

## SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS

### A. MEMBERSHIP

(1) All riders and owners (including business entities) of horses showing in NRHA approved competition must be NRHA members in good standing. Every member is issued a membership card with an identification number (ID#). This number must be used in all official communication with NRHA, and the card (or a photocopy) must also be shown to the show secretary when entering NRHA approved classes. New and renewing members can be apply for membership 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 owners and riders with their current NRHA ID#s, and the horse must be identified with the correct competition license number. Any deviation from the above information may affect NRHA earnings and awards records. 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:** NRHA memberships commence when the application and fees are received in the NRHA office. Annual and three-year memberships end December 31. Members will receive their first print issue of the *NRHA Reiner* 6–8 weeks after the membership is activated. Memberships and *NRHA Reiner* subscriptions are not retroactive. NRHA memberships and Non Pro Declarations that are submitted to NRHA with show results will be made effective the first date of the respective show.

**Memberships paid at shows:** If a member attends a show without proof of current membership, he/she will be required to complete an NRHA membership application and pay the corresponding membership dues and fees before entering, including Non Pro Declarations. If the member previously applied through the NRHA office or at a prior show, NRHA will refund the second fee.

#### **Membership Categories:**

**General:** A non-competing membership for an individual or business entity. This includes horse owners and breeders who wish to complete nominations and/or licenses for their horses and to participate in other NRHA programs. General members have full NRHA rights, responsibilities and voting privileges.

**Professionals:** A professional is an individual who is not eligible for a Non Pro card. A professional must fill out and sign a Professionals Code of Conduct and must accompany a Professionals membership application. Once the Professionals status is granted, the professional does not have to resubmit the Code of Conduct unless their

membership lapses for more than one calendar year. Professional members will have the same privileges as General members.

**Non Pro:** A Non Pro member is a non-professional rider. A full description for eligibility follows in the “Non Pro Conditions” section. A member must submit a Non Pro Declaration and pay a one-time fee with the membership application and dues. Non Pro Declarations can be 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 refile a Non Pro Declaration with the accompanying fee. Non Pro members will have the same privileges as General members.

**Youth:** Refer to Youth Show Rules and Regulations for youth membership conditions.

**Youth Non Pro: For Youth members only.** A member must submit a Non Pro Declaration and pay a one-time fee with the membership application and dues. If a Youth Non Pro membership has lapsed for more than one calendar year, the applicant will be required to refile a Non Pro Declaration, including the fee.

**Life Member:** When a person wishes to remain an NRHA member throughout his/her lifetime, a Life membership can be purchased for a one-time fee. Should a life member die, his/her membership will continue through December 31 of the current year. This allows for any horses showing under that membership to continue doing so for annual Top Ten awards or other purposes. Life members have full NRHA rights, responsibilities and voting privileges, excluding an *NRHA Reiner* magazine print subscription, which can be purchased and renewed annually at member rates, or access the free digital edition at nrha.com.

**Associate, Associate Non Pro, and Associate Youth:** An Associate membership is for individuals who wish to show or enter horses in Category 10 (entry level) classes only. An associate membership does not include the right to vote, nominate, or officiate, nor does it include an *NRHA Reiner* print subscription. However, access to the *NRHA Reiner* magazine digital edition is free at nrha.com.

**(b) NRHA Reiner Magazine Subscription and Postage Fees USA:** Members may elect to receive the *NRHA Reiner* (printed version), one (1) subscription per address. Associate, Youth and Lifetime members may purchase a *Reiner* subscription at the member price (see NRHA Fee Schedule policy). A free digital edition of the *NRHA Reiner* is available at nrha.com.

**International Member/Subscribers:** NRHA members outside of the U.S. may elect to receive the *NRHA Reiner*

(print edition), however, additional postage is required. (See NRHA Fee Schedule policy). A free digital edition of the *NRHA Reiner* is available at nrha.com.

(2) When more than one person or business entity wishes to be listed as the owners on a horse's competition license, they must be current members of NRHA, either jointly or individually. However, if either party intends to compete in NRHA events, each owner must have a separate membership to track individual earnings.

## **B. NON PRO MEMBERSHIP CONDITIONS**

### **(1) ELIGIBILITY:**

(a) A Non Pro is defined as a person who, at the time of application, has not won more than \$200,000 (two hundred thousand dollars) in Open reining competition (Categories 1, 2 and 6) and who has not received direct (money) or indirect (goods or services) remuneration for:

(1) Training or showing astride in any equine discipline.

(2) Giving instruction on showing or training of a performance horse (Reining, Cutting, Cow Horse).

(3) Sponsorships or endorsements unless approved by the Executive Committee due to celebrity status gained outside the reining industry.

(b) An ineligible person may obtain Non Pro status by meeting all Non Pro requirements for a period of three (3) years.

(1) During the ineligible time period, the member may show only in NRHA Open competition.

(2) After obtaining Non Pro status, the member is eligible for any classes based on his/her current eligibility.

(c) **Non Pro Relinquishment:** A Non Pro who gives up his/her Non Pro status to become an NRHA Professional rider must complete and submit the Non Pro Relinquishment form within 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 Category 2 or 6 Level 1 Open and Rookie Professional class.

### **(2) APPLICATION PROCESS:**

(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 and accepting all rules and regulations relating to NRHA Non Pro membership.

(c) 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 and forfeiture of earnings and prizes pending publication of the Non Pro member's name in the *NRHA Reiner*.

**(d)** Once Non Pro status is granted, the Non Pro does not have to resubmit a Non Pro Declaration unless there is a change in his/her eligibility or if the membership lapses for more than one calendar year.

**(3) SHOWING:**

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

**(1)** the Non Pro

**(2)** Member(s) of the Non Pro's immediate family

**(3)** A corporation, partnership, or other business entity provided that the Non Pro and/or members of his/her immediate family are the sole 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. See the Competition Licensing section of the *Handbook*.

**(b) Immediate family** is defined as: 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, aunt, uncle, grandmother, and grandfather.

**(1) Partner/mate status** will only be accepted when the civil status is legally and lawfully registered in the country/state of residence. All relationships must be current and lawful.

**(c)** It is the Non Pro's responsibility to file an Immediate Family form with the NRHA prior to showing a family member's horse, and to update the form with any changes. If there is no Immediate Family form on file with the NRHA office, a Non Pro may be required to forfeit any NRHA Non Pro classes in which he/she has shown.

