

**2023**  
**National Reining Horse Association**  
**EUROPEAN FUTURITY**  
**23th-27<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**339.197,76€\* (\$362.491,60) ADDED OPEN – 175.646,36€ (\$ 187.941,60) Nomination**

**145.370,47€\* (\$155.546,40) ADDED NON PRO – 75.277,01€ (\$80.546,40) Nomination**

**186.558,77€\* ADDED LEVEL 4 OPEN – 87.823,18€ Nomination**

**84.799,44€\* ADDED LEVEL 3 OPEN – 43.911,59€ Nomination**

**40.703,73€\* ADDED LEVEL 2 OPEN – 30.738,11€ Nomination**

**27.135,82€\* ADDED LEVEL 1 OPEN – 13.173,48€ Nomination**

**79.953,76€\* ADDED LEVEL 4 NON PRO – 37.638,50€ Nomination**

**36.342,62€\* ADDED LEVEL 3 NON PRO – 18.819,25€ Nomination**

**17.444,46€\* ADDED LEVEL 2 NON PRO – 13.173,48€ Nomination**

**11.629,64€\* ADDED LEVEL 1 NON PRO – 5.645,78€ Nomination**

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1. Entry Deadline: **Futurity: April 24th**

Entries by online-inscriptions, /or mail shall be binding. Entries and stable reservations will not be handled before receipt of payment.

By submitting the entry form rider/horse owner accepts all show conditions and regulations and the 2023 NRHA Rules and Regulation. Rider/horse owner will follow all instructions by the show management. All decisions made by the show management are binding and final.

2. To be held **23-27 May2023 in Cremona, Italy.**

3. For 4-year-old horses (**born in 2019**) – Open to all breeds – **Entry must be named and nominated into the NRHA European Nomination Program at the time of entry.** See the current *NRHA Handbook* for information on how the age of a horse is determined.

4. **PARTICIPATION:**

Entries will not be considered unless forms are completely filled in and received by the organizer in due time, accompanied by NRHA Competition License, a copy of the valid NRHA Membership Card (rider and owner), and evidence of payment of all fees. Permission to participate will not be granted unless a valid NRHA Membership Card is provided latest on the day of the event, regardless if a NRHA Membership Card exists and is valid at the time of the event.

Rider/horse owner assures that the horse(s) is free of any contagious diseases, properly vaccinated according to Italian regulations and laws and carries public liability insurance at the time the horse arrives at the show grounds. Rider/horse owner is aware of that they are personally liable of any damages caused by the horse if there is no liability insurance. The horse owner shall indemnify and hold harmless show organizer against any claims or legal proceedings brought by third parties.

The rider commits himself to pay the entry and stable fees, even in the event of his withdrawal with just cause.

The horse's ID paper (horse passport) and an additional health certificate for foreign competitors must be presented at the show office. Coggin test for foreign horses (European country) is not mandatory. The website will be update if new regulation will occur

5. **NRHA COMPETITION LICENSE:** All horses competing in NRHA approved competitions will be **required** to have an NRHA competition license upon entering the NRHA European Futurity.

