



Statement of Policy

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SUMMARY

NRHA Worldwide Eligibility Policy for show year 1/1/2026 – 12/31/2026

Category 1

Class Name	Class #	Earnings Cap	Categories Included	Years
Intermediate Open*	1200	\$10,000	1,2,4,6,8,11	1/1/2025-12/31/2025
Limited Open	1301	\$7,500	1,2,4,6,8,11	1/1/2025-12/31/2025
Rookie Professional	1350	\$5,000	1,2,4,6,8,11	Lifetime
Intermediate Non Pro*	1500	\$7,500	1,2,4,6,8,11	1/1/2025-12/31/2025
Limited Non Pro	1600	\$ 10,000	1,2,4,6,8,11	Lifetime
Novice Horse Level 1	1700/1800	\$5,000	1,2,4,6,8,11	Lifetime
Novice Horse Level 2	1750/1850	\$25,000	1,2,4,6,8,11	Lifetime
Novice Horse Level 3	1775/1875	\$50,000	1,2,4,6,8,11	Lifetime

(*Riders can only factor back 1 level per year)

Category 2 & 6

Class Name	Class #	Eligible Riders	Categories Included	Years
Level 4 Open*	2100 6210	All riders are eligible for L4 Open. (Top 35 Professionals are eligible for this level <i>ONLY</i> and cannot compete in any other levels.) (If a Non Pro rider ranks in the Top 35 rankings for ALL riders and wishes to show in Open competition, he/she is eligible for the L4 division <i>ONLY</i>.)	2,6,8,11	1/1/2025 – 12/31/2025
Level 3 Open*	2200 6220	Top 36-90 Professionals are eligible for L3 Open and higher. (If a Non Pro rider ranks in the Top 36-90 rankings for ALL riders and wishes to show in Open competition, he/she is eligible for L3 and higher.)	2,6,8,11	1/1/2025 – 12/31/2025
Level 2 Open	2300 6230	Top 91-200 Professionals are eligible for L2 Open and higher. (If a Non Pro rider ranks in the Top 91-200 rankings for ALL riders and wishes to show in Open competition, he/she is eligible for L2 and higher.)	2,6,8,11	1/1/2025 – 12/31/2025
Level 1 Open	2325 6231	Professionals not ranked in the top 200 lifetime are eligible for L1 Open and higher. Professionals not ranked in the top 200 prior year are eligible for L1 Open and higher. (If a Non Pro rider is not ranked in the Top 200 rankings for ALL riders and wishes to show in Open competition, he/she is eligible for L1 and higher.)	2,6,8,11 2,6,8,11	Lifetime 1/1/2025 – 12/31/2025
Level 4 Non Pro*	2400 6240	All Non Pro riders. (Top 35 Non Pro riders are eligible for this level <i>ONLY</i>.)	2,6,8,11	1/1/2025 – 12/31/2025
Level 3 Non Pro*	2500 6250	Top 36-90 Non Pro riders are eligible for L3 Non Pro and higher.	2,6,8,11	1/1/2025 – 12/31/2025
Level 2 Non Pro	2600 6260	Top 91-200 Non Pro riders are eligible for L2 Non Pro and higher.	2,6,8,11	1/1/2025 – 12/31/2025
Level 1 Non Pro	2625 6261	Non Pros not ranked in the top 200 lifetime are eligible for L1 Non Pro and higher. Non Pros not ranked in the top 200 prior year are eligible for L1 Non Pro and higher.	2,6,8,11 2,6,8,11	Lifetime 1/1/2025 – 12/31/2025
Amateur Derby	2800 6800	Non Pros eligible for Level 1 or Level 2 and have earned less than \$100,000 are eligible for Amateur Also not eligible: • Youth members (as defined by the youth membership requirements in the NRHA Handbook). • Legal dependents of professional equine trainers. A legal dependent is defined as being officially claimed as a dependent on a tax return. • Spouses or legal partners/mates of professional equine trainers. 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. • A “professional equine trainer” is defined as someone who handles the mounted preparation of a horse with the intent to improve the horse’s performance in any equine discipline (as defined in the NRHA Handbook).	2,6,8,11	Lifetime

(*Riders can only factor back 1 level per year)

Category 3

Class Name	Class #	Points Cap	Categories	Years
Youth Rookie	3300	25	Exclude Youth 10 & Under (SS)	Lifetime

Category 5

Class Name	Class #	Earnings/Points Cap	Categories Included	Years
Rookie Level 1	5300	\$500/200 youth pts. (exclude SS)	1,2,4,5,6,8,11	Lifetime
Rookie Level 2	5310	\$2,000/300 youth pts. (exclude SS)	1,2,4,5,6,8,11	Lifetime

Category 10

Class Name	Class #	Earnings/Points Cap	Categories Included	Years
Ride & Slide Open 2	10200	\$150 /100 Green points/50 Youth Points (exclude SS)	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,10	Lifetime
Ride & Slide Open 1	10100	\$75 /50 Green Points/25 Youth Points (exclude SS)	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8	Lifetime
Ride & Slide Non Pro 2	10201	\$150 /100 Green points/50 Youth Points (exclude SS)	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,10	Lifetime
Ride & Slide Non Pro 1	10101	\$75 /50 Green Points/25 Youth Points (exclude SS)	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8	Lifetime
Ride & Slide Youth 2	10202	\$150 /100 Green points/50 Youth Points (exclude SS)	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,10	Lifetime
Ride & Slide Youth 1	10102	\$75 /50 Green Points/25 Youth Points (exclude SS)	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8	Lifetime
Green Reiner 1	10002	\$200/ 75 youth pts (exclude SS) / 200 green pts.*	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8	Lifetime
Green Reiner 2	10001	\$ 350/ 175 youth pts (exclude SS) / 350 green pts.*	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8	Lifetime

(Short Stirrup (SS) money and points are excluded)

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

Ex: If 20 riders show in Green Reiner 1, 1st will receive 20 points, 2nd -19 points, 3rd -18 points, etc.

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