8 T
740	NP Ultimate Top Hand Challenge *Must enter NPBS, L1NPBS, or NPTRS	\$1,000	\$250	\$0	\$10	\$0	\$260	8 T

Class No.	Name	Added \$	Entry Fee	Cattle/ Off	NRCHA /AQ	Video	Total	Pattern No.
732	Youth Bridle	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$10	\$10	\$120	8 T
260	AQ Yth Cow Horse	\$0	\$35	\$50	\$10	\$10	\$105	8 T
733	Youth Boxing	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$10	\$10	\$120	8 T

Class No.	Name	Added \$	Entry Fee	Cattle/ Off	NRCHA /AQ	Video	Total	Pattern No.
261	AQ Youth Boxing	\$0	\$35	\$50	\$10	\$10	\$105	8 T
734	NP Boxing Spec	\$1,000	\$150	\$225	\$10	\$10	\$395	8 T
735	NP Boxing	\$250	\$125	\$95	\$10	\$10	\$240	8 T
736	Int. NP. Boxing	\$JP	\$100	\$95	\$10	\$10	\$215	18 T
259	AQHA Amt. Boxing	\$0	\$35	\$95	\$10	\$10	\$150	8 T
737	Ltd NP Boxing	\$JP	\$100	\$95	\$10	\$10	\$215	8 T
738	Box Drive	\$50	\$50	\$95	\$10	\$10	\$165	8 T
741	Herd Practice/Horse		\$95					
742	Fence Practice/Horse/Day		\$75					

Horse Show 2 Classes (Monday Only)

Class No.	Name	Added \$	Entry Fee	Cattle/ Off	NRCHA /AQ	Video	Total	Pattern No.
735	NP Boxing	\$100	\$125	\$95	\$10	\$10	\$240	11 T
736	Int. NP Boxing	\$JP	\$100	\$95	\$10	\$10	\$215	11 T
737	Ltd. NP Boxing	\$JP	\$100	\$95	\$10	\$10	\$215	11 T
733	Youth Boxing	\$JP	\$50	\$50	\$10	\$10	\$120	11 T
732	Youth Bridle	\$JP	\$50	\$50	\$10	\$10	\$120	11 T
738	Box Drive	\$JP	\$50	\$95	\$10	\$10	\$165	11 T
711	Open Hackamore	\$250	\$125	\$125	\$10	\$10	\$270	11 T
712	Int. Open Hackamore *Must enter the Open Hackamore	\$JP	\$125	\$125	\$10	\$0	\$260	11 T
713	Ltd Open Hackamore	\$JP	\$75	\$125	\$10	\$10	\$220	11 T
716	NP Hackamore	\$100	\$125	\$125	\$10	\$10	\$270	11 T
724	Open Two Rein	\$200	\$125	\$125	\$10	\$10	\$270	11 T
731	NP Two Rein	\$100	\$125	\$125	\$10	\$10	\$270	11 T
721	Open Bridle	\$500	\$150	\$125	\$10	\$10	\$295	11 T
722	Int. Open Bridle *Must enter Open Bridle	\$150	\$125	\$0	\$10	\$0	\$135	11 T
723	Ltd. Open Bridle	\$100	\$125	\$125	\$10	\$10	\$270	11 T
728	NP Bridle	\$300	\$125	\$125	\$10	\$10	\$270	11 T
729	Int. NP Bridle	\$100	\$125	\$125	\$10	\$10	\$270	11 T
730	Ltd. NP Bridle	\$100	\$125	\$125	\$10	\$10	\$270	11 T

Event Competition Requirements and Information

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 the AQHA and NRCHA rules.
2. When checking in to receive back numbers, exhibitors must bring a copy of their horse papers, all membership cards, and a completed W-9 form to the office.

Class Competition Requirements

1. Open LAE Futurity Classes - You can enter all you are eligible for but only pay one cattle/office fee and one video fee. The Level One Open Futurity will run by itself.
2. Open LAE Derby Classes - You can enter all you are eligible for **but** only pay one cattle/office fee and one video fee. The Level One Open Derby will run by itself.
3. Non-Pro LAE Futurity & Derby Classes - If cross-entering with the Non-Pro Futurity or Derby classes, only pay one cattle/office fee and one video fee.
4. Classes that run concurrently. When cross-entering, exhibitors pay the highest cattle/office fee.
5. AQHA classes - Exhibitors can only enter an AQHA class once, even though it is offered in multiple class groupings. AQHA classes are single-judged and point-only, and there are no awards for them.
6. Box Drive - To be eligible to enter this class, Non-Pro riders cannot have earned \$750 in fence work classes at any judged classes or events, with the exception of horse show classes.

