



TAMWORTH REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION RULES & REGULATIONS

CLASS ELIGIBILITY

- 1) Riders are responsible for class eligibilities, if found ineligible TRHA will not refund entries
- 2) Green riders **MUST** be current (RA) member under Green Rider Program
- 3) Beginner competitors **MUST** hold a Full TRHA Membership
- 4) Ranch Riding competitors must be a current member of TRHA or another RA Affiliate
- 5) Members of any RA Affiliate are able to compete in any sanctioned classes at TRHA shows without TRHA membership
- 6) Non Sanctioned classes are run under TRHA Show Conditions
- 7) NRHA and RA rules Sanctioned classes will be based on the RA Eligibility List
- 8) To compete in any Sanctioned class riders must be a financial member of RA and hold a Non Pro, Professional, Youth or Youth Non Pro Card
- 9) Horses competing in Sanctioned classes must have a RA or NRHA competition licence
- 10) A persons age is the age he/she was on the 1st of January of the current show season regardless of their Birth date
- 11) A horse's age is the age he/she was on the 1st of January of the current show season regardless of the horses' birthday being the 1st of August

TRHA HIGH POINT SYSTEM RULES

- 1) Eligibility for TRHA High Points you must be a full financial member / life member of TRHA
- 2) Points will only commence accumulating from the time full membership is paid
- 3) Eligibility for TRHA High Points competitor must be entered in the same class at a minimum of 3 TRHA shows
- 4) TRHA Points are scaled 10 to 1
(ie: 1st = 10 points, 2nd = 9 points, 3rd = 8 points, 4th = 7 points, 5th = 6 points, 6th = 5 points, 7th = 4 points,
8th = 3 points, 9th = 2 points, 10th = 1 points,)
Points Awarded if fewer competitors in a class
(ie; 4 1st = 4 points, 2nd = 3 points, 3rd = 2 points and 4th = 1point)
- 5) Riders tied in a class will be awarded equal points (ie: equal 3rd = 4 points each, 4th = 3 points each)
- 6) Green Rider level 1 and level 2 as per RA Green Rider rules on a scale of 10 to 1 regardless of numbers in class
- 7) In the event of a tie for an end of year high point award the horse and rider combination who has competed in that class at the most shows during the season will be the winner
- 8) Zero scores will not be awarded TRHA points but they will go towards the number of horses entered in a class and zero scores will be included as attendance in the show
- 9) Withdrawn entries will not count towards the number of entries in a class



TAMWORTH REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION RULES & REGULATIONS

TRHA HIGH POINT CATEGORIES ARE:

High Point Prizes include: A Saddle, Buckles, Horse Rugs and Prizes

- 1) Open - Non Pro
- 2) Intermediate Open - Intermediate Non Pro
- 3) Limited Open - Limited Non Pro
- 4) Rookie Level 1- Rookie Level 2- Rookie Professional
- 5) Novice Horse Open Level 1 - Novice Horse Open Level 2
- 6) Novice Horse Non Pro Level 1 - Novice Horse Non Pro Level 2
- 7) Prime Time Non Pro
- 8) Youth 13 years and under - Youth 14 to 18 years
- 9) Green Rider Level 1- Green Rider 2
- 10) Snaffle Bit/Hackamore Horse
- 11) Green Horse
- 12) Reining Saddle Series – Class allocation changes each year
- 13) Freestyle
- 14) Short stirrup Led 7yrs & under – Short Stirrup 10yrs and Under - Short Stirrup 11yrs to 14yrs
- 15) 2 Handed Rookie
- 16) Ladies - Gentleman's
- 17) Para Reining
- 18) Any Handed
- 19) Beginner Ranch Riding - Short Stirrup Ranch Riding
- 20) Junior Horse Ranch Riding - Senior Horse Ranch Riding

