

2021 NRHA Rule Change Proposals

- 33-01-21: Allow Lease Applications to be Submitted at Shows **Approved**
- 38-01-21 Non Pro Coaching Allowance **Approved**
- 40-01-21: Para Reining Membership Clarification **Approved**
- 43-01-21: Add Masters Non Pro & Youth Non Pro to Category 2 & 6 Definitions **Approved as amended**
- 43-02-21: Add an Amateur Division Option **No action taken**
- 44-01-21: Update verbiage on Non Pro status for Category 10 classes **Approved**
- 53-01-21: Judges Monitor at A and AA Events **Approved as amended**
- 60-01-21: Competition licenses not required for horses competing in a Green Level Show **Approved**
- 61-01-21: Two-Handed Option **Approved as amended**
- 63-01-21: Ties in Category 2 & 6 Events **No action taken**
- 68-01-21: Change Show Payouts Requirement **Approved as amended**

33-01-21 To allow lease applications to be submitted at shows - **Approved**

Intent of Proposal: Now that the lease program has been in effect for several years, we believe it is time to allow applications to be submitted at shows just as competition license applications and transfers can be.

Page 33 (f) Leases: A leased horse may be shown in Non Pro competition under the following guidelines:

- (1) Prior to showing, the lessee (Non Pro) showing the leased horse must **submit a completed lease application** ~~have a lease on file~~ and all fees ~~paid to the NRHA office~~ prior to competing.

Page 75 (4) Leases: A leased horse may be shown in Youth competition under the following guidelines:

- (1) Prior to showing, the lessee (Youth) showing the leased horse must **submit a completed lease application** ~~have a lease on file~~ and all fees ~~paid to the NRHA office~~ prior to competing.

38-01-21 Non Pro Coaching Allowance- **Approved**

Intent of Proposal: To give members that only coach at the collegiate level the opportunity to return as a non pro in a shorter time since they have not had a professional impact on the reining industry, but solely on the collegiate team members they've coached.

Page 38 Non Pro Conditions. Allowances.

Add new:

(f) If a member is employed by a university to serve as a coach for an equestrian team competing in organizations such as NCEA or IHSA, the member must wait to reapply for non pro status for one year following the end of employment. If during the time the member served as a coach, he/she received remuneration for training, showing astride or giving instruction as previously defined in this rule, the member must wait three years to reapply for non pro status.

40-01-21 Para-Reining membership clarification -Approved

Intent of Proposal: Brings language up to practice as Associate memberships are acceptable for Para-Reining classes.

Page 40 CATEGORY 4

NRHA approved Breed Restricted classes.... Requires an NRHA Professionals, Non Pro, Youth, ~~or~~ Youth Non Pro or Associate (Para-Reining only) in order to show.

Page 44 CATEGORY 11

NRHA approved classes not corresponding... Requires an NRHA Professionals, Non Pro, Youth, ~~or~~ Youth Non Pro or Associate (Para-Reining only) in order to show.

43-01-21 Add Masters Non Pro & Youth Non Pro to Category 2 & 6 Definitions- Approved as amended

Intent of Proposal: Part A: For aged shows, Masters and Youth Non Pro have been held for several years, but earnings from these classes have been recorded differently: Youth Non Pro has been Category 2/6 while Masters has been Category 11. This may have been intentional at the time since Youth classes have long been approved with NRHA, but Masters was relatively new and untested (Masters Non Pro was approved for Category 5 ancillary classes in 2013). Since the divisions are now commonly used, we propose to add them to the Handbook and begin in 2021 tracking those earnings in Category 2 and 6.

Pages 43, 45 and 46 (2020 Handbook) – Categories 2 & 6

Masters Non Pro – For persons 60 and older as of January 1 of the current year. Can run concurrent with the Category 2 Level 4, Level 3, Level 2, or Level 1 Non Pro class.

Ancillary Masters Non Pro classes will be considered Category 1 and will not count as a top ten class.

Youth Non Pro – For youth 18 and younger as of January 1 of the current year. Can run concurrent with the Category 2 Level 4, Level 3, Level 2, or Level 1 Non Pro class.

43-02-21 Add an Amateur Division Option -**No action taken**

Intent of Proposal: This would provide a concurrent level of competition for members who are not related to a professional equine trainer.

Pages 43, 45 and 46 (2020 Handbook) – Categories 2 & 6

To include an “Amateur” division option with Category 2 and 6 class eligibility. As this division is tested in 2020, the possibilities for its official approval will be discussed further. If the test lends to formally adding the division, specific language will be developed and reviewed by the NRHA Board of Directors prior to the May 2020 rule change vote. Some of the parameters **may** include the following:

- Cannot be held as a stand-alone division (must run concurrent with non pro aged show).
- Entry in concurrent aged event is required.
- May only be offered in one level.
- A specific definition would be written to explain which family members or relatives of professional equine trainers would not be eligible to compete.

