

## SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS

### A. MEMBERSHIP

(1) All riders and owners (including business entities) of horses showing in NRHA approved competition must be members in good standing. Every member is issued a membership card with an ID#. This number must be used in all official communication with NRHA, and the card (or a photocopy) must also be shown to the entry secretary when entering NRHA approved classes. Renewals and new memberships can be applied for at any NRHA approved show. A temporary card will be issued which is good for forty five (45) days from issue. Entry forms must identify the horse with the correct competition license number, the rider with the correct and current membership number, and the owner or owners with the correct and current membership numbers to identify the ownership entity as recognized in the NRHA database. Any deviation from the above information may affect earnings for Top Ten purposes. It is the responsibility of riders and owners to be aware of and abide by all the rules and regulations set forth in this *NRHA Handbook*. Any person or entity in violation of NRHA rules may be subject to, but not limited to, fines, forfeitures, probation and/or disciplinary procedures.

(a) **Memberships:** (For countries participating in the International Affiliate Program, total membership fees may vary.)

General membership dues .....	\$95
Youth membership dues .....	\$35
Three Year General membership dues .....	\$270
Life membership dues (Individual only).....	\$2,000
Associate membership dues .....	\$20

**Associate, Associate Non Pro and Associate Youth** members are only eligible to show in Category 10 classes and do not receive a printed copy of the *NRHA Reiner*, do not have voting privileges, and do not fulfill the ownership requirement for licensing a horse except for Category 10 classes. Associate members may not serve as NRHA show officials (show secretary, steward, representative, judge, etc.)

NRHA memberships, Non Pro Declarations, and/or NRHA Professionals applications, including the *NRHA Reiner*, commence when the membership is received. Memberships and *NRHA Reiner* subscriptions are not retroactive.

**Life Memberships** When a Life member becomes deceased, the membership will end on December 31 of the current year. This will allow for any horses that may be currently shown under the membership to continue to do so for Top Ten purposes or otherwise.

NRHA memberships, Non Pro Declarations and/or NRHA Professionals Applications received with show results will be made effective the first date of the respective show.

Memberships paid at shows: If a member applied through the NRHA Office or at a show and is required to pay

again at another show, NRHA will refund the second membership if it is paid within thirty (30) days of the first membership. If it was paid after thirty (30) days, there will be no refund and NRHA retains the money.

Annual and Three Year memberships end December 31. The first issue of the *NRHA Reiner* will be received in 6–8 weeks after the membership is received by NRHA.

**Non Pro** A Non Pro Declaration and one-time \$25 fee must accompany membership application, unless already on file at the NRHA office. Non Pro Declarations can be applied for and submitted at any NRHA approved show. (If a Non Pro membership has lapsed for more than one calendar year, the applicant will be required to re-file a Non Pro Declaration, including the fee.)

**Youth Non Pro** A Non Pro Declaration and one-time \$25 fee must accompany membership application, unless already on file at the NRHA office. (If a Youth Non Pro membership has lapsed for more than one calendar year, the applicant will be required to re-file a Non Pro Declaration, including the fee.)

**(b) NRHA Reiner Magazine Subscription and Postage Fees**

**USA:** May elect digital or printed (see postage below) version—one (1) per address. Associate members may elect the *Digital Reiner* at no cost or purchase a subscription at the Member price:

	CURRENT NRHA MEMBER	NON-MEMBER
3rd Class Mail—Youth & Associate	\$25	\$35
3rd Class Mail—General	\$0	\$35
<i>Digital Reiner</i>	\$0	\$0
1st Class Mail	\$55	\$65

**International:** May elect digital or printed (see postage below) version. Associate members may elect the *Digital Reiner* at no cost or purchase a subscription at the Member price:

	CURRENT NRHA MEMBER	NON-MEMBER
<i>Digital Reiner</i>	\$0	\$0
Canadian Postage	\$50	\$60
All Other Countries Postage	\$85	\$95

**(2)** Owners must join NRHA either jointly or individually if competition licenses list dual or joint ownership using and, or, and/or, or simply commas. However, if either party intends to compete in NRHA events, they must have separate memberships since ALL RIDERS MUST HAVE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS to track earnings. Only individual NRHA General members are eligible to vote.

**(3)** NRHA cannot be responsible for any payments or paperwork not received in the NRHA office. It is recommended that any time-sensitive materials be sent to the NRHA office by guaranteed delivery.

## **B. NON PRO CONDITIONS**

### **(1) Definition and conditions of a Non Pro Membership:**

**(a)** A person who at the time of Non Pro application has not won in excess of \$100,000 (one hundred thousand dollars) in Category 1, 2, and 6 open reining competition.

**(b)** A person who has not directly (money) or indirectly (goods or services) received remuneration to work in any manner in the following activities on the premises of a reining horse training operation or in a venue where reining horses are shown: training or assisting in training and/or showing a reining horse or teaching a reining horse rider.

**(1)** For purposes of this rule, a reining horse training operation is any facility where reining horses are trained.

**(c)** Employees of a reining horse training operation may be considered Non Pro provided they do not teach reining horse riders or train reining horses that are outside of their immediate family ownership.

**(1)** Any preparation of a horse on the ground, including lunging, or astride at a walk is not considered training.

**(d)** A person who has not given instruction on showing or training of a performance horse for direct or indirect remuneration within the past 5 years.

**(1)** For purposes of this rule, a performance horse will be defined as a Reining, Cutting, Cow Horse, Western Pleasure or Western Riding horse.

**(e)** A person who has not trained horses astride in any equine discipline for direct or indirect remuneration within the past 5 years.

**(f)** An NRHyA member can be selected for any approved exchange program through the NRHyA. The selected NRHyA members shall not be in jeopardy of losing his/her Non Pro status through participation in approved exchange programs.

**(g)** A Non Pro applicant can be a certified instructor in a national equine equitherapy program (e.g. Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International [PATH Intl]). The excepted instructor shall only teach students enrolled with an approved organization or students prescribed such rehabilitation by a licensed medical doctor. A Non Pro applicant excepted under this provision must have disclosed this information on the Non Pro Declaration that is submitted to the NRHA office.

**(h)** Payment of entry fees and/or expenses by anyone other than the Non Pro, his/her immediate family, or a corporation, partnership or other business entity in which the Non Pro and/or a member of his/her immediate family are the sole and only owner, shall be considered remuneration.

**(i)** A Non Pro can accept payment of entry fees and/or expenses for demonstrations, exhibitions, or international competitions where the Non Pro is representing their National Fed-

eration, or competition where the Non Pro is representing their college or university as an individual or part of a team.

(j) A horse shown in Non Pro competition must be solely and completely owned by one of the following:

(1) the Non Pro,

(2) a member or members of his/her immediate family, or

(3) a corporation, partnership, or other business entity provided that the Non Pro and/or a member or members of his/her immediate family are the sole and only owners of that business entity and the ownership of that business entity does not change to include non immediate family members or entities. Ownership will be evidenced by the competition license.

(k) A Non Pro is prohibited from receiving money or product for sponsorships or endorsements; or for showing in after-market logoed apparel or equipment. A Non Pro may appear in reining industry advertisements as long as no remuneration, direct or indirect, is received, and this fact is verified by affidavit on file with the NRHA signed by the Non Pro.

**(2) Definition of immediate family:** spouse, partner/mate, parent, spouse's parent, partner/mate's parent, step-parent, legal guardian, child, step-child, sibling, sibling's spouse, sibling's partner/mate, half sibling, step-sibling. Determination of partner/mate status will only be accepted when the civil status is legally and lawfully registered in the country/state of residence.

For Non Pro riders under the age of 19, the definition also includes aunt, uncle, grandmother and grandfather. All relationships must be current and lawful.

(a) It is the responsibility of the Non Pro to file an Immediate Family Form with the NRHA prior to showing an immediate family member's horse. The Non Pro is also responsible for updating that form with any changes. If there is no Immediate Family Form on file with the NRHA office, a Non Pro may be forfeited out of any NRHA Non Pro classes in which they have shown.

(3) Any transaction relating to the sale or transfer of a horse to a Non Pro other than by immediate family members must be at fair market value. The Non Pro is responsible for documenting said transaction in a satisfactory fashion in the event of any protest. If a Non Pro and/or his/her immediate family member sells a horse and then buys it back, the Non Pro and/or his/her immediate family member cannot show that horse in Non Pro classes for 180 days from the time he/she originally sold the horse.

(a) The Executive Committee shall have the right to review in detail any transaction regarding the purchase or sale of a horse by the holder of an NRHA Non Pro card if in their judgment there was intent to misuse the rules of the Association. At the Executive Committee's discretion, there shall

be a review if a horse is repurchased or resold. Included in the review shall be methods of procurement, all transfer records, cancelled checks, and deposit slips if so directed by the Executive Committee. The procurement of mortality insurance and a receipt of payment to a third party is an acceptable proof of sale. The original owner's knowledge of the sale is not necessary for proof of sale involving an agent. All parties to a transaction in violation of these NRHA rules are subject to disciplinary action.

**(4) Procedure for those applying for Non Pro status:**

**(a)** An applicant must complete the official NRHA Non Pro Declaration, and submit it to the NRHA office with the appropriate fee.

