



GENERAL SHOW, CLASS & YEAR END AWARD RULES

SHOW RULES:

- All three 2020 RHANW shows will count as qualifying shows for the 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.
- Class 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 class rules 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.
- RHANW reserves the right to alter the show, the arena and schedules at any time as circumstances may dictate or as may be deemed appropriate. RHANW reserves the right to cancel any part of the event without notice at any time prior to the contest and without liability to show management. In the event of such cancellation, show fees paid in advance will be refunded.
- Contestants are expected to run the designated NRHA pattern number assigned to each class. As a courtesy to the judges, contestants intending to school their horses should make their intention to school obvious to the judge at the beginning of their run. Off-pattern schooling runs shall not exceed four minutes.

CLASS RULES:

- Refer to NRHA Handbook for rules governing all NRHA approved classes. Handbook is available online at www.nrha1.com/handbook.
- Refer to AQHA Handbook for rules governing all Ranch Riding classes. 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. 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. 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. 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.
- **Beginner Rider:** Non-Pro rider who as of January 1 of current year has not won more than \$350 in reining competition. Refer to NRHA Green Reiner rules. May use 1 or 2 hands at any time during the pattern with any legal bit. Rider does not have to own the horse.
- **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.
- **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. Rider does not have to own the horse.
- **Junior Horse Class:** Horse 5 years old and younger. Rider may show 1 or 2 handed with any legal bit or in a bosal. Rider does not have to own the horse.
- **Senior Horse Class:** Horse 6 years old and older. Rider may show 1 or 2 handed with any legal bit or in a bosal. Rider does not have to own the horse.
- **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. Offered at June show only.
- **Freestyle:** Any rider may show 1 or 2 handed with any legal bit. Rider does not have to own the horse. Offered at June show only. Refer to NRHA Handbook for details on required maneuvers, scoring, and guidelines.
- **Futurity/Derby rules:** Futurity horses aged 3 or 4 may be shown 1 or 2 handed in any legal bit. Derby horses aged 4 to 7 may be shown either one handed in any approved bridle or two handed in a snaffle bit or a hackamore. Riders may not change hands or switch from one to two hands. Stallion Stakes Futurity classes are for eligible 3 year olds and will run concurrently with the other futurity classes. See eligibility rules at www.rhanw.com/stallion-auction



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YEAR END AWARDS RULES (see the show class list for eligible Year End Award classes):

- Awards will be presented to the Year End Champion and Reserve Champion for each eligible class.
- Riders must be current RHANW members prior to the first RHANW qualifying show of the year for points to count toward Year End Awards. Owners are not required to be current RHANW members.
- Non Pro and Youth class points will be awarded to a "one horse-one rider" combination. Open and Age specific class points will be awarded to the horse.
- Points and money earned at all three RHANW shows accumulate for Year End Awards. The "one horse-one rider" combination or eligible horse must show in a majority (at least two of the shows), in a respective class, for the accumulated points to count at the end of the show season.
- Points will be calculated as follows:
 - 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".
 - Award calculation for 5 qualified entries is: 1st=5 points, 2nd=4 points, 3rd=3 points, 4th=2 points and 5th=1 point.
 - In the case of a tie at an individual show, qualified entries will share the points of the placings. An example with 8 qualified entries and a 3-way tie for 4th placing is: 1st=8 points, 2nd=7 points, 3rd=6 points, 4th=4 points, 4th=4 points, 4th=4 points, 7th=2 points, 8th= 1 point.
 - In the case of a tie in the final year end points, the total money earned at the shows in that eligible class will be used to determine the winner of the award.
- Any points awarded for a show where an NSF check has been written, or all fees due are not paid, will automatically be forfeited.





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RHANW ARENA ETIQUETTE

General:

- If there are more than 10 riders in the arena during warm-up time, circling will be on the hour and fencing on the half hour – i.e. circling at 6:00 and fencing at 6:30. Stay with the flow of traffic.
- Be aware of everything that is happening around you. Look up, ride defensively and be courteous to other riders. Do not sit in the flow of traffic or ride side by side while talking to another rider.
- If you need to talk on the phone or text either leave the arena or stand away from moving horses.
- When the tractor/drag enters the arena, all riding should stop and riders should exit arena.
- The wash rack in the main arena at Appleatchee may not be used when horses are showing.
- Alcohol is not allowed in the warmup or main arenas.
- Dogs must be on a leash AND under your control at all times.
- Please control your children and dogs so as not to spook horses that are in the arena showing.
- If there appears to be a potentially dangerous situation in a warmup arena or anywhere on the show grounds please contact show management or any RHANW board member for assistance.
- Please be advised that the RHANW has a zero tolerance policy for unsportsmanlike conduct or animal abuse. Report any instances to show management immediately.

Circling and spins:

- When the riders are circling, the side of the arena nearest the in gate is for left circles and the far end is for right circles. Circlers have the right of way. Do not ride against the flow of traffic.
- Slower horses (walk/trot) should stay on the inside of the circles and be in single file.
- Look around before you stop and back your horse. Be sure that no one is immediately following you.
- Work on spins in the center of circles that are being run and not in the path of the circle.

Fencing:

- When the riders are fencing, please be careful and watch for riders running up and down the arena.
- If you are fencing and there is a chance that someone may be in your way or not paying attention, give them a "HEADS UP" to avoid an accident.
- Please do not sit in the middle of the arena when people are fencing.

RHANW MISSION STATEMENT

*To promote and encourage the showing of reining horses regardless of breed of horse.
To promote National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) sanctioned reining competitions.
To educate interested parties, contestants and spectators so that they have a better understanding
of reining horse performance – all while having fun.*

EXERCISE ARENA ETIQUETTE