6. Owners and riders must be members of the NRHA. All riders must have individual memberships. (Refer to the membership requirements in the current *NRHA Handbook*.) Owners may enter more than one horse. Riders may ride no more than three horses per futurity class.
7. All added monies will be expressed in euros until January 1 and then calculated to U.S. dollars with the conversion rate to be established on January 1 (**1.07 for 2023**). All other fees will be expressed in euros
8. The show retainage for the NRHA European Futurity will be 50% in addition to the standard 5% show fee deduction.
9. **PAYMENT OF FEES**: Complete payment information will be included on the entry form. It is the owner's responsibility to make the entry on or before the due date. Show Management will not be responsible for entries not received by the due date or lost in the mail. An entry check returned due to insufficient funds will constitute an incomplete entry. Failure to pay applies to the rider, owner, or agent for any unpaid debts, related to the entry, exhibition, showing, stalling, or any related fee of an entry at an approved NRHA event. Agent is defined as anyone who acts and/or signs on the behalf of an owner or rider (see General Rules and Regulations, F. Failure to pay in the current *NRHA Handbook*).
10. **REFUNDS**: Refund of 90% of the entry fees paid will be refunded for horses entered and scratched for medical reasons only. Supporting letters of a veterinarian must accompany the scratch notices. Scratch notices received without veterinarian statements will not receive any refunds. **NO REFUND AFTER THE OFFICIAL DRAW IS POSTED**
11. **SUBSTITUTION/TRANSFER OF ENTRY**: Substitutions of horses/entries will be permitted until the day before the show but if the unofficial draw is posted that entry will then be placed in a group to precede the regular draw in the reverse order that they were received.
12. **SCRATCHES**: Show management must be notified if an entry will be scratched. If the scratched entry has a balance due, that amount must still be paid.
13. **CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP**: An entered horse may change ownership and retain entry status under the new owner provided that the transfer of the NRHA competition license is complete and the new owner is a member of the National Reining Horse Association.
14. **JUDGE'S FEE**: The Judges fee is due at the time entry is made.
15. **JUDGES**: There will be five judges placed at different points in the arena: the high score and the low score will be eliminated with only the total of the remaining three scores used to determine the final score. These judges will be selected from the approved NRHA Judges list. A pre-check will be utilized.
16. **PAYEE**: Prize money will be paid to the owner as recorded in the NRHA database at the start of the event or designated agent. The prize money will be paid by bank transfer to the bank account of the Recipient of Invoice as filled in the entry form. Recipient of Invoice is responsible to provide the correct information for bank transfer. (If we do not receive we will pay to the data we have on our previous file, be sure to write a new one if needed) Show organizer is entitled to deduct any outstanding receivables related in any way to the entry form from the prize money. For foreign recipient of prize money (place of residence is not Italy) this applies also to the withholding tax according to the Italian tax law. Recipient of prize money is fully responsible for submission of any information in a thorough and proper way.
17. **TIES**: In the event of a tie in a final, the tie-breaking procedures as outlined in the current year *NRHA Handbook* will be used to break the tie.
18. **RIGHT TO CANCEL**: Entries are received subject to the right of Italian Reining Horse Association and NRHA Executive Committee to refuse the entry, or a transfer of the entry, without notice to the subscriber. Acceptance of the entry is based on the representations made on the entry form. Decisions of the Executive Committee will be final. Riders are responsible to know and adhere to eligibility requirements for NRHA events. A rider who enters an event or division in which he/she is ineligible, will forfeit all winnings and entry fees to the NRHA, and be subjected to disciplinary action by the NRHA Board of Directors for unsportsmanlike conduct as set forth in the current *NRHA Handbook*. The rider is responsible for the entry information regardless of whether the form is completed by the agent or owner. The Show Management reserves the right to cancel this event without notice at any time prior to the contest without liability, but in such event will return all entry money to the payee. Interest earned on all fees is the property of Show Management.
19. NRHA rules will apply unless specifically deleted or altered. These rules and conditions are subject to change by action of Italian Reining Horse Association and the NRHA Board of Directors.