**(b)** Persons applying for Non Pro status must answer all questions on the Non Pro Declaration, agree to abide by the Non Pro Code of Conduct and Ethics, and sign the Non Pro Declaration affirming the truth of all statements given as well as acceptance of the rules and regulations relating to NRHA Non Pro membership.

**(c)** A Non Pro card is a privilege and not a right. The Non Pro Committee can screen all applicants. The Non Pro Committee can require at any time a Non Pro to submit his/her card for review of applicability. The Non Pro Committee can refuse a Non Pro card to anyone deemed not in compliance with the eligibility criteria set forth in the *NRHA Handbook*.

**(d)** An applicant must complete a Non Pro Declaration prior to entering a Non Pro class. Non Pro status will be granted on a temporary basis and is subject to revocation pending publication in the *NRHA Reiner* and approval by the Non Pro Committee. Non Pro status will be null and void and any Non Pro earnings and prizes will be forfeited if it is determined that the applicant is not eligible under NRHA Non Pro conditions, as defined in the *NRHA Handbook*. Failure to comply with the application requirements as specified in this *Handbook* may result in disciplinary action.

**(e)** Denial of Non Pro status may be appealed to the Executive Committee.

**(f)** A professional (excluding members in the Apprentice Program) desiring to obtain Non Pro status may do so after meeting all Non Pro conditions for a period of time equal to the number of years they have not met the Non Pro requirements with a minimum of three (3) years and a maximum of five (5) years. The NRHA office may then be notified and the official Non Pro Declaration and fees may be submitted for approval or disapproval by the Board of Directors or their designate. The applicant will be notified of the approval or disapproval by the NRHA office and shall not show in NRHA Non Pro competition until notified.

**(g)** A professional that attains Non Pro status after fulfilling

stated criteria, shall be eligible for any classes or divisions based on their current eligibility.

**(5)** Should a member wish to protest the eligibility of a Non Pro, he may file a protest with the NRHA office in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Disciplinary Procedure section. The protest must be signed by a current member in good standing. In protests regarding the eligibility of a Non Pro, the fifteen (15) day rule for filing such protests is not applicable. In these types of protests, he or she must file within the current or subsequent year of the actual incident. Upon receipt of a validly filed protest, the Non Pro Committee may choose to request the individual in question to voluntarily return his or her Non Pro card. If the individual chooses not to surrender his or her card, the committee shall send the issue to the Investigation Review Committee established for Non Pros.

**(6) Penalty:** Should the Executive Committee determine a Non Pro has made a false declaration, the Non Pro will forfeit all Non Pro winnings earned during the current year, and be subject to disciplinary procedures. When a horse/rider is found to be ineligible, the earnings and awards will be forfeited to the NRHA. Upon receipt of the earnings, NRHA will redirect the forfeited earnings to the show committee to be redistributed. NRHA will make corrections to the class placing and earnings in the database. It is the responsibility of the ineligible exhibitor to return all forfeited earnings to the NRHA and all prizes and awards to the show secretary.

**(7) Renewing Non Pro status:** If a Non Pro membership has lapsed for more than one calendar year, the applicant will be required to complete the NRHA Non Pro Declaration and submit it to the NRHA office with the appropriate fee.

**(8) Relinquishing Non Pro Status:** A Non Pro that gives up his/her Non Pro status, and becomes a professional must notify the NRHA office in writing within thirty (30) days of the change. Non Pro earnings in any category/class will not be utilized in determining current eligibility, with the exception of the Rookie Professional class (see definition of Rookie Professional in D. Categories of Competition and Class Eligibility, Category 1).

**(9) Non Pro Apprentice Exemption:** Apprentice status must be granted prior to an applicant apprenticing with an NRHA Professional. Applicants must allow ninety (90) days minimum for processing applications. Individuals that begin Apprenticeship prior to Apprentice status being granted are in violation of the Non Pro conditions and their Non Pro status will be in jeopardy. Failure to comply with the application requirements as specified in this *Handbook* may result in disciplinary action.

**(a)** A Non Pro may participate in the Apprentice Program only once. The Non Pro must complete an Apprentice Program Application.

**(b)** An Apprentice Program applicant may be subject to a per-

sonal interview with the Non Pro Committee.

(c) Apprentice status may be granted by the NRHA Board of Directors following the recommendation of the Non Pro Committee.

(d) The applicant must apprentice with a member of the NRHA Professionals and physically work at that Professional's facility.

(e) All NRHA previous Non Pro as well as Open earnings will be used to determine the Apprentice's class eligibility. The Apprentice can only show in Open division classes during the apprenticeship period.

(f) All applicants must be at least 18 years of age.

(g) There is no earnings limit.

(h) Apprenticeship is a twelve (12) month consecutive period. At the end of that time, the apprentice may remain an open rider. In this case, previous Non Pro earnings will be backed out for eligibility purposes. If the Apprentice does not remain an Open rider, the Apprentice must then reapply for Non Pro status and is subject to the Non Pro conditions. Any monies won during the 12 consecutive month Apprenticeship shall be applied to their Non Pro eligibility.

### **C. COMPETITION LICENSING**

(1) Horses competing in NRHA approved competition may be required to have a competition license. Owners and co-owners must be current members of the NRHA prior to the horse being shown in any class except Category 10 classes. (see Show Rules and Regulations, A. Membership).

(2) Beginning January 1, 2002 a horse's registered breed name will be used as the NRHA competition name. Owners of non-registered horses may select a name, provided the name does not appear in the NRHA database prior to the date of application.

(3) For NRHA aged shows, the age of a horse shall be determined as follows:

(a) For horses foaled in the Northern Hemisphere, age will be determined by a calendar year starting January 1 of the year foaled. The horse is a weanling during the year foaled and a yearling during the following year.

(b) For horses foaled in the Southern Hemisphere, age will be determined one of two ways:

(1) Horses foaled July 1 through December 31 will be considered a weanling during the next calendar year after which it was foaled and a yearling during the subsequent year. (For example: a horse foaled in the Southern Hemisphere July 1, 2007–December 31, 2007 will be considered a weanling in 2008 and a yearling in 2009).

(2) Horses foaled in the Southern Hemisphere January 1 through June 30 will be considered a weanling during the calendar year in which it was foaled and yearling during the following year.

(4) Competition licenses are permanent when issued to each horse and are not renewed each year. A fee will be charged for the original license, for replaced licenses, for transfers of ownership, and licenses requested by the owner to be reprinted for any reason (examples: person or horse name changes or gelding status). A photocopy of the horse's registration papers (or photographs of the front, back and each side in the case of unregistered horses) must be submitted with each license application. Applications are available at the NRHA office.

(5) In the case of a competition license transfer, it is the responsibility of the purchaser to obtain and submit all transfer paperwork and fees prior to the horse being shown. The transfer of or application for a competition license will be effective the date it is received in the NRHA Office or at an NRHA approved event and is not retroactive.

(6) The competition license will be returned to the recorded owner. The owner will be responsible for getting photocopies of the license to any person needing them for entry in any NRHA approved event.

(7) To enter NRHA approved competition, the competition license (original or photocopy) must be shown to the show secretary taking the entries when a competition license is required. All competition license applications and transfers of ownership must be completed prior to competing.

(8) If a horse is shown without correct ownership on the competition license the show secretary will be fined \$10 and the rider will be fined \$25. A second offense may result in the rider being disqualified and forfeited from the class and a \$200 fine.

(9) **Lost Competition Licenses:** Competition licenses that have been lost for any reason such as: lost in the mail, misplaced, destroyed, or not received from the previous owner, can be replaced by completing the Affidavit process and submitting the appropriate fee.

(10) Any misrepresentation or false statement on the license application shall constitute unsportsmanlike conduct and will subject owner and/or exhibitor to disciplinary action as set forth in the *NRHA Handbook*.

(11) When a horse is gelded, such fact must be reported to the NRHA office immediately. This must be done by providing the NRHA office the horse's original competition license and a statement from the owner of record indicating the date the horse was gelded. The NRHA office will make the appropriate notation on its records and on the competition license and return the license at no charge. If the owner requests the license be reprinted, fees will apply.

#### **D. CATEGORIES OF COMPETITION AND CLASS ELIGIBILITY**

Class Eligibility is based on the rider's and/or the horse's earnings as of January 1 of the current NRHA year.

It is the responsibility of the owner and/or rider to be aware of the official earnings of the horse and/or rider as recorded

by NRHA. When limits of eligibility are surpassed during the show year, the exhibitor can complete the year in that specific class or division. Any rider participating in a class or division in which he/she (or the horse he/she is riding) is not eligible will be fined \$25 for the first offense. After receipt of the notice, any second offense may result in a fine of \$200. When a horse/rider is found to be ineligible, the earnings will be forfeited to the NRHA. Upon receipt of the earnings, NRHA will redirect the forfeited earnings to the show committee to be redistributed. NRHA will make corrections to the class placing and earnings in the database. It is the responsibility of the ineligible exhibitor to return all forfeited earnings to the NRHA and all prizes and awards to the show secretary.

### **CATEGORY 1**

(NRHA Approved Ancillary classes; World Champion and Top Ten awards to apply. Requires a General, General Non Pro, Youth or Youth Non Pro membership in order to show.)

**OPEN** Subject to the general conditions, any rider holding a valid NRHA membership card may show any horse in this class.

