

2010 ADEQUAN NORTH AMERICAN AFFILIATE CHAMPIONSHIPS & NRHA AFFILIATE CIRCUIT SERIES

(for NRHA Affiliates in the United States, Canada & Mexico)

This program is designed for NRHA affiliates in North America and gives them the freedom necessary to structure a circuit responsive to the needs of its members and location. This program provides a format by which the local champions can compete against their peers for a NRHA Morrison Bronze or a NRHA Pewter Trophy, while also offering the opportunity to advance to a National level. It is the aim of the NRHA, the Affiliate Committee, and this program to increase the emphasis on "grass roots" reining and continue to promote our sport at all levels.

CIRCUIT SERIES CONDITIONS

1. Individual circuits may begin January 1, 2010 and must end at least 30 days prior to that affiliate's Regional Finals.
2. Each affiliate circuit show must be sponsored by a current NRHA affiliate or a combination of current NRHA affiliates.
3. Circuits will only be approved for affiliates that have paid their current year NRHA affiliate dues. **2010 NRHA Affiliate dues are due and payable on or before December 1, 2009.**
4. The affiliate circuits are required to include a minimum of three (3) shows. All affiliate circuit shows must be NRHA approved and meet the requirements for approval as stated in the NRHA Handbook.
5. An affiliate will determine which of its shows it will consider circuit shows. Affiliates must turn in their tentative circuit schedules to the NRHA Office by December 1, 2009. There can be no changes made to a circuit after the first affiliate circuit show is held. Circuit approval forms are available online and from the NRHA Office. **All approved circuits will be published in the REINER. Any circuit applications filled out incorrectly will be returned to the affiliate.**
6. Each affiliate will determine which classes they will offer as qualifying classes for the regional Affiliate Finals. Each Affiliate Finals will offer the following classes: Open, Intermediate Open, Limited Open, Rookie Professional, Non Pro, Intermediate Non Pro, Limited Non Pro, Prime Time Non Pro, Novice Horse Open I, Novice Horse Open II, Novice Horse Non Pro I, Novice Horse Non Pro II, Youth 13 & Under, Youth 14-18, and Rookie II.
7. For an affiliate to qualify a rider for a class, that specific class must be offered in at least three (3) circuit shows. **There is no minimum or maximum number of shows that a horse and rider must attend.**
8. Each affiliate will be responsible for providing the NRHA office with a complete list of all placings, including zeros and no scores, in each class in each circuit show.
9. The affiliate will be required to provide a list of its current members, including the beginning date of membership, with the results of their first affiliate circuit show to verify affiliate membership. Updates to the membership rosters must be submitted to the NRHA office monthly. The last updated roster is to be turned in to the NRHA offices in the correct format 30 days before that affiliate's regional finals. Anything received after this date will not be accepted.
10. All membership rosters must be turned in the correct format with all the necessary information. Rosters not submitted in the correct format will not be accepted and processed by the NRHA office. Questions regarding the correct formatting of the roster can be answered in affiliate department at the NRHA offices. **A template showing the correct format can be found on the affiliate pages of the NRHA website.**
11. Affiliates may not require memberships in the local affiliate for participation in an affiliate circuit show; however, the rider must be a member of their local affiliate at the time of competing for points to count toward Regional Finals qualifications.
12. Affiliates may not charge any additional fees for participants in the circuit qualifying classes. An example of fees charged improperly would be a registration fee for the horse in that particular affiliate or any additional fees to be eligible to qualify for circuit finals.
13. Upon completion of the circuit series, NRHA will provide an appreciation support check for \$500 to the affiliate.
14. Affiliates sponsoring a circuit may award pewter trophies to its circuit champions and plaques to its circuit reserve champions in NRHA approved Category 1 classes only. In NRHA approved Category 3 and Category 5 classes, plaques may be awarded to circuit champions and reserve champions. The deadline for ordering these trophies is December 31 of the title year. Providing these awards is an option for each individual affiliate and must be ordered through the NRHA Office.
15. **It is acceptable for affiliates to conduct fund raising activity throughout the year to support those exhibitors from their affiliate who qualify for RAF and/or NAAC competition as they may determine so long as all qualified exhibitors are provided equal access to the funds. Funds raised through these efforts may not be applied to entry fees. No penalty or disqualification of an exhibitors Non-Pro status shall be brought as a**

result of this activity. Affiliates who participate in this activity shall keep records and receipts of funds disbursed.