**(d)** Entry fees and/or expenses paid by anyone other than the Non Pro, his/her immediate family, or a family-owned business entity as outlined in (a)(3) above, shall be considered remuneration and could jeopardize Non Pro status.

**(e)** 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.

**(1)** If a Non Pro and/or his/her immediate family member sells a horse and then buys it back, that horse cannot be shown in Non Pro classes for 180 days from the date of the original sale.

**(f) Leases:** A leased horse may be shown in Non Pro competition under the following guidelines:

**(1)** Prior to showing, the lessee (Non Pro) showing the leased horse, must have a lease on file and all fees paid to the NRHA office prior to competing.

**(2)** The lease must be to an individual only. There are no restrictions to the number of times the lease can be renewed. All leases end on December 31 of the calendar year.

**(3)** During the term of the lease, the lessee and his/her immediate family may show the leased horse in all categories of classes, excluding Categories 2 and 6.

**(4)** A Professionals member may show the leased horse in open competition.

**(5)** Only one lease at a time per horse will be recognized.

**(6)** The lessor may not show the horse during the term of the lease.

**(4) ALLOWANCES:**

**(a)** A Non Pro can accept payment of entry fees and/or expenses for:

**(1)** Demonstrations, exhibitions, or international competitions where the Non Pro is representing their National Federation.

**(2)** Competitions where the Non Pro is representing their college or school as an individual or part of a team.

**(3)** Demonstrations pre-approved by the NRHA Executive Committee.

**(4)** Travel expenses from an NRHA Affiliate for exhibitors qualifying for NRHA Affiliate Championship competition.

See Adequan<sup>®</sup> North American Affiliate Program Conditions.

**(b)** Students enrolled in college/university equine programs may accept remuneration for giving lessons or training horses astride as part of an educational curriculum (e.g., internships, exchange programs) during the term of the curriculum. To be accepted under this provision, a Non Pro applicant must disclose this information to the NRHA office. Students exempted under this provision may only show in open competition during the term of the curriculum.

**(c)** A Non Pro may appear in reining industry advertisements as long as no remuneration, direct or indirect is received.

**(d)** A Youth member can be selected for and participate in any NRHyA approved exchange program without jeopardizing his/her Youth Non Pro status.

**(e)** A Non Pro applicant can be a certified instructor in a national equine therapy program (e.g. Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International). The therapy instructor shall only teach students enrolled with an approved organization or students prescribed such rehabilitation by a licensed medical doctor. For NRHA to accept a Non Pro

under this provision, the applicant must disclose this information on his/her Non Pro Declaration form.

**(5) NON PRO INVESTIGATION PROCEDURES:**

**(a)** A Non Pro card is a privilege and not a right.

**(b)** The Non Pro Committee may review all applicants and make a recommendation to the NRHA Board of Directors whose decision shall be final.

**(c)** Should a member wish to protest the eligibility of a Non Pro, he/she may file a protest with the NRHA office in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Disciplinary Procedure section.

**(d)** NRHA has the right to review details of any transaction relating to the sale of a horse, including in the review shall be methods of procurement, all transfer records, cancelled checks and deposit slips.

**(6) NRHA APPRENTICE PROGRAM:**

**(a) Non Pro Apprentice Exemption:** Apprentice status must be granted prior to a Non Pro applicant apprenticing with an NRHA Professional. Applicants must allow forty-five (45) days (minimum) for processing applications. Individuals who begin an 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.

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

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

**(d)** There is no earnings limit to apply for Apprenticeship.

**(e)** An Apprentice Program applicant may be subject to a personal interview with the Non Pro Committee.

**(f)** The NRHA Office may grant Apprentice status.

**(g)** The applicant must apprentice with an NRHA Professional and physically work at their facility.

**(h)** The Apprentice can only show in Open division classes during the apprenticeship period, and all of his/her previous NRHA Non Pro and Open earnings will be used to determine the Apprentice's class eligibility.

**(i)** The Apprenticeship period is twelve (12) consecutive months. At the end of that time, the Apprentice may choose to remain an Open rider, in which case, previous Non Pro earnings will be backed out for class eligibility purposes. If the Apprentice does not wish to remain an Open rider, he/she must reapply for Non Pro status and is subject to the Non Pro conditions. Any monies won during the Apprenticeship will be applied to his/her Non Pro eligibility.

## **C. COMPETITION LICENSING**

**(1)** An NRHA competition license is a permanent identification record assigned to each horse. All horses competing in NRHA approved competition are required to have a competition license (except for those being shown only in Category 10 classes).

**(2)** A horse's registered breed name will be used as its NRHA competition name. Owners of unregistered horses may select a name, provided the name does not appear in the NRHA database prior to the application date.

**(3)** For NRHA age-restricted events (such as futurities and derbies), the horse's age shall be determined as follows:

**(a)** For horses foaled in the Northern Hemisphere, age will be determined by 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 July 1, 2015–December 31, 2015 will be considered a weanling in 2016 and a yearling in 2017).

**(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)** A one-time fee is assessed for the horse's original competition license. A photocopy of the horse's registration papers must accompany the application. For unregistered horses, photographs of the horse's front, back, left and right sides must accompany the application. Additional fees will be assessed for replacement licenses, ownership transfers, and reprints requested for any reason, such as a name change, or an update from stallion to gelding status.

**(5)** It is the purchaser's responsibility to obtain a horse's competition license from the previous owner, and to submit all transfer paperwork and fees prior to showing the horse. The competition license, or the license transfer, is effective on the date it is received in the NRHA office or submitted to the show secretary at an NRHA approved event; it is not retroactive.

**(6)** The competition license (original, photocopy or electronic file) must be shown to the show secretary at NRHA approved events. All competition license applications and transfers of ownership must be completed prior to competing.

**(7)** 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 disqualification, forfeiture, and a \$200 fine.

**(8) Lost Competition Licenses:** Competition licenses that have been lost for any reason can be replaced by filing an affidavit and submitting the appropriate fee.

**(9)** 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*.

**(10)** When a horse is gelded, the owner must report it to the NRHA immediately and return the horse's original competition license to the NRHA with a statement indicating the gelding procedure date. The NRHA staff will make the appropriate notation in the records and on the horse's competition license, and will return the license at no charge.

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

Class Eligibility for the current year for horses and riders are based on NRHA recorded earnings on January 1. The Board will set eligibility levels for all categories for the next show year by August 31.