**INTERMEDIATE OPEN** Open to any rider holding a valid NRHA membership card who has earned less than \$25,000 in all NRHA Categories except 3, 7, 9 and 10 over the previous three calendar years. For members giving up Non Pro cards please refer to the Non Pro Conditions.

**LIMITED OPEN** Open to any rider holding a valid NRHA membership card who has earned less than \$10,000 in lifetime earnings all NRHA Categories except 3, 7, 9 and 10 at the start of the NRHA year. For members giving up Non Pro cards please refer to the Non Pro Conditions.

**ROOKIE PROFESSIONAL** Open to any rider, except those holding a NRHA Non Pro, Youth, or Youth Non Pro card, who has not earned more than \$5,000 in NRHA lifetime earnings, all categories, at the start of the NRHA year. Those holding a Youth card are not eligible for this class. Can run concurrent with any Category 1 Open, Intermediate Open, or Limited Open class.

**NON PRO** Open to any rider holding a valid NRHA Non Pro card as defined in the Non Pro section of the *NRHA Handbook*.

**INTERMEDIATE NON PRO** Open to any rider holding a valid NRHA Non Pro card who has earned less than \$15,000 in all NRHA Categories except 3, 7, 9 and 10 over the previous three calendar years.

**LIMITED NON PRO** Open to any rider holding a valid NRHA Non Pro card who has earned less than \$4,500 in all NRHA Categories except 3, 7, 9 and 10 over the three previous calendar years.

**PRIME TIME NON PRO** For persons 50 and older as of January 1 of the NRHA year who hold a valid NRHA Non Pro card. This class may run concurrent with the Category 1 Non Pro, Intermediate Non Pro, or Limited Non Pro class.

**NOVICE HORSE LEVEL 2** Subject to the general conditions but restricted to horses that have not earned more than \$25,000 in lifetime earnings in all NRHA categories except 3, 7, 9 and 10. Also available in the Non Pro division, however, the Non Pro division would be restricted to riders with a valid NRHA Non Pro card and would be restricted to the rules of ownership as stated in the Non Pro Conditions.

**NOVICE HORSE LEVEL 1** Subject to the general conditions but restricted to horses that have not earned more than \$5,000 in lifetime earnings in all NRHA categories except 3, 7, 9 and 10. Also available in the Non Pro division, however, the Non Pro division would be restricted to riders with a valid NRHA Non Pro card and would be restricted to the rules of ownership as stated in the Non Pro Conditions.

## **CATEGORY 2**

**NRHA Approved Aged Shows (Futurity, Derby and other approved Aged Shows; see G. Aged Show Conditions. Requires a General, General Non Pro, Youth or Youth Non Pro membership in order to show.)**

**LEVEL 4 OPEN** Any rider holding a valid NRHA membership card may show in this division.

**LEVEL 3 OPEN** Open to any rider holding a valid NRHA membership card who is not in the Top 40 money earners in open classes based on open earnings in Category 2 and 6 events for the previous three calendar years. In addition, the Top 25 Non Pro riders based on total earnings in Category 2 and 6 events over the previous three calendar years, are not eligible. For members giving up Non Pro cards please refer to the Non Pro Conditions.

**LEVEL 2 OPEN** Open to any rider holding a valid NRHA membership card who is not in the Top 140 money earners in Open classes based on Open earnings in Category 2 and 6 events for the previous three calendar years. In addition, the Top 50 Non Pro riders based on total earnings in Category 2 and 6 events over the previous three calendar years are not eligible. All riders who are eligible for Level 1 Open are eligible for Level 2 Open. For members giving up Non Pro cards please refer to the Non Pro Conditions.

**LEVEL 1 OPEN** Open to any rider holding a valid NRHA membership card who has earned less than \$50,000 in lifetime NRHA earnings all categories at the start of the NRHA year. For members giving up Non Pro cards please refer to the Non Pro Conditions.

**PRIME TIME OPEN AGED SHOW** Open to any rider holding a valid NRHA membership card who is 50 or older as of January 1 of the NRHA year. This class may run concurrent with the Category 2 Level 4, Level 3, Level 2 or Level 1 Open class.

**LEVEL 4 NON PRO** Restricted to Non Professional riders and eligible horses as defined in the Non Pro section of the *NRHA Handbook*.

**LEVEL 3 NON PRO** Open to any rider holding a valid NRHA Non Pro card who is not in the Top 25 money earners based on total earnings in NRHA Category 2 and 6 events over the previous three calendar years.

**LEVEL 2 NON PRO** Open to any rider holding a valid NRHA Non Pro card who is not in the Top 125 money earners in Non Pro classes based on Non Pro earnings in Category 2 and 6 events for the previous three calendar years. All riders who are eligible for Level 1 Non Pro are eligible for Level 2 Non Pro.

**LEVEL 1 NON PRO** Open to any rider holding a valid NRHA Non Pro card who has earned less than \$25,000 in lifetime NRHA earnings all categories at the start of the NRHA year.

**PRIME TIME NON PRO AGED SHOW** Open to any rider holding a valid NRHA Non Pro card who is 50 or older as of January 1 of the NRHA year. This class may run concurrent with the Category 2 Level 4, Level 3, Level 2 or Level 1 Non Pro class.

**SNAFFLE BIT or HACKAMORE** Subject to the general conditions but limited to 3, 4, and/or 5 year old horses to be shown in a smooth snaffle bit with a broken mouthpiece (conventional O ring, eggbutt or D ring) with ring no larger than 4" (102 mm) and no smaller than 2" (51 mm). One inch (25 mm) in from the cheek the mouthpiece must be a minimum  $\frac{5}{16}$ " (8 mm) diameter with a gradual decrease to the center of the snaffle. Optional curb strap is acceptable, however curb chains are not acceptable. A flexible, braided rawhide, leather, or rope bosal, the core of which may be either rawhide or flexible cable, may be used in lieu of a snaffle bit, but can be no larger than  $\frac{3}{4}$ " (19 mm) in diameter at the cheek; there must be a minimum of a 2 finger space (approximately  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " [38 mm]) between the bosal and the horse's nose. Absolutely no rigid material will be permitted under the jaw or on the noseband in connection with the bosal, regardless of how covered or padded. Horse hair bosals are prohibited. Horses entered in this class may be ridden with one or two hands at any time during the class.

Show committees are allowed to offer the following Snaffle Bit or Hackamore classes or any combination of these classes: 3 year old; 3 and 4 year old; 4 year old and under, 5 and under; 4 and 5 year old. Open and Non Pro divisions may be offered.

**7 & UP:** Open to any rider holding a valid NRHA card and horses that are 7 years of age or older. Refer to the competition license section of the *NRHA Handbook* to determine the age of the horse. Also available in the Non Pro division, however, the Non Pro division would be restricted to riders with a valid NRHA Non Pro card and would be restricted to the rules of ownership as stated in the Non Pro conditions.

### **CATEGORY 3**

(See Youth Show Rules and Regulations. Requires a Youth or Youth Non Pro membership in order to show.)

**YOUTH (10 & UNDER SHORT STIRRUP)** Open to any Youth rider who is age 10 or under on January 1 of the current NRHA year. This class is to be run with the Short Stirrup pattern (Pattern 12) only. Riders may use a horse without the restrictions of ownership for Youth classes as defined in the Youth Conditions. This class will not count for Top Ten standings nor toward Youth Rookie (18 & Under) or Rookie eligibility. There will be no penalty for holding the saddle with either hand. The rider may ride with standard reins, or with any type of closed reins and may ride with one or two hands on the reins at any time during the class.

**YOUTH (13 & UNDER)** Open to any Youth rider who is age 13 or under on January 1 of the current NRHA year. Riders must use horses with ownership as defined in the Youth Show Rules and Regulations.

**YOUTH (14–18)** Open to any Youth rider who is age 14 to 18 on January 1 of the current NRHA year. Riders must use horses with ownership as defined in the Youth Show Rules and Regulations.

**YOUTH ROOKIE (18 & Under)** Open to any youth rider who has not earned more than twenty-five (25) points in NRHA Youth classes (excluding points earned in the Youth 10 & Under Short Stirrup class) at the start of the NRHA year. Riders may use a horse without the restrictions of ownership for Youth classes as defined under Youth Conditions. Will not count toward Top Ten Standings. Youth Rookie may be run concurrent only with Youth classes.

**UNRESTRICTED YOUTH** Open to Youth members 18 & under. Rider may use a horse without the restrictions of ownership as defined under the Youth Conditions. This class will not count for Top Ten standings. It may be run concurrent only with Youth classes.

#### **CATEGORY 4**

(NRHA approved Breed Restricted classes (excluding aged shows) restricted by breed. NRHA rules to apply, but not for NRHA World Champion and Top Ten awards. Requires a General, General Non Pro, Youth or Youth Non Pro membership in order to show.)

- Jr. Reining
- Sr. Reining
- All Age Reining
- Amateur Reining
- Youth Reining
- Open Reining
- Non Pro Reining

#### **CATEGORY 5**

(NRHA approved Ancillary classes, NRHA rules to apply, but not for World Champion and Top Ten awards. Requires a General, General Non Pro, Youth or Youth Non Pro membership in order to show.)

**ANCILLARY GELDING INCENTIVE CLASSES** Any ancillary class may

offer this division. Entry into this class may be made only after entry into the corresponding class. The added money of the Gelding Incentive class cannot be higher than the added money of the corresponding class. These classes may be jackpotted or may have added money. There may or may not be a judges fee.

