

OKC Fairgrounds Readies for Launch of 2022 National Reining Horse Association Futurity & Adequan® NAAC

Oklahoma City, Okla. - The futurity season for reining horses is nearing completion. Thanksgiving Day, the best riders in the world will begin the intense preliminary competition at the National Reining Horse Association's premier and most prestigious event, the NRHA Futurity & Adequan® North American Affiliate Championships. The show, which begins November 25 and runs through December 3, draws exhibitors from around the globe, who will vie for a piece of a purse that exceeds \$2,000,000, highlighted by a life-changing \$350,000 check for the champion.

Under the lights of the historic Jim Norick Arena, the mettle of talented 3-year-old reining horses will be tested as they navigate through the signature circles, spins, and sliding stops the event is known for. At the same time, top riders and horses of all ages from across North America compete for major titles in the Adequan® Arena, meaning there's something for everyone to enjoy throughout each and every day.

In addition to world class competition, the NRHA Futurity boasts an impressive trade show with vendors ranging from clothing to furniture, western tack and décor, and more. In fact, the first three days of the event feature free admission so that everyone can come to enjoy some post-holiday shopping to prepare for Christmas.

One of the best – and largest – shopping opportunities will happen December 1. The NRHA Market Futurity Sales will take place in the Sales Arena and is open to everyone. This is a great opportunity to see some of the best the industry has to offer, from prospects to producers, and everything in between. Last year the high seller – a yearling mare named Deja Vue (Gunnatrashya x Dun Its Déjà vu) commanded an impressive \$170,000! Find more information about the NRHA Market Futurity Sales at www.NRHA.com/Sales

While there are several futurities throughout the year, only one is known simply as "The Futurity." Since its debut in 1966 in Columbus, Ohio, the event has grown from a handful of entries to more than 600 in the main event alone.

The payout has grown, and to say it has done so significantly would be an understatement. This year's Level 4 Open Champion will leave Oklahoma City \$350,000 richer and in possession of the largest limited age event championship check in the western performance horse industry. Not only that, but this year's Level 4 Open Reserve Champion will win a guaranteed \$150,000, and third is also guaranteed \$100,000.

Winning the Level 4 Open Championship is a three-step process. All Open entries compete in the first round, with the top 75 (plus ties) advancing to the Not Ruf At All Level 4 Open Semi-Finals round on November 30. There, the top 30 (plus ties) move on to the clean-slate MS Diamonds TX Level 4 Open Futurity Finals on December 3.

Open riders in Levels 1, 2, and 3, who are in the top 75 of their levels (but not in the top 75 of the Level 4), will compete in the Semi-Finals on November 29. The top 30 in each of those levels (plus ties) will earn a spot in the first section of the Open Finals on December 3.

Non Professional riders will also win big, with the Level 4 Non Pro title being accompanied by a check for \$75,000! Don't let the designation of "Non Pro" fool you – these competitors are every bit as formidable as those in the Open. They just don't train horses for other people. The CINCH Non Pro Finals will be held Friday, December 2, beginning at 9 a.m. with Levels 1, 2, 3, Youth and Prime Time, and the CINCH Non Pro Level 4 Finals beginning at 4 p.m.

Tickets for the event are on sale now and can be purchased [here](#).

Complete information can be found at NRHAFuturity.com.