It is the owner's and rider's responsibility to be aware of official NRHA horse and rider earnings. When eligibility limits are surpassed during the show year, the exhibitor can complete the year in that specific class or division. Any rider competing in a class or division for which he/she is ineligible (or his/her horse is ineligible) will be fined \$25 for the first offense. After receiving notice, any second offense may result in a \$200 fine. For youth riders see **YOUTH SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS, A. MEMBERSHIP AND SHOW CONDITIONS (7)**. When a horse/rider is found to be ineligible, the earnings will be forfeited to the NRHA and redirected to the Show Committee for redistribution. NRHA will correct the class placing and earnings in the database. The disqualified exhibitor is responsible for returning all forfeited earnings to the NRHA and all prizes and awards to the show secretary.

When a suspended exhibitor is reinstated as an NRHA member in good standing, his/her eligibility will resume at the level held prior to suspension. Anyone showing in NRHA approved competition is subject to Section F. General Show Conditions as outlined in this *NRHA Handbook*. Current eligibility requirements for all categories, classes, and divisions as set forth by the NRHA Board can be found on nrha.com or in the Eligibility Policy section of this *Handbook*. For members giving up Non Pro cards, or open riders who wish to attain Non Pro status, please refer to the Non Pro Conditions.

### **CATEGORY 1**

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



Refer to the current policy set forth by the Board regarding Eligibility. For members giving up Non Pro cards please refer to the Non Pro Conditions.

Open	
Intermediate Open	
Limited Open	
Rookie Professional	Can run concurrent with any Category 1 Open, Intermediate Open, or Limited Open.
Non Pro	
Intermediate Non Pro	
Limited Non Pro	
Prime Time Non Pro	For persons 50 and older as of January 1 of the current year. Can run concurrent with the Category 1 Non Pro, Intermediate Non Pro or Limited Non Pro.
Novice Horse	Can be held in Level 1 and Level 2, also available in Open and Non Pro divisions.

## CATEGORY 2

NRHA Approved Aged Shows (Futurity, Derby and other approved Aged Shows; see G. Aged Show Conditions. Requires a NRHA Professionals, Non Pro, Youth or Youth Non Pro membership in order to show.) Refer to the current policy set forth by the Board regarding Eligibility. For members giving up Non Pro cards please refer to the Non Pro Conditions.

Level 4 Open	
Level 3 Open	
Level 2 Open	
Level 1 Open	
Prime Time Open	For persons 50 and older as of January 1 of the current year. Can run concurrent with the Category 2 Level 4, Level 3, Level 2, or Level 1 Open class.
Level 4 Non Pro	
Level 3 Non Pro	
Level 2 Non Pro	
Level 1 Non Pro	
Prime Time Non Pro	For persons 50 and older as of January 1 of the current year. Can run concurrent with the Category 2 Level 4, Level 3, Level 2, or Level 1 Non Pro class.
Snaffle Bit or Hackamore	Limited to 3, 4, and/or 5 year old horses. Any combination of these classes can be offered: 3 year old; 3 and 4 year old; 4 year old and

	under, 5 and under; 4 and 5 year old. Can be run in either Open or Non Pro divisions. See NRHA Rules for Judging for more details.
7 & Up	Limited to horses 7 years or older. Can be run in either Open or Non Pro divisions.

### CATEGORY 3

See Youth Show Rules and Regulations. Requires a Youth or Youth Non Pro membership in order to show. Refer to the current policy set forth by the Board regarding Eligibility.

Youth 10 & Under Short Stirrup	For youth 10 & under as of January 1 of the current year. Must run Pattern 14 or 15 only. Riders may use a horse without the restrictions of ownership defined in the Youth Conditions. Not a Top Ten class and points will not count toward Rookie or Youth Rookie eligibility. No penalty for holding the saddle. May ride with standard reins or any type of closed reins. May ride with one or two hands on the reins at any time during the class.
Youth 13 & Under	For youth 13 & under as of January 1 of the current year. Must use horses with ownership as defined in the Youth Show Rules and Regulations. Top Ten Class.
Youth 14-18	For youth 14-18 as of January 1 of the current year. Must use horses with ownership as defined in the Youth Show Rules and Regulations. Top Ten Class.
Youth Rookie 18 & Under	For youth 18 & under as of January 1 of the current year. Riders may use a horse without the restrictions of ownership defined in the Youth Conditions. Not a Top Ten class. May run concurrent only with Youth classes.
Unrestricted Youth	For youth 18 & under as of January 1 of the current year. Riders may use a horse without the restrictions of ownership defined in the Youth Conditions. Not a Top Ten class. May 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 NRHA Professionals, Non Pro, Youth or Youth Non Pro membership in order to show.)

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Jr. Reining

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Sr. Reining

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All Age Reining

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Youth Reining

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Open Reining

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Non Pro Reining

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#### **CATEGORY 5**

NRHA approved Ancillary classes, NRHA rules to apply, but not for World Champion and Top Ten awards. Requires a NRHA Professionals, Non Pro, Youth or Youth Non Pro membership in order to show. Refer to the current policy set forth by the Board regarding Eligibility. For members giving up Non Pro cards please refer to the Non Pro Conditions.

Ancillary Gelding Incentive Classes	Any ancillary class may offer this division. Entry may be made only after entering the corresponding class. Added money cannot be greater than the added money of the corresponding class. May be jackpotted or have added money. There may or may not be a judges fee.
Intermediate Horse	Can be run in either Open or Non Pro divisions.
Rookie Level 2	Must have a Non Pro membership. Riders may use a horse without the restrictions of ownership defined in the Non Pro Conditions. Horses are to be shown one handed. Rookie Level 2 can only be run concurrent with Rookie Level 1 or Prime Time Rookie. Must offer Rookie Level 1 in order to hold a Rookie Level 2.
Rookie Level 1	Must have a Non Pro membership. Riders may use a horse without the restrictions of ownership defined in the Non Pro Conditions. Horses are to be shown one handed. Rookie Level 1 can only be run concurrent with Rookie Level 2 or Prime Time Rookie.
Prime Time Open	For persons 50 and older as of January 1 of the current year. Can run concurrent with the Category 1 Open, Intermediate Open, Limited Open or

	Rookie Professional class. Money won will not count toward World Champion awards. Money won will be used to determine eligibility for Rookie class only
Prime Time Rookie	For persons 50 and older as of January 1 of the current year. Must have Non Pro membership. Must run concurrently with a regular Rookie class. Money won will not count toward World Champion awards. Money won will be used to determine eligibility for Rookie class only.
Masters Non Pro	For persons 60 or older as of January 1 of the current year.
Senior Horse	Restricted to horses 6 years of age or older. Class must be FEI approved. Can be run in either Open or Non Pro divisions.