44-01-21 Update verbiage on Non Pro status for Category 10 classes- **Approved**

Intent of Proposal: Brings language up to practice as Youth members are not currently required to file a Non Pro Declaration to show in Ride & Slide and Green Reiner classes.

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Same change for the four following class descriptions: Entry Level Ride & Slide Non Pro Level 2, Entry Level Ride & Slide Non Pro Level 1, Green Reiner Level 1, Green Reiner Level 2

General members must obtain Non Pro status, Associate **and Youth** members do not need Non Pro status but must be eligible to obtain it. Riders may use a horse...

53-01-21 Judges Monitor at A and AA Events **Approved as amended**

Intent of Proposal: This change would make the judging throughout the larger NRHA events more in line with the goals and intents of the NRHA judging system. It would also help make sure that judging stays consistent at the larger events and give more incentive to increase amounts of judges monitors.

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(e) A Events: (A) \$50,000–\$99,999 added money to entire event. (B) The Show Representative/Steward cannot be an immediate family member (as defined in the Non Pro conditions) of the Show Secretary and/or the Show Manager. (C) Judges not to judge over 12 hours per day, actual judging, not including breaks. (D) Videographer required for all classes. **(E) Judges Monitor is recommended.**

(f) AA Events: (A) \$100,000 or more added money to entire event. (B) Show Steward, Show Secretary and Show Manager cannot be immediate family members (as defined in the Non Pro Conditions). (C) Judges not to judge over twelve (12) hours per day, actual judging, not including breaks. (D) An NRHA Show Steward must officiate for the entire duration of the show. (E) Official videographer required for all classes. By entering, exhibitors are giving NRHA and the event’s organizers permission to use their images for any and all educational and promotional purposes. **(F) Judges Monitor is recommended. (G) Classes that offer \$50,000 or more in added money (total of all divisions), a Judges Monitor or five chairs judges must be used.**

60-01-21 Competition licenses not required for horses competing in a Green Level Show- **Approved**

Intent of Proposal: This statement is made above in Ride & Slide conditions and has been used in practice for Green. This change will more clearly define that licenses are not required.

Page 60 – L. Green Level Show Conditions

Insert a new (5) and renumber subsequent:

(5) Horses do not have to have an NRHA competition license prior to showing in a Green Level show.

61-01-21 Two-Handed Option -Approved as amended

Intent of Proposal: Gives more opportunity to show management to offer the two-handed option earlier in the year for futurity horses.

Pages 61 (2020 Handbook). Aged Show and Closed Aged Show Conditions

(5) For 3-year-olds only: ~~Prior to October 1 of the calendar year, any Category 2 or 6 aged show may offer in their conditions a two-handed, any legal bridle option. After October 1 of the calendar year, this option only may be offered if the~~ Any Category 2 or 6 aged show ~~offers~~ with less than \$5,000 added in total prize money (all levels of open and non pro combined). ~~may offer in their conditions a two-handed, any legal bridle option. In the case that the show has more than \$5,000 added, the conditions only may allow riders to compete one-handed in the snaffle bit or hackamore.~~ If a Cat. 2 or 6 aged event offers \$5,000 or less total added money in open divisions, and \$5,000 or less total added money in non pro divisions, the conditions may allow riders to compete one-handed in the bridle, two-handed in the bridle, two-handed in the snaffle bit or hackamore, or any combination thereof. If the added money exceeds this level, horses only may be shown one-handed in the bridle, two-handed in the snaffle bit or hackamore, or any combination thereof.

63-01-21 Ties for Category 2 & 6 Events- No action taken

Intent of Proposal: There is growing pressure about riding and competing young horses. This rule would firstly show the world reiners are looking to improve our sport and animal welfare but also remove the need for young horses to be put under unnecessary pressure.

Page 63. O. Ties (7)

When two or more equally ranked riders tie for level champion, they may choose to have a run-off to determine a winner or elect to be co-champions (Except all Category 2 & 6 three-year-old events where all exhibitors tied for first place will be co-champions by default. Show organizers of Category 2 & 6 four-year-old events also have the option of ruling that all ties for first place will be co-champions by default).

68-01-21 Change Show Payout Requirement- Approved as amended

Intent of Proposal: The intent is to provide quicker satisfaction to owners and non professionals in the hopes that it will help keep them involved in the industry. When they go certain places and get instant payouts and have to wait 45 days at others, it causes confusion and dissatisfaction. If we can do more to help owners and non professionals, they will become more involved in the industry and feel like it is worth the money they spend.

Page 68. P. Show Results (5)

Payout to current recorded rider, agent, owner, or responsible party must be made within ~~forty-five (45)~~ 30 days following the completion of the NRHA event.