

NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
NRHA Judges Committee/Teaching Pool Winter Workshop Minutes
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
March 4, 2024

Approved 4/9/2024

Members Present: Committee Chair – Eugenio Latorre, Vice Chair – Mike McEntire, Bub Poplin, Craig Schmersal, Jared Leclair, Maik Bartmann, Matt Lantz, Pat Wickenheiser, Reid Fady, Sebastian Petroll, Todd Sommers, Manu Maiocchi, Ollie Griffith

Members Not Present: Bob Kail, Doug Allen, Margaret Fuchs, Steve Ross,

Staff Present: Sr. Director of Education & Officials – Patti Carter, Education & Officials Coordinator – Lillian Esterl-Byrne

I. Call to Order

Committee Chair, Eugenio Latorre, called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. (CST)

II. Approval of 1/31/2024 meeting minutes

Motion made and seconded to approve the 1/31/2024 meeting minutes – motion passed unanimously.

III. Israel Judging Privileges Extension Request

Motion made and seconded to extend the judging privileges of all current NRHA judges living in Israel due to the political unrest that prevents having a in-person judges school. Continuing educational resources will be provided to the judges to ensure that they are knowledgeable about all current procedures, policies, and rule changes.

IV. Permitted Freestyle Equipment

The committee reviewed a photo submitted consideration of permitted equipment in Freestyle classes. Costumes using slinkies that cover the barrel are permitted by the Judges Committee so long as it does not appear that they are trying to cover abuse.

V. Update on Online Penalty Clip Retest Results

There are two judges remaining who need to complete the online Penalty Retest after not meeting the penalty test benchmark from the January 2024 Judges' School.

VI. Restricted Equipment Judge Status Request

Motion made and seconded to grant Shawn McClurg Restricted Equipment judging privileges – motion passed unanimously

VII. Update on January Judges School Retest Results

The one judge who was required to retest from the January 2024 Judges' School has passed the retest requirements and will be submitted to the Board of Directors for final approval of judging privileges.

VIII. 2024 NRHA Derby Judges' Short List

The committee reviewed and discussed the short list of available judges for the 2024 NRHA Derby. Following the meeting, a survey will be distributed to all voting members present on the call to submit their ranked list of names for the coliseum, ancillary, and coliseum equipment judge.

IX. What are we best at?

- Productivity and effort put forth by the Judges Committee to develop their educational content
- Objectivity versus subjectivity

Meeting Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1:59 P.M. (Central Standard Time)