### **CATEGORY 6**

NRHA Approved Closed Aged Shows; see G. Aged Show Conditions. Not for World Champion and Top Ten awards. Requires a NRHA Professional, Non Pro, Youth or Youth Non Pro membership in order to show. Refer to the current policy set forth by the Board regarding Eligibility. For members giving up Non Pro cards please refer to the Non Pro Conditions. Closed aged shows require entry using specific criteria, i.e. breeders' futurities and derbies that require stallion subscription, foal nomination, breed or gender restrictions or other such requirements. Category 6 classes must be patterned after Category 2 classes.

Gelding Incentive Class	May be offered in any Category 2 or 6 class. Entry may be made only after entering the corresponding class. Added money cannot be greater than the added money of the corresponding class. May be jackpotted or have added money. There may or may not be a judges fee.
Mare Incentive Class	May be offered in any Category 2 or 6 class. Entry may be made only after entering the corresponding class. Added money cannot be greater than the added money of the corresponding class. May be jackpotted or have added money. There may or may not be a judges fee.
Level 4 Open	
Level 3 Open	

Level 2 Open	
Level 1 Open	
Prime Time Open	For persons 50 and older as of January 1 of the current year. Can run concurrent with the Category 2 Level 4, Level 3, Level 2, or Level 1 Open class.
Level 4 Non Pro	
Level 3 Non Pro	
Level 2 Non Pro	
Level 1 Non Pro	
Prime Time Non Pro	For persons 50 and older as of January 1 of the current year. Can run concurrent with the Category 2 Level 4, Level 3, Level 2, or Level 1 Non Pro class.

### **CATEGORY 7**

NRHA Approved Affiliate Championship classes; requires qualification through the NRHA Affiliate Championship program to enter. Requires a NRHA Professionals, Non Pro, Youth or Youth Non Pro membership in order to show. Refer to the current policy set forth by the Board regarding Eligibility.

### **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. (See National Federation for more guidelines.)

Approved Category 8	Events that are run concurrently with NRHA classes and seek NRHA approval. Ex: CRI classes that are run concurrently with NRHA Open
Recognized Category 8	Events that are run separately from NRHA classes or events but seek NRHA approval. Ex: FEI World Equestrian Games

### **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 NRHA Professionals, Non Pro, Youth or Youth Non Pro membership in order to show.)

Freestyle Open

Freestyle Non Pro

### **CATEGORY 10**

Entry level classes only. Not for World Champion and Top Ten

Awards. Requires a NRHA Professional, Non Pro, Youth, Youth Non Pro, Associate, Associate Youth, or Associate Non Pro membership in order to show. Refer to the current policy set forth by the Board regarding Eligibility.

Entry Level Ride & Slide Open Level 2	
Entry Level Ride & Slide Non Pro Level 2	General Riders must obtain Non Pro status. Associate members do not need Non Pro status but must be eligible to obtain it. Riders may use a horse without the restrictions of ownership defined in the Non Pro Conditions.
Entry Level Ride & Slide Youth Level 2	For youth 18 & under as of January 1 of the current year. Riders may use a horse without the restrictions of ownership defined in the Youth Conditions.
Entry Level Ride & Slide Open Level 1	
Entry Level Ride & Slide Non Pro Level 1	General Riders must obtain Non Pro status. Associate members do not need Non Pro status but must be eligible to obtain it. Riders may use a horse without the restrictions of ownership defined in the Non Pro Conditions.
Entry Level Ride & Slide Youth Level 1	For youth 18 & under as of January 1 of the current year. Riders may use a horse without the restrictions of ownership defined in the Youth Conditions.
Green Reiner Level 1	General Riders must obtain Non Pro status. Associate members do not need Non Pro status but must be eligible to obtain it. Riders may use a horse without the restrictions of ownership defined in the Non Pro Conditions.
Green Reiner Level 2	General Riders must obtain Non Pro status. Associate members do not need Non Pro status but must be eligible to obtain it. Riders may use a horse without the restrictions of ownership defined in the Non Pro Conditions.

### **Category 11**

NRHA approved classes not corresponding to other NRHA Categories. Not for rider/horse eligibility, Top 20 Program or

World Champion and Top Ten Awards. Requires a NRHA Professional, Non Pro, Youth or Youth Non Pro membership in order to show.

## **Category 12**

NRHA Nominator Incentive earnings. Not for rider/horse eligibility, Top 20 Program or World Champion and Top Ten awards.

## **E. UNAPPROVED CLASSES**

**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.

## **F. GENERAL SHOW CONDITIONS**

(1) All entry forms must accurately and truthfully identify horses, owners (based on records in NRHA database), and riders 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 rider to disciplinary action as set forth in the *NRHA Handbook*. Inaccurate information can affect official NRHA earnings records for Top Ten standings and other purposes.

(2) All exhibitors and owners/co-owners must be current NRHA members. The only exemption is for Category 10 horse owners. New and renewing members may purchase memberships at the show and file any necessary declarations, or forms and fees. Renewing Non Pro and Professionals members must present their previous year's card to the show secretary. New Professionals members must complete a Code of Conduct and submit it with the membership form and fee. Refer to the Membership, Non Pro and Youth sections of this *Handbook* for details. 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 and the horse will be disqualified and forfeited from the class. Failure to pay could result in suspension and all membership privileges could be denied. Refer to **GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS, F. Section 2. Failure To Pay.**

**(3)** Class working order is determined by a draw. All horses in a class must run as drawn, except in the case of an event that is running multiple arenas simultaneously. Priority is given to one arena, and that arena will maintain the draw order; the other arena will be flexible in its working order to assist riders with conflicts between arenas.

**(4)** The class draw must be available to exhibitors at least one hour prior to the first horse entering the arena. When class entries close the night before the class is to be held, the draw must be posted by 10:00 p.m. on the closing date.

**(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. The policy must be consistent for all late entries in that class except when exhibitors are showing 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)** All horses must display the correct exhibitor number. Failure to display the number, or displaying the wrong 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 in unusual and unavoidable circumstances). Class judges will determine each case on its own merit.