REGIONAL AFFILIATE FINALS QUALIFICATION

1. A rider may qualify in only one region and for only one affiliate.
2. The rider must be a member of their local affiliate at the time of competition for points to count toward regional finals qualifications.
3. **ALL EXHIBITORS MUST HAVE A PRIMARY AFFILIATE DESIGNATION REGISTERED WITH THE NRHA OFFICE NO LATER THAN AUGUST 1ST OF EACH YEAR. Once a designation is registered, it will apply from year to year unless changed by the exhibitor, either on the NRHA website or in writing to NRHA Member Services. Changes must be in place no later than August 1st. Any changes made to the designation after August 1st will not be effective until the next year's qualification period. Horse and rider RAF qualification will not be recognized through any affiliate that the rider has joined after August 1st. Any affiliate joined after August 1st will not be subject to an affiliate designation during the remained of that qualification period.**
4. The affiliate membership lists will be used to determine a horse and riders qualification within an affiliate.
5. Points are to be calculated on a one horse/one rider format for all classes.
6. Points will be awarded based on the number of horses actually competing in the class, i.e. if fifteen (15) horses compete, first place will be awarded 15 points, 2nd - 14 points, etc. Points will be calculated on horses actually competing, excluding the horses entered but scratched. Zeros and no scores will not be awarded points. **Horses with no points do not qualify for RAF competition.**
7. The top ten (10) horse and rider combinations plus ties from each class offered in a circuit qualify for the regional affiliate finals. **Substitutions of a rider or horse for any reason shall not be allowed in the Regional Finals or the North American Affiliate Championships.**
8. The NRHA office will post the standings of each affiliate's qualifying exhibitors on the NRHA website.

NORTH AMERICAN REGIONAL AFFILIATE FINALS CONDITIONS

1. One Regional Affiliate Finals (RAF) per region will be held for affiliate circuit qualifiers from the affiliates located within each respective region in the United States, Canada and Mexico. Qualifiers to the Adequan/NRHA North American Affiliate Championships will be determined from the Regional Affiliate Finals in each region.
2. All RAF locations and affiliate hosts will be chosen by the NRHA Board of Directors. **Affiliates may obtain guidelines for submitting bids to be an RAF host from the NRHA office.**
3. The affiliates from California and Nevada may chose between the Northwest and the Southwest Finals and must notify the NRHA office of their intent **upon renewal or application of their NRHA affiliation.**
4. The affiliates from Idaho may choose between the Northwest and Mountain Finals and must notify the NRHA office of their intent **upon renewal or application of their NRHA affiliation.**
5. The affiliates from Mexico will qualify riders to North American Championships through the Mexican affiliate finals. The top four plus ties at fourth in each class will advance to the North American Affiliate Championships.
6. A NRHA Morrison Bronze will be awarded to the Regional Affiliate Finals winner in each class except for Rookie and Youth, which will receive a NRHA pewter trophy.
7. A rider may not show more than three (3) horses per class **and may enter only those championship classes for which they qualify.**
8. Any misrepresented entry (this pertains to the eligibility of both rider and horse) will be subjected to disciplinary action per the *NRHA Handbook*.
9. In the event a corporate sponsor is procured, the Affiliate Show Committee must agree to abide by contract stipulations between the NRHA and said sponsors.
10. The NRHA Affiliate Committee reserves the right to amend these rules at any time with immediate notice of any such changes to the affiliates.

REGIONAL AFFILIATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Each of the regional Affiliate Finals will offer a Team Competition among recognized affiliates.
2. Any affiliate sending riders to the Affiliate Finals is eligible to participate.
3. Points will be awarded using the NRHA Youth Point scale.
4. The top three point earners per class for each affiliate will be used to determine each team's total points per class.
5. The affiliate with the highest placing team will be awarded \$500.

ADEQUAN/NRHA NORTH AMERICAN AFFILIATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. The North American Affiliate Championships (NAAC) shall be held in conjunction with the 2010 NRHA Futurity and Championship Show in Oklahoma City, OK.
2. Points are awarded on a one horse/one rider format. Horses with zeros or no scores do not qualify for NAAC competition.
3. The top eight (8) horse and rider combinations, plus ties, from each of the Regional Affiliate Finals will advance to the North American Affiliate Championships.
4. Substitutions of a rider or horse for any reason shall not be allowed. In the event of the veterinarian certified death of a qualified horse, the stall deposit will be refunded.
5. Horses must be exhibited by the same rider who qualified with the horse at the Regional Affiliate Championships.
6. Championship classes will run concurrent with ancillary classes.
7. Added money: \$5000 Open, \$3000 Intermediate Open, \$500 Limited Open, \$500 Rookie Professional, \$5000 Non Pro, \$3000 Intermediate Non Pro, \$500 Limited Non Pro, \$1500 Prime Time Non Pro, \$1000 Novice Horse Open I, \$2500 Novice Horse Open II, \$1000 Novice Horse Non Pro I, \$2500 Novice Horse Non Pro II, \$100 Youth 13 & Under, \$100 Youth 14 -18 and \$1500 Rookie of the Year.
8. The first two placings of each class will be named the North American Affiliate Champion and the North American Affiliate Reserve Champion.

NRHA ROOKIE OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

1. The top eight (8) horse and rider combinations plus ties from each of the Regional Affiliate Finals Rookie II category are eligible to compete for the coveted Rookie of the Year title and trophy at the NRHA Futurity and Championship Show in a separate and special class presentation. There will be no alternates.
2. Rookie of the Year rider will be named from the Rookie II category.
3. The competition will be a clean slate finals with the class winner receiving the Rookie of the Year title.
4. No entry fee will be charged and the stall fee shall be half price.
5. There will be no substitutions.
6. Payouts will be as follows: 1st place - \$500, 2nd place - \$400, 3rd place - \$300, 4th place - \$200, 5th place - \$100

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