

**National Reining Horse Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
NRHA Office
Oklahoma City, OK
June 18-19, 2005**

APPROVED August 13, 2005

Present: President, Bill Bradley; President Elect, Dell Hendricks; Vice President, Mike Boyle; Immediate Past President, Kim Sloan; Elected Board Members, Troy Heikes, Dwayn Hoelscher, Jim Morgan, and Dave Wilkins; and RHSF President, Frank Costantini; Board Members Anne-Marie Burns, Lisa Cover, Lance Griffin, Colleen McQuay, Bill Peel, Flis Sassella, Rick Weaver and Diane Yoder.

Staff: Executive Director, Dan Wall; Chief Financial and Operations Officer, John Foy; Sr. Director of Publications, Carol Trimmer; Sr. Director of Membership Services, Debbie Drinko; Director of Marketing and Communications, Lisa Garza; Director of Events, Sandi Pence; Executive Assistant, Susie Trimmer; Supervisor of Membership Services, Tobi Coleman; RHSF Manager, Tania Warnock; Sire and Dam Program Coordinator, Michelle Wrigley; Derby/Futurity Entry Coordinator, Jennifer Hettinger; Customer Service Representative, Melanie Rinehart.

Guests: George Bell, Andrea Heikes, and Nanette Till.

Not Present: Doug Carpenter, Marc Wagman, Nick Cornelissens, Pat Faitz, Walter Fuchs, Helmut Gerstenberg, Clint Haverty, Buck Hazledine, Greg Hill, Bob Loomis, Antonio Mastrangelo, Rosanne Sternberg, Jose Vazquez, Dave Young, Vaughn Zimmerman, and Francois Zurcher.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m. and roll was called. All of the Board, Staff and guests introduced themselves.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 5-6, 2005 MEETING

Diane Yoder moved to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Mike Boyle. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Committee Chair, Anne-Marie Burns explained that NRHA operates on a fiscal year, which runs from July 1 to June 30 of the following year. She reported that our net assets are up and that we continue to grow our net assets. The tax returns are complete and Anne-Marie encouraged everyone take a look at them. She also stated that this past year was our first year to have a detailed budget to use. Troy Heikes asked what the time line is for sending out Derby payout checks. Bill Bradley stated that the letter in the Derby exhibitor packets stated that the checks would be mailed out by the end of June. Discussion followed. Diane Yoder moved that in the future Futurity and Derby payouts be made within 30 days of the end of the event. Seconded by Kim Sloan. Motion passed.

John Foy presented an overview of the proposed 2005-2006 budget, and thanked the NRHA staff and committees for their input on the Budget. John also noted that the Budget was presented to the Executive Board this past Friday (6/17/05), and the Executive Board recommended presenting the Budget to the Board of Directors for approval. Dave Wilkins moved to approve the 2005-2006 budget as presented. Seconded by Dwayn Hoelscher. Motion passed.

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

Membership – Debbie Drinko presented the membership statistics comparison. All membership counts are up over the same period as last year except for Canadian members which are down 2.3%. New licenses and license transfer are up by 28.8% and 47.7% respectively. Kim Sloan asked if we can track which licenses are non-U.S. and non-Canadian. We are unable to automatically do that at this time.

Shows – Melanie Rinehart reported that currently there are 461 shows approved for 2006 and that overall, shows are up over last year. She stated that she expects that we will surpass our record high of approved shows of last year.

Futurity – Jennifer Hettinger reported that there are a total of 634 regular Futurity nominations and two Sire & Dam nominations. She reminded everyone that Sire & Dam entries are not due until July 1. We are currently at the year-end total of 2003. Dan Wall noted that we if the entries continue to come in like they have, we could come close to record.

Derby – Jennifer Hettinger went over the final Derby entry numbers. There were a total of 361 regular nominations and 17 Sire & Dam nominations for a total of 378. There were 350 qualified entries into the draw with 216 in the Open and 134 in the Non Pro. We were down slightly in the number of total nominations as compared to 2004; however the number of qualified entries remained exactly the same.

Sire & Dam Program – Michelle Wrigley reported that 465 breedings have been donated to date and 271 have been sold. We have collected a total of \$204,125 not including holds. Kim Sloan asked Michelle to track the number of breedings nominated and sold by month in the future.

Debbie Drinko presented the Board with a current Top Ten standings for their information.

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE SUBMISSIONS – Tabled until Sunday.

OLD BUSINESS

RHSF UPDATE

Frank Costantini reported that the Foundation met on Thursday, June 16. The Foundation's primary focus over the next 18 months will be the Youth program. They will meet before the August Board meeting to discuss their plan and go over ideas such as World Youth day. Frank also stated that they are looking for fundraising ideas.

Closed Session 3:51 pm

UPDATE ON PROTESTS AND HEARINGS

Dan Wall reported that a hearing was held on Friday, June 17 for the Hobbs vs. Gottschalk protest. Greg Gottschalk was suspended for 30 days and received six months probation following the suspension.

Break 3:54 pm

Reconvene 4:13 pm

Open Session

2005 DERBY REVIEW

Sandi Pence presented the Board with an entry and purse comparison. Debbie Drinko noted an error in the printed Derby payout comparison that was contained in the Board packets. There were a total of 945 entries (Derby and Ancillary combined) and \$553,816.71 was paid out. It was asked why the Derby Limited Open was down and ideas were discussed the increase the Derby. It was suggested to switch the Derby to the Futurity dates and the Futurity to the Derby dates or to change locations. The Aged Events Committee and the Non Pro Committee are to look at and discuss these ideas.

Sandi also presented a list of positives, improvements and suggestions for the Derby. Bill Bradley noted that the President's Reception and the Taste of Reining were both very well attended and very beneficial. Lance Griffin stated that it would have been nice for the Board members to have name tags to wear at these functions. Staff was directed to purchase name tags for the Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – Tabled until Sunday

NEW BUSINESS

2006 CONVENTION

Bill Bradley reported that the Executive Board voted to have the 2006 Convention at South Coast Equestrian Complex in Las Vegas, NV on February 15-19, 2006.

2006 FUTURITY SCHEDULE

Dell Hendricks presented the Board with a proposed schedule for the 2005 Futurity. There will be a CRIO on Thursday, December 1; all of the sales will start at 10:00 am on their respective days; and the Prospect Sale Preview will be from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm on Thursday, December 1. Troy Heikes moved to approve the schedule as presented. Seconded by Frank Costantini. Motion passed.

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

There were no By-Law changes to present.

FALL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Nomination of Officers and Elected Board Members – Bill Bradley reported that Anne-Marie Burns, Troy Heikes, Dwayn Hoelscher, Jim Morgan, and Rick Weaver were nominated for Elected Board Member positions. Kim Sloan was nominated for Vice President.