**INTERMEDIATE HORSE LEVEL** Subject to the general conditions but restricted to horses that have not earned more than \$50,000 in lifetime earnings in all NRHA categories except 3, 7, 9 & 10. Also available in the Non Pro division, however, the Non Pro division would be restricted to riders with a valid NRHA Non Pro card and would be restricted to the rules of ownership as stated in the Non Pro Conditions.

**ROOKIE LEVEL 2** Open to any rider holding a valid NRHA Non Pro card who has earned less than \$500 in lifetime earnings in all NRHA categories except 3, 7, 9 and 10 or one hundred (100) youth points (excluding points earned in the Youth 10 & Under Short Stirrup class). Riders may use a horse without the restrictions of ownership for Non Pro classes as defined under Non Pro Conditions. Horses are to be shown one handed. Rookie Level 2 reining can only be run concurrent with Rookie Level 1 or Prime Time Rookie.

**ROOKIE LEVEL 1** Open to any rider holding a valid NRHA Non Pro Card who has earned less than \$200 in lifetime earnings in all NRHA categories except 3, 7, 9 and 10 or fifty (50) youth points (excluding points earned in the Youth 10 & Under Short Stirrup class). Riders may use a horse without the restrictions of ownership for Non Pro classes as defined under Non Pro Conditions. Horses are to be shown one handed. Rookie Level 1 reining can only be run concurrent with Rookie Level 2 or Prime Time Rookie. In order to offer Rookie Level 1, Rookie Level 2 must also be offered.

**PRIME TIME OPEN DIVISION** Open to any rider holding a valid NRHA membership card who is 50 or older as of January 1. This class may run concurrent with the Category 1 Open, Intermediate Open, Limited Open or Rookie Professional class. Money won in Prime Time competition will not count towards World Champion awards and will be used for determining eligibility status for the Rookie class only.

**PRIME TIME ROOKIE** Open to any rider holding a valid NRHA Non Pro card who is 50 or older as of January 1. Entry in this class may be made only after entering either the Rookie Level 1 or Rookie Level 2 class. This class must run concurrent with a regular Rookie class. Money won in Prime Time Rookie competition will not count toward World Champion Awards and will be used for determining eligibility status for the Rookie class only.

**SENIOR HORSE** Subject to the general conditions but restricted to horses that are 6 years of age or older and class must also be FEI approved. Refer to the competition license section of the *NRHA Handbook* to determine the age of the horse. Also available in the Non Pro division, however, the Non Pro division

would be restricted to riders with a valid NRHA Non Pro card and would be restricted to the rules of ownership as stated in the Non Pro Conditions.

## **CATEGORY 6**

(NRHA Approved Closed Aged Shows, NRHA rules to apply, but not for World Champion and Top Ten awards, see G. Aged Show Conditions. Requires a General, General Non Pro, Youth or Youth Non Pro membership in order to show.)

Competition in this category is “closed.” Closed competitions for these purposes are defined as those not open to all participants other than as described and defined in the *NRHA Handbook*. Closed aged shows require entry using specific criteria other than defined in the *NRHA Handbook*, i.e. specific breeders’ futurities and derbies that require stallion subscription, foal nomination, breed or gender restrictions, or other such requirements to enter.

The NRHA Executive Committee will act on shows applying for approval as a “closed” aged show, but not specifically described herein. The NRHA will consider the merit of any show requesting approval as a “closed” competition.

The Category 6 classes are to be patterned after the Category 2 classes.

**GELDING INCENTIVE CLASSES** Any Category 2 or 6 class may offer a Gelding Incentive class. Entry into this class may be made only after entry into the corresponding class. The added money of the Gelding Incentive class cannot be higher than the added money of the corresponding class. The Gelding Incentive class may be jackpotted or may have added money. There may or may not be a judges fee.

**MARE INCENTIVE CLASSES** Any Category 2 or 6 class may offer a Mare Incentive class. Entry into this class may be made only after entry into the corresponding class. The added money of the Mare Incentive class cannot be higher than the added money of the corresponding class. The Mare Incentive class may be jackpotted or may have added money. There may or may not be a judges fee.

## **CATEGORY 7**

(NRHA Approved Affiliate Championship classes; requires qualification through the NRHA Affiliate Championship program to enter. Requires a General, General Non Pro, Youth or Youth Non Pro membership in order to show.)

## **CATEGORY 8**

**(NGB & FEI COMPETITIONS)**

(NGB-National Governing Body, FEI-Federation Equestre Internationale; to include recognized and/or approved events such as World Equestrian Games, Pan Am Games, CRIs-Concours de Reining International, CRIOS-Concours de Reining Internationale Official, etc.)

## CATEGORY 9

(Freestyle classes only, NRHA rules to apply, but not for World Champion and Top Ten awards. See Freestyle Reining section of the *NRHA Handbook*. Requires a General, General Non Pro, Youth or Youth Non Pro membership in order to show.)

**FREESTYLE OPEN** Open to any rider holding a valid NRHA membership card.

**FREESTYLE NON PRO** Open to any rider holding a valid NRHA Non Pro card.

## CATEGORY 10

(Entry level classes only. NRHA rules to apply. See show conditions section of the *Handbook*. Not for World Champion and Top Ten awards. Requires a General, General Non Pro, Youth, Youth Non Pro, Associate, Associate Youth, or Associate Non Pro membership in order to show.)

**ENTRY LEVEL RIDE & SLIDE OPEN LEVEL 2** Open to any rider holding a valid NRHA membership card and has less than \$500 in NRHA lifetime earnings, all categories or less than 50 lifetime Youth points (excluding points earned in the Youth 10 & Under Short Stirrup class).

**ENTRY LEVEL RIDE & SLIDE NON PRO LEVEL 2** Open to any rider holding a valid NRHA membership card and has less than \$500 in NRHA lifetime earnings, all categories or less than 50 lifetime Youth points (excluding points earned in the Youth 10 & Under Short Stirrup class). Rider may use a horse without the restrictions of ownership as defined under the Non Pro Conditions.

**ENTRY LEVEL RIDE & SLIDE YOUTH LEVEL 2** Open to any rider who is age 18 or under on January 1 and holding a valid NRHA Youth membership card and has less than \$500 in NRHA lifetime earnings, all categories or less than 50 lifetime Youth points, (excluding points earned in the Youth 10 & Under Short Stirrup class). Rider may use a horse without the restrictions of ownership as defined under the Youth Conditions.

**ENTRY LEVEL RIDE & SLIDE OPEN LEVEL 1** Open to any rider holding a valid NRHA membership card and has \$0 (zero) in NRHA lifetime earnings, all categories except Category 10 and 0 (zero) lifetime Youth points (excluding points earned in the Youth 10 & Under Short Stirrup class).

**ENTRY LEVEL RIDE & SLIDE NON PRO LEVEL 1** Open to any rider holding a valid NRHA membership card and has \$0 (zero) in NRHA lifetime earnings, all categories except Category 10 and 0 (zero) lifetime Youth points (excluding points earned in the Youth 10 & Under Short Stirrup class). Rider may use a horse without the restrictions of ownership as defined under the Non Pro Conditions.

**ENTRY LEVEL RIDE & SLIDE YOUTH LEVEL 1** Open to any rider of who is age 18 or under on January 1 holding a valid NRHA Youth membership card and has \$0 (zero) in NRHA lifetime earnings, all categories except Category 10 and 0 (zero) lifetime Youth points (excluding points earned in the Youth 10 & Under Short

Stirrup class). Rider may use a horse without the restrictions of ownership as defined under the Youth Conditions.

**GREEN REINER LEVEL 1** Open to any rider holding a valid NRHA membership card and has less than \$100 in NRHA lifetime earnings, all categories excluding Green Reiner classes, has less than twenty five (25) lifetime Youth points (excluding points earned in the Youth 10 & Under Short Stirrup class) and less than fifty (50) Green points.

**GREEN REINER LEVEL 2** Open to any rider holding a valid NRHA membership card and has less than \$100 in NRHA lifetime earnings, all categories excluding Green Reiner classes, has less than twenty five (25) lifetime Youth points (excluding points earned in the Youth 10 & Under Short Stirrup class) and less than 100 Green points.

**AFFILIATE LEVEL CLASSES** The NRHA recognizes the need for diversity in classes held at different levels of competition and in different geographical areas, as well as to generate promotional activity for affiliate groups. This diversity allows for growth and development of affiliate and uniqueness in show management.

Among these types of classes are: Ladies, Men's, Leadline and many additional classes with a variety of individual conditions written by the affiliate or show management. These classes often use NRHA rules with a noted variation in show conditions to accommodate the specific class.

NRHA does not sanction these classes for national competition, but does recognize and encourage their use for the growth and development of the affiliates, the interest of the exhibitors, and the overall management of the reining show.

Official NRHA trophies and plaques will not be awarded in Affiliate Level classes.

