



# Ontario Reining Horse Association

## Rule Book – 2010

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# **ONTARIO REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION**

## **BYLAWS**

### **Article 1 - TITLE**

This organization has been incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario (March, 1992) and is known as the Ontario Reining Horse Association (ORHA) and shall at all times be operated as a non-profit organization in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario and Dominion of Canada.

### **Article 2 - OBJECTIVES**

- To promote and encourage the showing of reining horses in the Province of Ontario;
- To develop and enforce suitable and proper standards of performance and judging;
- To educate the members and spectators in the training and exhibition of reining horses.

### **Article 3 - OPERATION**

The business of the organization will be conducted in the Province of Ontario and it will at all times be operated as an affiliate of the National Reining Horse Association and/or Reining Canada EXCEPT where there is a conflict between the ORHA Rules and By-Laws and the NRHA/RC Rules and By-Laws, the ORHA Rules and By-Laws shall prevail.

### **Article 4 - MEMBERSHIP**

#### **Section 1 – Availability**

Membership is open to any individual of good character and reputation that has an interest in reining horses and the promotion of the reining horse.

#### **Section 2 – Admission**

Members shall be admitted and retained in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Ontario Reining Horse Association.

#### **Section 3 – Dues**

Each member of the Association shall pay annual membership dues to the ORHA. Said dues are due and payable at the commencement of each fiscal year. The fiscal year of this Association shall be January 1, through December 31 of each year. A youth membership is also available. All membership dues and charges for the Association's publications shall be set by the Board of Directors.

#### **Section 4 - Life Membership**

Life Memberships in the Ontario Reining Horse Association is considered an individual membership and may be also available. Dues for a life membership shall be set by the Board of Directors.

### **Article 5 - MEETINGS**

#### **Section 1 - Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting of Association shall be held at a time and place designated by the Board of Directors. Notice of the membership meetings will be printed in the Association's official publication or directly presented to the members by Canada Post mail or electronic mail.

#### **Section 2 - Special Meetings**

Special meetings of the membership may be called by the Board of Directors to be held at a time and place designated by the Board of Directors. Notice for special meetings will be given in the official publication of the Association or through special mailing, regular or electronic, to each member at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting. Business transacted at all special meetings shall be confined to the objects stated in the call and notice of the meeting and meetings germane thereto.

#### **Section 3 – Quorum**

At any meeting of the Association, whether it be an annual meeting or a special meeting the members present shall constitute a quorum regardless of the number actually present.

### **Article 6 - OFFICERS**

#### **Section 1 - Officers and Executive Committee**

The officers of ORHA shall be a President, First Vice President, Second Vice-President, **Past President**, Secretary and Treasurer. The Board of Directors shall appoint the Secretary and Treasurer. There shall be an Executive Committee comprised of the above-mentioned officers and such other(s) as the Directors may appoint.

#### **Section 2 - Salaries**

The salaries, if any, of the officers of the corporation shall be fixed by the membership at a duly called membership meeting.

## **Article 8 - DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

### **Article 7 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

#### **Section 1 - Term of Office**

The election of officers and directors shall be held at the annual meeting of the association at the time and place designated by the Board of Directors. So as to have continuity in the officers of the Association:

- The First Vice-President and two (2) members shall be elected for a two (2) year term
- The President, Second Vice President and two (2) members shall be elected for a off setting (2) year term, *and*
- Thereafter the election shall be for those positions that have served their full term and persons.

#### **Section 2 - Nominations**

Nominations of candidates for the offices open for election shall be submitted by the committee appointed by the President and submitted to the President no less than thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting.

#### **Section 3 - Nomination by Membership**

At the written request of five (5) members of the Association, a candidate other than those submitted by the above mentioned committee may be placed into nomination and it shall be immediately given to the membership, provided said written requests for nomination is placed in the hands of the ORHA office, not less than forty-five (45) days before the annual election.

#### **Section 4 - Voting**

Each Full Member and or Friends Member of the Association, in good standing at the time of the election who is entitled to vote, must be present at the annual meeting in order to vote. There will be no proxy voting accepted by ORHA.

#### **Section 5 - Elections Auditor**

The election of the officers and directors at the annual meeting shall be conducted by persons duly appointed at the annual meeting for that purpose.

#### **Section 6 - Voting Tie**

The President should refrain from voting in normal day to day operation of the Board of Directors and in the event of a tie, the President will vote to break the tie. If the tie is for the position of President, then the Past President shall break the tie.