Meeting Dates – The date for the fall General Membership meeting will be Thursday, October 6, 2005 at 2:00 pm EST in the Corral at the All American Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, OH.

Bill Bradley informed everyone that the Board of Directors meeting will start at 7:30 am on Sunday, June 19.

Adjourned for the day at 5:06 pm

Reconvene Sunday, June 19 at 7:40 am

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Youth Committee– Committee Member, Diane Yoder reported that the Youth Committee did not meet at this meeting. They are currently working on a press release to promote the Youth Team Tournament and the Youth Elections being held in Europe and NRHYA.com web site has been launched. The Youth Top Ten Jackets were ordered and sponsored by Buck Hazledine, nine applications were submitted for scholarships, they are working with the IT Department to produce monthly or bi-monthly the NRHYA E-Newsletter, they are working with the Marketing department to secure a sponsor for the Youth Team Tournament, working with the RHSF Youth Fundraising Committee and Sam Houston to sell a colt at the 2006 Futurity to benefit

the Youth Program, and the 2005 Youth Team Tournament conditions were published which reflects rules to make additional teams. Future projects include a press release to promote the Canadian Youth Elections and Youth Team Tournament, Top Ten Youth Jacket sponsors, and Youth Team Tournament prizes at the seven Affiliate Finals.

Affiliate Committee – Chairperson, Kim Sloan reported that the Affiliate Committee met on June 10 via conference call and met again on June 18. The Committee finalized the Gold Star Level Program criteria and recognition. The program will be submitted to the Non Pro, Marketing, and Professionals Committees for review and will be submitted to the Board of Directors in September. The Committee also reviewed a presentation to redistrict the U.S. regions from the current four to six to encourage more participation by decreasing the mileage a qualifier must travel. The proposal will be sent to the U.S. affiliates this coming week for comments. The Committee will review affiliate finals host support from NRHA. Bill Peel suggested that a rotating review of the affiliates be done.

Aged Events Committee – Chairperson, Dell Hendricks reported that the Aged Events Committee met on June 18. They reviewed and made changes to the 2005 Futurity schedule, discussed the theme for the 2005 Futurity, discussed entertainment ideas for Friday, December 2 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm, and discussed ways to celebrate and present our past 40 years in pictures, presentations, and video. Future projects include discussing limited or capping ancillary entries, discussing the schedule placement of the Youth, Rookie, and the Clinton Anderson clinic, and the conditions for the 2005 Futurity and 2006 Derby. Dell noted that the Committee will meet again in July.

Arena Committee – No report.

Chairpersons Committee – Bill Bradley reported that he had asked the Chairpersons of all the committees to look ahead and plan for 2006. He asked them all to have a report back by the September Board meeting.

Eligibility Committee – Chairperson, Kim Sloan reported that the Eligibility Committee met on June 18. They discussed proposed rule changes for 2006 and will submit three. They also discussed rule changes from other sources and are prepared to make recommendations.

Olympic Steering Committee – Chairperson, Frank Costantini stated that he is still forming his committee and asking people to participate.

Finance Committee – Chairperson, Anne-Marie Burns reported that the Finance Committee met on June 18. They prepared the 2005-2006 operating budget and secured Executive Board and Board of Directors approval, approved a funding request submitted by the Marketing Committee for a demographic study, established a timeline to prepare a 2005-2006 business plan, in conjunction with the RHSF business plan. Future projects include reviewing value/cost modeling of the Non Pro Committee for their 2006 Futurity proposal, preparing value statements reflective of the 2004-2005 operating results, and conducting the first annual review of financial policies and procedures in conjunction with the September meeting.

Freestyle Committee – No report.

Hall of Fame Committee – No report.

International Committee – The International Committee will meet during the European Championships in Duerne, Netherlands in July.

Information/Technology Committee – Chairperson, Kim Sloan reported that the IT Committee met on June 18. The database is on a timeline for completion on or before January 1, 2006 and the electronic *Reiner* is completed and being offered. The Office is on new server software, Small Business Server 2003, which is the newest available from Microsoft along with in house email hosting. The Committee's budget requests have been compiled and the new web site is up and operational with numerous positive responses from the membership. The RHSF site will be up within the next month. Future projects include getting ideas together on what we can do to provide pages on the web site to get information to the general public on Reining in

order to educate them from grass roots to Olympic aspirations; and, finding out who would be responsible for compiling the Live Feed information for the events, and how to make this feature more profitable.

It was asked why the Office cannot take credit cards for Futurity and Derby payments. Bill stated that as of the end of the Derby, the Office can take credit cards for those payments. Lisa Garza stated that a page for NRHA logo wear will be up on the web site within 30 days.

Management Committee – No report.

Judges Committee – Chairperson, Rick Weaver reported that the Judges Committee met via conference call on June 15. They discussed patterns for the 2005 Futurity and recommend using patterns 1, 6, and 10 for the Open. They will confer with the Non Pro Committee for the Non Pro Futurity patterns. They also discussed proposed rule changes for 2006 and the two-point penalty review at the 2005 Derby.

Closed Session 8:10 am

Rick presented the Board with a list of people who have passed tests at schools as well as a seminar in the Netherlands. He also presented a list of USEF Stewards that passed the NRHA segment at the May clinic in Kentucky. Following discussion, Mike Boyle moved to approve both lists. Seconded by Dave Wilkins. Motion passed.

Open Session 8:18 am

Marketing Committee – Chairperson, Dave Wilkins reported that the Marketing Committee met on June 18. A fact sheet template was distributed to all Board members. These fact sheets will be used to inform the membership on various programs and issues. Display booths will be set up at the Quarter Horse Congress, the Hoosier Horse Fair, and the November Equine Affair. The Committee is reviewing other venues to send the display booth. They would like to incorporate the Top 20 riders to be available at the booth and demonstrations. The Committee is looking at information provided by George Bell to try to get ad spots on RFD-TV. They are also currently looking at a TV proposal from Bridle & Bit.

The Purina sponsorship programs have been launched to the membership and to the circuit shows. The Committee is revisiting the idea of attaching NRHA to AQHA's affinity program. A meeting is scheduled in late June to finalize plans for the logo wear through 2005.

Future projects include working on marketing and promotional ideas for the Futurity's 40th anniversary to focus on a theme of where NRHA came from and where we are going and working on a logo and tag line for it and reviewing sketches for an NRHA buckle and limited edition version that will be presented to the Executive Board.

The Finance Committee reviewed and endorsed a bid from Horizons Research to conduct a demographics study. The cost would be \$22,000. Bill Peel moved to approve the bid from Horizon's Research. Seconded by Rick Weaver. Motion passed.

