

## YOUTH SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS

### A. MEMBERSHIP AND SHOW CONDITIONS

(1) Any youth eighteen (18) years of age or younger as of January 1 may become a member of the National Reining Horse Association Youth Program. The youth must have birthdate on file with NRHA office prior to showing.

(2) Youth membership entitles a youth to show in any NRHA class for which they are eligible. To show in an NRHA Non Pro class, they must obtain an NRHA Youth Non Pro card. Youth may not show in Rookie Professional.

(3) All horses shown in the Youth 13 & Under and Youth 14–18 classes must be solely and completely owned by one of the following (a) the youth, (b) a member of his or her immediate family (Refer to definition of immediate family as stated in Section B. Non Pro Conditions), or (c) a corporation, partnership or other business entity provided the Youth and/or a member or members of his or 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.

(4) **Leases:** A leased horse may be shown in Youth competition under the following guidelines:

(1) Prior to showing, the lessee (Youth) 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 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.

(5) No stallions, monorchid or cryptorchid horses, regardless of age, will be permitted in any Category 3 youth classes. If the competition license indicates “stallion” for a horse that has been gelded, entry into an NRHA approved youth class requires that a gelding statement form be filed with the show results and the original competition license be submitted to the NRHA office within 30 days of the show date for modification. Failure to comply will result in the forfeiture of earnings and awards. See General Rules and Regulations Section E-Forfeitures.

(6) Any youth rider participating in the Rookie 1 or 2 class in which he/she (or the horse he/she is riding) is not eligible will not be fined for the first offense. They must forfeit earnings to

NRHA. After receipt of notice a second offense may result in a fine of \$25. After receipt of the notice, any further offense may result in a fine of \$200.

## **B. APPROVED YOUTH REININGS**

(1) There will be no show approval fee for youth reinings held in conjunction with a regular NRHA approved reining. Anyone wishing to host only a youth reining, a \$20 fee will apply as an approval fee.

(2) There will be no judges' fee or office fee in any NRHA youth reinings.

(3) In Category 3 classes, no show retainage may be taken in jackpotted or added money classes in Ancillary shows.

(4) When calculating youth money, the NRHA plaque cost may not be deducted and the NRHA 5% fee is not deducted and is not paid to NRHA.

(5) 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.

## **C. YEAR-END AWARDS**

(1) Year-end awards will be issued in Youth 13 & Under and Youth 14–18.

(2) Awards will be determined by points earned by a “one horse–one rider combination” in that year in NRHA approved youth reinings.

(3) 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.

(4) NRHA Aged Events reinings (Category 2 Reinings) with a youth section involved will not count towards year-end awards.

## **NATIONAL FEDERATION**

### **A. Category 8 National Federation Approval**

(1) The National Reining Horse Association wishes to promote the sport of reining with the approval of FEI/National Federation reining events.

(a) Owners and riders competing in NRHA/NF Dual Approved competition will be required to be members in good standing of the NRHA.

(b) An event must declare its intent to seek approval or recognition to the NRHA by supplying to NRHA the completed Show Approval Form and following the same guidelines as regular NRHA Events. See Show Rules and Regulations.

(c) The NRHA Executive Committee will examine the merits of events requesting approval or recognition. See Show Rules and Regulations.

(d) Monies earned in Approved or Recognized Events will count towards NRHA lifetime earnings.