#### **Section 1 - President**

To be eligible to serve as President, a nominee must be at least 25 years of age, Have been a member in good standing for the last 2 years in the ORHA and served 1 yr on the Board of Directors

The President shall:

- Be the Chief Executive Officer of the Association;
- Preside at the meetings of the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors and meetings of the Members;
- Ensure that all orders of the Directors and of these By-Laws are implemented. Perform all other duties as are normally incident to the office of President;
- Sign all cheques, notes, bills of exchange, deeds or other formal documents.

#### **Section 2 - First Vice President**

The First Vice-President shall:

- Be vested with all the powers and shall perform all the duties of the President in the absence or disability or refusal to act of the President;
- Have such powers and duties, if any, as may from time to time be assigned to them by the Board.

#### **Section 3 - Second Vice President**

The Second Vice-President shall:

- Be vested with all the powers and shall perform all the duties of the President or First Vice-President in the absence or disability or refusal to act of the President or the First Vice President;
- Have such powers and duties, if any, as may from time to time be assigned by the Board.

#### **Section 4 - Secretary**

The Secretary shall:

- Have charge of the corporate seal and the minute book of the Association and shall record in such book, minutes of all meetings of the Directors and members, and of such other proceedings as the Board may direct;
- Unless some other Officer is specifically charged with the duty, the Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept such books and records as the Association required to keep under the provisions of the Laws of the Province of Ontario and shall sign with the President or other signing Officer of the Association such instruments as require their signature.

#### **Section 5 - Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall:

- Have the care and custody of all the funds and securities of the Association and shall deposit the same in the name of the Association in such bank or banks, depository or depositories as the Board of Directors may direct;
- Unless some other Officers specifically charged with the duty, shall keep or cause to be kept the books of account, which the Association is required to keep under the provisions of the Province of Ontario.

#### **Section 6 - Officers**

The Officers shall be charged with the daily operational responsibilities of the Association, including but not limited to decisions necessary for continuity and those requiring immediate attention. Any action taken by the Officers without the prior approval of the Board of Directors, or action permitted by these By-Laws, requires a quorum of the Officers. For the purposes of these By-Laws, a quorum shall consist of four (4) officers. The Officers of the Association shall not, without prior Board of Directors ' approval, bind the Association to any long-term contractual obligations. For the purposes of these By-Laws, long term contractual obligations is defined as any contractual agreement which requires expenditures of funds on behalf of the Association and shall be in effect for a period of excess of two (2) years. Further, the Officers shall not have the authority to bind the Association to any agreement, debt, obligation, or expenditure in excess of two thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars, without the prior approval of the Board of Directors.

#### **Section 7 - Removal**

Any Officer or Director elected by Membership, may be removed by the Board of Directors whenever in its judgment, the best interests of ORHA would be served thereby.

#### **Section 8 - Vacancies**

If the office of any officer, or agent, one or more, becomes vacant for any reason, the Board of Directors may choose a successor or successors, who shall hold office for the unexpired time in respect of which such vacancy occurred. Vacancies in the Board of Directors, including vacancies resulting from an increase in the number of Directors, shall be filled by a majority of the remaining members of the Board no less than a quorum, and each person so elected shall be a Director until the successor is elected by the membership, who may make such election at the next annual meeting of the membership, or at any special meeting duly called for that purpose and held prior thereto.

### **Article 9 - DIRECTORS**

#### **Section 1 - Appointed**

The business of the Association shall be managed by its Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall be comprised of the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice- President, four (4) elected Directors, and up to a maximum of four (4) Directors appointed by the Officers, *or as many as deemed necessary from the elected Board of Directors* . The appointed Directors shall hold office for a period of one (1) year. All other Directors shall hold the position of Director as long as their term of office. In the event the ORHA has retained an Executive Director as set forth hereinafter in these By-Laws, the said Executive Director shall not be a member of the Board of Directors. All members of the Board of Directors must be members of ORHA.

#### **Section 2 - Reporting Requirements**

The Board of Directors shall have general charge of the affairs, finances and property of the Association, to which they shall make an annual report to the membership at the annual meeting.

#### **Section 3 - Authority**

In addition to the powers and authorities these By-Laws expressly confer upon them, the Board of Directors may exercise all such powers of the Association and to all such lawful acts that are not prohibited by statute or by these By-Laws.

#### **Section 4 - Vacancies**

The Board of Directors shall be empowered to fill vacancies occurring in the Board. Any vacancy occurring in the Board may be filled by the affirmative vote

of a majority of the remaining directors. A director elected to fill a vacancy shall serve the unexpired term of his/her predecessor.

### **Section 5 - Quorum**

A quorum of the Directors in office shall be necessary to transact business of the Association. A quorum for the purpose of these By-Laws is defined as five (5) members of the Board of Directors. Once it is established that a quorum exists, a majority of such quorum shall then decide upon any questions that may come before the meeting and shall be binding as though the full Board of Directors were sitting.