NRCHA And AQHA General Rules

1. Classes close at times posted, and the draw will be posted 30 minutes after the classes close. If you enter after the draw, you will go last in the herd work, and in all other classes, you will go first. Draws will be posted on our CSF Facebook Horse Show Group Page!
2. 70 percent of the entry fees are paid back in added money classes, and 100 percent are paid back in jackpot classes.
3. 3 event classes will pay 30 percent to high go-round scores and 70 percent to final placements.
4. The 4 event classes "Top Hand Challenge" will pay 10 percent in each go-round, and 60 percent in final placements.
5. You must be a member of the NRCHA for all approved classes and a member of AQHA if entering those approved classes. You can join at the show.
6. NRCHA Sliding Scale will be used for all classes.
7. Horses must be shown in order of draw unless there is a conflict with the other arena. All conflicts must inform the announcer and the back gate person beforehand.
8. Protests may be filed by [NRCHA rules](#).
9. AQHA rules apply for all AQHA classes offered.
10. NRCHA Show Rep – John Snyder

Entry Forms

Entries are available online at <http://www.coloradostatefair.com>. These online forms can be submitted directly to the Colorado State Fair Authority Horse Show Department. No payment is necessary until the time of check-in. The entry deadline is August 21st. Late entries are accepted, but a \$50/horse charge will be applied to your bill.

Awards

Open Futurity, Derby, and Ultimate Top Hand Challenge will receive Champion saddles. All three event classes and Ultimate Top Hand Challenges will receive champion and reserve champion awards. Horse Show classes and AQHA classes will receive ribbons only.

RV Reservations

Call (719) 404-2023 to reserve a spot. Call early, as spots fill up fast. Do not send your camping reservation and payment to the Horse Show office.

Practice Pen

Please sign up on your entry form if you plan to be in the Herd or Fence practice. Herd practice: each exhibitor will be given 3 minutes. Fence practice: each exhibitor will be given 4 minutes.

\$5,000 Added Ultimate Top Hand Challenge (UTHC) Rules

1. All exhibitors must enter the Open or Non-Pro bridle, Spectacular, or the Open or Non-Pro Two Rein Spectacular to be eligible.
2. The Challenge will run concurrently with these classes; therefore, your score from them will be your UTHC score for the herd, rein & fence work.
3. Steer Stopping will run on Saturday after Herd Work. There will be no barrier, but a marker will designate where you can rope the steer.
4. UTHC will have a Non-Pro division and an Open division. \$4,000 added to the Open and \$1,000 added to the Non-Pro.
5. One horse, one rider, one bridle throughout the entire 4 classes. It must be legal NRCHA equipment.
6. The exhibitor with the highest score from all four events will be crowned the "Open Ultimate Top Hand Champion and Non-Pro Ultimate Top Hand Champion."
7. Awards will be given to the Open & Non-Pro Champion and Reserve Champion.
8. Open - \$250 Entry Fee and Non-Pro - \$150 Entry Fee (100% Payback)
9. The Ultimate Top Hand Challenge is an NRCHA-approved event.

NRCHA Class Schedule

Thursday, September 3, 2026

Class No.	Class Name	Performance
741	Herd Practice - won't start before 1:00 p.m.	

Friday, September 4, 2026

Herd Work Day - Settle at 7:40 am

Class No.	Class Name	Performance
700	Open Futurity	Herd Work
701	Limited Open Futurity	Herd Work
702	Level 1 Open Futurity	Herd Work
703	Non-Pro Futurity	Herd Work
704	Level 1 Non-Pro Futurity	Herd Work
705	Non-Pro Boxing Futurity	Herd Work
706	L.1 Non-Pro Boxing Futurity	Herd Work
707	Open Derby	Herd Work
708	Limited Open Derby	Herd Work
709	Level 1 Ltd Open Derby	Herd Work
710	Novice Horse Derby	Herd Work
714	Non-Pro Derby	Herd Work
715	Level 1 Non-Pro Derby	Herd Work
717	Non-Pro Boxing Derby	Herd Work
718	Level 1 Non-Pro Boxing Derby	Herd Work

