

## Open CMSA Derby Rules

### 1. Entry Fee, Fees and Payout

- a. Entry fee for the Open Derby will be \$500 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. 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.
- d. 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.

- e. Horses are limited to one entry, either in the Non-Pro or Open Derby class, not both.
  - f. There is a limit of three horses per rider in the CMSA Derby class.
  - g. The format and location of the CMSA Derby will be announced at least three months prior the event.
  - h. The horse and rider are entered as a team. Horse or rider cannot be changed after entries are finalized.
3. There is no gender or senior split in the Open CMSA Derby Class.
  4. Any kind of performance enhancing and/or calming drugs are prohibited in the CMSA Derby. We will follow AQHA's drug testing standards. All horses that place in the CMSA Derby may be tested.
  5. 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.
  6. 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 and CMSA Derby.**