**(9)** Rider substitutions will not be permitted except when the show management and NRHA Representative/Steward mutually agree, such as when an exhibitor becomes injured or other extenuating circumstances prevail.

**(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. When this is not possible due to a limited number of entries, the spread should be the maximum possible. A horse may be entered only once per class. When classes run concurrently, a rider may show three (3) horses per class. However, a horse may be shown only once. In Para-Reining, a rider cannot show more than one (1) horse in a class; however, a horse may be shown a maximum of two (2) times in the same class under different Para-Reining riders.

**(11)** No event may run two separate shows of the same class concurrently as a double judged event.

**(12)** Up-to-date ownership information is required on the horse's competition license. If a show secretary reports an incorrect owner on show results he/she will be fined \$10. A



noncompliant rider will be fined \$25. A second offense may result in disqualification and a \$200 fine.

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

**(14)** All judges' decisions are final.

**(15)** 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. The use of an ASTM/SEI certified helmet is mandatory in all Para-Reining classes and/or any time a Para-Reining rider is mounted.

**(16)** 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 from any Affiliate, show committee, participant, or spectator, arising out of performance conducted under the NRHA General Rules and Regulations.

**(17)** 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.

**(18)** By entering an NRHA approved event, horse owners and exhibitors are granting the NRHA and the event's organizers permission to use the images taken of them by the official event photographer and the official videographer for any and all educational, promotional, and review purposes.

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

## **G. EVENT APPROVAL**

The NRHA may approve events that meet the approval criteria outlined in the NRHA Handbook. The Executive Committee may deny approval to any reining event that appears not to be in the best interest of the sport or the National Reining Horse Association. For NRHA approval, organizers must staff the event with a show manager, secretary, and representative/steward who are current NRHA members in good standing. Show managers and officials must also meet certification requirements and follow all guidelines as outlined in this Handbook. It is mandatory that judges be selected from the official NRHA Judges List.

**(1)** An NRHA event may contain one or multiple shows, and is defined as the entire duration of the Reining from start to finish.

**(2)** An NRHA show is a group of classes which may also be referred to as a slate of classes.

**(3)** Official NRHA event approval forms must be submitted to the NRHA office by the deadline as follows:

<b>Level of Event</b>	<b>Event Approval deadline</b>
AA, A, BB, & Top Ten Events	Not less than ninety (90) days prior to the entry closing date

B	Not less than sixty (60) days prior to the entry closing date
C & D	Not less than thirty (30) days prior to the entry closing date

Any changes made to information on a submitted event approval form must be done in a timely manner. It is at the NRHA's discretion as to whether the changes can be accepted. Any changes to added money, entry fees, or retainage fees for classes that count toward NRHA Top Ten standings must be submitted 90 days prior to the event's entry closing date. Any event approval form received in the NRHA office after the required deadline, or a form that is not completed in full, may be subject to a \$100 late fee.

(4) Show approvals are awarded on a first come basis except in cases of established events. To preserve a preferential show date, an established event must contact the NRHA office in writing not less than six (6) months in advance of the requested date.

(5) Only one Ancillary event offering a Lawson Trophy reining may be held within 350 miles (550 kilometers) on the same day.

(6) The Executive Committee may deny approval of events scheduled during the same week as an NRHA-owned event. Executive Committee approval is required for any NRHA sanctioned events in the same geographic region or within 500 miles (806 kilometers) of an Affiliate or Continental Finals.

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

**(8) EVENT CLASSIFICATIONS:**

All Events must have a Show Secretary, Show Manager, and Show Representative, and they must be three separate individuals unless otherwise noted. The Show Secretary or Show Manager must be certified by NRHA. All trophy and/or plaque payments must be submitted with the approval form if NRHA official trophies are ordered. It is mandatory that all approved shows utilize judges from the NRHA Judges List. 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.)

**(a) D Events:**

**(A)** Ride & Slide Event.

**(B)** Show Secretary must be NRHA certified or preapproved by the NRHA.

**(b) C Events:**

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

**(c) B Events:**

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

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

**(C)** 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)** 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.

**(C)** Videographer for all classes is strongly recommended.

**(e) A Events:**

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

**(B)** 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.

**(C)** 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.

**(D)** Videographer required for all classes. Judges will be allowed to review 2-point penalties for break of gait, jogging more than two (2) strides and freeze ups as long as one (1) judge has called the penalty 2.

**(f) AA Events:**

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

**(B)** Show Steward, Show Secretary and Show Manager cannot be immediate family members (as defined in the Non Pro Conditions).

**(C)** 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.

**(D)** An NRHA Show Steward must officiate for the entire duration of the show.

**(E)** Official videographer required for all classes. By entering, exhibitors are giving NRHA and the event's organizers permission to use their images for any and all educational and promotional purposes. Judges will be allowed to review 2-point penalties for break of gait, jogging more than two (2) strides and freeze ups as long as one (1) judge has called the penalty 2.

### **(9) Event Cancellation Policies**

**(a)** Show Managers who intend to cancel an NRHA approved event must first get cancellation approval from the Executive Committee.

**(b)** Show managers must notify the NRHA by fax, phone, or email. The cancellation request will be submitted to the Executive Committee for review.

**(c)** Emergency cancellations will be given special consideration when the safety of participants is at risk.

**(d)** The NRHA will determine if materials, including trophies and/or plaques are to be refunded to the NRHA office at the show's expense.

**(e)** Failure to follow procedures may result in a \$250 fine and may jeopardize future show approvals.

### **(10) Show Manager**

It is the Show Manager's responsibility to uphold all NRHA rules and regulations as set forth in the *NRHA Handbook*.

**(a)** Any reputable person, who can furnish proof that he/she is capable through ability or experience, may act in the capacity of show manager. A show manager must have a current NRHA membership recorded solely in his/her name.

**(b)** Either the show manager or secretary must have attended an NRHA Show Secretary Seminar and been certified within the **two (2)** years preceding the show's approval date.

**(c)** The show manager shall:

**(i)** Be the person in charge of the NRHA division of the show, but may not serve as secretary or representative/steward at any show he/she is managing.

**(ii)** Have authority to enforce all rules pertaining to the show. He/she may excuse any horse or exhibitor from the show prior to, during, or after the judging.

**(iii)** Have jurisdiction over preparing and mailing all entry blanks, premium lists, catalogs, etc.

**(iv)** Be present on the show grounds for the duration of the show. If an emergency arises and the show manager is unable to fulfill his/her duties, an acting manager should be appointed. The acting show manager must

meet the requirements as set forth in the *NRHA Handbook* and remain at the show grounds for the duration of the show. The approved show manager must submit a written explanation to NRHA for his/her absence.

