



## GENERAL SHOW, CLASS & YEAR END AWARD RULES

### SHOW RULES:

- As a result of NHRA Affiliate rules requiring qualifying shows be at least 45 days prior to Regional Championship, we will be using the WRHA show in April and the RHANW May and June shows for purposes of qualifying for the Regional Affiliate Championship show. Refer to NRHA US Affiliate Conditions for qualifying rules. The September show will not count for NRHA Affiliate Finals.
- The draw for the first class of the day will be drawn no later than 9:00 pm the night before. All other classes will be drawn at least one hour before class begins.
- 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 with an exhibitor with multiple horses).
- In the event of a tie in a class refer to NRHA Handbook.
- Awards will be given through third place in all classes. It is the owners/riders responsibility to pick up awards at the awards table.
- Owners/riders do not have to be members of RHANW to show in RHANW Club Classes (see club classes below). However, membership is required to qualify for Year End Awards (see Year End Award Rules).
- For failure to pay all fees due or where an NSF check has been written refer to NRHA Handbook for actions. Outstanding funds must be paid within 15 days of written notice. If not paid the incident will be reported to the NRHA and further action may be taken.

### CLASS RULES:

- Refer to NRHA Handbook for rules governing all NRHA approved classes. Handbook is available online at [www.nrha1.com/handbook](http://www.nrha1.com/handbook).
- Refer to AQHA Handbook for rules governing all Ranch Riding classes. [www.aqha.com/membership/resources/rulebook](http://www.aqha.com/membership/resources/rulebook).
- **Lil Boots Reiner:** Youth 11 & Under as of January 1 of current year. Youth do not have to own horse. Rider may show 1 or 2 handed in any legal bit and with standard reins or any type of closed rein. There will be no penalty for holding saddle with either hand. The same horse may be shown by two different youth riders in this class only. Riders entering Youth 13 & Under may not cross enter with the Lil Boots Reiner class. Parent or other adult to accompany child to and from gate with option to stay in arena to assist/help (leading is permitted). Helmets may be worn instead of cowboy hats and are suggested. No stallions may be ridden.
- **Youth 13 & Under:** Any rider may show 1 or 2 handed with any legal bit. Rider does not have to own the horse they are riding. No stallions may be ridden.
- **Youth 14-18:** Any rider may show 1 or 2 handed with any legal bit. Rider does not have to own the horse they are riding. No stallions may be ridden.
- **Ladies and Gentlemen's Classes:** Any rider may show 1 or 2 handed with any legal bit. Rider does not have to own the horse they are riding.
- **Beginner Rider:** Non-Pro rider who as of January 1 of current year has not won more than \$250 in reining competition. Refer to NRHA Green Reiner rules. Rider does not have to own the horse they are riding.
- **Rookie Rider:** Non-Pro rider who as of January 1 of current year has not won more than \$500 NRHA lifetime earnings in all categories excluding 3, 7, 9 and 10 AND/OR has not earned more than 50 youth points in NRHA sanctioned competition. 1 handed with any legal bit. Rider does not have to own the horse they are riding.
- **Limited Non-Pro:** Rider who as of January 1 of current year has not won more than \$2,500 NRHA lifetime earnings in all categories excluding 3, 7, 9 and 10. 1 handed with any legal bit. NRHA horse ownership rules apply.
- **Non-Pro:** 1 handed with any legal bit. NRHA horse ownership rules apply.
- **Green Reiner Horse Open:** Horse who as of January 1 of current year has not won more than \$250 in reining competition. Rider may show 1 or 2 handed with any legal bit.
- **Never Won a Buckle:** Non-Pro who has never won a buckle in reining competition. 1 or 2 handed with any legal bit. NRHA horse ownership rules apply.

### YEAR END AWARDS RULES (see show class list for eligible classes where awards are given through 3rd place):

- In all classes qualifying for year-end awards the rider only must be a current RHANW member prior to competing at a show for points to count toward Year End Awards.
- In Non Pro and Youth classes points will be awarded to a "one horse-one rider" combination. In Open classes the points will be awarded to the horse and the Year End Award will be presented to the owner of record as of the last show of the season.
- Points earned at all three RHANW shows accumulate for Year End Awards, however, the "one horse-one rider" combination or horse must show in a majority of the shows, in a respective class, in order for accumulated points to count at the end of the show season. Points from the WRHA show in April count for NRHA Affiliate qualification only and do not count for RHANW Year End awards.
- Qualified entries in a class include all competitors who mark a "0" score or better. However, "0" scores will not be awarded any points. Non qualified entries are "scratches" or "disqualifications".
- Example of points awarded calculation for 5 qualified entries is: 1<sup>st</sup>=5 points, 2<sup>nd</sup>=4 points, 3<sup>rd</sup>=3 points, 4<sup>th</sup>=2 points and 5<sup>th</sup>=1 point.
- The points awarded calculation in the case of a tie placing share the points of the placings. An example with 8 qualified entries and a 3 way tie for 4<sup>th</sup> placing is: 1<sup>st</sup>=8 points, 2<sup>nd</sup>=7 points, 3<sup>rd</sup>=6 points, 4<sup>th</sup>=4 points, 4<sup>th</sup>=4 points, 4<sup>th</sup>=4 points, 7<sup>th</sup>=2 points, 8<sup>th</sup>= 1 point.
- Any points awarded for a show where an NSF check has been written, or all fees due are not paid, will automatically be forfeited.