## **E. SHOW APPROVAL**

(1) Official NRHA show approval forms must be submitted to the NRHA office by the deadline as follows:

**AA Level Events**—not less than 180 days prior to the entry closing date of the show.

**A Level Events**—not less than 120 days prior to the entry closing date of the show.

**BB Level Events**—not less than ninety (90) days prior to the entry closing date of the show.

**B Level Events**—not less than sixty (60) days prior to the entry closing date of the show.

**C Level Events**—not less than thirty (30) days prior to the first day of the show.

**D Level Events**—not less than thirty (30) days prior to the first day of the show.

Any changes made to information on a submitted show approval must be done in a timely manner and is at the discretion of the NRHA as to whether or not the change can be

accepted. Any show submitted for NRHA approval that is received by post, fax, or email in the NRHA office after the appropriate deadline or an approval form that is not completed in full may be subject to a \$100 late fee.

(2) Approvals are awarded on a first come basis except in the case of an established show. To preserve a preferential show date, an established show must contact the NRHA office in writing, not less than six (6) months in advance of the anticipated show date.

(3) There will be no NRHA sanctioned events scheduled during the same show week (defined Monday–Sunday) as NRHA owned events (e.g. NRHA Futurity or the NRHA Derby) or the week prior to the NRHA Derby without the approval of the NRHA Executive Committee. NRHA Executive Committee approval will be required for any NRHA sanctioned events to be held in the same geographic region or within 500 miles of an Affiliate or Continental Finals.

(4) The Show Department may approve shows meeting show approval criteria outlined in the *NRHA Handbook*. Any show that appears not to be in the best interest of the sport of Reining or the National Reining Horse Association may be denied approval by the NRHA Executive Committee.

(5) It is show management's responsibility to ensure that the show classification requirements are met for their event and that proper documentation is kept in the event of a protest. Failure to do so may result in a review and possible disciplinary action.

**(6) Show Classifications:**

**(a) D Events:**

(A) Ride & Slide Show.

(B) Follow all NRHA guidelines as set forth in the *NRHA Handbook*.

(C) Show Secretary must be NRHA certified or pre-approved by the NRHA office and must have a current NRHA General membership.

**(b) C Events:**

(A) \$0–\$999 added money to the entire event.

(B) Follow all NRHA guidelines as set forth in the *NRHA Handbook*.

(C) Show secretary must be NRHA certified by the NRHA office and must have a current NRHA General membership.

(D) Must have show representative who is a current NRHA General member.

**(c) B Events:**

(A) \$1,000–\$14,999 added money to entire event.

(B) Follow all NRHA guidelines as set forth in the *NRHA Handbook*.

(C) Must have a show secretary, show manager and show representative/steward. All three must have current NRHA General memberships at the time the show approvals are submitted to the NRHA Office.

(D) Show Secretary or show manager must be certified by the NRHA.

(E) Show Representative/Steward, Show Secretary, and Show Manager must be three separate individuals and the Show Representative/Steward cannot be an immediate family member (as defined in the Non Pro conditions) of the Show Secretary and/or the Show Manager.

**(d) BB Events:**

(A) \$15,000–\$49,999 added money to the entire event.

(B) Follow all NRHA guidelines as set forth in the *NRHA Handbook*.

(C) Must have a show secretary, show manager and show representative/steward. All three must have current NRHA General memberships at the time the show approvals are submitted to the NRHA Office.

(D) Show Secretary or show manager must be certified by the NRHA.

(E) Show Representative/Steward, Show Secretary, and Show Manager must be three separate individuals and the Show Representative/Steward cannot be an immediate family member (as defined in the Non Pro conditions) of the Show Secretary and/or the Show Manager.

(F) Videographer for all classes is strongly recommended.

**(e) A Events:**

(A) \$50,000–\$99,999 added money to entire event.

(B) Follow all NRHA guidelines as set forth in the *NRHA Handbook*.

(C) Must have a show secretary, show manager and show representative/steward. All three must have current NRHA General memberships at the time the show approvals are submitted to the NRHA Office.

(D) Show Secretary or show manager must be certified by the NRHA.

(E) Show Representative/Steward, Show Secretary, and Show Manager must be three separate individuals and Show Representative/Steward cannot be an immediate family member (as defined in the Non Pro conditions) of the Show Secretary and/or the Show Manager.

(F) Judges not to judge over 12 hours per day, actual judging, not including breaks. If a judge judges over the 12 hour limit, the event may be fined \$500 for the first hour and \$100 for each additional hour over. The Show Representative/Steward (s) will be required to report this to NRHA. Fines that are incurred due to conditions that are unforeseen may be waived following an appeal to the Executive Committee.

(G) Videographer for all classes.

**(f) AA Events:**

(A) \$100,000 or more added money to entire event.

- (B)** Follow all NRHA guidelines as set forth in the *NRHA Handbook*.
- (C)** Must have a Show Secretary, Show Manager and Show Steward. All three must have current NRHA General memberships at the time the show approvals are submitted to the NRHA Office.
- (D)** Show Secretary or Show Manager must be certified by the NRHA.
- (E)** Show Steward, Show Secretary and Show Manager must be three separate individuals and cannot be immediate family members (as defined in the Non Pro Conditions).
- (F)** Judges not to judge over twelve (12) hours per day, actual judging, not including breaks. If a judge judges over the twelve (12) hour limit, the event may be fined \$500 for the first hour and \$100 for each additional hour over. The Show Steward(s) will be required to report this to NRHA. Fines that are incurred due to conditions that are unforeseen may be waived following an appeal to the Executive Committee.
- (G)** An NRHA Show Steward must officiate for the entire duration of the show.
- (H)** Professional videographer for all classes. At all shows where there is an official videographer, exhibitors by entering are giving permission to NRHA to use any and all video for educational purposes. Permission must also be obtained from the show's management.
- (7)** All trophy and/or plaque payments must be submitted with the approval form if NRHA official trophies are ordered.
- (8)** Show management will be held responsible for the payment of all trophy, plaque and NRHA five percent (5%) fees if applicable.
- (9)** Any authorized board, club or show committee member who is not showing at said show can contract the services of NRHA approved judge(s). The person(s) hiring the judge(s) will not hire a member of their immediate family (immediate family as defined per the *NRHA Handbook*) to be the (or one of the) official judge(s) of an NRHA approved show. (Except for Category 10 classes.)
- (10)** One of the individuals designated on the show approval application as show manager or show secretary must have attended an NRHA Show Secretary Seminar and become certified within five (5) years preceding the date of the scheduled show.
- (11)** The show manager and/or secretary will be the individuals responsible for the supervision, recording and conduct of all NRHA rules and show records pertaining to the show.
- (12)** NRHA show secretaries or management that fail to follow any NRHA rules, which may or may not result in the forfeiture or exclusion from Top Ten standings of a horse and/or rider, may be fined a \$10 fee per forfeiture or exclusion.
- (13)** It is mandatory that all approved shows utilize judges from

the NRHA Judges List.

**(14)** The Show Representative must have been an NRHA General member in good standing for at least one full calendar year. It is recommended by the Board of Directors that the representative be a current NRHA Judge or NRHA Steward. The representative will be responsible for representing the interests of the contestants to the judge(s) and show management, and will be required to submit to NRHA a representative report not more than fifteen (15) days after the show. Should the representative leave the show grounds for any reason, he/she will be responsible to appoint an alternate representative. The representative must represent all contestants with the show management and judge/judges and will be the sole liaison with said management or judge/judges. The representative must report if he observes any horse being abused or if there are actions by any contestant detrimental to the best interest of the Association such as: loud and profane language, drunkenness or being under the influence of intoxicants; use of devices not permitted by NRHA rules; any unsportsmanlike conduct toward judges, show management, or other exhibitors; or any other infraction of NRHA rules.

**(15)** An NRHA show steward who is a current NRHA General member must serve as an Official at AA events. They are to be employed by the show management and the Steward's name is to be listed on the show approval application. The Steward will be responsible to carry out all current stated responsibilities of an NRHA Show Representative/Steward, including represent the interests of the contestants to the judge(s) and show management; as well as being available to aid judges and show management with Association rules and will investigate any situation where NRHA rules as listed in this *NRHA Handbook* are not upheld.

**(16)** An NRHA approved show that intends to cancel must have approval from the Executive Committee prior to cancellation. Special consideration will be given in the event of emergency cancellations due to circumstances that would jeopardize the safety of participants. The show management must notify the NRHA office by fax, phone, or email. The request will be submitted to the NRHA Executive Committee for review and approval to cancel. The NRHA will determine if materials, including trophies and/or plaques are to be returned to the NRHA office at the show's expense. Failure to follow procedures may result in a \$250 fine and may jeopardize future show approvals.

## **F. ANCILLARY SHOW CONDITIONS**

**(1)** Ancillary shows cannot be restricted by any means other than the requirements set forth.

**(2)** Ancillary shows must have a minimum of one (1) open class. Any other classes from Category 1, 3, 5 and 9 can be held in an ancillary show.

**(3)** In NRHA approved ancillary shows, a minimum of one (1)

Open reining must be offered. However, events with multiple ancillary shows, multiple show applications, a minimum of one (1) Open class must be offered. Example: a three day reining with two slates of classes would be required to hold only one Open class to meet approval provided other criteria are met.

**(4)** All riders, owners and co-owners must be NRHA General members prior to showing in an Ancillary show. If the rider wishes to show in any Non Pro classes, they must apply for Non Pro status prior to showing.