**(v)** Extend every effort to satisfy the comfort of the horses, exhibitors, spectators, and officials and will be held responsible for maintaining clean and orderly conditions throughout the show. The show manager (along with the representative/steward) is responsible for ensuring humane treatment of horses by policing stalling areas, practice pens, and other areas at various times throughout the show.

**(vi)** Receive written or verbal complaints from exhibitors, trainers, owners, show participants, and other NRHA members related to cruel, abusive, or inhumane treatment of horses on show grounds, or any other complaints, incidents, or rule violations. The show manager shall forward such complaints to NRHA.

**(vii)** Immediately investigate inhumane treatment incidents and report them to NRHA. Show managers shall make every effort to enlist judges, stewards or NRHA Professionals to help substantiate a horse welfare complaint. Whenever a show manager issues a verbal or written warning for the inhumane treatment of a horse, it is to be reported in writing to NRHA. If the show manager fails to do so, he/she may not be deemed appropriate to manage future NRHA shows.

**(viii)** Show schedules should not run more than 12 consecutive hours, excluding all breaks. Show management could be subject to review and a possible fine for every quarter-hour past the 12-hour limit. Fines that are incurred due to unforeseen conditions may be waived following an appeal to the Executive Committee.

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

#### **(11) Show Secretary**

**(a)** Any reputable person, who can furnish proof that he/she is capable through ability or experience, may act in the capacity of show secretary. A show secretary must have a current NRHA membership recorded solely in his/her name.

**(b)** Either the show secretary or the show manager must have attended an NRHA Show Secretary Seminar and been certified within the **two (2)** years preceding the show's approval date.

**(c)** The show secretary shall:

**(i)** Accurately maintain and record both entries and

show results, and aid exhibitors in determining their eligibility.

**(ii)** Keep a complete set of results and judges' score sheets on file for at least one year from the show date.

**(iii)** Oversee any and all show-related fees, such as: entry fees, judges' fees, stall fees; NRHA 5% payment; trophy/plaque fees; office charges; and medications testing fees, membership and competition licensing fees collected on behalf of NRHA and NRHyA.

**(iv)** Be responsible for checking entries to ensure that exhibitors and owners are current NRHA members, and that horse competition licenses reflect current ownership.

**(v)** Be present on the grounds for the show's duration. If an emergency arises and the show secretary is unable to fulfill his/her duties, an acting secretary should be appointed. He/she must meet NRHA requirements. The approved show secretary must submit a written explanation to NRHA for his/her absence. The acting show secretary must remain at the grounds for the show's duration.

**(vi)** Be responsible for upholding all NRHA rules and regulations.

**(vii)** Ensure that the classification requirements for the event are being met, and to keep proper documentation in case of a protest. Failure to do so may result in a review and possible disciplinary action.

## **(12) Show Representative**

**(a)** The show representative represents contestants' interests to judges and show management. He/she will be required to submit a representative's report to NRHA not more than fifteen (15) days after the show.

**(b)** The representative represents every contestant, and, at events with no official show steward, and he/she is the sole liaison between a contestant and the show managers and judges. Contestants and owners should direct any and all concerns with respect to judging to the appointed representative and limit interactions with judges to polite exchanges.

**(c)** A show representative must be an NRHA member in good standing for at least one full calendar year prior to an event. The Board recommends that the representative be a current NRHA judge or an official NRHA steward. If neither is available, an NRHA Professional should be appointed. Further, a show representative cannot be a member of show staff or show officials. A show representative will be knowledgeable of NRHA rules and the application thereof and will act in a manner fitting and proper for one afforded

the honor of show representative.

**(d)** This is to remain a voluntary and uncompensated position.

**(e)** The show representative will clearly post his/her name and contact information for exhibitors.

**(f)** Should the representative leave the show grounds for any reason, he/she will appoint a qualified alternate representative (as outlined above).

**(g)** The representative must report any horse abuse, or any actions detrimental to the NRHA and its members, such as: loud and profane language; drunkenness or being under the influence of intoxicants; use of prohibited devices; unsportsmanlike conduct toward judges, show management, or other exhibitors; or any other NRHA rule infraction.

**(h)** More than one Show Representative may be appointed at multiple day shows or for any day over 12 hours, but only one at a time will serve. The “on duty” times shall be agreed upon by the available representatives, then should be clearly communicated to show management and exhibitors.

### **(13) Show Steward**

An NRHA Show Steward who is a current member must serve as an official at AA events.

**(a)** The steward’s name must be listed on the show’s approval form.

**(b)** The official NRHA steward will carry out all stated responsibilities; represent contestant interests to judges and show managers; and aid judges and show managers with NRHA rules.

**(c)** The official NRHA steward will investigate any situation whereby NRHA rules as listed in this *Handbook* are not being upheld. (see NRHA Show Steward section for more guidelines.)





## WORKSHEET FOR NRHA PAYBACKS

\*In the case of negative net entry fees there is no 5% paid to the NRHA and no show committee retainage. The entire amount of advertised added money will then be paid according to the appropriate payback schedule.

Round to the nearest penny when calculating prize money\*

ENTRY FEES X NUMBER OF ENTRIES = GROSS ENTRY FEES (A)

\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ (B)

GROSS ENTRY – NRHA TROPHY  
FEES OR NRHA PLAQUE FEE  
(0 FOR YOUTH)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (A) – \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ (B)

NRHA FEE OF 5% DOLLARS OWED TO  
(0 FOR YOUTH) NRHA FOR 5% FEE  
\_\_\_\_\_ (B) X \_\_\_\_\_ .05 \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ (C)

DOLLARS PAID TO NRHA = NET ENTRY FEE  
FOR 5% FEE (0 FOR YOUTH)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (B) – \_\_\_\_\_ (C) = \_\_\_\_\_ (D)

NET ENTRY X % SHOW RETAINAGE = DOLLARS TO  
FEE (0 FOR YOUTH) BE RETAINED BY  
SHOW COMMITTEE  
\_\_\_\_\_ (D) X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ (E)

NET ENTRY – DOLLARS TO BE = FINAL NET ENTRY FEE  
FEE RETAINED BY SHOW  
\_\_\_\_\_ (D) – \_\_\_\_\_ (E) = \_\_\_\_\_ (F)

FINAL NET + ADDED MONEY = PURSE FROM  
ENTRY FEE WHICH PAYBACKS  
ARE FIGURED  
\_\_\_\_\_ (F) + \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

## NRHA YOUTH POINT SCALE

### NUMBER OF HORSES SHOWN # OF PLACES

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
3			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
4				1	2	3	4	5	6	7
5					1	2	3	4	5	6
6						1	2	3	4	5
7							1	2	3	4
8								1	2	3
9									1	2
10										1

Number of horses to be used for computation shall be those horses actually competing; excluding the number of horses entered but scratched from competition.