Class No.	Class Name	Performance
719	Open Bridle Spectacular	Herd Work
739	Ultimate Top Hand Challenge	Herd Work
720	Open Two Rein Spectacular	Herd Work
739	Ultimate Top Hand Challenge	Herd Work
725	Non-Pro Bridle Spectacular	Herd Work
740	Non-Pro Ultimate Top Hand Challenge	Herd Work
726	Level 1 Non-Pro Bridle Spec.	Herd Work
740	Non-Pro Ultimate Top Hand Challenge	Herd Work
727	Non-Pro Two Rein Spec.	Herd Work
740	Non-Pro Ultimate Top Hand Challenge	Herd Work
734	Non-Pro Boxing Spectacular	Herd Work
	Tear Down Cutting Pen	
UTHC	Steer Stopping for the Open and Non-Pro UTHC	
742	Priority Fence Practice "Saturday Classes only"	

Saturday, September 5, 2026

Classes Held - start time - 8:00 am

Class No.	Class Name	Performance
700	Open Futurity	Rein/Fence
701	Limited Open Futurity	Rein/Fence
702	Level 1 Open Futurity	Rein/Fence
703	Non Pro Futurity	Rein/Fence
704	Level 1 Non-Pro Futurity	Rein/Fence
705	Non-Pro Boxing Futurity	Rein/Box
706	Level 1 Non-Pro Boxing Futurity	Rein/Box
707	Open Derby	Rein/Fence
708	Limited Open Derby	Rein/Fence
709	Level 1 Ltd Open Derby	Rein/Fence
710	Novice Horse Derby	Rein/Fence
711	Open Hackamore	Rein/Fence
712	Intermediate Open Hackamore	Rein/Fence
713	Limited Open Hackamore	Rein/Fence
256	AQHA Junior Cow Horse	Rein/Fence
714	Non-Pro Derby	Rein/Fence
715	Level 1 Non-Pro Derby	Rein/Fence
716	Non-Pro Hackamore	Rein/Fence
717	Non-Pro Boxing Derby	Rein/Box
718	Level 1 Non-Pro Boxing Derby	Rein/Box
742	Fence Practice	

Sunday, September 6, 2026

Start Time - 8:00 am

Class No.	Class Name	Performance
719	Open Bridle Spectacular	Rein/Fence
739	Open Ultimate Top Hand Challenge (Bridle horses only)	Rein/Fence
721	Open Bridle	Rein/Fence
722	Intermediate. Open Bridle*	Rein/Fence
723	Limited Open Bridle	Rein/Fence
257	AQHA Sr Cow Horse	Rein/Fence
720	Open Two Rein Spectacular	Rein/Fence
739	Open Ultimate Top Hand Challenge (two rein horses only)	Rein/Fence
724	Open Two Rein	Rein/Fence
257	AQHA Sr Cow Horse*enter if in two rein gear	Rein/Fence
725	Non-Pro Bridle Spectacular	Rein/Fence
726	Level 1 Non-Pro Bridle Spectacular	Rein/Fence
740	Non-Pro Ultimate Top Hand Challenge	Rein/Fence
728	Non-Pro Bridle	Rein/Fence
729	Intermediate Non-Pro Bridle	Rein/Fence
730	Level 1 Non-Pro Bridle	Rein/Fence
258	AQHA Amateur Cow Horse	Rein/Fence
727	Non-Pro Two Rein Spec.	Rein/Fence
740	Non-Pro Ultimate Top Hand Challenge (two rein horses only)	Rein/Fence
731	Non-Pro Two Rein	Rein/Fence
258	AQHA Amateur Cow Horse*enter if in two rein gear	Rein/Fence
732	Youth Cow Horse	Rein/Fence
260	AQHA Youth Cow Horse	Rein/Fence
733	Youth Boxing	Rein/Box
261	AQHA Youth Boxing	Rein/Box
738	Box Drive	Rein/Box/Drive
742	Fence Practice	