**(5)** All horses must have an NRHA Competition License prior to showing in an Ancillary show.

**(6) Added Money:** Ancillary shows must have a minimum of \$500 Added Money.

**(a)** The following Category 1 classes may not be jackpotted: Open, Intermediate Open, Limited Open, and Non Pro; other classes may be approved as a jackpot.

**(b)** Open added money must be equal to or greater than the added money in any other Category 1 class when the added money in any other Category 1 class equals or exceeds \$500.

**(c)** Limited Open added money may not exceed \$500 and cannot exceed the added money in the Open or Intermediate Open class at a specific show.

**(d)** Intermediate Non Pro added money may not exceed the added money in the Non Pro.

**(e)** Limited Non Pro added money may not exceed \$500.

**(f)** Novice Horse Level 1 may not exceed \$1,000 in added money. Novice Horse Level 2 may not exceed \$2,500 in added money. The added money of Novice Horse Level 1 cannot exceed that of Level 2.

**(g)** The added money of Novice Horse Level 2 cannot exceed that of Intermediate Horse.

**(h)** Rookie Level 1 class must be a jackpot.

**(i)** Rookie Level 2 class added money may not exceed \$100.

**(j)** Youth class added money may not exceed \$100.

**(7) Entry Fees:** Entry fees can be no more than ten percent (10%) of the added money for the respective division, except for the Rookie Level 2.

**(a)** Rookie Level 1 and Level 2 entry fees may not exceed that of the Limited Non Pro.

**(b)** Rookie Level 1 entry fees may not exceed that of the Rookie Level 2.

**(c)** Rookie Level 2 class entry fee may be no more than \$20.

**(d)** Gelding and Mare Incentive classes entry fees may not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the fees in the classes that they complement.

**(e)** In regular NRHA youth reinings, the entry fee may not exceed \$10. For added money youth reinings, the entry fee may not exceed ten percent (10%) of the added money.

**(8) Judges fees may not exceed the entry fee.**

- (a)** Rookie judge's fee may not exceed that of the Limited Non Pro.
- (b)** A judge's fee may not be charged in youth classes.
- (9)** Show management retains and remits to the NRHA the standard five percent (5%) show fee.
- (10)** Show management may retain up to fifty percent (50%) of the entry fees after deducting the NRHA trophy fee (if an official NRHA trophy is ordered) and the NRHA show fee of five percent (5%).
- (11)** To qualify for an NRHA Lawson Trophy, an Open and Non Pro must be offered with \$2,000 or more added to each class.
- (12)** Only one (1) Ancillary show with a Lawson Trophy reining may be held within 350 miles or 550 Kilometers driving distance (one way) on the same day.
- (13)** A single judge may be used for NRHA approved classes not qualifying for a Lawson Trophy. At least two (2) chair judges must be used in all NRHA approved classes with added money of \$2,000 up to \$9,999. At least three (3) chair judges are recommended, but a minimum of two (2) chair judges are required for all NRHA approved classes with added money of \$10,000 up to \$49,999. Five (5) chair judges are recommended, but a minimum of three (3) chair judges are required for all NRHA approved classes with added money of \$50,000 or more.
- (14)** Category 1 classes will be limited to one run and entries cannot be restricted by number.
- (15)** Any event wishing to hold an elimination run prior to a finals for a Category 1 class, must request such in writing through the NRHA office. Eliminations will be allowed if meeting the following criteria:
  - (a)** The show has a large spectator audience and needs to hold a class with a controlled number of entries for a special evening or afternoon performance.
  - (b)** The show has a large number of entries, history of large numbers of entries, or can offer proof that the show expects a large number of entries.
  - (c)** The show management has a history of responsible reporting of monies earned and proper paybacks to the NRHA office.
  - (d)** An elimination round will be used to determine a set number of finalists only—with no payback figured for this round. The number of finalists to be determined by the total number of horses entered in the class with a minimum of two (2) more than percentages require in the appropriate NRHA payback schedule, with the maximum to be determined by show management. Judge's score card for the elimination round and finals will accompany the results.
- (16)** In order to place in a Lawson Trophy Reining, a horse must be shown in the final round of that class.
- (17)** All standards of Judging will apply. (See Rules for Judging)
- (18)** Must use NRHA patterns 1–12. Pattern 12 is to only be used for the Youth 10 & Under Short Stirrup class.

## **G. AGED SHOW AND CLOSED AGED SHOW CONDITIONS**

(1) Aged shows are restricted by the horse's age only. Closed Aged shows are restricted by the horse's age and some other provision (ie. Foal enrollment program, breeders incentive, etc).

(2) NRHA Aged Shows must offer a minimum of one (1) Level 4 Open and one (1) Level 4 Non Pro class. Any other class in Categories 2 and 6 can be held in an aged show.

### **(3) Added Money:**

(a) An Aged Show must have a minimum of \$2000 added money.

(b) Level 2 Non Pro may not exceed the added money in the Level 4 Non Pro or Level 3 Non Pro in Category 2 or Category 6 classes.

(4) All riders, owners and co owners must be NRHA General Members prior to showing in an Aged Show. If the rider wishes to show in any Non Pro classes, they must apply for Non Pro status prior to showing.

(5) All horses must have an NRHA Competition License prior to showing in an Aged or Closed Aged show.

(6) Entry fees can be no more than ten percent (10%) of the added money for the respective division.

(7) Judges fees cannot exceed the entry fee.

(8) Show management retains and remits to the NRHA the standard five percent (5%) show fee.

(9) Show management retains no more than fifty percent (50%) of the entry fees after deducting the NRHA trophy fee (if an official NRHA trophy is ordered) and the NRHA show fee of five percent (5%).

(10) In order to place in a class, a horse must be shown in the final round of that class.

(11) Show management must submit complete Terms & Conditions of the show with the approval.

(12) A single chair judge may be used for NRHA approved classes not qualifying for a Lawson Trophy. At least two (2) chair judges must be used in all NRHA approved classes with added money of \$2,000 up to \$9,999. At least three (3) chair judges are recommended, but a minimum of two (2) chair judges are required for all NRHA approved classes with added money of \$10,000 up to \$49,999. Five (5) chair judges are recommended, but a minimum of three (3) chair judges are required for all NRHA approved classes with added money of \$50,000 or more.

(13) The NRHA Board of Directors determines, after notice to and consideration of the concerns of other NRHA sponsored or sanctioned aged shows, that the show requesting sanction will not adversely impact the other sponsored or sanctioned aged shows.

(14) The show requesting sanction is deemed to have show management, facilities, and scheduling that will bring credit to the NRHA.

(15) *NRHA Handbook* rules must be followed unless specifically altered by the NRHA Board of Directors.

(16) NRHA will make the appropriate official trophy available to these approved aged shows for the posted costs. Trophies will be consistent with added money levels in Ancillary shows (see H. Trophies) with the exception that Lawson Trophy are available to all Category 2 divisions with \$2,000 or more in added money.

(17) All standards of Judging will apply. (See Rules for Judging)

(18) Must use NRHA patterns 1–11.

## **H. BREED RESTRICTED SHOW CONDITIONS**

(1) Breed Restricted shows are restricted by the breed of the horse.

(2) Breed Restricted Shows can offer any class in Category 4.

(3) There is no minimum requirement for added money.

(4) All riders, owners and co-owners must be NRHA General Members prior to showing in a Breed Restricted Show. If the rider wishes to show in any Non Pro classes, they must apply for Non Pro status prior to showing.

(5) All horses must have an NRHA Competition License prior to showing in a Breed Restricted show.

(6) Entry fees can be no more than ten percent (10%) of the added money for the respective division.

(7) Judges fees cannot exceed the entry fee.

(8) Show management retains and remits to the NRHA the standard five percent (5%) show fee.

(9) Show management retains no more than fifty percent (50%) of the entry fees after deducting the NRHA trophy fee (if an official NRHA trophy is ordered) and the NRHA show fee of five percent (5%).

(10) In order to place in a class, a horse must be shown in the final round of that class.

(11) Show management must submit a complete Terms & Conditions of the event with the approval.

(12) A single chair judge may be used for NRHA approved classes not qualifying for a Lawson Trophy. At least two (2) chair judges must be used in all NRHA approved classes with added money of \$2,000 up to \$9,999. At least three (3) chair judges are recommended, but a minimum of two (2) chair judges are required for all NRHA approved classes with added money of \$10,000 up to \$49,999. Five (5) chair judges are recommended, but a minimum of three (3) chair judges are required for all NRHA approved classes with added money of \$50,000 or more.

(13) NRHA will make the appropriate official trophy available to these approved Breed Restricted Shows for the posted costs. Trophies will be consistent with added money levels in Ancillary shows. (see H. Trophies).

(14) All standards of Judging will apply. (See Rules for Judging)

(15) Must use NRHA patterns 1–11.

## **I. JACKPOT AFFILIATE SHOW CONDITIONS**

(1) Jackpot Affiliate shows must be held by an established NRHA

Affiliate and cannot be restricted by any means other than the requirements set forth.

(2) A \$50 show application fee must be submitted with the show approvals for all affiliate shows.

(3) Any class from Category 1, 3, 5 and 9 can be held in a Jackpot Affiliate show.

(4) Jackpot Affiliate Shows can be jackpot only or may have less than \$500 added money to their entire event.