20. Show Management reserves the right to discipline any person that it concludes has abused or permitted abusive behavior against a horse, or engaged in unsportsmanlike conduct toward show management, judges or exhibitors. Discipline may include official warning, elimination from competition or any other action deemed appropriate by the show management.
21. **Conditions Changes:** Italian Reining Horse Association and the NRHA Board of Directors reserves the right to interpret, modify or amend conditions for the NRHA European Futurity. If requiring immediate attention, those rights will be deferred to the Executive Committee.
22. **Switching from the Open Futurity to the Non-Pro Futurity.** After **May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023**, but by 5pm prior to the first go-round, any entry may switch from the Open Futurity to the Non Pro Futurity. That entry will then be placed in a group to precede the regular draw in the reverse order that they were received. The difference in entry fee will be refunded, with the exception of 10% which will remain in the Open purse.
23. **Switching from the Non Pro Futurity to the Open Futurity.** After **May 21<sup>st</sup> 2023** but by 5pm prior to the first go-round, any entry may switch from the Non Pro Futurity to the Open Futurity by paying the difference between the two entry fees plus a penalty of 10% of the entry fee difference. The 10% penalty will remain in the Non Pro Futurity. That entry will then be placed in a group to precede the regular draw in the reverse order that they were received. There will be no refunds. The entire amount of the entry fee will be moved to the Open purse.
24. Horses may be entered into both the open and non pro division, but we suggest entering at the time of the entry deadline to assist with scheduling. Horses competing in the Non Pro Futurity who **DO NOT MAKE THE FINALS** will have 30 minutes after the conclusion of the last Non Pro horse's run to enter the Open division. All other entries after the entry deadline will be considered according to the timetable. Should the number of entries (prior to the conclusion of the Non Pro) exceed 120, no entries (outside of Non Pro entries who did not make the Non Pro finals) will be allowed to enter the Open.  
**ANY FURTHER LATE REGISTRATIONS AT THE SHOW WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF THE NUMBER OF RIDERS EXCEEDS THE TIMETABLE FOR THE SCHEDULE OF THE DAY.** You can confirm the day before the competition.
25. The Restricted European Eligibility will apply for all Category 6 Futurity classes.
26. **Ribbon Presentation: Prize money will be paid only if the rider shows up at the ribbons presentation in show outfit and with the horse.**
27. Payments: A handling fee of € 100,00 will be charged for unpaid debit notes.
28. **Animal Welfare and Medications Testing**  
 All horses entered in the NRHA European Futurity are subject to examination. Please refer to the NRHA European Region Animal Welfare and Medications policy for details on the Animal Welfare and Medications Rule.  
 It is not NRHA's intention to conflict with rules and regulations of states, provinces or countries in regards to medications. In cases, where NRHA shows are held in states, provinces or countries with medications rules and regulations, the rules and regulations of the state, province or country take precedence.
29. **Finalists and Payout Schedule**

Number of entries	=	Number of Automatic Finalists
36 and under		40% of the entries
from 37 to 60*	=	15
from 61 to 100	=	20
101 and more	=	25

- Only for level 4 final 20 finalists

Draws for the final sections will be executed by a random physical draw at a draw party posted on the schedule

30. **Payout**  
 Payout Open Level 1, 2, 3 & 4 Non Pro Level 1, 2, 3 & 4  
 - The entire payout purse will be used for the finals.

- Every finalist will get a guaranteed base payout for the Level he/she made it back in plus a percentage from the left over purse for that Level.

**Payout: Open Level 1, 2, 3 & 4 & Non Pro level 1, 2, 3 & 4**

If the number of finalists, without ties, is less than 16, use NRHA Payback Schedule B

For others payout schedule please look at the attached schedule

	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
1	23,00%	22,00%	19,00%	19,00%	19,00%	19,00%	19,00%	17,00%	17,00%	17,00%
2	14,00%	14,00%	14,00%	14,00%	14,00%	14,00%	14,00%	14,00%	14,00%	14,00%
3	10,50%	10,50%	11,00%	11,00%	11,00%	11,00%	11,00%	11,00%	11,00%	11,00%
4	9,00%	9,00%	9,00%	9,00%	9,00%	9,00%	9,00%	9,00%	9,00%	9,00%
5	8,00%	8,00%	7,00%	7,00%	7,00%	7,00%	7,00%	7,00%	7,00%	7,00%
6	7,00%	7,00%	6,00%	6,20%	6,00%	6,00%	5,50%	6,00%	4,85%	4,75%
7	6,00%	6,00%	5,50%	6,00%	5,25%	5,00%	5,00%	4,25%	4,25%	4,15%
8	4,50%	4,50%	5,00%	5,50%	4,75%	4,50%	4,35%	3,10%	3,10%	3,10%
9	3,25%	3,25%	4,50%	4,50%	4,25%	4,00%	4,00%	2,95%	2,95%	2,95%
10	3,00%	3,00%	4,00%	3,75%	3,75%	3,00%	3,00%	2,80%	2,80%	2,70%
11	2,75%	2,75%	2,60%	2,25%	2,40%	2,85%	2,30%	2,65%	2,65%	2,55%
12	2,50%	2,50%	2,40%	2,00%	2,20%	2,20%	2,20%	2,50%	2,50%	2,40%
13	2,00%	2,00%	2,20%	1,80%	2,00%	2,00%	1,80%	2,35%	2,35%	2,25%
14	1,75%	1,75%	2,00%	1,70%	1,80%	1,80%	1,70%	2,20%	2,20%	2,10%
15	1,50%	1,50%	1,80%	1,60%	1,60%	1,60%	1,60%	2,05%	2,05%	1,95%
16	1,25%	1,25%	1,50%	1,40%	1,40%	1,40%	1,50%	1,90%	1,90%	1,80%
17		1,00%	1,30%	1,20%	1,30%	1,30%	1,40%	1,75%	1,75%	1,65%
18			1,20%	1,10%	1,20%	1,20%	1,30%	1,60%	1,60%	1,50%
19				1,00%	1,10%	1,10%	1,20%	1,45%	1,45%	1,35%
20					1,00%	1,05%	1,10%	1,30%	1,30%	1,30%
21						1,00%	1,05%	1,10%	1,15%	1,20%
22							1,00%	1,05%	1,10%	1,15%
23								1,00%	1,05%	1,10%
24									1,00%	1,05%
25										1,00%

