

# NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION

## Statement of Policy

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### NRHA Event Approval Deadlines – Changes & Late Fees

This policy provides practical guidelines to support the *NRHA Handbook*, specifically Show Rules and Regulations. G. EVENT APPROVAL.

*Any changes made to information on a submitted event approval form must be done in a timely manner. It is at the NRHA's discretion as to whether the changes can be accepted. Any event approval form received in the NRHA office after the required deadline, or a form that is not completed in full, may be subject to a late fee. Any changes to added money, entry fees, or retainage fees for classes that count toward NRHA Top Ten standings must be submitted 60 days prior to the event's entry closing date.*

### LATE FEE GUIDELINES:

#### Late Approvals –

<u>Event Level</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Late Fee if received:</u>
AA & A	90 days prior to event**	After deadline or Incomplete*
BB, B & Top Ten	60 days prior to event	After deadline or Incomplete*
C & D	30 days prior to event	After deadline or Incomplete*

*Events submitted less than 30 days prior to the event may not be approved.*

\*An approval will be considered incomplete if it is missing any fees, added money, classes, slates, trophy orders, or payment information. Judges, secretary, show staff, videographer, and patterns can be submitted later and the event will be marked Tentative until these are received.

\*\*For European events, AA and A level event approvals must be submitted 180 days in advance and in accordance with policy #22-02-13. Event approvals submitted after the 180 day mark will need to be submitted to the European Executive Board for approval. An event may change their added money up to 90 days before so long as the level of event does not change. For events submitting prior to January 1, added money must be sent in USD, but can be updated with the January 1 posted conversion rates no later than January 15.

## **Late Changes –**

The chart below outlines the following timeframes for when changes can be made to submitted event approvals:

- 1). Changes will be accepted, without a late fee, if made during the proofing period. This proofing period will be communicated to the person submitting the approval with a deadline to review and submit changes.
- 2). Changes will not be allowed 30 days after the event's approval deadline. Changes can be made less than 60 days prior to the event, but the event will lose Top Ten status for all classes\*\*.

Examples of changes: Adding/changing classes or slates, adding/changing trophies, adding/changing added money or fees, changing aged event conditions, etc. No classes or slates may be removed, and no added money may be decreased after the event has been Approved or marked Tentative.

Changes to patterns, judges, secretary, and show staff can be made as needed without fine if communicated in advance.

Increases to aged show added money may be allowed pending circumstances. Aged shows planning on using a custom payout must submit the payout structure and projected amounts/percentages to the NRHA before the event will be approved.

<b><u>Event Level</u></b>	<b><u>1). Changes allowed with late fee:</u></b>	<b><u>2). No changes allowed:</u></b>
AA & A	Up to 60 days prior to event	Less than 60 days prior to event
BB, B & Top Ten	Up to 30 days prior to event	Less than 30 days prior to event
C & D	Up to 15 days prior to event	Less than 15 days prior to event

*(Changes less than 60 days = loss of Top Ten status)*

Any changes to trophies less than 45 days before the event can be very difficult to guarantee. For these orders, events should provide an address that will accommodate if trophies cannot arrive in time for the event.