(5) All riders, owners and co-owners must be an NRHA General member prior to showing in an Jackpot Affiliate show. If the rider wishes to show in any Non Pro classes, they must apply for Non Pro status prior to showing.

(6) All horses must have an NRHA Competition License prior to showing in an Jackpot Affiliate show.

(7) Entry fees are to be determined by show management.

(8) Judges fees cannot exceed the entry fee.

(9) Show management does not remit the NRHA five percent (5%) retainage fee.

(10) Show management can retain any percentage of the entry fees.

(11) Category 1 classes will be limited to one run and entries cannot be restricted by number.

(12) All standards of Judging will apply. (See Rules for Judging)

(13) Must use NRHA patterns 1–12. Pattern 12 is to only be used for the Youth 10 & Under Short Stirrup class.

## **J. ENTRY LEVEL RIDE & SLIDE LEVEL 2 SHOW CONDITIONS**

(1) Entry Level Ride & Slide Level 2 shows cannot be restricted by any means other than the requirements set forth.

(2) A \$50 show application fee must be submitted with the show approvals for all Entry Level Ride & Slide Level 2 shows

(3) Any Entry Level Ride & Slide Level 2 class from Category 10 can be held in an Entry Level Ride & Slide Level 2 show.

(4) Entry Level Ride & Slide Level 2 shows can be jackpot only or may have up to \$500 added money in the entire show.

(5) All riders must be an NRHA member prior to showing in an Entry Level Ride & Slide Level 2 show. Non Pro status is not required to show in the Non Pro class.

(6) Horses do not have to have an NRHA Competition License prior to showing in an Entry Level Ride & Slide Level 2 show.

(7) Entry fees are to be determined by show management.

(8) Judges fees cannot exceed the entry fee.

(9) Show management does not remit the NRHA five percent (5%) retainage fee.

(10) Show management can retain any percentage of the entry fees.

(11) All standards of Judging will apply. (See Rules for Judging)

(12) Must use NRHA patterns 1–11.

## **K. ENTRY LEVEL RIDE & SLIDE LEVEL 1 SHOW CONDITIONS**

- (1) Entry Level Ride & Slide Level 1 shows cannot be restricted by any means other than the requirements set forth.
- (2) A \$30 show application fee must be submitted with the show approvals for all Entry Level Ride & Slide Level 1 shows
- (3) Any Entry Level Ride & Slide Level 1 class from Category 10 can be held in an Entry Level Ride & Slide Level 1 show.
- (4) Entry Level Ride & Slide Level 1 shows must be jackpot.
- (5) All riders must be an NRHA member prior to showing in an Entry Level Ride & Slide Level 1 show. Non Pro status is not required to show in the Non Pro class.
- (6) Horses do not have to have an NRHA Competition License prior to showing in an Entry Level Ride & Slide Level 1 show.
- (7) Entry fees are to be determined by show management.
- (8) Judges fees cannot exceed the entry fee.
- (9) Show management does not remit the NRHA five percent (5%) retainage fee.
- (10) Show management can retain any percentage of the entry fees.
- (11) Relaxed judging practices apply. (See Rules for Judging)
- (12) May use relaxed patterns. Must submit a pattern diagram with show approval forms. It is the responsibility of the show management to inform the judge of the relaxed pattern prior to horses being shown. The required maneuvers are at least two (2) sliding stops, two (2) circles in each direction, four (4) spins to the left and four (4) spins to the right.

## **L. GREEN LEVEL SHOW CONDITIONS**

- (1) Green Level shows cannot be restricted by any means other than the requirements set forth.
- (2) A Green Level show must be held in conjunction with an NRHA Ancillary show.
- (3) Any green class from Category 10 can be held in a green show.
- (4) Green Level shows can be jackpot only and will award Green points.
- (5) When exhibitors reach the point levels to earn out of the class they will receive an award.
- (6) All riders must be an NRHA member prior to showing in a Green Level show.
- (7) Entry fees are to be determined by show management.
- (8) Show management cannot charge exhibitors a judge's fee.
- (9) Show management does not remit the NRHA five percent (5%) retainage fee.
- (10) Show management can retain any percentage of the entry fees.
- (11) Relaxed judging practices apply. (See Rules for Judging)
- (12) Must use NRHA patterns 1–11. However, simple lead changes are allowed and the rider may use one (1) or two (2) hands, but must not change hands or switch from one to two hands.
- (13) Green Reiner points will be awarded according to the NRHA Youth Point Scale (See Youth Rules and Regulations).

## **M. TROPHIES**

(1) NRHA approved ancillary classes may provide the official trophy or award designated for the class or division. The awards may be purchased from NRHA at the published trophy price plus applicable shipping, taxes, etc. If a show does not offer NRHA trophies, the class winners may elect to purchase the trophy by paying the appropriate trophy fee plus applicable shipping, taxes, etc. Only official NRHA trophies can be deducted from payouts.

(2) Classes or divisions may present one trophy at the highest qualifying level.

(3) If ordered, the Lawson Trophy must be presented to the Open and Non Pro class when \$2,000 or more in added money is offered and other special Lawson Trophy qualifications are met. Open and Non Pro are the only classes in Ancillary shows that are allowed presentation of the Lawson Trophy.

(4) If ordered, the Morrison Trophy is mandatory for classes with \$1,000 added or more, but not qualifying for the Lawson Trophy.

(5) If ordered, the Pewter Trophy is mandatory for classes with \$500 added or more, but not qualifying for the Lawson Trophy or Morrison Trophy.

(6) If ordered, the Pewter Trophy is mandatory for the \$200-\$500 added Limited Non Pro class.

(7) If ordered, the Morrison Freestyle Trophy must be and can only be presented for a \$1,000 or more added Freestyle class.

(8) First through tenth place awards are mandatory for Youth classes except for Category 10 shows.

(9) If ordered, plaques are mandatory for Rookie and other approved classes not meeting the added money levels outlined in this section.

(10) For Category 2 Aged Show awards, refer to G. Aged Show Conditions.

## **N. GENERAL SHOW CONDITIONS**

(1) All entry forms must accurately and truthfully identify horses, owner (based on records in NRHA database) and rider when the information is asked for from the exhibitor. Any misrepresentation or false statement on the entry form shall constitute unsportsmanlike conduct and will subject owner and/or exhibitor to disciplinary action as set forth in the *NRHA Handbook*, as well as affect the counting of earnings for Top Ten purposes.

(2) All exhibitors and owners/co-owners must be current members of NRHA. All NRHA members may renew or purchase their memberships at the show. Non Pro members may renew at a show if they present their previous year's non pro card to the show secretary. New Non Pro applicants must complete a Non Pro declaration and submit it with the Non Pro fee, a completed membership application and membership dues. If a horse is shown without current NRHA membership for the owner/co-

owner and/or rider and it is required, the show will be fined \$10 per offense. The non-current member will be fined \$25 in addition to the cost of his/her membership. Failure to pay could result in suspension and all privileges of membership could be denied. Refer to *NRHA Handbook*, GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS, H. FAILURE TO PAY.

**(3)** All horses in a class must be drawn for position and must run as drawn, except in the case of an event that is running multiple arenas simultaneously. In this case priority is given to one arena and that arena will maintain the draw, while the other arena will allow for flexibility in the draw to assist riders with conflicts between arenas. All horses must have a correct exhibitor number displayed.

**(4)** The draw must be available to exhibitors at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the first horse entering the arena.

**(5)** If an entry is made after the draw is posted, it is the decision of the show management as to whether that entry runs first or last. It must be consistent for all entries in that class (except in the case of an exhibitor with multiple horses).

**(6)** Exhibitors that enter and scratch a class for any reason after the draw has been posted will be liable for any and all fees incurred in connection to entering that class.

**(7)** Failure to display correct exhibitor number will result in the rider receiving a \$25 fine per offense.

**(8)** If an entrant misses his/her turn as determined by the draw, he/she will be disqualified from that go round (except for cases where unusual and truly unavoidable circumstances exist). Each case will be judged on its own merit by the judge(s).

**(9)** Substitution of riders will not be permitted except by agreement of the show management and NRHA Representative/Steward in case of injury or other extenuating circumstances.

**(10)** A rider may not show more than three (3) horses in an NRHA class. If a rider rides more than one horse, there should be a spread of at least eight (8) horses between his/her runs. In cases where this minimum spread is not possible due to the number of entries, the spread should be the maximum possible. A horse may be entered only once per class. In the instance where classes are run concurrent, a rider may show three horses per class and a horse may only be shown once.

**(11)** If a horse is shown without correct ownership on the competition license, when ownership records are required, the rider will each be fined \$25. If a show secretary reports an incorrect owner on show results they will be fined \$10. A second offense may result in the rider being disqualified and forfeited from the class and a \$200 fine.

**(12)** All horses must be ridden astride.

**(13)** It is mandatory for all riders to use appropriate western tack and western attire while showing; this would include a long sleeve shirt, western hat or safety helmet, boots, western saddle, and

western bridle. (Freestyle reining being exempt based on conditions.) Failure to use appropriate attire will result in a score of 0.

**(14)** The Affiliate, Show Committee and all participants, spectators and others, acknowledge that because these rules have been established on the basis of experience and fairness to all who are interested in the betterment of reining horse competition, the NRHA assumes no liability for any injuries, damages or claims of whatever nature from any Affiliate, Show Committee, participant or spectator arising out of performance conducted under the NRHA General Rules and Requirements.

