



## 2024 NSWRHA Rules and Regulation

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## NSWRHA Eligibility

Eligibility for all competition in 2024 will be based on the 2024 Oceanic Eligibility List. The Oceanic eligibility list will be used for approved sanctioned classes.

## NSWRHA High Points Rules

The NSWRHA High Point System will be based on the following rules:

- A. Points for 1st = Number of horses in class (Maximum of 10 points; 1 point per horse)  
Points for 2nd = Number of horses in class minus 1  
Points for 3rd = Number of horses in class minus 2  
Points for 4th = Number of horses in class minus 3  
Points for 5th = Number of horses in class minus 4  
Points for 6th = Number of horses in class minus 5  
Points for 7th = Number of horses in class minus 6  
Points for 8th = Number of horses in class minus 7  
Points for 9th = Number of horses in class minus 8  
Points for 10th = Number of horses in class minus 9

For example: NRHA Ltd Non-Pro has 3 riders and NSWRHA Ltd Non-Pro has 2 riders, there are 5 riders overall in the event. Points awarded for the High Points award will be determined by scores regardless of affiliation. Riders who enter both NRHA and NSWRHA classes will only be counted as one horse/rider combination.

- B. The NSWRHA member with the highest NSWRHA High Points (must have 20 or more points) and has competed in 60% of shows during the show season will win the NSWRHA high point plaque/ rug award for the following classes:  
**Open, Non-Pro, Intermediate Open, Intermediate Non Pro, Limited Open, Limited Non Pro, Rookie Level 1 & 2, Novice Horse Open Level 1,2 & 3, Novice Horse Non Pro Level 1, 2 & 3, Prime Time Non Pro, Green Rider 1 & 2, Rookie Professional, Youth 13 years - under & Youth 14 years - 18 years**  
(For the purpose of the rules, a show season is when the club is able to run all shows booked for the year)
- C. In the event of a tie the person who has competed in the most NSWRHA shows in that class during the season will be awarded the High Point award.
- D. NSWRHA high point prizes will be awarded on the following classes:  
**2 Handed Rookie, Short stirrup, Para reining & Beginner.**  
(Must have 20 or more points and has competed in 60% of shows during the show season)
- E. To be eligible for NSWRHA High Points you must be a full financial member of NSWRHA.
- F. NSWRHA High Points will only commence accumulating from the time membership is paid in full to the club.
- G. NSWRHA High Points will not be retrospectively earned for runs at shows prior to membership fees being paid for the season.
- H. Zero scores will not be awarded NSWRHA High Points but will go towards the number of horses entered in an event.
- I. Scratched horses will not count towards the number of horses in a class.

- K. Riders tying in a class will be awarded average points between those placing.

### NSWRHA Showing Rules

- A. Each rider agrees to allow themselves to be photographed and or videoed for judging purposes. In addition, each rider agrees to be photographed and or videoed for marketing purposes unless written notice has been received by the committee. A youth release form must be signed by a parent or guardian and sent to the committee.
- B. A refund will only be given on the receipt of a vet or doctors certificate prior to any show's commencement.
- C. A rider must **OWN** the horse or have a current NRHA lease agreement with an accompanying competition license for the horse they are riding in order to compete in sanctioned events (as per the NRHA Rulebook). These events include all Non-Pro events (including Rookies) & Youth. Horses may be owned by the immediate family member/s of the rider.
- D. All classes are subject to NRHA rules regarding equipment & attire with the exception of the following: **Beginners, short stirrup, Lead Line & Green Reiner are not required to use a western saddle.**
- E. All entries are to be paid prior to the commencement of the show, any entries submitted where payment isn't made will be removed from all classes entered.
- F. If you are riding in the training class and you wish to ride off pattern, it is your responsibility to advise the gate/scribe, and you will have a 5-minute time limit in the arena

### NSWRHA Non-Pro conditions

- A. Any non-pro is **NOT** able to receive remuneration directly or indirectly for giving lessons in disciplines such as Reining, Cow horse, Cutting, training horses, riding astride. Any failure to observe this rule will result in immediate disqualification from NSWRHA Non-Pro classes. The committee reserves the right to refuse or cancel a non-Pro entry at any time.
- B. Any rider who has previously not met the requirements of non pro status must meet all non-Pro conditions for a period of at least 2 years.
- C. Our members have the right to protest a non-Pro's eligibility. To do this it must be lodged in writing to the committee with a \$50 fee. If the protest is upheld the \$50 fee will be refunded.
- D. Any change of non-Pro status must be notified in writing to the committee within 30 days.
- E. A rider must **OWN** the horse they are riding or have a current NRHA lease agreement with an accompanying competition license in order to compete in non-pro events (as per the NRHA Rulebook) These events include all Non-Pro events (including Rookies and Youth). Horses may be owned by an immediately family member of the rider. An NRHA immediate family form must be completed.

