

# Victorian Reining Horse Association

## Entry Level Class Rules

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VRHA Entry Level classes provide a program to welcome riders of all backgrounds to the Reining arena. This program provides an educational step of Reining competition, VRHA Green As Grass, VRHA Green Rider and VRHA Beginner are three non-sanctioned class levels a member has the option to start out in and gain experience towards sanctioned reining classes with Rookie Level 1 the next step into a sanctioned level class.

All exhibitors must be financial members of the VRHA to compete in VRHA Entry Level classes and must also be a member of Reining Australia with at least a RA Green Rider membership. Riders do not have to own the horse nor does the horse have to be NRHA licenced. A horse may only be shown once per class. Eligibility into these classes is limited to Non Pro riders who have/are not receiving direct money or indirect (goods or services) remuneration for;

- 1) Training astride or showing astride in any equine discipline
- 2) Giving instruction on showing or training of a performance horse
- 3) Sponsorships or endorsements

VRHA reserves the right to accept entries at their discretion.

Entry Level Class; VRHA Green As Grass, VRHA Green Rider, VRHA Beginner eligibility shall be determined by a points system the competitor earns from competing in VRHA shows. These points are lifetime points accrued and will carry over annually and be recorded and calculated by the VRHA. Points will be accumulated from not only Entry Level classes but all classes a competitor places in, including sanctioned classes. Once the nominated level of points is reached in each class level the member becomes ineligible to compete in that class.

Entry Level classes will not attract prize money and will not be included in the annual VRHA End of Year Hi Point Awards. The points system will only be relevant at VRHA shows, any other VRHA events (training and introduction days, clinics etc.) will not be counted.

### **VRHA GREEN AS GRASS: <10 POINTS – Modified pattern to be ridden.**

Open to any rider that has not earned 10 points or more at any VRHA show and has never competed in a Reining show. Once you have reached 10 points or win a higher level of class before 10 points you are no longer eligible for VRHA Green As Grass. Horse to be ridden any handed in any NRHA approved bit.

### **VRHA GREEN RIDER: <30 POINTS – Modified pattern to be ridden.**

Open to any rider that has not earned 30 points or more at any VRHA show. Once you have reached 30 points or win a higher level of class before 30 points you are no longer eligible for VRHA Green Rider. Horse to be ridden any handed in any NRHA approved bit.

### **VRHA BEGINNER: <60 POINTS – NRHA pattern to be ridden.**

Open to any rider that has not earned 60 points or more at any VRHA show. Once you have reached 60 points or win a higher level of class before 60 points you are no longer eligible for VRHA Beginner. Horse to be ridden any handed in any NRHA approved bit. NRHA pattern will be ridden (simple lead change not permitted).

### **POINTS CALCULATION**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place = 6 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place = 5 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place = 4 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> place = 3 points
- 5<sup>th</sup> place = 2 points
- 6<sup>th</sup> place = 1 point

Tied placings will each receive equal place points.