The percentages will be calculated using the remaining entry fees, plus the added purse, and guaranteed base payout have been deducted. At no time will the purse payout exceed 100%. (5% of the total purse will be paid to the nominator)

## National Reining Horse Association EUROPEAN FUTURITY

**Total added money Futurity Open 339.197,76**

**186.558,77€\*** ADDED LEVEL 4 OPEN – **87.823,18€ Nomination**  
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(All levels will run concurrently)

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1. All Futurity Event conditions shall apply.

The entry fee + judge fee must be paid prior to the show

Levels to Enter	Entry fee	Judges fee	Total
1, 2	420€	100€	520€
2, 3	780€	150€	930€
1, 2, 3	940€	150€	1.090€
(1,2,3,4) (2-3-4) (3-4) (4)	1500€	150€	1.650€

1. **It is mandatory to enter to the high level**
2. Inscription received after the deadline will be considered post entries and will be placed at the beginning of the official draw
3. **ENTRY FEE ALLOCATION:** Purse for each level

		Level 4	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1
FUTURITY 3 YRS OLD OPEN 4	€ 1.500,00	€ 1.500,00	€ -	€ -	€ -
FUTURITY 3 YRS OLD OPEN 4-3	€ 1.500,00	€ 980,00	€ 520,00	€ -	€ -
FUTURITY 3 YRS OLD OPEN 4-3-2	€ 1.500,00	€ 720,00	€ 520,00	€ 260,00	
FUTURITY 3 YRS OLD OPEN 4-3-2-1	€ 1.500,00	€ 560,00	€ 520,00	€ 260,00	€ 160,00
FUTURITY 3 YRS OLD OPEN 3-2-1	€ 940,00	€ -	€ 520,00	€ 260,00	€ 160,00
FUTURITY 3 YRS OLD OPEN 3-2	€ 780,00	€ -	€ 520,00	€ 260,00	
FUTURITY 3 YRS OLD OPEN 2-1	€ 420,00	€ -	€ -	€ 260,00	€ 160,00

