

NRCHA Show Management Newsletter // December 2017

Many of you have already submitted 2018 show approvals. For those that haven't, and even those of you who have, please take a break from that pesky Turkey preparation for a little light reading.

Rule Changes for 2018

The NRCHA is in the process of redoing the rulebook. You will see several sections have a lot of underline in them. The changes are MOSTLY number revisions as we work on making the Rule Book more user friendly. There are a couple of changes that are more than cosmetic.

Keep in mind that the items highlighted below are just a sampling so, as always, when in doubt, consult the 2018 NRCHA Rule Book prior to your shows!

Intermediate Open Horse Show Classes: Similar to the Select classes, NRCHA now has Intermediate Open Bridle and Intermediate Open Hackamore. These classes will be offered at the premiere events in 2018. Riders must enter either the Open Bridle or Open Hackamore (just like Select or 13 & under must enter their corresponding class). No world show qualifying or year end awards are being offered.

Spectaculars: Rule 11.1.2 has been rewritten to accommodate spectaculars for other equipment, not just bridle. Category 1 spectaculars are one that would have a corresponding regular horse show class (i.e. Bridle, Hackamore, Two Rein, Non Pro Limited with age appropriate head gear, etc). Category 2 spectaculars would be ones that combine equipment, such as a Bridle / Two Rein spectacular or Non Pro Fence Spectacular (any age appropriate equipment allowed).

Herd Work Card Update: The judge committee has redesigned the Herd Work Score Sheet. Please update your score sheets!

Show Requirements

Show Approvals

- We saw a great improvement in the show approval department last year. Keep it up!
- Remember that applications and payment must be in our office 60 days prior to the first day of your show. But really, why wait? Put your approval forms in at the beginning of the year. Most of you already have all your show dates. And even if the fees / added money might change, you have the ability to change them all as long as you do it at least 30 days prior to the event. The earlier you submit, the more advertising the NRCHA can give you.

- NEW in 2018 – In an effort to help exhibitors make informed choices, we are asking that all approved NRCHA shows completely disclose all fees associated with the show. This includes, but is not limited to: add back, retainage fees, office fees, judge fees, video fees, cattle fees, grounds fees, drug fees, etc. Be transparent! Let your exhibitors know how their fees are broken down – what % are you retaining, what are the office fees, what are cattle fees, etc.
- We've updated the Excel file provided online to more accurately reflect Category 1 and Category 2 events. The Excel file helps you break down your fees – which will be a help when you break down your fees for exhibitors. You are welcome to type into the Excel form and then print out to send to us, but we would prefer you EMAIL the actual Excel file to Allison@nrcha.com.

Friendly Show Requirement Reminders

- Non Pro Limited 6 Year Old Horses – There is still some confusion on 6 year old horses in the Non Pro Limited classes. For Non Pro Limited LAE (Derby), a 6 Year old horse has to show in a SNAFFLE. Hackamores are not allowed. In any Boxing Horse Show class (NPL, 5K, 1K, Youth Limited), a 6 Year old horse has to be shown in a Two Rein or Bridle. So... the same horse might be shown by the same rider at the same show in two different sets of equipment. Derby / LAE in a snaffle, Non Pro Limited Horse Show Class in a Bridle or Two Rein.
- Youth 13 & Under classes – if you offer them, riders need to also be in the corresponding Youth Limited or Youth Bride class.
- Select Bridle class – if you offer it, any rider must also be in 1 of the three Non Pro Bridle classes: Non Pro Bridle / Intermediate Non Pro Bridle or Novice Pro Bridle.
- Select Limited class – if you offer it, riders need to also be in 1 of the three Non Pro Limited classes: Non Pro Limited, \$5K Non Pro Limited or \$1K Non Pro Limited.
- Intermediate Open Horse Show classes – if you offer them, riders need to also be in the corresponding Open Horse Show Class: Open Bridle / Open Hackamore.
- Video – video taping is required for events that have more than \$5000 in added money across all classes. For example, if you have a Non Pro Bridle Spectacular with \$2500 added and a Non Pro Limited spectacular with \$2500 added, and they are run on the same weekend as a regular Horse Show, then the Regular Horse Show classes must also be videotaped – NOT JUST the spectaculars. Think of it in terms of an 'event' not just a single 'show'. The whole weekend must be taped for posterity.