### **Section 6 - Absenteeism**

Any Director that misses more than two (2) unexcused meetings per year may be removed for cause.

### **Section 7 - Expenses**

By resolution of the Board of Directors, the Directors may be paid their expenses, if any, of attendance at each meeting of the Board of Directors and may be paid a fixed sum for attendance at each meeting of the Board of Directors or a stated salary as a Director. No such payment shall preclude any Director from serving the Association in any capacity and receiving compensation in addition to his fee as a Director.

### **Section 8 - "Good Faith"**

A Director of the Association shall stand in a fiduciary relation to the Association and shall perform his or her duties as a Director, including his or her duties as a member of any committee of the Board upon which he or she may serve, in good faith, in a manner he or she reasonably believes to be in the best interest of the Association, and with such care, including reasonable inquiry, skill and diligence, as a person of ordinary prudence would use under similar circumstances. In performing his or her duties, a Director shall be entitled to rely on good faith information, opinions, reports or statements, including financial statements and other financial data, in each case prepared by any of the following:

- I. One or more officers or employees of the Association whom the Director reasonably believes to be reliable and competent in the matters presented;
- II. Counsel, public accountants or other persons as to matters which the Director reasonably believes to be within a professional and expert competence of such person;

- III. A Committee of the Board upon which he or she does not serve, duly designated in accordance with law as to matters within its designated authority, which a director reasonably believes to merit confidence.

A Director shall not be considered to be acting in good faith if he or she has knowledge concerning the matter in question that would cause his/her reliance to be unwarranted. In discharging the duties of their respective positions, the Director shall at all times use the skill and diligence a person of ordinary prudence would use in similar circumstances. So long as the Director uses such skill and diligence as a person of ordinary prudence would use under similar circumstances, he or she shall not be held personally responsible for any actions taken on behalf of the Association.

## **Article 10 - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

### **Section 1 - Signing Authorities**

All cheques or demands for money and notes of the Association shall be signed by such officer or officers or their designees, as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate.

### **Section 2 - Written Notice**

Whenever written notice is required to be given to any person, it may be given to such persons, either personally or by sending a copy thereof through the mail, or by telefax, charges prepaid to his or her address appearing on the books of the Association membership list, or supplied by him to the Association for the purpose of notice. If a notice is sent by mail, it shall be deemed to have been given to the person entitled thereto when it is deposited in Canada Post Mail. If the notice is sent by way of telefax or electronic mail, it shall be deemed to have been given to the person entitled thereto when transmission occurs. Such notice shall specify the place, day and hour of the meeting and/or hearing and in the case of a special meeting of the membership, the general nature of the business to be transacted.

### **Section 3 - Waiver of Notice**

Whenever any written notice is required by statute, or by the By-Laws of the Association, a waiver thereof in writing, signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether if before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice. Except in the case of a special meeting of the membership, either the business to be transacted or the purpose of the meeting need be specified in the waiver of notice of such meeting. Attendance of a person, at any meeting, shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a person attends a meeting for the expressed purpose of objecting to a transaction of any business because the meeting was not lawfully called or convened.

#### **Section 4 - Teleconferencing**

One or more of the Directors may participate in a meeting of the Board, by means of conference telephone or other electronic device equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can communicate with and hear each other.

#### **Section 5 - Explanation**

The words Association and the acronym ORHA used in this document are synonymous and are used to refer to the Ontario Reining Horse Association.

#### **Article 11 - ANNUAL STATEMENTS**

The President and Board of Directors shall present at each annual meeting, a full and complete statement of the business and affairs of the Association for the preceding year. Such statements shall be prepared and presented in whatever manner the Board of Directors shall deem advisable and need not be verified by a Certified Public Accountant.

#### **Article 12 - INDEMNIFICATION**

The Association shall indemnify each of its Directors, Officers, employees and committee members whether or not then in service as such, against all reasonable expenses actually and necessarily incurred by him or her in connection with the defence of any litigation to which the individual may have been a party because he or she was a Director, Officer or employee of the Association. The individual shall have no right to reimbursement however in relation to matters as to which he or she has been adjudged liable to the Association for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his or her duties, or was derelict in the performance in his or her duty as a Director, Officer or Employee by reason of wilful misconduct, bad faith, gross negligence, or reckless disregard of the duties of his or her office or employment. The right to indemnify for expenses shall also apply to expenses of suits which are comprised or settled if the Court having jurisdiction of this matter shall approve such settlement.