### **NSWRHA Short stirrup conditions**

- A.** Riders must be a NSWRHA member 14 yrs. & under.
- B.** If a short stirrup rider competes in any NRHA sanctioned event and wins, they are no longer eligible to compete in this class.
- C.** Short stirrup riders can use an approved snaffle bit, bosal/hackamore, or bridle, regardless of the age of the horse. A short stirrup rider may ride in any type of saddle and there will be no penalty for holding the saddle with either hand while in the arena.
- D.** A short stirrup rider does not need to own the horse they ride.
- E.** Short stirrup riders must ride with closed reins and may ride with one or two hands on the reins and can change during the class.
- F.** Riders do not have to wear western attire, but they must wear a long sleeve shirt and helmet.

### **NSWRHA GREEN REINER conditions**

- A.** A rider can only ride in this class until such time as they enter a sanctioned (NRHA) class or have won the highpoints award in a riding year. (For the purpose of the rules, an NRHA sanctioned class is anything above NRHA Green Reiner)
- B.** Green Reiner Level 1 is open to all riders with less than \$100 NRHA lifetime earnings, has less than 25 lifetime youth points, and less than 25 NSWRHA highpoints.
- C.** Green Reiner Level 2 is open to all riders with less than \$100 NRHA lifetime earnings, has less than 25 lifetime youth points and less than 50 NSWRHA highpoints points.
- D.** Should a rider become ineligible throughout the riding the year, this change would not take effect until the following riding year
- E.** Patterns will be NRHA approved. Relaxed judging will be used with simple changes being allowed. A rider can use one or two hands on the reins and can change between one and two hands during the run. NRHA legal equipment is required. A rider can use any style of saddle.
- F.** High points will be applied as per the NSWRHA high point schedule. Zero scores will not be awarded points. Ties will receive equal points. i.e., A tie for 3rd will both receive 8 points.

### **NSWRHA Beginner conditions**

- A.** Riders must hold a non-pro status.
- B.** A rider can only ride in this class until such time as they enter a sanctioned (NRHA) class or have won the high points award in one riding year for this class. (for the purpose of the rules, an NRHA Sanctioned class is anything above NRHA Green Reiner)
- C.** Beginners can use an approved snaffle bit, bosal/hackamore, or bridle, regardless of the age of the horse. A Beginner may ride in any type of saddle.
- D.** A Beginner does not need to own the horse they are riding.
- E.** Beginners can ride one or two handed but cannot change hands once they enter the arena.
- F.** A Beginner does not have to wear western attire, but they must wear a long sleeve shirt and helmet/ and or western hat.

### **MUNRO RIDE AND SLIDE Beginner series and Shootout Conditions**

- A.** The rider must be a financial member of NSW RHA for the year.
- B.** Horses can be ridden 2 handed in a snaffle bit.
- C.** Any saddle can be used.
- D.** Long sleeve shirt, hat or helmet to be worn.
- E.** Horse and rider combination must compete in at least 3 shows to qualify and be eligible for the Shootout.
- F.** Winners and place getters subject to point system, Winner earning the highest number of points in relation to numbers in class.
- G.** 0 scores will be given a number equal to the lowest number of competitors.
- H.** At State top 50% of competitors from club shows will be invited to a clean slate shootout. The winner of the shootout will be announced Munros Ride and Slide Beginners Series Champion
- I.** Rider may only compete once in the shoot out on one horse irrespective of qualifying scores. If required a rider must elect which horse to compete in the shootout.

### **WELCOME TO REINING Conditions**

- A.** Riders are only eligible to compete in this class for the first 12 months of reining.

### **NSWRHA Two Handed Rookie conditions**

- A.** Riders must be a non-pro.
- B.** You must be eligible for this class as per the NRHA rulebook and the Oceania Eligibility List. That is a rider must not have earned more than \$200 lifetime NRHA earning, or if they have previously won the NSW RHA High Point in this event, or the rider has amassed more than 20 points in any NSW RHA class, other than beginners, short stirrup and Youth.
- C.** Any horse is eligible to be ridden in 2 Handed Rookie class.
- D.** Two Handed Rookies must be ridden two handed.
- E.** In this class you may use an approved snaffle bit, bosal/hackamore, or bridle.
- F.** This class is subject to the equipment and attire requirements of the NRHA rulebook.
- G.** The NSW RHA two handed rookie does not need to own the horse they ride.

