

Desert Reining Horse Association
Year-End Awards Program Qualifications

NRHA DIVISION ELIGIBILITY ~ Please check the eligibility requirements as designated in the NRHA Handbook.

The determination of year-end award winners will be based on points won at DRHA approved events throughout the calendar year. Exhibitors/horses must compete in at least 50% of all DRHA approved events to qualify for year-end awards.

DRHA Point System: 1st place = 10 points, 2nd place = 9 points, 3rd place = 8 points, 4th place = 7 points, 5th place = 6 points, 6th place = 5 points, 7th place = 4 points, 8th place = 3 points, 9th place = 2 points, 10th place = 1 point

In the case of Non-Professional and Youth riders, the horse and rider combination with the most points won at the completion of the show season will be named champion. Placing for reserve champion will be awarded to the horse and rider combination with the second highest points earned, etc. In the Open divisions, points won will be allocated toward the horse, not rider, and therefore will count toward the horse's year-end award status.

In the event of a tie in any division, the tiebreaker will be based on the exhibitor/horse who participated in the largest number of DRHA approved events. If there is still a tie, the tiebreaker will be the exhibitor with the highest judge's score in the qualifying division at the first event of the DRHA calendar year.

Non-Professional, Green As Grass, Green Reiner and Youth exhibitors must compete on the same horse throughout the calendar year to be eligible for year-end awards. Both exhibitor and horse owner must be members of DRHA prior to competing for points to count toward year-end awards.

The DRHA is an affiliate of the National Reining Horse Association and is therefore governed by NRHA rules. These NRHA rules will apply to Green As Grass exhibitors. Rookie and Green riders must show one handed in a bridle. It is not required that exhibitors be members of the NRHA to qualify for year-end awards, however DRHA strongly encourages everyone to become NRHA members and familiar with NRHA rules and guidelines.

GREEN REINER ELIGIBILITY (DRHA only) is an entry-level I division.

For Non Pro, Youth, and Novice Amateur riders with less than \$100 lifetime reining or reined cow horse earnings from any and all shows, NOT limited to NRHA earnings) who have earned less than 20 NRHA Youth points, and/or less than 10 AQHA or ANY Breed or Club Associated reining or reined cow horse points at the beginning of current show year. In addition, rider cannot have won ANY Year-End Reining or Reined Cow Horse Award. Class will not be jackpotted and no prize money will be paid out. This is an award division only. Green Reiner points will count toward year-end awards. An eligible Green Reiner rider can compete in the division for the entire calendar year even if their earnings exceed the limit during the year.

GREEN AS GRASS ELIGIBILITY (DRHA only) is an entry-level II division.

For Non Pro, Youth, and Amateur riders with less than \$150 lifetime reining or reined cow horse earnings (from any and all shows, NOT limited to NRHA earnings) who have earned less than 20 NRHA Youth points, and/or less than 20 AQHA or ANY Breed or Club Associated reining or reined cow horse points at the beginning of current show year. A Green As Grass Reiner may compete on a horse, even one not owned by them or a family member as described under the guidelines for Non Pros in the NRHA Hand book. Class will be jackpotted and prize money will be paid out. Green As Grass points will count toward year-end awards. An eligible Green As Grass rider can compete in the division for the entire calendar year even if their earnings exceed the limit during the year.

OTHER: Green As Grass and Green Reiner exhibitors may ride a horse owned by someone else, and not limited to a family member. However, to be eligible to ride in NRHA divisions, the exhibitor MUST follow the rules as stated in the NRHA handbook. NRHA Competition Licenses for horses entered are not required for Green As Grass and Green Reiner divisions. Green As Grass and Green Reiner are not NRHA recognized divisions, but will be judged based on NRHA rules. Riders are to show one handed in a shank bridle. An exhibitor may show two handed in a snaffle or hackamore in the Green As Grass, Green Reiner, or Ladies and Gents divisions.

2011 DRHA Approved Division List

NRHA Approved Divisions/Affiliate Qualifying Divisions

Open Reining

Intermediate Open Reining

Limited Open Reining

Rookie Professional Reining

Non Pro Reining

Prime Time Non Pro Reining

Intermediate Non Pro Reining

Limited Non Pro Reining

11 & Under Short Stirrup

Youth 13 & Under Reining

Youth 14 - 18 Reining

Novice Open Level 2 Reining

Novice Open Level 1 Reining

Novice Non Pro Level 2 Reining

Novice Non Pro Level 1 Reining

Rookie Level 2 Reining

Rookie Level 1 Reining

Prime Time Rookie Reining

Ladies Open Pro Reining (DRHA only/not NRHA approved)

Ladies Non Pro Reining (DRHA only/not NRHA approved)

Gents Open Pro Reining (DRHA only/not NRHA approved)

Gents Non Pro Reining (DRHA only/not NRHA approved)

Green As Grass Reining (DRHA only/not NRHA approved)

Green Reiner Reining (DRHA only/not NRHA approved)