

NZRHA

NEW ZEALAND REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION

REINING SHOW CLASS CLASSIFICATIONS

ANY-HANDED CLASS – Anybody can enter. To be judged you must stay on pattern, however you can ride one or two handed in the class and swap between one and two hands using any NRHA approved bit.

GREEN RIDER – For those new to reining/riding, or those who have 10 points or less, in any reining classes at any western performance show. In this class horses can be ridden 2 handed in a snaffle regardless of horses age OR 1 handed in a curb.

NOVICE RIDER – For those with NZRHA points of 20 or less, in any reining classes at any western performance show. In this class horses can be ridden 2 handed in a snaffle regardless of horses age OR 1 handed in a curb.

OPEN NOVICE – For those with NZRHA points of 30 or less, in any reining classes at any western performance show. In this class horses MUST be ridden to their age according to NZWRF rules.

NON-PRO – Eligibility for NON-PRO will be if you hold a NZWRF Amateur Card.

A photocopy of this is to be sent in with your entry please. In this class horses MUST be ridden to their age according to NZWRF rules. On a case-to-case basis; if you do not hold an Amateur Card – but you own your horse and you DO NOT train or show astride horses for money, and you DO NOT take money for instruction on showing or training of a performance horse (Reining, Cutting, Cowhorse) then you may be allowed to enter Non-Pro. Any such requests for a Non-Pro card must be made in writing 2 weeks before entry closing date.

PRIME TIME NON-PRO – As above plus persons 50 years of age and older as at show day. In this class horses MUST be ridden to their age according to NZWRF rules.

OPEN FUTURITY – 3 and 4 year old horses are eligible. 3-year-olds may be ridden in a snaffle. A 4- year-old must be ridden one handed in a curb. Open to any rider.

NON-PRO FUTURITY – Horses may be ridden in a snaffle in their 3rd & 4th year. NON-PRO riders only.

NOVICE HORSE – Horses that are in their first year of reining OR have NZRHA points of 25 or less. To be ridden to the age of the horse. If you are unsure of your horses previous NZRHA reining recorded points please get in touch with the NZRHA Secretary.

5 YEARS & UNDER SNAFFLE BIT CLASS – Open to horses 5 years old and under. In this class, horses must be ridden 2 handed in a legal snaffle bit. 5-year-old horses can enter both this class and the 'Derby' providing they follow bit requirements.

DERBY CLASS – Open to horses 5 – 8 years old. Horses must be ridden one handed in a curb.

9 & Up – Open to horses 9 years and older. Horses must be ridden one handed in a curb.

OPEN – Open to any horse and rider combination. In this class horses must be ridden one handed in a curb.

FREESTYLE – Only one horse allowed in the arena, props, costumes and music encouraged. Pattern must contain minimum mandatory requirements of 4 consecutive spins each way, 1 flying change from left to right, 1 flying change from right to left, 3 stops. Exhibitors can use two hands (as well as one or no hands) and any approved bit. There is a 4-minute time limit that includes any introductions. Music must be submitted with entry.

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NOVICE RIDER RANCH RIDING – AQHA patterns are used. For riders to be eligible, they must hold a current NZWRF Novice Amateur card, or be classified as a rookie or a beginner rider. In this class horses may be ridden 2 handed in a snaffle regardless of horses age OR 1 handed in a curb. Riders are only able to enter ONE ranch riding event, either ‘Novice Ranch Riding’ OR ‘Open Ranch Riding’ only.

INTER-ISLANDER CHALLENGE FINALE – In this class horses MUST be ridden to their age according to NZWRF rules. Eligible class for selected team members only. Each team member of both the North Island and South Island team are eligible to compete in this class for their final score run, in accordance with the Inter-Islander Challenge rules.

CLASS CLASSIFICATION SCORING SYSTEM

# of horses exhibited in event	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
1 – 2	1					
3 – 4	2	1				
5 – 6	3	2	1			
7 – 8	4	3	2	1		
9 – 10	5	4	3	2	1	
11 – 15	6	5	4	3	2	1
16-20	7	6	5	4	3	2
21 & Over	8	7	6	5	4	3