CLASS CONDITIONS

BEGINNER - Non Sanctioned classes run under TRHA rules

- 1) Competitors will immediately become ineligible for this event if they win 3 Non Sanctioned classes (excluding any handed & short stirrup) prior to commencement of first show in calendar year
- 2) A Beginner Rider must not have won 3 open or non pro/amateur classes involving western horse activities
- 3) A Beginner is not a trainer or receiving remuneration for showing horses
- 4) A beginner has not won titles and or saddles at Reining, Cutting, Cowhorse Events or Events with a Reining Component
- 5) Beginners may use any approved snaffle bit, bosal/hackamore or bridle, regardless of the horses age
- 6) Beginners may ride one or two handed but cannot change hands once they enter the pen
- 7) Beginners may ride in any type of saddle
- 8) Beginners do not need to own the horse they are riding
- 9) Beginners do not need to wear western attire- MUST wear long sleeve shirt, western hat or helmet.



TAMWORTH REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION RULES & REGULATIONS

THE BEGINNER SHOOTOUT SERIES

- 1) The top 10 beginner Reiner's will go into the final round
- 2) To be eligible for the top 10, competitors must compete in the event at a minimum of 3 shows
- 3) Points will be awarded to each horse and rider combination
- 4) Beginners will compete for 2 major prizes
- 5) TRHA Final Show of Shoot Out Series the winner of Shoot Out will receive a Trophy Buckle
- 6) End of Year High Point Presentation the beginner with highest points and most attended shows will receive a Trophy Buckle
- 7) Entrants in the TRHA Beginner Shootout Series Must be full members of TRHA
- 8) The eligible beginners points will be calculated after the final TRHA show of the season
- 9) Top 10 competitors will receive a sign written Vest to wear in the Shootout
- 10) Previous points will not be considered in the Shootout, this is a clean slate final for the qualifying top 10 beginners only

GREEN RIDER LEVEL 1 and 2 as per RA

- 1) Competitors responsibility to know and follow the rules as set by Reining Australia and class eligibility see link for details <https://www.reiningaustralia.com.au/green-rider>

SHORT STIRRUP 10YRS AND UNDER AND 11YRS TO 14YRS - Non Sanctioned classes

- 1) If a short stirrup competitor wins any (3) RA or NRHA Sanctioned Event they are no longer eligible for this class
- 2) Short stirrup riders are able to use an approved snaffle bit, bosal/hackamore or bridle, regardless of the age of the horse
- 3) Riders are not permitted to handle or show a stallion
- 4) A short stirrup rider may ride in any type of saddle and there will be no penalty for holding the saddle with either hand
- 5) A short stirrup rider does not need to own the horse they are riding
- 6) Short stirrup riders may ride with closed reins and may ride with 1 or 2 hands on the reins and may change from 1 hand to 2 hands throughout the class
- 7) Riders do not have to wear western attire but they must wear a long sleeve shirt and helmet

SHORT STIRRUP LED - Non Sanctioned class for riders 7years and under

- 1) If a Led competitor competes in the 10 years & under Short Stirrup or any other non led class they are not eligible for this class at the same show
- 2) Led riders are able to use an approved snaffle bit, bosal/hackamore or bridle but must have a halter underneath the bridle with a lead rope attached
- 3) A led rider may ride in any type of saddle and there will be no penalty for holding the saddle horn with either hand
- 4) The leader must be over the age of 18 years and be beside the horses shoulder at all times
- 5) Led riders must ride with closed reins with one or two hands and can change during the class
- 6) Riders do not have to wear western attire but they must wear a long sleeve shirt and helmet



TAMWORTH REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION RULES & REGULATIONS

YOUTH – Sanctioned Classes Run Under RA & NRHA

- 1) Youth are not permitted to handle or show a stallion
- 2) Helmets are encouraged to be worn by all youth, however under 14yrs is compulsory

GREEN HORSE

- 1) A Green Horse has not won (5) Non Sanctioned Reining classes at any NRHA or RA affiliated show and has never won a Sanctioned Reining event or any Western Events with a Reining Component
- 2) This event is open to all Beginners, Open, Non Pro and Green rider Competitors
- 3) Open to all aged green horses
- 4) Horses may be ridden in any approved Snaffle Bit/Hackamore or Bridle, 1 or 2 handed but cannot change hands
- 5) Riders may ride in any type of saddle and does not need to own the horse they are riding
- 6) A rider does not have to wear western attire but they must wear a long sleeve shirt and helmet or western hat

