

NRHA Professional of the Year Nomination Criteria

Horseman of the Year

- Involved in many aspects of NRHA, not just within the show pen
- Exemplifies 'Respect the Horse. Respect the Sport.'
- Has not only had success in the show pen, but also helped to better the association. This could be through serving on committees, helping affiliates, hosting clinics, working with the RHF, and more.
- Known as a mentor to others in the industry

Examples of qualities which would be exemplified in a Horseman of the Year: known as a mentor to others, helps affiliates either host shows or promote NRHA, has donated time to better the association (through clinics, committees, RHF and more), involved in breeding/selling of NRHA prospects, helps support non pros/green reiners/youth, etc.

Becky Hanson Horsewoman of the Year

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Examples of qualities which would be exemplified in a Horsewoman of the Year: known as a mentor to others, helps affiliates either host shows or promote NRHA, has donated time to better the association (through clinics, committees, RHF and more), involved in breeding/selling of NRHA prospects, helps support non pros/green reiners/youth, etc. and empowers/encourages other women in the industry.

Up-and-Coming Professional of the Year

- Less than 10 years in NRHA or newly on their own as a trainer after being an assistant
- Exemplifies 'Respect the Horse. Respect the Sport.'
- Is eager to continue to become more involved in NRHA

Examples of qualities which would be exemplified in an Up-and-Coming Professional of the Year: Has desires to better the association (through clinics, committees, RHF and more), has shown dedication to the industry, has had a breakout year, has stayed consistent or helps support non pros/green reiners/youth, etc.

Youth Coach of the Year

- Has had multiple youth clients have success
- Creates a positive environment for youth
- Helps youth create networks/helps get them involved within NRHA
- Exemplifies 'Respect the Horse. Respect the Sport.'
- Helps youth accomplish their aspirations (ex. Becoming an assistant trainer, riding collegiately, getting involved in a career etc.)

Examples of qualities which would be exemplified in a Youth Professional of the Year: Has had successful youth clients in the show pen, helps youth becoming involved in the association or alliances such as IEA, IHSA, or NCEA, and has shown to be a positive example in the lives of youth members.

Non Pro Coach of the Year

- Has had multiple non pro clients have success
- Exemplifies 'Respect the Horse. Respect the Sport.'
- Helps non pros navigate NRHA rules, shows and helps educate them whether it's buying another prospect or understanding the judging system
- Helps their non pros be involved in an affiliate

Examples of qualities which would be exemplified in a Non Pro Coach of the Year: Has had successful non pros in the show pen, helps non pros become more involved in the association through donation of time or breeding/nomination programs, helps connect non pros to an affiliate and educates new members about NRHA programs.