



# NWHA Trainer Directory

## Standard Operating Procedure

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To advance integrity in training and compliance with NWHA's mission, vision, values and rules, the National Walking Horse Association sets forth the procedure for recognition as an "NWHA Trainer" for listing in the NWHA Trainer Directory

- I. Eligibility Requirements for Recognition as an NWHA Trainer
  - A. Possess a current NWHA membership (Individual, Family or Life) and have been a member in good standing for at least one (1) year\*.
  - B. Be at least 25 years of age.
  - C. HPA violation free for five (5) years prior to application submittal. Documented NWHA rule violations would be subject to review by the Board of Directors.
  - D. Affirm on application that soring practices are not a part of training techniques.

\*If an applicant does not meet the one-year membership requirement, he/she may be provisionally approved for as a NWHA Trainer, but will not be publicized until the start of the next calendar year and upon meeting all other requirements of item "I" above.

- II. Application Criteria
  - A. Submit NWHA Trainer Application form to NWHA.
  - B. Submit three references:
    1. Two walking horse industry references such as trainers, judges, DQP's, or owners.
    2. One reference, attesting to character.
- III. Approval Process
  - A. Approval shall be conferred by the NWHA Board of Directors. The Board will review and approve/deny the application at their next scheduled meeting.
  - B. Upon approval by the Board of Directors, the trainer shall receive notification and, listed on the NWHA website and the NWHA National News Trainer Directory.
  - C. Trainers are expected to act professionally at all times. Integrity, honesty and good moral character are the keystones of a NWHA trainer.
  - D. Designation as an NWHA Trainer is a privilege, not a right, bestowed by NWHA according to procedures set forth by NWHA, to professional trainers whose equine expertise and personal character merit the honor.

- IV. Revocation of NWHA Trainer Listing
  - A. A trainer may be removed from the NWHA Trainer directory if violations of NWHA Rules or HPA Rules or exhibits conduct unbecoming an NWHA Trainer. Documented violation of a NWHA Rule and repeat offenses are subject to review/consideration by the Board of Directors

V. Annual Renewal

- A. Listing as a NWAHA Trainer will renew with membership each year at which time the Trainer shall submit to NWAHA any changes in information. Unless notified in writing, upon membership renewal trainer is reaffirming their compliance with NWAHA mission, values and rules, as well as the SOPs herein.