

NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION

Statement of Policy

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SUMMARY

Stewards Guidelines

- (1) Stewards should remain available to judges, exhibitors and management at all times to clarify the application of NRHA rules and investigate any situation where the rules are not upheld, but do not have the authority to override decisions made by show management or judges.
- (2) Stewards should represent all contestants and should be the liaison with said management or judge(s).
- (3) Stewards shall conduct themselves in a manner fitting and proper to one afforded the honor of officiating at an NRHA approved or sponsored event. Any misconduct on the part of the Steward at any NRHA event such as drinking while on duty, the use of abusive language, or any other action unbecoming to one in his/her position either on the grounds or elsewhere during the duration of the show will make him/her subject to a complete and impartial hearing on the cause of the complaint before the appropriate committee or body.
- (4) A Steward who undertakes the obligation to officiate at an NRHA sanctioned event is responsible to fulfill that commitment. Should he/she be unable to officiate for any reason, he/she is required to arrange for a suitable, qualified replacement. The replacement steward must be mutually agreed upon by show management and the originally contracted steward. Stewards are also required to notify the NRHA Office and show management of said change, failure to do so for any reason may result in immediate suspension of Stewarding License.
- (5) If an emergency should arise that requires the Show Steward to leave the grounds he/she should appoint a qualified substitute to fulfill the Show Steward duties in his/her absence. Qualified persons include Licensed Show Stewards, NRHA Judges or Certified Show Secretaries not employed at that show.
- (6) An NRHA Show Steward should clearly understand that he/she has no authority in connection with the management or the judging of a competition but should be consulted when interpretation of NRHA rules are in question. He/she should immediately report to the appropriate officials any violations of the rules which might impact the show.
- (7) Stewards shall not be an exhibitor at any approved event or combination of events at which he/she is the officiating steward or member of the officiating team.
- (8) Stewards must always act in the best interest of the NRHA avoiding any circumstances which create a conflict of interest while officiating at any NRHA approved event. Conflicts of interest are subject to review by the NRHA. In the event it is determined that a steward has acted in an official capacity with a conflict of

interest, the steward may be removed from the NRHA Licensed Steward list and may be subject to further disciplinary action for unsportsmanlike conduct.

- (9) Stewards shall keep in mind that while officiating they are representing the NRHA. It is strongly recommended that stewards dress appropriately so as to favorably represent their position.
- (10) Stewards cannot be immediate family of the exhibitors, show management, or show secretary at the same competition and may not judge or be a member of show management at the show they are stewarding.