Neither a no score nor a 0 are eligible to receive points in an NRHA youth class; however, this does not alter the above scale of points for placing.

## H. ANCILLARY SHOW CONDITIONS

A full slate of Ancillary classes is defined as those offering the following classes: Open, Limited Open, Non Pro, Limited Non Pro, Youth 13 & Under, Youth 14–18 and Rookie Level 1.

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

(2) Ancillary events must have a minimum one (1) Youth 13 & Under class and one (1) Youth 14–18 class. Any class from Category 1, 3, 5 and 9 can be held in an Ancillary show.

(3) In NRHA approved Ancillary events, a minimum of one (1) Open reining must be offered. However, events with multiple Ancillary shows and multiple show applications, a minimum of one (1) Open class must be offered. Example: a three-day reining with two (2) slates of classes would be required to hold only one Open class to meet approval provided other criteria are met.

(4) **Added Money:** Ancillary shows must have a minimum of \$500 in added money.

CLASS	MAX. ADDED MONEY	MAX. ENTRY FEE
Limited Open	\$500	10% of added money or \$50 jackpot
Rookie Professional	\$500	10% of added money or \$50 jackpot
Limited Non Pro	\$500	10% of added money or \$50 jackpot
Rookie 2	\$200	\$20
Rookie 1	Jackpot	\$20
Youth Classes	\$100	\$10

(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) The Open class must offer the equivalent or more

added money than any other class in **Category 1** at an event. Example: a two-day event with two (2) Open classes would be required to have equivalent or more added money in one (1) Open class.

(c) When Intermediate classes are offered, the added money may not exceed the added money offered in either the Open or Non Pro classes respectively.

(d) Prime Time Non Pro added money may not exceed the added money in the Intermediate Non Pro class, with a maximum of \$1,000.

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

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

(5) Judge's fees may not exceed the entry fee.

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

(7) Show management must retain between thirty (30%) and fifty (50%) of the entry fees after deducting the NRHA trophy fee (if an official NRHA trophy is ordered) and the 5% NRHA show fee. All classes within the show must have the same retainage.

(8) The number of entries cannot be restricted in Category 1 classes. Any event wishing to hold two go-rounds, should make a request in writing to the NRHA Office.

## **I. 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 or one (1) Level 4 Non Pro class.

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

(a) An Aged show must have a minimum of \$2,000 in 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) It is recommended that show management submit complete Terms & Conditions with the show approval form.

## **J. 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 approval form 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 they may

have less than \$500 in added money for the entire show.

(5) Entry fees can be no more than 10% of the added money in the class. For jackpot classes, entry fees can be no more than \$50.

(6) Judge's fees cannot exceed the entry fee.

(7) Show management does not remit the NRHA 5% retainage fee.

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

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

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

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

(2) A \$30 application fee must be submitted with the show approval form for all Entry Level Ride & Slide shows

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

(4) Entry Level Ride & Slide Level 1 or 2 shows must be jackpotted. Entry Level Ride & Slide shows can be jackpot only, or they may have up to \$100 in added money for each class.

(5) Horses do not have to have an NRHA competition license prior to showing in an Entry Level Ride & Slide show.

(6) Entry fees can be no more than ten percent (10%) of the added money or \$20 if jackpotted.

(7) See the *Handbook's* Rules For Judging section for allowable usage of two hands and simple lead changes.

(8) May use relaxed patterns. A pattern diagram must be submitted with the show approval form. Show management is responsible for informing 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) Entry fees are to be determined by show management.

(6) Show management cannot charge exhibitors a judge's fee.

(7) Show management does not remit the 5% NRHA retainage fee.

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

(9) See *Handbook's* Rules For Judging section for allowable use of two hands and simple lead changes.

(10) Must use NRHA patterns 1–13. However, simple lead changes are allowed.

(11) Green Reiner points will be awarded according to the NRHA Youth Point Scale.

### **M. PARA-REINING SHOW CONDITIONS**

Open to riders with physical or mental disabilities to provide the opportunity to safely and effectively show reining horses. Not for World Champion and Top Ten Awards. Will not count toward NRHA eligibility.

(1) Para-Reining shows cannot be restricted by any means other than the requirements set forth.

(2) Any Para-Reining class can be held in an Para-Reining Show. A Para-Reining show may be held as a stand-alone event.

(3) Para-Reining classes may not have added money.

(4) All riders must be NRHA members and must submit NRHA Para-Reining Physician's Statement to the show secretary prior to showing in an Para-Reining show.

(5) Horses do not have to have an NRHA competition license prior to showing in an Para-Reining show.

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

(7) Judges fees cannot exceed the entry fee.

(8) Show management does not remit the 5% NRHA retainage fee.

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

(10) See *Handbook's* Rules For Judging section for allowable use of two hands and simple lead changes

(11) May use NRHA Patterns 1–15 or other relaxed patterns meeting the following guidelines. Required maneuvers include at least: one (1) sliding stop; one (1) circle in each direction; a minimum of two (2) spins to the left and a minimum of two (2) spins to the right. Gaits may include a walk, jog and/or lope. Show management is responsible for informing the judge of the relaxed pattern prior to horses being shown.

### **N. TROPHIES & AWARDS**

TROPHY TYPE	ADDED MONEY AMOUNT PER CLASS
Lawson	\$2,000 or more
Morrison	\$1,000 to \$1,999
Pewter	\$500 to \$999
Pewter-Limited Non Pro	\$200 to \$500
Plaque	\$499 or below/jackpot
Freestyle (for freestyle classes only)	\$1,000 or more

(1) Shows may award official NRHA trophies or plaques in designated classes. Trophies and awards may be purchased from NRHA at the published prices, plus tax and shipping. If a show does not offer NRHA awards, class winners may purchase the official trophy from NRHA. Only the costs for official NRHA trophies can be deducted from payouts.