The foregoing right of indemnification shall be an addition to, and not exclusive of, all other rights which such Director, Officer or Employee may be entitled by insurance.

#### **Article 13 - AMENDMENTS**

Amendments to the By-Laws must be presented to the ORHA office at least sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting and written notice of the proposed amendments will be given in the ORHA official publication or by a special mailing to the membership at least thirty (30) days before the annual meeting. These amendments will be considered and voted on at the annual meeting, and must be passed by the majority of the members voting in person.

#### **Article 14 - DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION**

In the event of the dissolution of the Association for any cause whatsoever, the property and assets of the Association after all liabilities have been met, shall not, in any event, be distributed among the members, but shall be disposed of by donating to another organization having similar non-partisan, non profit objectives.

**ONTARIO REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION**  
**GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**A - DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES**

**Section 1.** Membership in the Association carries responsibilities as well as certain rights. Any member of the Association may be disciplined, fined or suspended upon a showing of good cause. Any non-member may be denied membership and the privileges relating thereto whenever it shall be established by satisfactory evidence to the ORHA Executive Board that such non-member is not a worthy candidate.

**Section 2.** Anyone who becomes a member of the Association accepts to be bound by all the rules and regulations of the Association and renounces any recourse that he or she may have against the Association in connection with the enforcement of those rules.

**Section 3.** Whenever anyone believes that conduct at an ORHA approved event of a member or non-member warrants disciplinary actions, he or she must file within ten (10) days of the actual incident, and/or within ten (10) days of having gained knowledge of the incident, a protest in writing with the ORHA Office. Timely filing will be determined by the postmark on the envelope. Any protest must be accompanied by a bank draft, money order, certified cheque, or cash in the amount of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars to be considered validly filed. The filings of a negative show representative's report and/or judges' grievance setting out the conduct warranting disciplinary action will also constitute a validly filed protest. The \$100.00 protest fee will be assessed only against the first entity named in each protest. All protest fees are non-refundable in every instance of a Unfounded protest, or in a case of Finding, a Portion of the protest fees Maybe return to the Protester, but not to exceed 50% and the amount will be determined by the Board of Directors. Upon receipt of all validly filed protests in the ORHA Office, the ORHA President and/or Executive Committee will designate the Protest Review Committee to investigate the protest and make any recommendation.

**Section 4.** Upon receipt by the ORHA Office of any validly filed protests notification shall be sent to the person accused of a violation of these rules at that person's last known address. That notice shall contain a copy of the protest and shall advise the accused of the disciplinary procedure to be followed.

**Section 5.** Not less than yearly, the ORHA President and/or Executive Director shall appoint a Protest Review Committee. The Committee shall contain no less than three (3) persons, one of whom need not be a member of the Association. Current ORHA Officers and Executive Committee Members and Directors, are ineligible to serve on the Committee. The Protest Review Committee shall have full carriage of the investigation, including the power to assign one or more members to carry out the investigation of facts.

**Section 6.** Upon reviewing the investigation report, the Protest Review Committee may chose to refer the matter to the appropriate standing committee for review. If the Protest Review Committee finds the matter is not sufficiently serious to warrant a hearing, all parties will be advised accordingly. If however, the Protest Review Committee finds that a hearing is warranted, the person accused of the violation shall be given not less than thirty (30) days written notice of a time and place for a hearing before the ORHA Executive Board. The accused shall have the opportunity to appear at the hearing, with or without counsel, and to be heard and to present evidence and testimony on his or her own behalf and to hear and refute any evidence offered against him or her. Should the accused choose to appear at the hearing, the accused does so at his or her own expense. Additionally, any costs associated with counsel of the accused shall be borne by the accused, regardless of the outcome of the hearing. The parties will receive a decision from the ORHA Executive Committee immediately after deliberation. The ORHA may be represented at any such hearing by counsel or an agent who is not a member of the Executive Committee or a member of the Board of Directors.

**Section 7.** Proceedings before the ORHA Executive Committee shall be informal, and rules of evidence, both at common law or provided by Ontario rules of civil or criminal evidence need not be strictly observed. The standard by which admissibility is determined is whether the evidence is such that an ordinary prudent person is willing to rely upon it. As an ORHA member, participant at an ORHA or NRHA/RC approved event or a person appearing before the Executive Committee, the accused person agrees that all witnesses and participants in such hearing shall be immune from any civil liability whatever, including, but not limited to, libel, slander, invasion of privacy, defamation, or product of disparagement, for testimony given in the course of preparation for or at the hearing.