Break 8:27 am

Reconvene 8:46 am

Non Pro Committee – Chairperson, Jim Morgan reported that the Non Pro Committee met on June 18. They reviewed their 2006 Non Pro Futurity proposal, reviewed 2006 rule change proposals, and had recommendations for the Non Pro Futurity patterns. They also discussed Non Pro endorsements and determined that the issue needs further review. The Committee also is discussing a new fencing schedule and has written letters to Cinch thanking them for their sponsorship and encouraging them to renew.

Owner's Committee – Chairperson, Lance Griffin reported that the Owner's Committee met on June 18. He stated that they discussed rule change proposals and that the owner's brochure is near completion. The Committee proposed to the Board that a buckle be awarded to the Open Derby Champion owner. Discussion

followed. Kim Sloan moved to award a buckle to the owner of the Open Derby Champion. Seconded by Frank Costantini. Motion passed.

Professionals Committee – Chairperson, Dwayn Hoelscher reported that the Professionals Committee met on June 18. They selected topics for the newsletter which will include rule changes, Professionals membership, and benefits of Rookie Day participation to members; rule change submissions regarding blood and illegal equipment; and they are currently working with the Non Pro Committee on the 2006 Futurity Conditions. Dwayn also reported that starting in 2006, a professional’s earnings will not count toward the Top 20 until that person is a member of the NRHA Professionals. The Committee was directed to go back to previous Committee minutes and verify that this is the way it is supposed to be. Future projects the Committee is considering include having photos and profiles on hand prior to a show for use at the show and in other promotional activities; including a check box on the general membership application for members to check their professional status; and drafting a contract guideline for professionals to use for clients. Dan Wall noted that the Committee may contact NRHA’s legal counsel for assistance in drafting the contract. Bill Bradley suggested having professionals forums at each of the affiliate finals. It was also suggested to publish the list of members of the NRHA Professionals and also to have a “trainer’s school” at the Convention.

Reiner Committee – Co-Chairperson, Frank Costantini reported that the *Reiner* Committee met on June 18. Affiliate contacts were sent complimentary 2005 *Electronic Reiner* subscriptions and will be offered a subscription to the *Electronic Reiner* again in 2006. The *Reiner Reader Survey* generated a tremendous response. The Committee moved to support a rule change to allow non members to subscribe to the *Reiner* and to change subscriptions from a calendar year to 12 issues. The Committee also noted that the *Electronic Reiner* needs promotion. To increase *Electronic Reiner* sales and generate funds for the RHSF Youth Program, the Committee would like for NRHYA members to sell 2006 *Electronic Reiner* subscriptions at the 2006 Futurity. \$5.00 of each subscription would go to the RHSF Youth Program.

Rules and Regulations Committee – Co-Chairperson, Dan Wall reported that the Rules and Regulations Committee met on June 18. The Committee reviewed all rule changes that were submitted at that time for readability and clarity. A conference will be scheduled to discuss By-Laws.

Sale Committee – Chairperson, Troy Heikes reported that the Sale Committee met via conference call prior to the June Board meeting. Format of the Futurity sales was discussed. Following is the sale schedule for the 2005 Futurity:

- **Thursday, Dec 1, 10 AM, Barn 3 - Breeders Showcase Select Sale.** Consignment fee \$500. This will be a selection of 120 – 130 head of yearlings, broodmares and show horses to finish by 3:30.
- **Thursday, Dec 1, 4PM – 6:30 PM, Barn 6. Preview of two year old prospects.** Based on last meeting, with support of guest Dell Hendricks from the Aged Events Committee, it was agreed that this should work into the Futurity arena schedule.
- **Friday, Dec 2, 10 AM Barn 3 – Reining Performance Sale** – Consignment fee \$350. Discount fee of \$300 for consignment of 6 or more by same consignor. Open to the first approx. 175 yearlings, two & three year olds, show horses, broodmares and stallions. No pass out fee. Horses to be stalled in Barn 5 or 5A, separate from the selected horses. Separate catalog to allow for later entries and flexibility.
- **Saturday, Dec 3, 10 AM Barn 3 – Futurity Prospect Sale** – Consignment fee \$600. Approx 50 – 60 head. Same conditions as past years.
- The consignment and video deadline for select sales will remain August 15. The consignments for the Reining Performance Sale will remain open until full.

Troy also presented the Board with the results from the 2005 Derby Spotlight Sale as follows:

- 39 through ring - \$279,950 total; \$7178 average
- 31 sold (79%) - \$214,550 total; \$6920 average
- 8 PO - \$65,400 total; \$8175 average

Bill Bradley will appoint an ad hoc committee to discuss and work on the Derby sale

Future projects include promotion of the new sale and the purchase of sale software. Troy also inquired about having a person in the NRHA Office dedicated to the sales. Bill directed that this item be included on the Management Committee agenda for the August meeting.

Break 10:01 am

Reconvene 10:23 am

Show Standards Committee – Chairperson, Colleen McQuay reported that the Show Standards Committee met on June 18. The Committee discussed and refined rule changes proposed for 2006 and will submit six. They also reviewed rule changes submitted by the Membership Services Department. Future projects include developing licensing criteria for the NRHA Show Stewards program and analyzing the format for the Show Representative Report.

Sire and Dam Committee – Committee member, Troy Heikes reported that the Sire and Dam Committee met on June 18. They discussed the possibility of having an online auction and Sire and Dam advertising. They were directed to work with the *Reiner* Committee regarding the advertising. The Committee proposed to change the way that Sire and Dam payouts are currently done. They propose to eliminate rollover and pay awards to participating sires. Troy Heikes moved to give Sire Awards to the three highest placing Sire and Dam eligible sires in the finals of the Open and Non Pro Futurity; and the Open, Intermediate Open, and Non Pro Derby. The Sire and Dam Award Offspring trophies will be awarded to the highest placing Sire and Dam offspring in the finals of the Open and Non Pro Futurity. Seconded by Dell Hendricks. Following discussion, the motion was tabled until the August meeting. The Sire and Dam Committee was directed to discuss this issue. It was also requested that the Sire and Dam awards be listed on the web site following an event and to put the history of all awards into the *Reiner*.

Sponsorship Committee – Committee liaison, Lisa Garza reported that the Sponsorship Committee met on June 18. There are three proposals to corporate partners out with one being close to closing in the weeks ahead and one interested sponsor prospect with a scheduled meeting in mid-July. The Committee has schedule a sponsorship retreat for October 19-20 at Spirit of the West and is working on a project to have invited sponsor prospects come to the Futurity with an assigned NRHA member to host them.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

Sponsorships

Cowboy Central – Bill Bradley reported that the Executive Board is researching ways to rectify the situation with Cowboy Central. Once everything is verified, a letter will be sent to the exhibitors who have not received their saddles apologizing for the situation and reassuring them that they will get saddles.