(2) If a show uses donated trophies and purchases only plates through NRHA, only the plate fee may be used when deducting trophy fees from payouts.

(3) Classes may present one trophy at the highest qualifying level.

(4) First through 10th place awards are recommended for Youth classes.

## **O. TIES**

(1) All ties for 1st place will be broken if the tied exhibitors agree to a run-off. Tied exhibitors may choose not to run-off, agreeing instead to be named co-champions, but must determine the winner of the awards mutually agreed upon tiebreaker such as a flip of a coin or other procedure. However, when one exhibitor opts to run-off and the other does not, the exhibitor(s) who declines 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) The same pattern and order of go used in the class will be used in the run-off; however, there will not be more than one run-off.

(3) If a tie exists after the run-off, the entrants will be named co-champions and they will evenly split 1st and 2nd prize money, but must determine the winner of the awards by a mutually agreed upon tiebreaker.

(4) The co-champion who loses the tiebreaker may purchase a duplicate trophy through NRHA.

(5) Without a co-champions agreement, an entrant who does not compete in the run-off will forfeit 1st place prize money regardless of the added money. If three (3) or more exhibitors have tied for 1st place, whoever opts out of the run-off will be placed in the lowest position for which he/she was tied. (For example in a 3-way tie for 1st, the exhibitor not running 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) Only ties for 1st place may be worked off. Other ties will stand. Prize money for the tied number of places will be added together and split equally among the tied contestants. This will involve as many places as there are horses tied, i.e., 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th.

## **P. SHOW RESULTS**

(1) Show management is required to send official show documents (results, original judge's score cards, membership applications, competition licenses, transfers, non pro declarations, fees, and other NRHA forms) to the NRHA office within ten (10) business days (postmarked) after the last show day. Show management will also maintain copies of the results and official show entry forms for at least twelve (12) months. Prior

to sending the documents to the NRHA office, the original judge's sheets must remain in the show secretary's custody for supervision, control, and safekeeping.

(2) Ancillary, Breed Restricted, Affiliate, Entry Level Ride & Slide, Green Level, and Para-Reining show results must record all riders and horses shown, including scratches, zeros, and no scores in the proper placing. All results must be properly labeled. Show results must include membership numbers for all riders and owners/co-owners, and competition license numbers for every horse, except when exempt. 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, and competition license numbers for every horse. Original judge's score cards must accompany show results. Only complete show results will be accepted, and they must be submitted within 10 days, as specified in (1), or the event will be subject to late fines. 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 judge's score cards must accompany show results. Only complete show results will be accepted, and they must be submitted within 10 days, as specified in (1), or the event will be subject to late fines.

(3) Calculation of the NRHA five percent (5%) retainage shall be the total entry fees, minus the NRHA trophy costs (if official NRHA trophy is ordered), multiplied by five percent (5%). The 5 percent NRHA retainage must be paid at the time the official show results are submitted.

(4) Shows failing to postmark complete show results and all related documents, including medications testing fees, by ten (10) business days following the completion of an NRHA event will be assessed a \$100 penalty. Submitting late show results may jeopardize future NRHA show approvals. An additional \$500 penalty will be assessed if show results are postmarked after twenty (20) business days. Corrections must be submitted to NRHA in a timely manner, and is at the NRHA's discretion whether or not to accept the changes. No corrections will be accepted after the competition year has been completed. The NRHA will not recognize any results received after the completion of the competition. See section Q. YEAR-END AWARDS, (6).

(5) Payout to current recorded rider, agent, owner, or responsible party must be made within forty-five (45) days following the completion of the NRHA event. Failure to comply may jeopardize future NRHA show approvals. For events that have been approved for medications testing, NRHA may allow or approve a request, submitted along with show approval, for show management to withhold distribution of purse money to horses selected for testing, pending test results. NRHA will notify show management when purse money can be distributed. Show management must distribute purse money within ten (10) days of NRHA's notification.

NRHA reserves the right to require an event to withhold distribution of purse money earned by horses selected for testing pending determination of medications testing. Failure to comply may jeopardize future NRHA show approvals.

**(6) 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 retainage fee is neither deducted nor paid to NRHA. No other type of office fee may be charged to NRHA approved Youth classes.

**(7)** Neither a no score nor a 0 are eligible to place in a go-round or single go-round class, and neither may advance an entry in a multi-go-round 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 that not enough horses qualify for total purse distribution, the undistributed portion of the purse will be retained by show management.

**(8)** Judge's score cards must be posted for NRHA approved classes. The cards should be available for review within one (1) hour of class completion. If photocopying is not an option, original judge's score cards must be available for supervised inspection, but the cards must remain in the show secretary's custody for control and safekeeping until they are submitted to the NRHA. Original judge's score cards must be returned to the NRHA office with show results.

**(9)** A reining will be complete and the posted scores will be considered official thirty (30) minutes following the last horse of the day. Scores must be posted or made available to exhibitors prior to the judge leaving the grounds for the day. Corrections to a judge's score cards cannot be made once the judge leaves the grounds. Corrections to results due to inputting errors may be made any time.

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

**(1)** For horse and rider earnings to count toward NRHA year-end Top Ten awards, owners and riders must comply with all requirements and be current NRHA members in good standing. All information represented on entry forms must accurately state the horse's competition license number with all current owners, as well as provide owner and rider membership numbers.

**(2)** The NRHA competition/award year is the same as the calendar year: January 1–December 31. However, the earnings begin accruing on the day the membership is officially received in the NRHA office through the end of the award year. Earnings are not counted retroactively.

**(3)** In order for earnings to be recorded, a minimum of three (3)



horses must be shown in each class.

(4) 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 highest money earners and highest Youth point earners; NRHA Reserve World Champion for the second-highest money earners and second-highest Youth point earners; and NRHA Top Ten for the 3rd–10th top money earners and Youth point earners.

(5) Earnings are 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.

(6) Earnings are 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. Top Ten awards will be presented to the owners of record at the completion of the NRHA competition 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 that count toward Top Ten standings, in that respective class, to qualify for the title.

(8) The NRHA will 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 standings and qualifications for year-end awards will be final and not subject to change as of December 31, of that year unless the Executive Committee rules upon a disciplinary action.

(10) Affiliates can grant year-end trophies in all classes, providing those classes were offered in at least three (3) shows. Awards will be granted to “one horse/one rider” combinations. Champions will be awarded with a pewter trophy and reserve champions with a plaque.