### **NSWRHA Training Class conditions Any Handed**

- A.** This event is open to all Open and Non-Pro riders and horses.
- B.** Riders may use an approved snaffle bit, bosal/hackamore, or bridle, regardless of the age of the horse.
- C.** This class may be ridden with one hand or two hands and may change between one or two hands during the run.
- D.** Competitors do not need to own the horse they ride.
- E.** This class is non-judged.

### **NSWRHA Junior Horse conditions**

- A.** Only junior horses six-years-old and younger may be exhibited in junior classes.
- B.** This event is open to all Open and Non-Pro riders and horses.
- C.** Riders may use an approved snaffle bit, bosal/hackamore, or bridle, regardless of the age of the horse.
- D.** This class may be ridden with one hand or two hands and may change between one or two hands during the run without being subject to penalty or a zero score.

**Any Reiner conditions (Formally known as Ladies/ Men's)**

- A.** Any female or male rider of any age is eligible for this class.
- B.** Any horse is eligible to be ridden in this class.
- C.** Open and non-pro riders may compete in this class.
- D.** A female or male competitor does not need to own the horse they are riding.
- E.** This class may be ridden with one hand or two hands but cannot change throughout the class.

**NRHA Affiliate Qualifiers - As per NRHA rules.**

## NSWRHA Show Etiquette

- A.** Show Entries must be sent & payments in by the due date. Entries received on the day are subject to the late fee as per the show entry forms.
- B.** If you are entering NRHA sanctioned classes, you must send your NRHA membership and horses NRHA license number with your entries.
- C.** Warm up Pen: Please be in the warmup pen at least 10 mins prior to your class. The Warmup pen is located at the car park end of the arena. If you stop or are waiting to enter the arena, please stand in the middle of the circle or on the side.
- D.** Open pen rules: Right circles at the top of the pen, left circles the bottom, slower moving riders to go in the centre of the circle (so that riders can lope fast circles), no stopping or standing in the centre – move slightly off centre so the circling riders can still circle. Circling will usually go for about 20-30 minutes and then riders will move to run downs. Run straight down the pen, rather than diagonal angles. Open pens may be limited in the number of horses permitted at one time.
- E.** Gate rules: Please keep the gate clear for bit checks and the next horse entering the pen. We only allow trainers and/or horse hands to watch from the warmup arena, all other spectators must go in the stands and or the bar area.
- F.** Show attire: The NRHA Handbook outlines the attire required for showing; when you enter the arena to show, you must be wearing a western hat or safety helmet, long sleeved western shirt with sleeves, buttoned down and boots and your horse must have a western saddle and western bridle. Failure to have correct attire upon entering the arena will result in a no score, however losing your hat within a run does not attract a penalty.
- G.** Competitor Number: Failing to wear your show number can result in a \$50 fine. Please pin your number to the left-hand side of your saddle pad. It is also permitted to have it pinned on the rider's back.
- H.** Kids at the show: We welcome kids to our shows, they are our next potential members, please make sure that they are supervised by an adult at all times when around the arena. Please refrain kids from running around the spectator area so that others are comfortable and to avoid spooking the horse while showing.
- I.** Presentations: Be astride your saddled horse or mounted wearing your show attire for presentations.
- J.** Animal welfare: Whilst the committee does not feel that there are any problems with animal abuse or welfare in reining in Australia, this is a gentle reminder to be very mindful of your behaviour with your horse in any public environment. Many people are not familiar with western riding/attire and may not understand the appearance and use of spurs or with western riding/attire and may not understand the appearance and use of spurs or western bits. Animal welfare groups are becoming more and more active, and it is necessary to be very mindful of this – something that you may not take offense to, they may! It is also good to remember that most mobile phones have video capability now, so you may be recorded without your knowledge – this is especially the case with trainers– many people may be recording your schooling.
- K.** Show feedback and dealing with the committee and volunteers. The show committee and volunteers work tirelessly to ensure each show runs as smoothly as possible. As our committee and volunteers are not paid for the time they spend organising and running these events, please ensure that you treat them with respect and decency. It's a tough job so please help where you can. If you have feedback that can wait till after the show, please email us at [nswrha@gmail.com](mailto:nswrha@gmail.com) and we will respond promptly. The show representative is usually the President or Vice President, please see them if you have an issue that needs to be resolved on the day.
- L.** Un-sportsman like behaviour will not be tolerated and will be dealt with as per the NRHA rules.
- M.** All horses are to be ridden, saddled, and bridled at all times during an event in all areas including carpark.

(Excluding freestyle classes). Youth riders must wear an approved riding helmet unless written consent has been received from a parent.

- N.** A rider is responsible for their own ineligibility. If ineligible NSW RHA has the right to exclude the rider from high points and will not be refunded entry fees for those incorrectly entered classes. Riders will also forfeit any placings and prize monies earned should the ride run the class before the show secretary notices the error in entry.