Cowboy Tack – Bill Bradley reported that Cowboy Tack was purchased by M.L. Leddy's. The sponsorship relationship with Cowboy Tack has been dissolved and they have been suspended as a sponsor.

Lunch Break 11:15 am

Reconvene 11:52 am

2006 PROPOSED RULE CHANGES

The following rule changes were submitted and briefly discussed.

A rule change was submitted by the Executive Board regarding the development of NRHA International. See attached document for complete changes.

17-01-06

6.7 The IRC or appropriate standing committee shall have authority to choose one of the following two alternatives: (a) take no action and dismiss the matter, or (b) send the matter to the Executive Board to

hold a full hearing. The Judges Committee also has a third alternative (c) recommend an individual submit to ~~review by the JEEP Program~~ an Investigative Judge's Review.

- 6.11** The IRC for judges may choose to direct the judge to submit to ~~a review by the JEEP Program~~ an Investigative Judges Review, rather than hold a hearing before the Executive Board. A judge must comply with the decision of the committee or the request in writing a hearing before the NRHA Executive Board within ten (10) days of receipt of notice.

Intent of Proposal:

New verbiage would coincide with the revisions to the JEEP program.

Submitted by the Judges Committee

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A. MEMBERSHIP

(1) All riders and owners...Any deviation from the above information may affect earnings for Top Ten purposes. It is the responsibility of riders and owners to be aware of and abide by all the rules and regulations set forth in this Handbook. Any person or entity in violation of NRHA rules may be subject to, but not limited to fines, forfeitures, probation and/or disciplinary procedures.

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L. GENERAL SHOW CONDITIONS

(10) Any person or entity in violation of NRHA rules may be subject to, but not limited to fines, forfeitures, exclusion for Top Ten standings, probation and/or disciplinary procedures.

Intent of Proposal (include additional pages as necessary):

To clarify that it is the riders and owners responsibility to be aware of & abide by NRHA rules and regulations.

Submitted by Membership Services Department.

23-02-06

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A. MEMBERSHIP

- (a) **Memberships: Does not include *Reiner Magazine*.**

General membership dues (Domestic, Canadian and International).....\$60.00

New Non Pro membership dues.....\$85.00

Non Pro Renewal dues.....\$60.00

Youth membership dues.....\$30.00

New Youth Non Pro dues.....\$55.00

Youth Non Pro Renewal dues.....\$30.00

Life membership dues (individual only).....\$600.00

(If a Non Pro membership has lapsed for more than one calendar year, the applicant will be required to pay the New Non Pro membership fee. If there has been no lapse in membership, the Non Pro renewal fee will apply.)

Non Pro – A Non Pro Declaration and \$25.00 must accompany membership application, unless already on file at NRHA office. (If a Non Pro membership has lapsed for more than one calendar year, the applicant will be required to re-file a Non Pro Declaration, including fee.)

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(5) Procedure for those applying for Non Pro status:

(a) An applicant must fill out the official NRHA Non Pro Membership Application Declaration, and submit it to the NRHA office with the appropriate fee.

(b) Persons applying for Non Pro status ~~who reside on, work for, or derive monetary sustenance from a horse training and/or showing facility and persons included in advertising for horse facilities and operations~~

or publicly identified in any way with horse facilities must complete Sections A & B of the Non Pro Membership Application must answer all questions on the Non Pro Declaration, agree to abide by the Non Pro Code of Conduct and Ethics, and sign the Non Pro Declaration affirming the truth of all statements given as well as acceptance of the rules and regulations relating to NRHA Non Pro membership.

(d) An applicant must obtain complete a Non Pro card Declaration prior to entering a Non Pro class; applicants must allow thirty (30) days minimum for processing applications. Non Pro status will be granted on a temporary basis and is subject to revocation pending publication in the NRHA *Reiner* and approval by the Non Pro Committee. Non Pro status will be null and void and any Non Pro earnings and prizes will be forfeited if it is determined that the applicant is not eligible under NRHA Non Pro conditions, as defined in the NRHA Handbook. Earnings will not count for Top Ten purposes and all Non Pro winnings earned prior to approval will be forfeited if it is determined that Non Pro approval was not granted prior to showing. Failure to comply with the application requirements as specified in this Handbook may result in disciplinary

(f) A professional (excluding members in the Apprentice Program) desiring to obtain Non Pro status may do so after meeting all Non Pro conditions for a period of time equal to the number of years they have not met the Non Pro requirements with a minimum of three (3) years and a maximum of five (5) years. The NRHA office may then be notified and the standard official Non Pro Membership Application Declaration and fees may be submitted for approval or disapproval by the Board of Directors or their designate. The applicant will be notified of the approval or disapproval by the NRHA office and shall not show in NRHA Non Pro competition until notified.

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B. NON PRO CONDITIONS

(8) **Renewing Non Pro status:** If a Non Pro membership has lapsed for more than one calendar year, the applicant will be required to pay the New Non Pro membership fee complete the NRHA Non Pro Declaration and submit it to the NRHA office with the appropriate fee. If there has been no lapse in membership, the Non Pro renewal fee will apply.

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L. GENERAL SHOW CONDITIONS

(2) All exhibitors and owners/co owners must be current members of NRHA. General members and youth All NRHA members may renew or purchase their memberships at the show. Non Pro members may renew at a show if they present their previous year's non pro card to the show secretary. New Non Pro applicants must complete a Non Pro declaration and submit it with the Non Pro fee, a completed membership application and membership dues. If a horse competes is shown without current NRHA membership for the owner/co owner and/or rider, the show secretary will be fined \$25 per offense. The non-current member will be fined \$25 in addition to the cost of his/her membership.

Intent of Proposal (include additional pages as necessary):

Changes necessary to reflect the Executive Board decision (following Non Pro committee recommendation) to re-instate the Non Pro Declaration.

Submitted by Membership Services

23-03-06

A. MEMBERSHIP (1)

(b) Reiner Subscription

Reiner magazine available to current members only.

Reiner magazine subscription is optional.

Domestic Reiner delivered by 3rd class mail _____ \$25.00

Domestic Reiner by 1st class mail, postage and handling _____ \$55.00

Canadian Reiner, postage and handling _____ \$50.00

International Reiner postage and handling _____ \$75.00

REINER SUBSCRIPTION

	Current NRHA Member	Non-Member
US 3 rd class mail – 12 issues	\$25.00	\$35.00
US 1 st class mail – 12 issues	\$55.00	\$65.00
Canada - 12 issues	\$50.00	\$60.00
International - 12 issues	\$75.00	\$85.00
Electronic Reiner - 12 issues-	\$25.00	\$35.00

Intent of Proposal (include additional pages as necessary):

To allow non members to subscribe to the NRHA Reiner and make subscriptions 12 months, regardless of when subscription is initiated: subscription beginning June 2005 will run through May 2006.