**Section 8.** In regard to any violation of ORHA or NRHA/RC rules and regulations, the Executive Committee may impose at a minimum the following sanctions:

- (a) First Offence -not less than 30 days probation.
- (b) Second Offence -not less than 30 days suspension.
- (c) Third Offence -not less than a one-year suspension.
- (d) Lifetime suspension -where warranted

In addition to the minimum sanctions set forth above, the ORHA Executive Committee shall have jurisdiction to invoke any or all of the following sanctions, including but not limited to, revocation or denial of membership privileges, revocation of participation privileges in all ORHA approved events, denial of privilege or access or presence on the show grounds of an ORHA approved event, denial of privilege to advertise in NRHA's / RC official publications and/or assessment of a fine.

**Section 9.** The Executive Committee and/or its designee will issue a written report including finding of fact and conclusions within a reasonable period of time after the close of the hearing. All parties will receive a copy of the findings of facts and conclusions.

**Section 10.** When a member is disciplined or suspended, or a non-member is denied membership privileges, the finding of fact and conclusions will be presented to the ORHA Board of Directors and the NRHA/RC Board of Directors and the name of such member or non-member will be published in the official ORHA publication, and may be published in the NRHA Publication or Reining Canada's Publication "The Reiner" / Slidin!.

**Section 11.** Any suspended member of the ORHA, will not be allowed to participate in any ORHA, approved event as an owner of a horse, rider, or act as an agent in connection with any ORHA approved event. In the event a suspended member enters an approved event during the period of suspension either as owner, rider or agent, the ORHA Executive Committee may impose an additional six (6) month period of suspension and all show winnings will be forfeited to the ORHA. All forfeited earnings will be redistributed as set forth in D- Forfeitures, Section 2.

**Section 12.** If the ORHA Executive Committee deems the submission of a protest to be malicious and/or frivolous, appropriate disciplinary action may be taken.

**Section 13.** Any member interfering with or attempting to influence the outcome of a protest investigation or hearing may be subject to disciplinary action by the ORHA.

**Section 14.** The decision and action of the ORHA Executive Committee shall be final and binding upon all parties.

**Section 15.** All disciplinary hearings shall be held at a location as determined by the ORHA Executive Committee.

## **B - CAUSES FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION -ABUSE**

**Section 1.** A member of the association shall not abuse or mistreat any horse in any manner whatsoever on the show grounds. Abuse is defined as an action, or failure to act, which a reasonably prudent person, informed and experienced in the customs, accepted training techniques and exhibition procedures, would determine to be cruel, abusive, inhumane or detrimental to the horse's health.

**Section 2.** Individuals will be subject to the disciplinary procedures set forth in Section A if it is determined that there was wilful abuse of the horse under any of the following circumstances:

- (a) The individual physically participates in the abuse of the animal or shows the horse in a condition to be considered abuse.

- (b) The individual designates him or herself as the exhibitor on the show entry form.

## **C - UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT**

**Section 1.** Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. Unsportsmanlike conduct shall be defined as any action of disrespect, deceit or fraud directed to judges, show management, and show representatives, the ORHA, ORHA/NRHA/RC members or other exhibitors.

## **D - FORFEITURES**

**Section 1.** Any rider participating in a class or a division in which he/she is not eligible based on earnings (or the horse he/she is riding is not eligible based on earnings) may be placed on probation for 30 days for the first offence. Second and subsequent offences will result in a 30-day suspension and a fine of \$200. When a horse / rider is found to be ineligible, the earnings and awards will be forfeited to the ORHA.

**Section 2.** Upon receipt of any forfeited earnings, ORHA will redirect the forfeited earnings to the show committee to be redistributed. ORHA will make corrections to the class placing and earnings in the ORHA database. It is the responsibility of the ineligible and/or disciplined exhibitor and/or owner to forfeit all earnings, prizes and/or awards to the ORHA.

## **E - FAILURE TO PAY**

Any member may be suspended and denied privileges of the Association and any non-member, and any non-member approved show or official thereof, may be denied privileges of the Association for failure to pay when due, any obligation owed the Association, Reiner Magazine, ORHA Official Publication or any NRHA/RC or ORHA approved show for failure to pay entry fees, stall fees, office charges, premiums or any other fees or charges connected with the exhibition of reining horses; provided, however, that fifteen (15) days before action, written notice of the account due and the intention to suspend and withhold privileges of the Association shall be delivered to such member or non-member. This provision also includes the payment of any costs, fees or obligations for a cheque that is returned to the ORHA or any show or affiliate that has been deemed by a bank to be paid by an account that contains non-sufficient funds. Any suspension and denial of privileges under this section shall terminate upon full payment of the obligation due.