ANY HANDED – Non sanctioned Run Under TRHA Rules

- 1) Open to all Beginners, Open, Non Pro and Green Riders and all horses
- 7) This is a Training Class and can be ridden in a Snaffle Bit/Hackamore or Bridle, one or two handed but cannot change hands
- 2) Competitors will be placed from 1st – 10th
- 3) Riders may ride in any type of saddle and does not need to own the horse they are riding
- 4) A rider does not have to wear western attire but they must wear a long sleeve shirt and helmet or western hat

TWO HANDED ROOKIES – Non sanctioned Class

- 1) You must be eligible for this class as per the NRHA rulebook and the RA Eligibility List
- 2) Not eligible for this class if riding in any Sanctioned or One Handed Classes
- 3) A rider must not have earned more than \$200 RA or NRHA lifetime earnings and or previously won a TRHA High Point award in this event or any Sanctioned Event
- 4) Any horse is eligible to be ridden in the 2 Handed Rookie class
- 5) 2 Handed Rookies must ride two handed
- 6) In this class you may use an approved snaffle bit, bosal/hackamore or bridle
- 7) This class is subject to the equipment and attire requirements of the RA & NRHA rulebook
- 8) 2 Handed Rookies do not need to own the horse they are riding

PARA REINING

- 1) Competitors responsibility to know and follow the rules as set by Reining Australia and class eligibility see link for details <https://www.reiningaustralia.com.au/forms>



TAMWORTH REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION RULES & REGULATIONS

SNAFFLE BIT / HACKAMORE – Non Sanctioned class for horses 3years to 5years

- 1) This event is open to all Beginners, Open, Non Pro and Green riders
- 2) Horses must be ridden in an approved Snaffle Bit, Bosal/Hackamore 2 Handed
- 3) Horses must be no older than 5 years of age on the 1st of January at the start of the show year

NON PRO - Sanctioned classes as per RA and NRHA Rules and Eligibility including Rookie levels 1 and 2

- 1) A Non Pro is not able to receive remuneration directly or indirectly for any equine training or showing pursuits, Failure to observe this rule will result in immediate disqualification from TRHA Non Pro classes
- 2) The committee reserves the right to refuse or cancel a Non Pro entry at any time
- 3) A Non Pro rider must own the horse they ride or have a current NRHA/RA lease agreement with an accompanying competition license for the horse, if the horse is owned by an immediate family member a NRHA/RA immediate family form can be found on the RA website and must be lodged

PRIME TIME - Sanctioned class per NRHA & RA rules for riders 50 years and over as of 1st January

- 1) Competitors responsibility to know and follow the rules as set by Reining Australia and class eligibility see link for details <https://www.reiningaustralia.com.au/forms>

PRO - Sanctioned classes as per NRHA and RA Rules and Eligibility

- 1) Competitors responsibility to know and follow the rules as set by Reining Australia and class eligibility see link for details <https://www.reiningaustralia.com.au/forms>
- 2) If a rider was previously a Non Pro then a Non Pro Relinquishment form must be lodged with RA, this form can be found on the Reining Australia website

OPEN - Sanctioned classes as per NRHA and RA Rules

- 1) Competitors responsibility to know and follow the rules as set by Reining Australia and class eligibility see link for details <https://www.reiningaustralia.com.au/forms>
- 2) Eligibility Open to Youth, Non Pro and Pro riders

REINING SADDLE SERIES - Non Sanctioned class run under TRHA rules

- 1) This event for 2021 is an Overall Horse and Rider Combination Event
- 2) Points will be awarded and accrued throughout the show calendar year
- 3) Excluding Class Any Handed
- 4) Non Pro Riders must Nominate on entry form if you choose to ride Open or Non Pro (concurrent classes) in the Saddle Series – points will not be awarded for both events.
- 5) Horse and rider with Highest Total Point Score will be the overall winner of the Saddle Series



TAMWORTH REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION RULES & REGULATIONS