Submitted by the Reiner Committee

24-01-06

Add new section

(4) NRHA cannot be responsible for any payments or paperwork not received in the NRHA office. It is recommended that any time-sensitive materials be sent to the NRHA office by guaranteed delivery.

Intent of Proposal (include additional pages as necessary):

To clarify that the NRHA is not responsible for items sent to but not received by NRHA.

Submitted by Membership Services Department

24-02-06

A Non Pro shall be defined as a person who at the time of application has not won in excess of \$100,000 (one hundred thousand dollars) in Category 1, 2, and 6 Open reining competition. A Non Pro shall further be defined as a person who has not given lessons for remuneration and/or has not directly or indirectly shown, trained or assisted in the training of a any horse ridden astride for remuneration, regardless of discipline-this does not include prize money.

Intent of Proposal (include additional pages as necessary):

Clarification of rule.

Submitted by Membership Services Department

24-03-06

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Intent of Proposal:

Clarification of rule.

Submitted by Dan Wall

24-04-06

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Intent of Proposal:

Modification of rule to allow certified handicap instructors to apply for Non Pro status reflecting industry standards concerning Non Pro or Amateur status.

Submitted by Membership Services Department

24-05-06

B. NON PRO CONDITIONS

(2) NRHA has adopted the following definition of immediate family: husband, wife, parent, step-parent, child, step-child, brother, sister, half brother, half sister, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, grandmother, grandfather and in-laws of the same relation as stated above. It is the responsibility of the Non Pro to file an Immediate Family Form with the NRHA prior to showing an immediate family member's horse. The Non Pro is also responsible for updating that form with any changes. If there is not an Immediate Family Form on file with the NRHA office, a Non Pro may be forfeited out of any NRHA Non Pro classes in which they have shown.

Intent of Proposal:

Facilitates better record keeping and clarifies the Non Pro's responsibility of notifying the NRHA office.

Submitted by Membership Services Department

24-06-06

B. NON PRO CONDITIONS

(3) Any transaction relating to the sale and/or transfer of a horse to a Non Pro other than by immediate family members must be at fair market value.

Intent of Proposal:

Clarification of rule.

Submitted by Membership Services Department. The Non Pro Committee was directed to review this rule change.

25-01-06

B. NON PRO CONDITIONS

(5) Procedure for those applying for Non Pro status:

(g) A professional that attains Non Pro status after fulfilling stated criteria, shall ~~not~~ be eligible for any classes or divisions, ~~specifically Limited Non Pro or Intermediate Non Pro (Category 1, 2, or 6) for an additional three years~~ based on their current eligibility.

Intent of Proposal:

The original intent was to create a more level playing field. However, with the addition of the Apprentice Program, it is an empty rule.

Submitted by Membership Services Department.

26-01-06

B. NON PRO CONDITIONS

(10) Non Pro Apprentice Exemption: - Apprentice status must be granted prior to an applicant apprenticing with an NRHA Professional. Applicants must allow thirty (30 days) minimum for processing applications. Individuals that begin Apprenticeship prior to Apprentice status being granted are in violation of Non Pro conditions and their Non Pro status will be in jeopardy. Failure to comply with the application requirements as specified in this Handbook may result in disciplinary action.

(a) A Non Pro may participate in the Apprentice Program only once. The Non Pro must....

Intent of Proposal:

Clarification of Apprentice Program application procedures.

Submitted by the Membership Services Department

27-01-06

C. Competition License

(4) In the case of a competition license transfer, it is the responsibility of the purchaser to obtain and submit all transfer paperwork and fees prior to the horse being shown. The transfer of or application for a competition license will be effective the date it is received in the NRHA office and is not retroactive.

(All other numbers/letters will be subsequently renumbered.)

Intent of Proposal:

To define whose responsibility it is to transfer a horse's competition license.

Submitted by the Membership Services Department

27-02-06

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C. Competition Licensing

(7) If a horse competes without correct ownership on the competition license the show secretary and the rider will each be fined \$25. A second offense may result in the rider being forfeited from the class and a \$200 fine.

(All other numbers/letters will be subsequently renumbered.)

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L. General Show Conditions

(7) If a horse competes without correct ownership on the competition license the show secretary and the rider will each be fined \$25. A second offense may result in the rider being forfeited from the class and a \$200 fine.

(All other numbers/letters will be subsequently renumbered.)

Intent of Proposal:

To add consequence for horses not being transferred before being shown. It is a problem when show results come in with owners not being current because the new owner of the horse did not have the license transferred. With current rules, the old owner is fined \$25 and a membership when it was the new owner that broke the rule.

Submitted by the Membership Services Department.

27-03-06

C. COMPETITION LICENSING

(9) Lost Competition Licenses:

Competition licenses that have been lost for any reason such as; lost in the mail, misplaced, destroyed or not received from the previous owner, can be replaced by completing the Affidavit process and submitting the appropriate fee.

Intent of Proposal:

Add rule to inform members of lost license procedures and fee.

Submitted by the Membership Services Department.

27-04-06

D. Categories of Competition and Class Eligibility

It is the responsibility... Any rider participating in a class or division in which he/she (or the horse he/she is riding) is not eligible will be placed on probation for 30 days for the first offense. **After receipt of the first probation notice, any** second and subsequent offense **will** **may** result in a 30 day suspension and a fine of \$200.

Intent of Proposal:

Changing “will” to “may” allows circumstances to be considered. Adding “After receipt..” only makes it fair because many times the exhibitor has already shown a second time before they receive the first letter.

Submitted by the Membership Services Group.

28-01-06

Submitted by the Membership Services Department.

28-02-06

Category 1

Limited Open – Open to any rider holding a valid NRHA card who has earned less than ~~\$7500~~ **\$10,000** in lifetime NRHA Category 1, 2, 6, and 8 earnings at the start of the NRHA year. For members.....

Intent of Proposal:

Submitted by the Eligibility Committee.

29-01-06

Intermediate Open Aged Event – Open to any rider holding a valid NRHA card who is not in the Top ~~50~~ **25** money earners in Open classes based on open earnings in Category 2 and 6 events for the previous three calendar years. In addition, the Top 25 Non Pro riders based on total earnings in Category 2 and 6 events over the previous three calendar years are not eligible. For members giving up Non Pro cards please refer to the Non Pro conditions section 9.

Intent of Proposal:

To be in compliance with the Intermediate Non Pro conditions.

Submitted by Laurie Oder.

29-02-06

Category 3

Youth Rookie (18 & Under)

Open to any youth riders who have not earned more than twenty-five (25) points in NRHA Youth classes at the start of the NRHA year.”