4. Entry into the Level 3,2 or 1 Open division will be automatic based upon rider eligibility. Please see the current **Restricted European Eligibility** for eligibility requirements. For members giving up Non Pro cards please refer to the Non Pro conditions in the current NRHA Handbook
5. **LEVEL 4 OPEN DIVISION:** The Level 4 open Division purse will have **€ 186.558,77\*** added, plus the division allocation, for each entry in the Level 4 Open Futurity ( as shown in the table above (3) )less the 50% % show retainage fee and the standard 5% show fee deduction. The Level 4 Open division will consist of one go-round, and a final. The winner will be determined by the finals score (clean slate final). Level 4 Open entry will be based on rider eligibility. Please see the current NRHA Eligibility Policy for eligibility requirements.  
**All level 4 open only NRHA European competitors (regardless of their location in 2023) will be required to pay a € 2,000 sponsorship into the open level 4 purse, separate from the nomination and IRHA dollars but included in the total. This is not required for riders who are eligible for the levels 3, 2, or 1 but are showing in the level 4. If a non-European level 4 open only rider comes to compete in the NRHA European Futurity, he will be required to pay the sponsorship.**
6. **LEVEL 4 OPEN DIVISION FINALISTS AND PAYOUTS:** The number of finalists advancing to the finals and finals payouts will be determined by the schedule outlined in event conditions #29, #30
7. **LEVEL 3 OPEN DIVISION:** The Level 3 open Division purse will have **€ 84.799,44 \*** added, plus the division allocation, for each entry in the Level 3 Open Futurity ( as shown in the table above (3) )less the 50% % show retainage fee and the standard 5% show fee deduction. The Level 3 Open division will consist of one go-round and a final. The winner will be determined by the finals score (clean slate final). Level 3 Open entry will be based on rider eligibility. Please see the current NRHA Eligibility Policy for eligibility requirements.
8. **LEVEL 3 OPEN DIVISION FINALISTS AND PAYOUTS:** The number of finalists advancing to the finals and finals payouts will be determined by the schedule outlined in event conditions #29, #30
9. **LEVEL 2 OPEN DIVISION:** The Level 2 open Division purse will have **€ 40.703,73 \*** added, plus the division allocation, for each entry in the Level 2 Open Futurity ( as shown in the table above (3) )less the 50% % show retainage fee and the standard 5% show fee deduction. The Level 2 Open division will consist of one go-round, and a final. The winner will be determined by the finals score (clean slate final). Level 2 Open entry will be based on rider eligibility. Please see the current NRHA Eligibility Policy for eligibility requirements.
10. **LEVEL 2 OPEN DIVISION FINALISTS AND PAYOUTS:** The number of finalists advancing to the finals and finals payouts will be determined by the schedule outlined in event conditions #29, #30
11. **LEVEL 1 OPEN DIVISION:** The Level 1 open Division purse will have **€ 27.135,82\*** added, plus the division allocation, for each entry in the Level 1 Open Futurity ( as shown in the table above (4) )less the 50% % show retainage fee and the standard 5% show fee deduction. The Level 1 Open division will consist of one go-round and a final. The winner will be determined by the finals score (clean slate final). Level 1 Open entry will be based on rider eligibility. Please see the current NRHA Eligibility Policy for eligibility requirements.
12. **LEVEL 1 OPEN DIVISION FINALISTS AND PAYOUTS:** The number of finalists advancing to the finals and finals payouts will be determined by the schedule outlined in event conditions #29, #30
13. All horses that advance to finals will receive a paycheck (exception: No Scores).
14. The score of the go-round will count for all levels (Level 1, 2, 3 and 4) the rider is entered in the Open Divisions. Separate purses will be paid for each level. (only for the finalists)

## National Reining Horse Association EUROPEAN FUTURITY

**Total added money Futurity Non Pro € 145.370,47**

**79.953,76€\* ADDED LEVEL 4 NON PRO – 37.638,50€ Nomination**  
**36.342,62€\* ADDED LEVEL 3 NON PRO – 18.819,25€ Nomination**  
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**11.629,64€\* ADDED LEVEL 1 NON PRO – 5.645,78€ Nomination**

(All levels will run concurrently)

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1. All Futurity Event conditions shall apply.
2. Non Pro entries must qualify under the Non Pro definition and Non Pro ownership definition as stated in the current *NRHA Handbook*. All riders are responsible to know and adhere to eligibility requirements for NRHA events. Acceptance of the entry by the show management is based upon the representation made on the entry form regardless of who completes said form.
3. Entry and judge fees is payable in 1 payment on or before **the day before yr class**, See below for appropriate fees:

Livelli	Entry fee	Judges fee	Totale
1,2	€ 260,00	€ 100,00	€ 360,00
1,2,3	€ 620,00	€ 150,00	€ 770,00
2,3	€ 510,00	€ 150,00	€ 660,00
(1,2,3,4) (2-3-4) (3-4) (4)	€ 1000,00	€ 150,00	€ 1.150,00

