

YOUTH SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS

A. MEMBERSHIP AND SHOW CONDITIONS

(1) Any youth eighteen (18) years of age or younger as of January 1 may become a member of the National Reining Horse Association Youth Program.

(2) Youth membership is available. (See SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS, A. MEMBERSHIP, (1), (a) Memberships for the current fee.)

(3) Youth General membership entitles a youth to show in Open, Intermediate Open, Limited Open, Intermediate Horse, Novice Horse Open Level 1 and Level 2, and Youth classes (provided eligibility requirements are met) in any type of show. A Youth may show in Non Pro, Intermediate Non Pro, Limited Non Pro, Novice Horse Non Pro Level 1 and Level 2, and Rookie Level 1 and Level 2 classes in any type of show provided he/she obtains an NRHA General Youth Non Pro card as outlined in the Non Pro Conditions in this *Handbook*.

(4) Youth Associate membership entitles a youth to show in the Open and Youth classes in Entry Level Slide, Entry Level Ride and Green Level shows and in the Non Pro class of Entry Level Ride and Green shows. A youth may show in the Non Pro class of an Entry Level Slide show provided he/she obtains an NRHA Associate Youth Non Pro card as outlined in the Non Pro Conditions in this *Handbook*.

(5) All horses shown in youth competition (excluding Ancillary show classes - Youth Rookie, Unrestricted Youth, and Youth 10 & Under Short Stirrup, all Entry Level Slide show classes, all Entry Level Ride show classes and all Green show classes.) must be solely and completely owned by one of the following (a) the youth, (b) a member of his or her immediate family (Refer to definition of immediate family as stated in Section B. Non Pro Conditions), or (c) a corporation, partnership or other business entity provided the Youth and/or a member or members of his or her immediate family are the sole and only owners of that business entity and the ownership of that business entity does not change to include non-immediate family members or entities. Ownership will be evidenced by the competition license.

(6) No stallions, monorchid or cryptorchid horses, regardless of age, will be permitted in any youth classes. If the competition license indicates "stallion" for a horse that has been gelded, entry into an NRHA approved youth class requires that a gelding statement form be filed with the show results and the original competition license be submitted to the NRHA office within 30 days of the show date for modification. Failure to comply will result in the forfeiture of earnings and awards. See General Rules and Regulations Section E-Forfeitures.

B. APPROVED YOUTH REININGS

(1) Anyone wishing to sponsor NRHA youth reinings must follow

- the NRHA show approval procedure as outlined in this *Handbook*. Approval will be awarded on a first come-first serve basis.
- (2) There will be no show approval fee for youth reinings held in conjunction with a regular NRHA approved reining. Anyone wishing to host only a youth reining, a \$20 fee will apply as an approval fee.
 - (3) There will be two classes offered at all Ancillary approved shows, 13 and Under and 14 through 18. Other available classes that may be offered are Youth 10 & Under Short Stirrup, Unrestricted Youth, and Youth Rookie.
 - (4) The show committee can purchase the official NRHA plaque through the NRHA office for both classes and must offer a minimum of 1st through 10th place awards in both classes.
 - (5) Regular youth reinings are those offering a minimum of 10 awards and points only. There will be an entry fee of no more than \$10 in all regular youth reinings for Ancillary shows.
 - (6) The top ten youth in each class must be placed and reported on the official show results form. Show committees will use the Youth Point Scale provided in the *NRHA Handbook* to compute the number of points issued in a NRHA youth class. Horses entered but not competing (scratched from the class) will not be placed or used in the computation of youth points, but will be used when computing payback.
 - (7) There will be no judges' fee or office fee in any NRHA youth reinings. No other type of office fee may be charged.
 - (8) An NRHA youth class may offer no more than \$100 in added money. No show retainage may be taken in jackpotted or added money classes in Ancillary shows.
 - (9) For added money youth reinings, the entry fee may be no more than ten percent (10%) of the added money per division in Ancillary shows, Aged shows, Closed Aged shows and Breed Restricted shows.
 - (10) When calculating youth money, the NRHA plaque cost may not be deducted and the NRHA 5% fee is not deducted and is not paid to NRHA.
 - (11) Prize money for added money and jackpot NRHA youth reining classes must be calculated using NRHA Payback Schedule A. The prize money and points must be represented on the show results forms.
 - (12) Any of the eleven NRHA patterns will be used in approved youth reinings. Pattern 11 is to be used only with the Youth 10 & Under Short Stirrup class. The Entry Level Ride Youth class may use relaxed patterns. See Entry Level Ride Show Conditions as set forth in this *Handbook*.
 - (13) All rules not covered in this section will be covered in the *NRHA Handbook* under Show Rules And Regulations.

C. INCENTIVE AWARDS

- (1) The Youth Incentive Program awards will be determined by the number of points a Youth 13 & Under or Youth 14-

18 rider earns in Youth classes (excluding Youth 10 & Under Short Stirrup).

(a) These Youth Incentive Program awards will be issued when a youth contestant reaches the following levels: fifty (50) points, two hundred (200) points, four hundred (400) points, six hundred (600) points, eight hundred (800), and fifteen hundred (1500) points.

(2) The Short Stirrup Program awards will be determined by the number of points a youth rider earns in the Youth 10 & Under Short Stirrup reining competition. These points will not count toward the Youth Incentive Program.

(a) These Short Stirrup Program awards will be issued when a youth contestant reaches the following levels in NRHA Youth 10 & Under Short Stirrup reining competition: twenty-five (25) points, fifty (50) points, one hundred (100) points, and two hundred (200) points.

D. YEAR-END AWARDS

(1) Year-end awards will be issued in Youth 13 & Under and Youth 14–18.

(2) Awards will be determined by points earned by a “one horse-one rider combination” in that year in NRHA approved youth reinings.

(3) A Lawson bronze will be awarded to the year-end champion of each class. A Morrison Bronze will be awarded to the year-end reserve champion of each class. A pewter trophy will be awarded to top ten places 3–10.

(4) NRHA Aged Events reinings (Category 2 Reinings) with a youth section involved will not count towards year-end awards.

NRHA YOUTH POINT SCALE

NUMBER OF HORSES SHOWN

| # OF PLACES | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10+ |
| 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 2 | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 3 | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 4 | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 5 | | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 6 | | | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 7 | | | | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 8 | | | | | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 9 | | | | | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 10 | | | | | | | | | | 1 |

Number of horses to be used for computation shall be those horses actually competing; excluding the number of horses entered but scratched from competition.

Neither a no score nor a 0 are eligible to receive points in an NRHA youth class; however, this does not alter the above scale of points for placing.