

Reining Horse Association of the Northwest

General Class Rules - 2010

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These rules apply to all RHANW classes. Refer to NRHA rule book for rules governing all NRHA approved classes. Owner and Rider MUST BOTH be members of RHANW prior to competing in classes to qualify for year end awards. In order for points to count members must show in the class at a majority of the shows (3 out of 4) to be eligible for Year End awards! All 4 shows count towards year end points. All four shows count for the NRHA North American Regional Affiliate Finals. Refer to NRHA US Affiliate Conditions for qualifying rules. Any points earned where an NSF check has been written will automatically be forfeited. Outstanding funds must be paid in cash or the equivalent (money order, cashier's check, etc.) prior to entering the next show.



Year-End awards in the following classes: NRHA Novice Horse Non-Pro Level – 1, NRHA Novice Horse Open Level – 1, Beginner Rider, RHANW Limited Non-Pro, NRHA Limited Non-Pro, NRHA Intermediate Non-Pro, NRHA Limited Open, RHANW Junior Horse, NRHA Freestyle Open, RHANW Youth 13 & Under, NRHA Youth 13 & Under, RHANW Youth 14-18, NRHA Youth 14-18, Lil Boot Reiners (11 & Under), RHANW Non-Pro, NRHA Non-Pro, Over the Hill Non-Pro (45+ Rider), NRHA Open, NRHA Intermediate Open, RHANW Rookie Rider, NRHA Rookie – Level-2, Green as Grass, and Green Reiner Horse Open.

RHANW CLUB CLASSES:

1. **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. Helmets may be worn instead of cowboy hats and are suggested. No stallions may be ridden.
2. **Youth 13 & Under:** Follows NRHA rules. No stallions may be ridden.
3. **Youth 14-18:** Follows NRHA rules. No stallions may be ridden.
4. **Green as Grass Rider:** 1st year of reining for Non-Pro rider. Rider may show 1 or 2 handed with any legal bit. Rider does not have to own the horse they are riding.
5. **Beginner Rider:** Non-Pro rider has not won more than \$250 in reining competition as of January 1. Rider may show 1 or 2 handed with any legal bit. Rider does not have to own the horse they are riding.
6. **Rookie Rider:** Non-Pro rider has not won more than \$500 in reining competition as of January 1 and/or in excess of \$200 NRHA lifetime earnings (all categories) OR has not earned more than 50 youth points in NRHA sanctioned competition at the start of the NRHA year. 1 handed with any legal bit. Rider does not have to own the horse they are riding.
7. **Green Reiner Horse Open:** Horse not to have won more than \$250 in reining competition. Rider may show 1 or 2 handed with any legal bit.
8. **Junior Horse:** Horses 5 years old and younger. 1 handed with any legal bit or 2 handed in snaffle or bosal.
9. **Non-Pro:** NRHA ownership rules apply. 1 handed with any legal bit.
10. **Limited Non-Pro:** Rider has not won more than \$2500 NRHA lifetime earnings. NRHA ownership rules apply. 1 handed with any legal bit.
11. **Over the Hill Non-Pro:** Non-Pro rider 45 years or older as of January 1 of current year. NRHA ownership rules apply. 1 handed with any legal bit.
12. **Ladies and Gentlemen's Classes:** Rider may show 1 or 2 handed with any legal bit. Rider does not have to own the horse they are riding. Class does not count toward year-end awards.
13. **Never Won a Buckle:** Open to any Non-Pro who has never won a buckle in reining competition. NRHA ownership rules apply. Offered at July show only.

The **DRAW** for a class will begin three classes prior, but no later than 8:00PM the night before the day of class. Post entries will be allowed at the Show Secretary's discretion. Post entries will be placed at the start of the class.

If you have questions please contact any RHANW board member.