		LEVEL 4	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 1
FUTURITY NON PRO 4	€ 1.000,00	€ 1.000,00	€ -	€ -	€ -
FUTURITY NON PRO 4-3	€ 1.000,00	€ 640,00	€ 360,00	€ -	€ -
FUTURITY NON PRO 4-3-2	€ 1.000,00	€ 490,00	€ 360,00	€ 150,00	€ -
FUTURITY NON PRO 4-3-2-1	€ 1.000,00	€ 380,00	€ 360,00	€ 150,00	€ 110,00
FUTURITY NON PRO 3-2-1	€ 620,00	€ -	€ 360,00	€ 150,00	€ 110,00
FUTURITY NON PRO 3-2	€ 510,00	€ -	€ 360,00	€ 150,00	€ -
FUTURITY NON PRO 2-1	€ 260,00	€ -	€ -	€ 150,00	€ 110,00

Those entries received after the draw is posted will be considered post entries and will be included in a group preceding the regular draw order in the reverse order that they are received.

4. **ENTRY FEE ALLOCATION:** Entry fees will be allocated to each level that is entered:
5. Entry into the Level 3, 2 or 1 Non Pro division will be automatic based upon rider eligibility. Please see the current **Restricted European Eligibility** for eligibility requirements.
6. **LEVEL 4 NON PRO DIVISION:** The Level 4 Non Pro Division purse will have **€ 79.953,76\*** added, plus the division allocation, for each entry in the Level 4 Non Pro Futurity ( as shown in the table above (3) less the 50% % show retainage fee and the standard 5% show fee deduction. The Level 4 Non Pro division will consist of one go-round, and a final. The winner will be determined by the finals score (clean slate final). Level 4 Non Pro entry will be based on rider eligibility. Please see the current NRHA Eligibility Policy for eligibility requirements.
7. **LEVEL 4 NON PRO DIVISION FINALISTS AND PAYOUTS:** The number of finalists advancing to the finals and finals payouts will be determined by the schedule outlined in event conditions #29, #30
8. **LEVEL 3 NON PRO DIVISION:** The Level 3 Non Pro Division purse will have **€ 36.342,62 \*** added, plus the division allocation, for each entry in the Level 3 Non Pro Futurity ( as shown in the table above (3) less the 50% % show retainage fee and the standard 5% show fee deduction. The Level 3 Non Pro division will consist of one go-round, and a final. The winner will be determined by the finals score (clean slate final). Level 3 Non Pro entry will be based on rider eligibility. Please see the current NRHA Eligibility Policy for eligibility requirements.
9. **LEVEL 3 NON PRO DIVISION FINALISTS AND PAYOUTS:** The number of finalists advancing to the finals and finals payouts will be determined by the schedule outlined in event conditions #29, #30
10. **LEVEL 2 NON PRO DIVISION:** The Level 2 Non Pro Division purse will have **€ 17.444,46 \*** added, plus the division allocation, for each entry in the Level 2 Non Pro Futurity ( as shown in the table above (3) less the 50% % show retainage fee and the standard 5% show fee deduction. The Level 2 Non Pro division will consist of one go-round,. The winner will be determined by the finals score (clean slate final). Level 2 Non Pro entry will be based on rider eligibility. Please see the current NRHA Eligibility Policy for eligibility requirements.
11. **LEVEL 2 NON PRO DIVISION FINALISTS AND PAYOUTS:** The number of finalists advancing to the finals and finals payouts will be determined by the schedule outlined in event conditions #29, #30
12. **LEVEL 1 NON PRO DIVISION:** The Level 1 Non Pro Division purse will have **€ 11.629,64\*** added, plus the division allocation, for each entry in the Level 1 Non Pro Futurity ( as shown in the table above (3) less the 50% % show retainage fee and the standard 5% show fee deduction. The Level 1 Non Pro division will consist of one go-round and a final. The winner will be determined by the finals score (clean slate final). Level 1 Non Pro entry will be based on rider eligibility. Please see the current NRHA Eligibility Policy for eligibility requirements.
13. **LEVEL 1 NON PRO DIVISION FINALISTS AND PAYOUTS:** The number of finalists advancing to the finals and finals payouts will be determined by the schedule outlined in event conditions #29, #30
14. All horses that advance to finals will receive a paycheck (exception: No Scores).
15. The score of the go-round will count for all levels (Level 1, 2, 3 and 4) the rider is entered in the Non Pro Divisions. Separate purses will be paid for each level. (only for the finalists)