

NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION

Statement of Policy

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SUMMARY

Show Arena Schooling Policy

PROCEDURE:

NRHA recognizes that schooling is a necessary part of Reining and is good for the horses and industry when done properly.

To help standardize schooling practices, maintain the integrity of NRHA competition and ensure consistency in the industry, the NRHA Board of Directors has developed the following guidelines for exhibitors who choose to school in an NRHA-approved classes:

1. All exhibitors who enter a class with the intention of schooling should immediately zero upon entering the arena as a courtesy to the judges. Legal equipment and attire is required in all NRHA approved classes.
2. **Time Limit** – Exhibitors will have a designated time set by show management appropriate to the pattern and size of the area to complete their run.
3. **Excessive Schooling is Not Allowed** – While schooling is permitted, excessive schooling that disrupts the class, compromises animal welfare, or undermines the integrity of competition is not allowed.
4. **Proper Attire** – Exhibitors must wear appropriate western attire as required by NRHA rules.
5. **Legal Equipment** per NRHA Rule NO SCORES. Section 3– Exhibitors must enter the arena with legal equipment per NRHA Rules. No tail bags or braided tails are allowed.

Judges' Authority – If the judge witnesses abuse in the arena he/she should call a no score, dismiss the rider immediately and ensure the NRHA Show Steward/Representative is properly informed and provided details of the incident. If at any time, the schooling practices would render NRHA in a negative light, the judge should dismiss the rider immediately.

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