## **F - COURT OF LAW CONVICTIONS**

A conviction of an individual under municipal, county, state, provincial or federal law, whether or not the ORHA is involved, may subject the convicted person to discipline by the ORHA Executive Committee under the terms herein set forth, Any discipline imposed will be stayed pending completion of any statutory appeals. Acceptance of a conviction by NRHA/RC will be given after notice to the sanctioned individual or entity, which may request a hearing before the ORHA Executive Committee.

## **G - CONVICTIONS BY OTHER EQUINE ORGANIZATIONS**

ORHA Executive Committee may accept suspension rulings pertaining to cruel or inhumane treatment of horses from other recognized equine related associations and state or provincial racing commissions. The effect of such acceptance is to suspend the individual from ORHA membership privilege, or for non-members, to deny membership privileges, for a length of time equal to the suspension for which reciprocity is given. Acceptance of such rulings by ORHA will be given after notice to the sanctioned individual or entity, who may request a hearing before the ORHA Executive Board to present lack of due process by the reporting association to merit ORHA's refusal to give reciprocity.

## **H - DISCIPLINE BY NRHA or Reining Canada**

ORHA will honour any suspension rulings of the NRHA/RC Executive Board.

## **I - SHOWS**

**All Show Managers must be members of ORHA and as of 2010 must have a valid NRHA Show Managers Certification.**

ORHA will not sponsor a show that does not have classes that are beneficial to all competitors with the exception of when a show is beneficial to ORHA upon vote from directorship. The organization will from time to time sanction specific show events. These events may or may not be sanctioned by the National Reining Horse Association or Reining Canada. In either event, the rules of the National Reining Horse Association and/or Reining Canada will govern, except where an event not sanctioned by the NRHA/RC is sanctioned by the ORHA the requirement for membership with the NRHA will be altered to require membership in the ORHA.

Any show wishing to be sanctioned by the organization must submit an application by the deadline set. Special cases will be considered by the Board of Directors and may be approved on their merit. A show committee may retain up to 50% of entry fees.

An ORHA Founders' Club Show is to be held annually financed by the interest of the Founders' Club invested monies plus fund raising initiatives. In addition 10% of the ORHA net profits will be transferred to the Founders' Club account.

A show committee wishing to hold an ORHA sanctioned show has the right to apply for sponsorship and it will be considered by the Board.

ORHA will pay sponsorship to a show committee who holds an ORHA sanctioned show that meets the criteria as specified in the show approval application. The amount of sponsorship will be set annually by the Board of Directors, and will be dependent upon the Association's financial status.

An office fee and a sanctioning fee will be charged per horse and added to the entry forms at all sanctioned shows. The office fee only will apply for the Founders' Club show.

Where as a Show Committee wishes to hold ORHA classes in a separate ring as to the NRHA / RC There will be a minimum of 1 ORHA approved judges or 1 NRHA approved judge at each ORHA sanctioned and approved jackpot or non-NRHA Show or, All Non-NRHA judges must be certified by the ORHA Board of Directors

**To compete in a NRHA classes you must be a member of NRHA  
If you wish to compete in the Affiliate Classes you must be a member of Reining Canada and NRHA**

## **J - NRHA AFFILIATE SHOWS**

Refer to NRHA respective year's terms and conditions. Representatives must be current ORHA/RC/NRHA members.

## **K - REINING CANADA Specific Classes and or SHOWS**

Refer to Reining Canada respective years terms and conditions. Show representative must be a current ORHA/RC member.

## **L - YEAR END AWARDS**

The organization will recognize achievements of its members by annually presenting an award to the highest money / point earner (Champion) and the second highest money/point earner (Reserve Champion) in each class based on the total annual monies / points earned at ORHA sanctioned events in one calendar year (January 1- to December 31st). Tabulations are calculated on horse and rider combinations only from the day the paid membership is received to the end of the award year.

In order to qualify for year-end awards, Champion and Reserve riders must have competed in the said class at least 50% of the total times offered at shows. In order for monies earned to be eligible for year-end awards, rider and horse owner must be a member in good standing of ORHA.

## **M - CLASSES**

Classes may be added / deleted from time to time at the discretion of the Board of Directors for sanctioning / sponsorship purposes. Show organizers may select classes from those available but must meet criteria set for sanctioning / sponsorship of ORHA and/or NRHA/RC.

All riders and horse owners must be Full or Youth members of ORHA to show in ORHA sanctioned classes at ORHA/NRHA/RC approved shows and must become members to show at all ORHA sanctioned jackpot shows. NRHA criteria applies

for NRHA recognized classes. Reining Canada criteria applies for RC approved classes.

ORHA Youth, Beginner Class, and Green as Grass Class will be a non-money pay back class. Ribbons will be awarded to 6th place.

