

Rules and Regulations of the Yellowstone Reining Horse Association (Revised March 8, 2010)

I. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

- * Individual - \$25.00
- * Family - \$30.00
- * Joint - \$30.00

II. COMMITTEES

A. The Standing Committees of the Yellowstone Reining Horse Association are:
Nominations, Show, Banquet, Audit, By-Laws, Fundraising and Awards.

B. Ad hoc committees may be instituted and appointed at the discretion of the President.

C. The Chairperson of each committee shall be appointed by the President. Other members shall be appointed by the committee Chairperson except that the Fundraising Committee shall include at least one representative of the Show Committee and of the Banquet Committee, and the YRHA Secretary.

D. Duties of Committees:

1. Nominations - to select and submit to the President a list of persons able and willing to stand for election as officers or directors. Such list to be submitted not less than 60 days prior to the annual meeting.
2. Show - to organize and supervise the Yellowstone Slide shows, jackpot shows, clinics and other instructional events.
3. Banquet - to plan and supervise the annual Awards Banquet.
4. Audit - to conduct an annual audit of the financial affairs of the YRHA and to submit the findings to the President prior to the annual meeting.
5. By-Laws - to submit proposed by-law changes to the Board of Directors not less than sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting.
6. Fundraising - to solicit funds and/or merchandise to support the various activities of the YRHA and to coordinate these efforts with the chairpersons of the Show and Banquet committees.
7. Awards - to submit for the approval of the Board of Directors the committee's selection of awards.

III. YEAR END AWARDS AND SHOW RULES

A. To be eligible for a year end award, the rider and owner of the horse must be paid up members of the YRHA prior to the closing of entries of any class in which the horse is entered in order for their results in that class to be counted toward a year end award. ***Two-Handed Youth are not required to own the horse they ride in Two-Handed Youth classes; however, to be eligible for a year end award, the rider and owner of the horse are subject to the eligibility rule stated above.***

B. Year end awards are made based on the results of the YRHA shows subject to the conditions enumerated in the bylaws and rules and regulations.

C. The following classes shall be offered at the Yellowstone Slide shows and qualify for year end awards:

** NRHA Open, NRHA Intermediate Open, NRHA Limited Open, NRHA Novice Horse Open Levels 1 & 2, NRHA Rookie Professional, NRHA Freestyle; NRHA Non Pro, NRHA Intermediate Non Pro, NRHA Limited Non Pro, NRHA Prime Time Non Pro, NRHA Novice Horse Non Pro Levels 1 & 2; NRHA Rookie Levels 1 & 2, NRHA Prime Time Rookie; NRHA Youth 13 & Under, NRHA Youth 14-18; Two-Handed Youth 13 & Under, Two-Handed Youth 14-18, Two-Handed Rookie, 60 Years and Older Non Pro.*

** Two-Handed Rookie and Two-Handed Youth classes may be shown in any legal bit one-handed or two-handed, however, the method initially chosen must be maintained throughout the course of the run.*

** 60 Years and Older Non Pro class eligibility: A Non Pro rider who is 60 years old or older at the beginning of the current calendar year.*

** Two-Handed Rookie class eligibility: A Non Pro rider whose lifetime NRHA, YRHA, MRHA, CSRHA or any other reining earnings do not exceed \$200.00 at the beginning of the current calendar year.*

** Green Horse eligibility: Horse cannot have been shown astride prior to January 1 of the current year. Horse may be shown in any legal bit one-handed or two-handed, however, the method initially chosen must be maintained throughout the course of the run.*

** The following constitute the Open Classes: Open, Intermediate Open, Limited Open, Novice Horse Open 1 and 2, Ladies and Gentlemen, Rookie Professional and Freestyle.*
D. The *Green Reiner* class is for beginning non pro reiners who have not earned money in reining events. If money is earned in other classes after their initial entry in the program, the rider will not be disqualified from the class and will be allowed to remain in the class until they win 30 points. Points are cumulative from one year to the next. The class will use a modified NRHA pattern so there are no lead changes and rider may show one- or two-handed in any legal bit or hackamore. The class will run on a point system and when a rider earns 30 points, he/she will graduate out of the class and earn their Green Reiner belt buckle to be awarded at the annual awards banquet. The number of

horses in the class, exclusive of scratches, will determine the number of points available for each place. The points will be from the Yellowstone Slide shows only.

Point system example: Six horses in class - first place receives six (6) points, second place five (5) points, etc. No points for zeros or "no scores." Rider may earn points on one or multiple horses. The entry fees will go towards the purchase of the belt buckles and will not be paid out.

E. Additional classes may be offered at the discretion of the Show Committee. The eligibility of such additional classes for year end awards will be determined by the Board of Directors annually prior to the first YRHA slide.

F. No payback will be awarded for no score or zero scores.

G. No refunds of entry fees, judges fees, or office fees will be made for any horse which is scratched from a particular class after the draw for that class has been completed.

H. In the event that two or more shows are approved by the YRHA in any calendar year, the following additional conditions must be met regarding eligibility for year end awards:

1. For all Open classes, horse must compete in the same class in at least fifty percent (50%) of YRHA approved shows.
2. For all classes other than Open classes, the same horse and rider combination must compete in the same class in at least fifty percent (50%) of YRHA approved shows.
3. Membership requirements for rider and owner remain as stated in Section 3A of the YRHA Rules and Regulations and apply to all shows. In the event of a change in ownership of a horse during the course of the YRHA show season, the new owner is subject to the same conditions stated in Section 3A.
4. Year end awards will be based on the combined earnings of all YRHA approved shows in each class, includes all youth classes.
5. In the event that no otherwise eligible contestant acquires any earnings from all shows in a particular class, the awards for that class will be based on the combined scores of all shows in said class provided that a score greater than zero was acquired in at least one show for said class.
6. NRHA youth classes will receive ribbons in accordance with NRHA rules. If ribbons are to be awarded to the 1st and 2nd places in other classes, it will be listed in the show flyer in the show awards section.
7. Jackpot shows are excluded from all of the provisions enumerated in paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Section G.

8. A horse which is scratched from a class after the draw is completed will be considered to have participated in that class for that particular show regarding eligibility for year end awards, provided that the horse and rider are physically present at the show on the day on which the class is offered.

I. The first two classes of each day will be drawn by 7 p.m. the night before.

J. Late entries will draw for first or last position in the class on all days of the show.

IV. AFFILIATE CIRCUIT QUALIFICATION RULES

A. All horses, owners and riders are subject to NRHA rules and regulations regarding affiliate circuit qualifications.

V. DISCIPLINARY GUIDELINES

A. Abuse or mistreatment of any horse in any manner whatsoever on show grounds will not be tolerated. Abuse is defined as an action, or failure to act, which a reasonably prudent person, informed and experience in the customs, accepted training techniques and exhibition procedures, would determine to be cruel, abusive, inhumane or detrimental to the horse's health.

B. Individuals will be displied if it is determined there was abuse of the horse under any circumstances. Any horse disqualified for reason of abuse will forfeit all monies earned in the particular class.

C. The NRHA Representative and Show Management will deal with instances of reported abuse as called for by the situation.