Intent of Proposal:

To clarify Youth Rookie eligibility and make consistent with all other eligibility wording.

Submitted by the Membership Services Department.

30-01-06

New class to include in Category 1:

ENTRY LEVEL PROFESSIONAL – Open to any rider except those holding an NRHA Non Pro Card and who has earned less than \$5,000 in NRHA lifetime earnings, all categories, at the start of the NRHA year. Can run concurrent with any Category 1 Open, Intermediate Open, or Limited Open class.

Intent of Proposal:

To develop an entry level class for professional riders.

Submitted by the Eligibility Committee. The Professionals Committee was directed to review this change.

30-02-06

CATEGORY 5

ROOKIE – Riders must have completed... This does not include money earning in youth classes. Riders must not have earned more than ~~50 points~~ 100 points in NRHA sanctioned Youth competition. Horses are to be...

Intent of Proposal:

To allow more youth to be eligible for the Rookie class after their youth career that are not ready for higher levels of competition. It has taken many youth several years to reach the 50 point level at few points per year.

Submitted by the Eligibility Committee

32-01-06

E. Show Approval

(1) Official NRHA show approval forms must be submitted to the NRHA office not less than 180 days prior to the entry closing date of the show for “AA and A” events, and not less than 90 days prior to the entry closing date of the show for “B” events. Changes in added money or approved classes can be made if changes are handled with the NRHA office 90 days prior to the event. Any show submitted for NRHA approval that is received by post, fax or email in the NRHA office after the appropriate deadline may be subject to a \$100 late fee.

Intent of Proposal:

The intent of this rule change is to allow NRHA exhibitors and other show managers the knowledge of event dates earlier in the year to allow for better planning – more user friendly. Also with show numbers growing and the process a show goes through during approval, it is critical for shows to be submitted on time.

Encouraging show approvals to be on time allows the show department to meet publication deadlines and properly information NRHA exhibitors.

Submitted by the Show Standards Committee

33-01-06**E. SHOW APPROVAL****(7) Show Classifications**

It is show management's responsibility to ensure that all classification requirements are met for their show and that proper documentation is kept in the event of a protest. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action as determined by the Executive Board.

(All other letters/numbers will be subsequently renumbered)

Intent of Proposal:

To hold management accountable for classification requirements since it is difficult for the NRHA office to police.

Submitted by the Show Standards Committee

33-02-06**E. SHOW APPROVAL****(7) Show Classifications:****(b) A events:**

(B) Show representative, show secretary and show manager must be three separate individuals.

(All other letters/numbers will be subsequently renumbered)

7) Show Classifications:**(c) AA events:**

(B) Show representative, show secretary and show manager must be three separate individuals.

(All other letters/numbers will be subsequently renumbered)

Intent of Proposal (include additional pages as necessary):

There are many shows where one person tries to be all three positions. Not only is it difficult to manage time, but it is also a conflict of interest for the show rep to also be show management when the rep is supposed to be the liaison between exhibitors and show management. Larger shows have more at stake and should be managed appropriately.

Submitted by the Show Standards Committee

33-03-06***p.33, 7(b)(C) & p.34, 7(c)(C)***

~~The Show Representative(s) must be an NRHA judge(s).~~ An NRHA Show Steward must officiate for the entire duration of the show.

p.35**E. SHOW APPROVAL**

(15) An NRHA Show Steward who is a current NRHA member and either an NRHA judge or a National Federation/FEI Reining Steward must serve as an Official at AA and A events. They are to be employed by the show management and the Steward's name is to be listed on the show approval application. The Steward will be responsible to carry out all current stated responsibilities of an NRHA Show Representative, including represent the interests of the contestants to the judge(s) and show management; as well as being available to aid judges and show management with Association rules and will investigate any situation where NRHA rules as listed in this NRHA Handbook are not upheld.

Intent of Proposal:

Will in general serve as, show representative for A & AA shows, as well as new additional duties to be defined. Provide the necessary co-ordination between contestants, judges and show management (available at all times). Protect the interests of contestants, judges, and show management. To investigate and act upon any

alleged rule violations without waiting for any protest. Provide more consistency in NRHA events. Help to establish better communication between the NRHA, Show Managers, Judges and Exhibitors

Coincide with National and International Steward Programs

Submitted by the Show Standards Committee.

33-04-06

(7) (b) (D) Paddock Manager for the entire event. A Paddock Manager must be an NRHA member and the responsibilities should include.....

Intent of Proposal:

Due to the responsibilities of the paddock manager, it is important that this person be knowledgeable in NRHA Rules and Regulations.

Submitted by the Show Standards Committee

33-05-06

E. SHOW APPROVAL

(7) Show Classifications

(c) AA events:

(A) \$100,000 or more added money to entire event.

Intent of Proposal:

To define AA events more precisely. As it reads right now if a show is over \$100,000 it is not classified at all.

Submitted by the Membership Services Department

33-06-06

E. SHOW APPROVAL

(7) Show Classifications

(c) AA events:

(B) Show secretary must be certified by the NRHA

(All other numbers/letters will be subsequently renumbered)

Intent of Proposal:

To follow the previously approved policy. AA events will be required to have licensed show secretaries.

Submitted by the Show Standards Committee.

34-01-06

E. SHOW APPROVAL

(7) Show Classifications

It is show management's responsibility to ensure that all classification requirements are met for their show and that proper documentation is kept in the event of a protest. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action as determined by the Executive Board.

(All other letters/numbers will be subsequently renumbered)

Intent of Proposal (include additional pages as necessary):

To hold management accountable for classification requirements since it is difficult for the NRHA office to police.

Submitted by the Membership Services Department.

34-02-06

E. SHOW APPROVAL

(8) All trophy and/or plaque ~~costs~~ **payment** must be submitted with the approval form.

Intent of Proposal:

Semantics. The “costs” has been read as just submitting the amount written on paper and we want actual money to come with the show approval forms.

Submitted by the Membership Services Department.

34-03-06

E. SHOW APPROVAL

(10) Show management will be held responsible for the payment of all trophy, plaque and/or NRHA 5% fees.

(All other numbers/letters will be subsequently renumbered)

Intent of Proposal (include additional pages as necessary):

When fees aren't paid it is difficult to know who to hold responsible for those fees. This will allow us to bill the person listed as show management and make them responsible for ensuring it gets paid.

Submitted by the Membership Services Department

34-04-06

ADD:

(12) One of the individuals designated on the show approval application as show manager or show secretary for AA approved shows ~~and~~ **or** any show offering a class with \$10,000 or more added must have attended an NRHA show management seminar and become certified within five years preceding the date of the scheduled show.

Intent of Proposal:

To ensure that show management has been properly trained in order to provide a more consistent and professional level of management of large events.

Submitted by the Membership Services Department.