## **N - NRHA CLASSES**

|                         |                            |                    |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Youth 13 & Under        |                            | Youth 14-18        |
| Rookie 1 & 2            | Rookie Professional        | Freestyle          |
| Limited Non Pro         | Intermediate Non Pro       | Non Pro            |
| Limited Open            | Intermediate Open          | Open               |
| Novice Horse Open 1 & 2 | Novice Horse Non Pro 1 & 2 | Prime Time Non Pro |

**N-a Reining Canada** Beginner

## **O - ORHA CLASSES**

|                |                      |                  |
|----------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Green as Grass | Green as Grass Youth | Beginner         |
| Green Horse    | ORHA Youth           |                  |
| Ladies         | Men's                | Advance Beginner |

## **P - CLASS CONDITIONS**

Subject to change under official NRHA conditions, the following are Category 1 Classes:

**OPEN** - Subject to the general conditions, any rider holding a valid NRHA card may show any horse in the class.

**INTERMEDIATE OPEN** - Open to any rider holding a valid NRHA card who has earned less than \$25,000 in all NRHA Categories except 3, 7, 9 over the previous three calendar years.

**LIMITED OPEN** - Open to any rider holding a valid NRHA card who has earned less than \$10,000 in all NRHA Categories except 3, 7, 9 at the start of the NRHA year.

**ROOKIE PROFESSIONAL** – Open to any rider except those holding an NRHA No Pro, Youth or Youth Non Pro card who has earned less than \$5000 in NRHA lifetime earnings.

**NON PRO** - Open to any rider holding a valid NRHA Non Pro card as defined in the Non Pro section of the NRHA Handbook. See New Non Pro Conditions in the NRHA rule book

**INTERMEDIATE NON PRO** - Open to any rider holding a valid NRHA Non Pro card who has earned less than \$15,000 in all NRHA Categories except 3, 7 and 9 over the previous three calendar years

**LIMITED NON PRO** - Open to any rider holding a valid NRHA Non Pro card who has earned less than \$4,500 in all NRHA Categories except 3, 7 and 9 over the three previous calendar years.

**PRIME TIME NON PRO** – For persons 50 and over as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the NRHA year who hold a valid NRHA Non Pro card. This class may run concurrent with the Category 1 Non Pro.

**NOVICE HORSE OPEN Level 1-** Subject to the general conditions but restricted to horses that have not earned more than \$5,000 in lifetime NRHA Categorys except 3,7,9 earnings at the start of the NRHA year.

**NOVICE HORSE OPEN Level 2-** Subject to the general conditions but restricted to horses that have not earned more than \$25,000 in lifetime NRHA Categorys except 3,7,9 earnings at the start of the NRHA year.

**NOVICE HORSE NON PRO Level 1** Subject to the general conditions but restricted to horses that have not earn more than \$5,000 in lifetime earnings in all NRHA categories except 3,7,9. Also available in Non Pro division, however the Non Pro division would be restricted to riders with a valid NRHA Non Pro card and would be restrict to the rules of ownership as stated in the Non Pro conditions.

**NOVICE HORSE NON PRO Level 2** Subject to the general conditions but restricted to horses that have not earn more than \$25,000 in lifetime earnings in all NRHA categories except 3,7,9. Also available in Non Pro division, however the Non Pro division would be restricted to riders with a valid NRHA Non Pro card and would be restrict to the rules of ownership as stated in the Non Pro conditions.

**ROOKIE Level 1** Open to any rider holding a valid NRHA Non Pro card who has earned less than \$200 in lifetime earnings in all NRHA categories except 3,7,9 or 50 Youth points (excluding points earned in Youth 10 & under Short Stirrup class). Riders may use a horse without the restriction of ownership for Non Pro classes as defined under the Non Pro conditions. Horses are to be shown one handed. Rookie level 1 can only be run concurrent with Rookie Level 2 or Prime Time Rookie. In order to offer Rookie level 1 Rookie Level 2 must be offered.

**ROOKIE Level 2** Open to any rider holding a valid NRHA Non Pro card who has earned less than \$500 in lifetime earnings in all NRHA categories except 3,7,9 or 100 Youth points (excluding points earned in Youth 10 & under Short Stirrup class). Riders may use a horse without the restriction of ownership for Non Pro classes as defined under the Non Pro conditions. Horses are to be shown one handed. Rookie level 2 can only be run concurrent with Rookie Level 1 or Prime Time Rookie.

**Prime Time Rookie** For persons 50 and older as of Jan 1<sup>st</sup> holding a valid NRHA Non Pro card. Entry in this class maybe made only after entering either the Rookie level 1 or Rookie Level 2 class. This class must run concurrent with a regular Rookie class. Money won in Prime Time Rookie completion will not count towards world champion awards.

