

Reining Horse Association of the Northwest--General Class Rules 2009

These rules apply to all RHANW Club classes. Refer to NRHA rule book for rules governing all NRHA approved classes.

- Youth classes:** Youth 13 & Under and Youth 14-18 (As of January 1 of current year). Youth, immediate family, or family owned corporation as defined by the NRHA must own the horse.
 - 2 handed any legal bit. (For RHANW youth classes).
 - 1 handed any legal bit (for NRHA youth classes.)
- Lil Boots Reiners:** Youth 11 & Under as of January 1 of current year. Youth does 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 twice 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.
- Green as Grass Rider:** 1st year 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.
- Beginner Rider:** Non-Pro rider has not won more than \$150 in Reining competition as of start of the year. Rider may show 1 or 2 handed with any legal bit. Rider does not have to own the horse they are riding. To accommodate the NRRHA members, Open Riders who have not won more than \$150 in Reining competition may also enter this class at the June and July shows, but will not be eligible for RHANW year end awards.
- Rookie Rider:** Non-Pro rider has not won more than \$500 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 any legal bit. Rider does not have to own the horse they are riding.
- Green Reiner Horse Open:** Horse not to have won more than \$250 in reining competition. Rider may show 1 or 2 handed, any approved bit.
- Junior Horse:** Horses 5 years old and younger. 1 handed any legal bit or 2 handed in snaffle or bosal.
- Non Pro:** NRHA ownership rules apply. 1 handed any legal bit.
- Limited Non Pro Rider** has not won more than \$4,500 in all NRHA categories except 3, 7 & 9 over the three previous calendar years. NRHA ownership rules apply. 1 handed any legal bit.
- Over the Hill Non Pro:** Non-Pro rider 45 years or older as of January 1 of the current year. NRHA ownership rules apply. 1 handed any legal bit.
- 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. Ladies and Gentlemen's Classes do not count for Year End Awards.
- Dun Its Lucky Charm Derby:** Open to horses 4, 5, 6 years old. Derby will be at June show only and does not count for year end awards. Open Division will be run concurrent with Junior Horse class. Non Pro Division will be run separately. NRHA approved and NRHA rules will apply.
- Professor Smart Futurity:** Horses may be shown 1 handed in any legal bit handed or may show 2 handed in a snaffle bit or hackamore. Futurity will be at September show only and does not count for year end awards. Open Division will be for 3 year old horses only. Non Pro Division will be for 3 and 4 year old horses. This class is pending NRHA approval and NRHA rules will apply. Both divisions will be run concurrent with Junior Horse class. Riders who cross enter will pay the highest applicable judges fee.

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

Owner and Rider must both be members of the RHANW (before horse and rider enter the arena for their class) and must show in class in a majority of shows (3 out of 4) to be eligible for Year End Awards. All 4 shows count towards year end points. Any points earned at a show where an NSF check has been written will automatically be forfeited. Payment must be made good by payment in cash or the equivalent (money order, etc.) prior to entering the next show. Refer to RHANW Rules and Regulations. RHANW Rules and Regulations are available at the show office or online at www.rhanw.com.

All four shows count for the NRHA North American Regional Affiliate Finals. Refer to NRHA US Affiliate Conditions for qualifying rules.