

UNITED STATES NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY

A. NRHA/US Equestrian Federation

(1) The National Reining Horse Association has become an affiliate association and a recognized discipline of US Equestrian Federation and wishes to promote the sport of reining with the “dual” approval of reining events by both organizations.

(2) The National Reining Horse Association may sanction certain reining events in conjunction with US Equestrian Federation. The following conditions will apply as well as conditions set forth in the *NRHA Handbook* and the Federation Rule Book.

(a) Owners and riders competing in NRHA/USEF Dual Approved competition will be required to be members in good standing of the NRHA. Owners and riders may choose to be members of USEF or to pay the current “Non member” fee and discipline fee. A current membership card will be required for verifying NRHA membership or membership may be “applied for” at the show. US Equestrian Federation membership credentials may be shown or an affidavit may be signed verifying membership.

(b) An event must declare its intent to seek “Dual” approval to the NRHA by supplying to NRHA the documentation that the show is US Equestrian Federation sanctioned or currently seeking USEF approval. The event must then submit the normal show approval forms required by NRHA for sanctioning. Note: Dual event approval must follow the same guidelines as regular events. See SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS, E. Show Approval, *NRHA Handbook* for details. NRHA deadline for submission of show approval requests is 90 days prior to the event. USEF deadline for application of show approval is 60 days prior to the event.

(c) At horse shows that are both NRHA and USEF approved, the USEF steward could serve as equipment judge. The USEF steward would be required to pass an NRHA test on approved bits and responsibilities of an NRHA equipment judge and be approved by the NRHA.

(d) Be prepared to follow all rules and regulations required by USEF as set forth in the current rule book and Equestrian magazine which apply to reining and/or general conditions as set forth in rules I through XV in the Federation Rule Book.

(e) Horses will be subject to USEF Drugs and Medications rule and the USEF drug testing program.

(f) Any protests must be made in accordance with Rule VI of the US Equestrian Federation Rule Book.

(g) Disciplinary actions taken by the USEF in accordance with Rule VI of the US Equestrian Federation Rule Book will be accepted and imposed by NRHA.

(h) In accordance with the NRHA's affiliate association relationship with the USEF, any conflict of rules between the two associations will be resolved by deferring to USEF rules of competition existing in USEF rules.

(i) The NRHA Executive Committee, or its designee, will examine the merits of events requesting dual sanctioning and approve these events on an individual basis.

(j) Monies earned in Dual Events will count towards NRHA Lifetime Achievement awards and lifetime earnings.

(k) Upon approval of each individual event, the NRHA Executive Committee, or its designee, will decide if monies earned in this event will count towards World Championship titles.