34-05-06

E. SHOW APPROVAL

(13) NRHA show secretaries or management that fail to follow any NRHA rules, which may or may not result in the forfeiture or exclusion from Top Ten standings of a horse and/or rider, may be fined \$50 fee per forfeiture or exclusion.

(All other letters/numbers will be subsequently renumbered.)

Intent of Proposal:

After being licensed by the NRHA, show management will have all resources to do their job properly. Since our membership is depending on them to direct shows, we need to be able to make them accountable. We already state in rule E. 12 (p.34) that they are responsible.

Submitted by the Membership Services Department. The Membership Services Department was directed to review this rule change with regard to the amount of the fee.

34-06-06

(13) It is mandatory that all approved shows utilize judges from the NRHA Judges List. Two or more approved judges must be used at all NRHA approved classes with added money of \$2,000 or more. Three or more judges must be used all NRHA approved classes with added money of \$10,000 or more. Five judges must be used at all NRHA approved classes with added money of \$50,000 or more.

Intent of Proposal:

The influence on top ten standings and year end awards is too big to be left up to three judges. If an organizing committee wants to put up a show with that much impact they should not have any problem with hiring 2 more judges. I am sure this will get the support of the International Committee.

Submitted by Nick Cornelissens.

35-01-06**E. SHOW APPROVAL**

(14) A Show Representative...the representative's name shall be listed on the show approval application. The show representative should be an NRHA member in good standing for at least one full calendar year. It is recommended...

Intent of Proposal:

In the definition of a show representative it is imperative that they have extensive knowledge of the rulebook and NRHA.

Submitted by the Membership Services Department.

35-02-06**E. SHOW APPROVAL**

ADD:

(15) An NRHA approved show that intends to cancel must have approval from the Executive Board prior to cancellation. The show management must notify the NRHA office by fax, phone, or e-mail. The request will be submitted to the NRHA Executive Board for review and approval to cancel. The NRHA will determine if materials, including trophies and/or plaques are to be returned to the NRHA office at the show's expense. Failure to follow procedures may result in a \$250 fine and may jeopardize future show approvals.

Intent of Proposal:

To implement a rule and consequence about cancelled shows to help discourage it and allows NRHA some recourse. Many times shows are cancelled and the NRHA is never notified, therefore exhibitors are unaware as well.

Submitted by the Membership Services Department.

35-03-06**F. CATEGORY 1 LAWSON BRONZE TROPHY REINING CONDITIONS**

(2) Only one Lawson Bronze Trophy Reining will be held within a 350 air miles driving distance radius (one way) on a given the same day.

Intent of Proposal:

Because tracking air miles for the NRHA office and show management is impossible without special, expensive computer software. It is also believed that when exhibitors plan their travel they look at land miles, not air miles.

Submitted by the Membership Services Department.

36-01-06

Open, ~~Intermediate Open~~, and Non Pro Divisions are all offered.

Intent of Proposal:

Remove Intermediate Open as a requirement for Category 2 & 6 reinings. At smaller Category 2 & 6 reinings, the Intermediate Open is often a repeat of the Open class. Show management should be able to pick the appropriate classes for their show.

Submitted by Craig Sutter.

37-01-06

H. TROPHIES

(7) The Morrison Freestyle Bronze must be and can only be presented for a \$1000 or more added Freestyle class.

(All other letters/numbers will be subsequently renumbered.)

Intent of Proposal:

Establishes guidelines for awarding our newest trophy.

Submitted by the Membership Services Department.

38-01-06

Add New:

L. Support Fees

(1) A \$5 fee will be added to each entry in all NRHA approved classes, except Youth. 20% of those funds will be dedicated for the Continental Affiliate Championships. 80% will be dedicated for NRHA Futurity and NRHA Derby purses.

Re-letter subsequent sections.

Intent of Proposal:

To provide financial support to the Continental Championships, as well as the NRHA Futurity and NRHA Derby.

Submitted by Tim McQuay.

38-02-06

L. GENERAL SHOW CONDITIONS

(4) All ~~entries~~ horses in a class must be drawn for position and must run as drawn, ~~except in the case of an event that is running multiple arenas simultaneously. In this case priority is given to one arena and that arena will maintain the draw, while the other arena will allow for flexibility in the draw to assist riders with conflicts between arenas.~~ All ~~entries~~ horses must have a correct exhibitor number displayed. Failure to display correct exhibitor number will result ~~in a score of 0~~ in the rider receiving a \$25 fine per offense. If a rider rides more than one horse, there should be a spread of at least...

Intent of Proposal:

Clarifying this rule will allow for show management to better schedule and utilize facilities as well as developing a better schedule for events that permits for shorter days and more time for practice time. Imposing a fine instead of a score of "0" is more exhibitor friendly.

Submitted by the Show Standards Committee.

40-01-06

N. SHOW RESULTS

(1) The manager and/or secretary will submit official documents... to the NRHA office within ten (10) days after the last day of the show, as required...

Intent of Proposal:

To clarify to show management the exact time measure that our office already practices.

Submitted by the Membership Services Department.

40-02-06

ADD:

(2) Ancillary Show results must record all riders and horses shown, including scratches, zeros and no scores in the proper placing and properly labeled. Show results must include membership numbers for all riders and owners/co owners. Show results must include competition license numbers for every horse. Original judges score sheets must accompany show results. If show results are submitted incomplete, they will not be accepted and are subject to late fines if complete show results are not submitted within the specified time limit (see section N.3.).

Aged Events show results must record all money earners in the proper placing. Show results must include membership numbers for all riders and owners/co owners. Show results must include competition license numbers for every horse. Original judges score sheets must accompany show results. If show results are submitted incomplete, they will not be accepted and are subject to late fines if complete show results are not submitted within the specified time limit (see section N.3.).

(All other letters/numbers will be subsequently renumbered.)

Intent of Proposal:

The gives every show specific instructions on what should be included on show results. All of this information is imperative in order for show results to be input accurately and timely. Any missing information causes a delay in the reporting of show results.

Submitted by the Membership Services Department.

40-03-06

N. SHOW RESULTS

(5) NRHA approved events will pay back to the ~~contestants~~ current rider or owner of the horse as recorded with NRHA the total of the net entry fees, less the show committee's retainage plus the total added money.

(6) Payouts to exhibitors current recorded rider or owner must be made within 45 days following the completion of the NRHA show.

Intent of Proposal:

To reflect what is practiced by NRHA shows now.

Submitted by the Membership Services Department.

41-01-06

N. SHOW RESULTS

(10) Exhibitors and/or members who believe a judge(s) has mis-called a zero penalty score should notify show management or show representative (provided representative is not a contestant in the class in question) if the entire class has been officially videotaped. Management and/or representative should notify judge(s) as

soon as possible. Judge(s) may decide to review or not review the questioned penalty. Review of the penalty is permissible until the judge(s) has left the grounds for the day, or until 30 minutes after the last horse of the day.