Monday, September 7, 2026 - Horse Show 2

Start Time - 8:00 am

Class No.	Class Name	Performance
735	NP Boxing	Rein/Box
736	Int. NP Boxing	Rein/Box
737	Ltd NP Boxing	Rein/Box
733	Youth Boxing	Rein/Box
732	Youth Bridle	Rein/Fence
738	Box Drive	Rein/Box/Drive
711	Open Hackamore	Rein/Fence
712	Int. Open Hackamore* Must enter the Open Hackamore	Rein/Fence
713	Ltd Open Hackamore	Rein/Fence
716	NP Hackamore	Rein/Fence
724	Open Two Rein	Rein/Fence
731	NP Two Rein	Rein/Fence
721	Open Bridle	Rein/Fence
722	Int. Open Bridle* Must enter the Open Bridle	Rein/Fence
723	Ltd. Open Bridle	Rein/Fence
728	NP Bridle	Rein/Fence
729	Int. NP Bridle	Rein/Fence
730	Ltd NP Bridle	Rein/Fence

Thursday, September 3, 2026 - Closing Times

- Herd Practice will close at 1:00 p.m.
- Classes that close by 5:00 p.m.

Class No.	Class Name
700	Open Futurity
701	Limited Open Futurity
702	Level 1 Open Futurity
703	Non-Pro Futurity
704	Level 1 Non-Pro Futurity
707	Open Derby
708	Limited Open Derby
709	Level 1 Ltd Open Derby
710	Novice Horse Derby
711	Open Hackamore
712	Intermediate Open Hackamore
713	Limited Open Hackamore
256	AQHA Junior Cow Horse
714	Non-Pro Derby
715	Level 1 Non-Pro Derby
716	Non-Pro Hackamore
717	Non-Pro Boxing Derby
718	Level 1 Non-Pro Boxing Derby
719	Open Bridle Spectacular
720	Open Two Rein Spectacular
739	Open Ultimate Top Hand Challenge
740	Non-Pro Ultimate Top Hand Challenge
725	Non-Pro Bridle Spectacular
726	Level 1 Non-Pro Bridle Spectacular
727	Non-Pro Two Rein Spectacular
734	Non-Pro Boxing Spectacular
741	Herd Practice - closes at 1:00 p.m.

Friday, September 5, 2026 - Closing Times

Classes that close by 5:00 p.m.

Class No.	Class Name
700	Open Futurity
701	Limited Open Futurity
702	Level 1 Open Futurity
703	Non-Pro Futurity
704	Level 1 Non-Pro Futurity
705	Non-Pro Boxing Futurity
706	Level 1 Non-Pro Boxing Futurity
707	Open Derby
708	Limited Open Derby
709	Level 1 Limited Open Derby
710	Novice Horse Derby
711	Open Hackamore
712	Intermediate Open Hackamore
713	Limited Open Hackamore
256	AQHA Junior Cowhorse
714	Non-Pro Derby
715	Level 1 Non-Pro Derby
716	NP Hackamore
717	Non-Pro Boxing Derby
718	Level 1 Non-Pro Boxing Derby
742	Priority Fence Practice "Saturday Classes only"

Saturday, September 5, 2026 - Closing Times

Classes that close by 5:00 p.m.

Class No.	Event Name
721	Open Bridle
722	Intermediate Open Bridle
723	Limited Open Bridle
257	AQHA Sr Cowhorse *Bridle horses only
724	Open Two Rein
257	AQHA Sr Cowhorse *Two rein horses only
728	Non-Pro Bridle
729	Intermediate Non-Pro Bridle
730	Level 1 Non-Pro Bridle
258	AQHA Amateur Cow Horse *Bridle horses only
731	Non-Pro Two Rein
258	AQHA Amateur Cow Horse *Two rein horses only
732	Youth Cow Horse
260	AQHA Youth Cow Horse
733	Youth Boxing
260	AQHA Youth Boxing
738	Box Drive
742	Priority Fence Practice "Sunday Classes only"

Sunday, September 6, 2026 - Closing Times

Classes that close by 5:00 p.m.

Class No.	Event Name
735	Non-Pro Boxing
736	Intermediate Non-Pro Boxing
737	Ltd. Non-Pro Boxing
733	Youth Boxing
732	Youth Bridle
738	Box Drive
711	Open Hackamore
712	Int. Open Hackamore *Must enter Open Hackamore
713	Ltd Open Hackamore
716	Non-Pro Hackamore
724	Open Two Rein
731	Non-Pro Two Rein
721	Open Bridle
722	Int. Open Bridle *Must enter Open bridle
723	Ltd Open Bridle
728	Non-Pro Bridle
729	Int. Non-Pro Bridle
730	Ltd. Non-Pro Bridle