**(15)** Any person or entity in violation of NRHA rules may be subject to, but not limited to, fines, forfeitures, exclusion from Top Ten standings, probation, and/or disciplinary procedures.

**(16)** At all shows where there is an official videographer, exhibitors by entering are giving permission to NRHA to use any and all video for educational purposes. Permission must also be obtained from the show's management.

**(17)** No horse may be shown before its 3-year-old year in NRHA events.

## **O. TIES**

**(1)** All ties for 1st place will be worked off if the tied exhibitors agree to participate in a run-off. Tied exhibitors have the alternate option of agreeing not to run-off and to be named co-champions but must determine the winner of the awards by a flip of a coin. If they do not agree, the exhibitor(s) who does not want to run-off will forfeit first place to the other(s). (Exceptions: Freestyle reining—see Freestyle Reining conditions to determine winner or co-champions.)

**(2)** Ties that are worked off will use the same pattern and order of go as was used during the event; however, there will not be more than one run-off.

**(3)** If a tie occurs after the run-off, the entrants will be named co-champions; will evenly split 1st and 2nd prize money, but must determine the winner of the awards by a flip of a coin.

**(4)** In the event of a co-championship, the participant that loses the coin toss does have the option of purchasing a second trophy.

**(5)** A horse not returning for a run-off without such an agreement will forfeit 1st place prize money regardless of the added money. (If three or more exhibitors have tied for 1st place, the exhibitor(s) not returning for the run-off will be placed in the lowest position for which he/she was tied, i.e., in a three way tie for first, the exhibitor not returning would receive 3rd place.)

**(6)** In the case of a run-off, the contestant(s) not winning the run-off cannot be placed lower than the lowest position for which he/she was tied, i.e., 2nd/3rd.

**(7)** All other ties are not worked off and will involve as many places as there are horses tied, i.e., 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th. The prize money in the previously mentioned example is added together and split equally- four ways.

## **P. SHOW RESULTS**

(1) The manager and/or secretary will **postmark** official documents (show results, original judge's score card, membership applications and other NRHA documents) to the NRHA office within ten (10) days after the last day of the show as required by the rules herein. Show manager and /or secretary will also maintain a copy of show results and maintain the official show entry forms for a period of at least twelve (12) months. Prior to returning to the NRHA office within the ten (10) day requirement, the original judge's sheets must remain in the custody of show secretary for supervision, control, and safekeeping.

(2) Ancillary, Breed Restricted, Affiliate, **Entry Level Ride & Slide and Green Level Show** results must record all riders and horses shown, including scratches, zeros and no scores in the proper placing and properly labeled. Show results must include membership numbers for all riders and owners/co-owners. Show results must include competition license numbers for every horse. Original judges score cards must accompany show results. If show results are submitted incomplete, they will not be accepted and are subject to late fines if complete show results are not submitted within the specified time limit (see section N.3.).

Aged Show results must record all money earners in the proper placing. Show results must include membership numbers for all riders and owners/co owners. Show results must include competition license numbers for every horse. Original judges score cards must accompany show results. If show results are submitted incomplete, they will not be accepted and are subject to late fines if complete show results are not submitted within the specified time limit (see section N.4.).

Category 10 show results must record all money and/or point earners in the proper placing. Show results must include membership numbers for all riders. Original judges score cards must accompany show results. If show results are submitted incomplete, they will not be accepted and are subject to late fines if complete show results are not submitted within the specified time limit.

(3) Calculation of the NRHA five percent (5%) retainage shall be the total entry fees, minus the NRHA trophy cost (if an NRHA official trophy is ordered) multiplied by five percent (5%). Shows that require NRHA five percent (5%) retainage to be paid, must submit payment of the five percent (5%) fees with their show results within the timeline stated in this *handbook*.

(4) Shows failing to **postmark** show results by ten (10) business days following the completion of an NRHA event will be assessed a penalty of \$100. Submitting late show results may jeopardize future NRHA show approvals as determined by the NRHA Executive Committee. An additional penalty of \$500 will be assessed if postmarked after twenty (20) business days. Any results not received by the completion of the

- NRHA Futurity will not be recognized by the NRHA office.
- (5) NRHA approved events will pay back to the current rider, agent, or owner of the horse as recorded with the NRHA the total of the net entry fees, less the show committee's retainage plus the total added money (the full amount of added money must be paid out). Round to the nearest penny when calculating prize money. The contestants will be paid from this pool on a percentage basis depending on placement and number of entries. The payback in all NRHA events (including jackpot classes) will use the appropriate percentage payback schedule provided in the *NRHA Handbook*. Refer to NRHA Worksheet For Paybacks.
  - (6) Payout to current recorded rider, agent, or owner must be made within forty five (45) days following the completion of the NRHA show. Failure to comply may jeopardize future NRHA approval as determined by the Executive Committee.
  - (7) Youth Class Results: The top 10 youth in each class must be placed and reported on the official show results form. Prize money for added money and jackpot NRHA youth reining classes must be calculated using NRHA Payback Schedule A. The prize money and points must be represented on the show results forms. When calculating youth money, the NRHA plaque cost may not be deducted and the NRHA five percent (5%) office fee is not deducted and is not paid to NRHA. No other type of office fee may be charged to NRHA approved youth classes.
  - (8) Neither a no score nor a 0 are eligible to place in a go round or single go round class. Neither a no score nor a 0 may advance in a multi-go event. In multi-go events, finals qualifying horses that get a 0 or scratch will still be eligible for payouts, with a 0 placing higher than a scratch. In the event not enough horses qualify for total purse distribution, the undistributed portion of the purse will be retained by show management.
  - (9) When copying is available, posting judge's score cards is mandatory for NRHA approved classes. Score cards should be posted within one hour of class completion. In the event copies are not an option, judge's score cards must be made available for supervised inspection. Original judge's score cards must remain in the custody of the show secretary for supervision, control, and safekeeping until they are returned to the NRHA office with the show results. Original judge's score cards must be returned to the NRHA office with show results.
  - (10) A reining will be complete and the posted scores will be considered official thirty minutes following the last horse of the day. In cases where a class is run in sections over multiple days, each day's scores will be official thirty minutes after the last run of each section. Scores must be posted or made available to exhibitors as soon as possible. Score corrections may not be made at any time after the judge has left the grounds.

## **Q. YEAR-END AWARDS**

- (1) The owners and riders of horses competing in NRHA com-

petition must comply with NRHA membership requirements, being current members in good standing for money earned to count toward year end Top Ten awards.

**(2)** The earnings are not counted retroactively, only from the day the membership is received in the NRHA office to the end of the award year. All entry information represented on entry forms must accurately state the competition license number for the horse, the current membership number for the rider, and the current membership number(s) for the owner(s) for Top Ten earnings to count.

**(3)** A Top Ten record will be kept for each of the following classes:

- a.** Open;
- b.** Intermediate Open;
- c.** Limited Open;
- d.** Rookie Professional;
- e.** Non Pro;
- f.** Intermediate Non Pro;
- g.** Limited Non Pro;
- h.** Prime Time Non Pro;
- i.** Novice Horse Open Level 1;
- j.** Novice Horse Open Level 2;
- k.** Novice Horse Non Pro Level 1;
- l.** Novice Horse Non Pro Level 2;
- m.** Youth 13 & Under;
- n.** Youth 14–18.

A Lawson trophy will be awarded to the year-end champion of each class. A Morrison trophy will be awarded to the year-end reserve champion of each class. A pewter trophy will be awarded to top ten places 3–10. Year end awards for the Top Ten standings will be titled NRHA World Champion for the high money earners and youth point earners, NRHA Reserve World Champion for the second high money earners and youth point earners, and NRHA Top Ten for the 3rd–10th top money earners and youth point earners.

**(4)** The earnings will be awarded on a “one horse—one rider” combination in the Non Pro, Intermediate Non Pro, Limited Non Pro, Novice Horse Non Pro Level 1, Novice Horse Non Pro Level 2, Prime Time Non Pro, and Youth classes.

**(5)** The earnings will be awarded to the horse in the Open, Intermediate Open, Limited Open, Rookie Professional, Novice Horse Open Level 1, and Novice Horse Open Level 2 classes. The award will be presented to the owner(s) of record at the completion of the NRHA awards year.

**(6)** The NRHA award year begins with the first approved reining following the NRHA Futurity and ends with the NRHA Futurity the following year.

**(7)** NRHA World Champions and Reserve World Champions and Top Ten (3rd–10th) placing horses must have earned money in at least seven (7) NRHA approved shows, in that respective

class, to qualify for the title.

**(8)** The NRHA will also award Certificates of Achievement for all qualifying horses at the end of each year based on cumulative earnings in Category 1. The levels of achievement are:

Certificate of Merit	.....\$ 2,500
Silver Certificate	..... 5,000
Gold Certificate	..... 10,000
Platinum Certificate	.....20,000

**(9)** All Top Ten placings and qualifications for year-end awards will be final and not subject to change as of December 31 of that year unless due to disciplinary action as decided on by the Executive Committee.

**(10)** Affiliates can grant year end trophies in all classes providing those classes were offered in at least 3 shows. Awards will be granted for a combination of one horse/one rider. Champions will be awarded with a pewter trophy and reserve champions with a plaque.