LADIES / GENTLEMEN – Non Sanctioned class run under TRHA rules

- 1) Any female or male rider 18 years and over are eligible for this class
- 2) Any horse is eligible to be ridden in this class
- 3) Riders may compete in any approved Snaffle Bit, Hackamore or Bridle
- 4) Competitors may ride 1 or 2 handed regardless of the bit used but cannot change throughout the class

FUTURITY - Non Sanctioned class run under TRHA, NRHA and RA rules

- 1) For horses that started the show season as 4 year olds
- 2) This event is open to all Beginners Open, Non Pro and Green riders
- 3) Horses may be ridden in an approved Snaffle Bit or Hackamore 2 Handed or in a Bridle with 1 Hand
- 4) TRHA offers a Futurity at the Country Championships (If Held)
- 5) Entrants will compete for a Buckle and Prize Money

DERBY - Non Sanctioned class run under TRHA, NRHA and RA rules

- 1) For horses aged 5,6,7, & 8 years at the start of the show season
- 2) Open to all Beginners, Open, Non Pro and Green riders
- 3) Horses must be ridden in a Bridle with 1 handed regardless of age
- 4) TRHA offers a Derby at the Country Championships (If Held)
- 5) Entrants will compete for a Buckle and Prize Money

FREESTYLE - Non Sanctioned class run under NRHA and RA rules

- 1) Competitors have the opportunity to choreograph a reining run to their choice of music
- 2) Open to all Riders - Short stirrup, Beginners Open, Non Pro, Youth and Green Riders
- 3) All horses are eligible for this event
- 4) The competitor has a maximum time limit of 4 minutes upon entering the arena
- 5) Requirements to receive a score are; a minimum of 4 spins in either direction - a minimum of 3 stops -a minimum of 1 lead change from left to right and 1lead change from right to left
- 6) Additional maneuvers such as rollbacks, buckups, speed variations, jogging, half pass and side pass are appropriate in freestyle
- 7) Costumes and Props are permitted but not required
- 8) Any approved bit or bosal/hackamore may be used 1or 2 handed, competitors may choose to ride bridle less or bareback



TAMWORTH REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION RULES & REGULATIONS

RANCH RIDING - Runs according to Ranch Riding Rules found on RA website
Beginner Ranch Riding – TRHA rules

- 1) For riders who have not won 5 beginner Ranch Riding classes
- 2) or any AQHA, PHAA or AAA approved Ranch Riding event including Youth, Amateur, Select Amateur, Junior or Senior Horse and All Age Open classes
- 3) Beginners are able to use any approved snaffle bit, bosal/hackamore or bridle, regardless of the age of the horse
- 4) Beginners may ride one or two handed but cannot change hands once they enter the arena
- 5) A Beginner may ride in any type of saddle
- 6) A Beginner does not need to own the horse they are riding
- 7) A Beginner does not have to wear western attire but they must wear a long sleeve shirt and helmet or western hat

Short Stirrup Ranch Riding - for competitors aged 14 years and under at the start of the show season

- 1) Riders are able to use an approved snaffle bit, bosal/hackamore or bridle regardless of the age of the horse
- 2) A short stirrup rider may ride in any type of saddle and there will be no penalty for holding the saddle with either hand
- 3) The rider does not need to own the horse they are riding
- 4) Riders may ride with closed reins and may ride with one or two hands on the reins and can change during the class
- 5) Riders do not have to wear western attire but they must wear a long sleeve shirt and safety helmet

Junior Horse Ranch Riding - As per TRHA rules and AQHA guidelines

- 1) This event is open to all Beginners, Open, Non Pro and Green riders
- 2) For horses 3 years to 5 years of age at the start of the show year
- 3) Horses may be ridden in an approved Snaffle Bit or Hackamore 2 Handed or in a bridle with 1 hand
- 4) If a horse is not registered proof of age will be required

Senior Horse Ranch Riding - As per TRHA rules and AQHA guidelines

- 1) This event is open to all Beginners, Open, Non Pro and Green riders
- 2) For horses 6 years and over at the start of the show year
- 3) Horses must be ridden in a bridle with 1 hand