

2010 RA Branch Circuit General Rules

Section A. Entrance Requirements:

1. Both owners and riders must be current RA members to compete in RA classes.
2. Open to all breeds and grade horses.
3. NRHA rules apply except where otherwise indicated.
4. Non-pros that do not hold a current NRHA non-pro card must complete the RA non-pro declaration form with their entry. NRHA non-pro horse ownership rules apply unless otherwise stipulated.
5. All contestants must sign a waiver before taking part in any RA event.
6. Cheques must be made out to Reining Alberta in Canadian funds.

Section B. Equipment:

1. Riders are required to wear a long sleeve shirt, cowboy hat, and heeled boots at all times while showing.
2. No training equipment allowed in any judged class.
3. Beginner Horse, Beginner Youth, Green Reiner, & Ranch Reiner may be ridden on or two hands in any legal bit.

Section C. Eligibility:

1. It is the competitor's responsibility to be aware of their earnings and enter classes accordingly. Eligibility criteria are explained in the class list provided by the branch circuits and are as of Jan 1st, current year.
2. RA classes use lifetime earnings, which are the total of all moneys earned at any reining event. Lifetime eligibility lists are available at www.equistat.com or
3. Youth riders are determined as non pro riders 18 years of age or under as of Jan 1st of the current calendar year.

Section D. High Point Awards:

1. To qualify for Branch Circuit High Point awards a member must attend at least 3 shows in a single circuit and volunteer a minimum of 2 hours at Reining Alberta events.
2. A rider may win the high point award for all classes except Ranch Reiner and Green As Grass more than once in a lifetime.
3. Points are earned by the rider (except Beginner Horse) regardless of horse is ridden.
4. A rider is not limited to the number of horses they can ride in any one class, but only the points earned on the highest placing run in each class will be recorded in the high point tally for the rider.
5. Beginner Horse points are earned by the horse, regardless of who the rider is. Same horse and rider combination can win year end awards only once in a lifetime.
6. Not all classes qualify for High point awards, eligible classes are determined by each branch individually.
7. Ties for High Point awards will be resolved by a coin toss at the Reining Alberta annual banquet.
8. High point awards will be presented at the Reining Alberta annual banquet.

High Point Calculations:

- 1st – 5 + ½ point for every horse placing lower
- 2nd – 4 + ½ point for every horse placing lower
- 3rd – 3 + ½ point for every horse placing lower
- 4th – 2 + ½ point for every horse placing lower
- 5th – 1 + ½ point for every horse placing lower

Section E. Stalls and Arena Availability:

1. See branch schedules for specific open riding times, move in time, & show office hours.
2. The show committee reserves the right to close the arena for maintenance at any time they deem necessary.

Section F. Show Management:

1. Any concerns must be directed to the show secretary.
2. No mistreatment or abuse of a horse will be tolerated.
3. All competitors and spectators must conduct themselves in a sportsman like manner at all times.
4. Show management decisions will be final and binding.
5. All horses being ridden must be in full tack while on the grounds. Riding double or bareback is not allowed.
6. Horses in any warm-up situation must be ridden (no ponying along side another horse)
7. Youth are not allowed to ride stallions