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USEF CRI* National Reining Championship

Intent: To encourage Reining Riders not on the USEF Reining Long List to compete at the FEI level.

- The USEF CRI* National Reining Championship will be open to all U.S. riders over 18 that are not on the USEF Reining Long List for the current competition year; except Restricted Riders (as defined below) that have not competed in a USEF National CRI**** Open Reining Championship in the last three years.
- Riders can ride no more than three (3) horses in the USEF CRI* National Reining Championship.
- Riders must have a USEF High Performance Membership and a FEI Rider Registration in order to compete.
- The horse(s) must be at least six years old, eligible under FEI rules, recorded with USEF pursuant to USEF Rule GR812, and in good standing under USEF rules.
- Horses must have a National Passport and FEI Registration in order to compete.
- Riders who compete in the USEF CRI* National Reining Championship and finish in the top ten will be added to the USEF Reining Long List and be eligible to compete in the USEF National CRI**** Open Reining Championship the following competition year.
- There is no qualification requirement to compete in the USEF CRI* National Reining Championship.
- The USEF CRI* National Reining Championship may run concurrent with the USEF National CRI**** Open Reining Championship.
- The date and time of the USEF CRI* National Reining Championship will be published on the USEF website no later than 60 days prior to the competition.
- The competition year is December 1 through November 31 through the following year.
- Riders interested in participating in the USEF CRI* National Reining Championship may do so by entering the championship by the deadline set by the competition organizer. Entry deadlines will be posted on the USEF website.

Definitions:

USEF Reining Long List – The list is comprised of the top 200 money-earning U.S. citizens in NRHA category 1, 2, 6 and 8 rankings from the previous three years. The list also includes Breed World and National Champions from the American Morgan Horse Association (AMHA), American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA), American Paint Horse Association (APHA), Appaloosa Horse Club (ApHC), International Arabian Horse Association (IAHA), International Buckskin Horse Association (IBHA), and the Palomino Horse Breeders of America (PHBA) from the past three years.

Restricted Rider – A rider on the USEF Reining Long List, excluding the top 50 money-earning U.S. citizens in NRHA Category 1, 2, 6, and 8 rankings from the previous three years.

Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) – The international governing body for equestrian sports. The FEI sanction CRI's, FEI World Reining Masters, FEI World Reining Championships & the FEI World Equestrian Games.

Concours de Reining Internationale (CRI) – International Reining competitions that are exclusively for Reining at the highest levels. The FEI levels are indicated by a star level (1 to 4 stars). The CRI* is the first level of FEI competition with prize money up to CHF 2,400.

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