

**2009 ADEQUAN® NORTH AMERICAN AFFILIATE CHAMPIONSHIP  
& 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, 2009 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. 2009 NRHA affiliate dues must be paid prior to December 1, 2008.
4. The circuit affiliate sponsor(s) is required to hold 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. Circuit sponsors must turn in their tentative circuit schedules to the NRHA Office by December 1, 2008. 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*.
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.
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.
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 and their National Association Affiliate where applicable at the time of competing for points to count toward regional finals qualifications and the affiliate may require membership to qualify for year end awards. Circuits 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.
12. Upon completion of the circuit series, NRHA will provide an appreciation support check for \$500 to the affiliate.
13. 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.

**REGIONAL AFFILIATE FINALS RIDER QUALIFICATION**

1. 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 rider must attend.
2. A rider may qualify in only one region and for only one affiliate.
3. The rider must be a member of their local affiliate and their National Association Affiliate where applicable at the time of competition for points to count toward regional finals qualifications.
4. The affiliate membership lists will be used to determine a rider's affiliate. Riders with membership in more than one (1) affiliate must declare to the NRHA office each year by July 1, the affiliate they plan to represent at the regional finals whether or not they have shown in more than one affiliate. A rider's designation will remain as declared until the NRHA office is notified of a change. Designations and changes received between July 1 and December 31 will apply to the following year.
5. Points are to be calculated on a one horse/one rider format.
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.
7. The top ten (10) horse and rider combinations plus ties from each class offered in a circuit qualify for the regional affiliate finals. There will be no alternates, nor will substitutions be allowed.
8. The NRHA office will post the standings of each affiliate on the NRHA web site.
9. Those qualifying for the regional finals may only enter the championship classes for which they qualify.
10. Riders may not change horses for the regional finals.

**NORTH AMERICAN REGIONAL AFFILIATE FINALS CONDITIONS**

1. There will be ten (10) regional finals to determine the qualifiers for the Adequan/NRHA North American Affiliate Championships. The regions are:
  - a. Northeastern U.S.—One finals will be held for circuit qualifiers from the Northeastern U.S. region and will be hosted by a northeastern affiliate.
  - b. Southeastern U.S.—One finals will be held for circuit qualifiers from the Southeastern U.S. region and will be hosted by a southeastern affiliate.
  - c. North Central U.S.—One finals will be held for the circuit qualifiers from the North Central U.S. region, and will be hosted by a north central affiliate.
  - d. South Central U.S.—One finals will be held for the circuit qualifiers from the South Central U.S. region and will be hosted by a south central affiliate.
  - e. Mountain U.S.—One finals will be held for the circuit qualifiers from the Mountain U.S. Region and will be hosted by a mountain affiliate.
  - f. Northwestern U.S.—One finals will be held for the circuit qualifiers from the Northwestern region and will be hosted by a northwestern affiliate.
  - g. Southwestern U.S.—One finals will be held for the circuit qualifiers from the Southwestern region and will be hosted by a southwestern affiliate.
  - h. Eastern Canada—One finals will be held for the circuit qualifiers from the eastern Canadian region and will be hosted by an eastern Canadian affiliate.
  - i. Western Canada—One finals will be held for the circuit qualifiers from the western Canadian region and will be hosted by a western Canadian affiliate.
  - j. Mexico—One Finals will be held for the circuit qualifiers from Mexico and will be hosted by a Mexican affiliate.
2. All Finals locations will be chosen by the NRHA Board of Directors. Contact the NRHA Office for guidelines for submitting Circuit Finals Host Proposals.
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 by July 1
4. The affiliates from Idaho may choose between the Northwest and Mountain Finals and must notify the NRHA office of their intent by July 1.
5. The affiliates from Mexico will qualify riders to North American Championships through the Mexican affiliate finals. The top five 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.
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. To be held in conjunction with the 2009 NRHA Futurity and Championship Show in Oklahoma City, OK.
2. The five (5) horse and rider combinations plus ties from each of the affiliate finals will advance to the North American Affiliate Championships.
3. There will be no substitutions allowed.
4. Championship classes will run concurrent with ancillary classes.
5. Added money: \$2000 Open, \$1000 Intermediate Open, \$500 Limited Open, \$500 Rookie Professional, \$2000 Non Pro, \$1000 Intermediate Non Pro, \$500 Limited Non Pro, \$200 Prime Time Non Pro, \$1000 Novice Horse Open I, \$1000 Novice Horse Open II, \$1000 Novice Horse Non Pro I, \$1000 Novice Horse Non Pro II, \$100 Youth 13 & Under, and \$100 Youth 14-18.
6. The first two placings of each class will be named the North American Affiliate Champion and the North American Affiliate Reserve Champion.

**NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION ROOKIE OF THE YEAR COMPETITION**

1. The top five (5) 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.
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