Intent of Proposal:

Submitted by Ronnie Wayne.

42-01-06

(8) All Top Ten placings and qualification for year end awards will be final and not subject to change as of December 31st of that year unless due to disciplinary action as decided on by the Executive Board.

Renumber subsequent numbers.

Intent of Proposal:

To clarify that Top Ten standings and Year End awards will not be changed after December 31st of the year. Earnings can still be corrected, but it will not affect the Top Ten or Year End Awards

Submitted by the Membership Services Department.

59-01-06

C. GUIDELINES

(10) Any NRHA Judge(s) that judges a reining class that is not NRHA approved (excluding beginner and green classes) or is not held by an NRHA affiliated breed association and/or NRCHA will be subject to an Investigative Judges Review.

Intent of Proposal (include additional pages as necessary):

Encourages show management to seek NRHA approval for all classes. It is intended that the Judge not incur any penalty, but would not accept assignments for classes that were not NRHA approved. Many Reinings are held all over the world with a lot of added money and are not NRHA approved, therefore, many exhibitors that should have earned their way out of lower divisions have not. Also, the NRHA owns, facilitates and maintains the Judging System as well as the expense of doing so, and many shows are using the system and not contributing to NRHA.

Submitted by the Owner's Committee.

60-01-06

C. GUIDELINES

(1) ... Volunteer NRHA judges utilized for equipment inspection are excluded from the five day requirement.

Intent of Proposal:

Clarification of exclusion rule.

Submitted by Allen Mitchels

65-01-06

B. SCORING

(6)(h) balking or refusal of command where ~~pattern~~ performance is delayed;

Intent of Proposal:

Clarification

Submitted by the Judges Committee

66-01-06
B. SCORING

(6)(o) failure to wear appropriate western attire as outlined in the NRHA Handbook, Section L. 7-8. in General Show Conditions.

Intent of Proposal:
 Clarification

Submitted by the Judges Committee.

66-02-06
RULES FOR JUDGING

B. SCORING

9 (a)

Each time a horse is out of lead or has a delayed change of lead, a judge is required to penalize by 1 point. The penalty for being out of lead is cumulative, and the judge will add 1 penalty point for each ¼ of the circumference of a circle or any part thereof that a horse is out of lead. A delayed change of lead is a one (1) point penalty from one stride to ¼ of circumference of a circle and is also cumulative beyond that point.

Each time a horse is out of lead, or has a delayed change of lead, a judge is required to assess a penalty. In the instance where a change of lead is required by the pattern description, a delayed change of lead (defined as a change late by one stride) is penalized by ½ point. Beyond that point, the penalty will change to one (1) point for each of the ¼ of the circumference of a circle or any part thereof that the horse is out of lead, and will be cumulative (1 point per quarter circle).

If a horse changes/falls out of lead at any point where a lead is required, the first stride out of lead will receive a penalty of ½ point. If the horse continues out of lead, the penalty will instead be one (1) point up to the first ¼ circle, and cumulative (1 point per quarter circle) beyond that point.

Intent of Proposal:

1. Clear up confusion from last year
2. ½ penalty is more consistent
3. Less punitive

Submitted by Mario Boisjoli and Allen Mitchels. The Judges Committee was directed to review this rule change.

66-03-06
RULES FOR JUDGING

B. SCORING

9 (b) A judge is required to penalize a horse ½ of a point for a delayed change of lead by 2 strides, where the lead change is required by the pattern description.

Intent of Proposal:

Reintroduce the ½ point delayed change of lead to better reflect the 2 stride penalty seen in other maneuvers.

Submitted by Brian Dygert. The Judges Committee was directed to review this rule change.

66-04-06
B. SCORING

(12)

~~In patterns requiring a run-around, failure to be on the correct lead when rounding the end of the arena will be penalized as follows: for ½ the turn or less, 1 point; for more than ½ turn, 2 points.~~

In patterns requiring a run-around, failure to be on the correct lead when rounding the end of the arena will be penalized as follows: out of lead for one stride when entering the first corner where a correct lead is required, a penalty of ½ point. If the horse continues out of lead beyond the first stride, the penalty will instead be one point up to the center of the turn. Beyond the center of the turn, the penalty is 2 points.

Intent of Proposal:

1. Clear up confusion from last year
2. More consistent
3. Less punitive

Submitted by Mario Boisjoli and Allen Mitchels. The Judges Committee was directed to review this rule change.

67-01-06

B. SCORING

(14) Judges may not confer as to... If a major penalty (a penalty which results in a no score, a 0 or a 5 point penalty) is unclear, a judge will submit his/her score and ask that the score be held, pending a conference or review of the official video at the next drag **or as soon as practical.**

Intent of Proposal:

Clarification

93-01-06

NRHA Judges' Guide

(8) Should the judge responsible for examining horses and... In a multiple judge situation where the equipment judge is located outside the arena, any infraction detected by the equipment judge should be examined by all other judges as soon as is practical **if contested by an exhibitor.**

Intent of Proposal:

To speed up process of a no score due to evidence of blood and/or illegal equipment and improve the theatre of run ins.

Submitted by Tim McQuay

111-01-06

B. (2)(a) 1. & 2.

...consider the following:

1. ~~Components of Musicality how well the ride suits the music.~~
2. **Components of** Choreography – the composition and arrangement of the ride in relation to the music and its rhythm.

Intent of Proposal:

#1 & #2 state the same thing. Clarification.

Submitted by the Judges Committee.

111-02-06 WITHDRAWN

B. SCORING PENALTIES

(4) The following shall result in a score of 0; failure to perform all the required maneuvers, fall to the ground by the horse or rider, balking, refusal...

Intent of Proposal:

Submitted by the Judges Committee.

113-01-06 WITHDRAWN
B. SCORING PENALTIES

(4)(h) When a stop is followed by a rollback... Exhibitors are required to perform at least 4 consecutive spins. In the event an additional consecutive spins are performed, the maneuver score should reflect the quality of all the spins and an increased degree of difficulty. Several consecutive lead ~~changes~~ changes may be scored individually or as a group...

Intent of Proposal:

Clarification

Submitted by the Judges Committee

122-01-06

Figure #9 Sample Freestyle Score Card

Replacing the description of maneuver #8 to read "Circles and Other maneuvers".

Intent of Proposal (include additional pages as necessary):

"Transitions" implies speed transitions. "Other maneuvers" would open up the thought process for credit for backing or non traditional maneuvers such as side passing, extended trot, etc.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:02 pm

Respectfully submitted by Susie Trimmer, Executive Assistant.