**FREESTYLE** -Category 9 Class - To be run according to NRHA rules.

**YOUTH** (13 and UNDER) (14 -18) Category 3 - Classes subject to NRHA Rules and By-laws.

**ORHA YOUTH** - Limited to any ORHA youth member, 18 years of age or younger as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. Contestants in this class do not have to own the horse they ride. Horses are to be shown one handed. Regular NRHA patterns to apply. No stallions, monorchid or cryptochid horses, regardless of age, will be permitted in any youth classes. **Riders showing in RC/NRHA Category 1 classes are not eligible for ORHA Youth class for the current show year.**

**GREEN AS GRASS** - A Non Pro rider, holding a valid ORHA card, who has never shown in any reining competitions other than saddle club or Green as Grass Youth competitions, may compete in this class for the period of 2 years or until the -end of the year in which 10 points are accumulated. The rider may use one or two hands and must complete the pattern as started. A rider competing in this class may not compete in any other class other than Beginner class (with the exception of the ORHA Youth class) without affecting the 2<sup>nd</sup> year Green as Grass/Beginner eligibility.

Points are given as follows: 5 for 1<sup>st</sup> place, 4 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 3 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place, 2 for 4<sup>th</sup> place and 1 for 5<sup>th</sup> place

**GREEN AS GRASS YOUTH** - Limited to any Youth member, 16 years of age or younger as of January 1<sup>st</sup> holding a valid ORHA card, who has never shown in any reining competitions other than saddle club competitions, may compete in this class for the period of 2 years. The rider may use one or two hands and must complete the pattern as started. A rider competing in this class may not compete in any other class Contestants in this class do not have to own the

horse they ride. Regular Green as Grass patterns to apply. Points are given as follows: 5 for 1<sup>st</sup> place, 4 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 3 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place, 2 for 4<sup>th</sup> place and 1 for 5<sup>th</sup> place.

No stallions, monorchid or cryptochid horses, regardless of age, will be permitted in any youth classes.

**BEGINNER** - A Non Pro rider, holding a valid ORHA card and who has never shown in any reining competitions other than Green as Grass and ORHA Youth, may compete in this class for a period of 2 years. The rider may use one or two hands and must complete the pattern as started. A rider competing in this class may only show in other ORHA classes without forfeiting second year of Beginner.

**ADVANCED BEGINNER** – A Non Pro rider, holding a valid ORHA card and who has never shown in any reining competitions other than Green as Grass, ORHA Youth, ORHA Beginner and RC Beginner may compete in this class. The rider must use **one hand** and RC/NRHA patterns will be used This class may be run separately or concurrently with the Ladies/Mens,Beginner class. A rider in this class may only compete in other ORHA classes and **is not eligible for the Beginner class.**

**LADIES** - As Open but limited to female riders holding a valid ORHA card.

**MEN'S** - As Open but limited to male riders holding a valid ORHA card.

**GREEN HORSE** - Subject to general conditions but restricted to horses that have less than one calendar year in reining competition. May be ridden by any level of rider holding a valid ORHA card. May be ridden one or two hands and must complete that pattern as started. All NRHA patterns will be used.

## **Q - CLASS ELIGIBILITY**

The cut off for NRHA determining money averages are counted from the day the membership is received in the NRHA office to the end of the award year. It is the responsibility of the owner and/or rider to be aware of official RC/NRHA or ORHA earnings of the horse and/or rider as recorded by the RC/NRHA or ORHA. For any ORHA awards in any class, event or at year-end, the rider and owner must be a member of ORHA.

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.

All 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 the rider receiving a \$25 fine per offense. If a rider rides more than one horse, there should be a spread of at least 2 horses between his/her runs.

## **FUTURITY OBBO, SIRED STAKES AND PLEASURE RULES**

### **R - O.B.B.O Futurity (Ontario Born, Bred and/or Owned)**

1. NRHA rules apply for 3-year-old reining classes (one hand) ORHA Reining Pleasure rules apply to the 2 year old Reining pleasure – one go around.

2. Horses must be born, bred &/or owned in Ontario

### **Owners and Exhibitors**

1. Owners and Exhibitors must be ORHA members for the Year of Showing.

2. Applicable NRHA paperwork is required for all NRHA approved classes per NRHA Rules.

3. If any out-of-province stallion owner wish to participate in the OBBO Futurity's half price stallion breeding donation program, he/she will be allowed to do so. The stallion owner from this stallion donation will be eligible to have a foal nomination by their stallion in the OBBO Futurity provided the stallion's donated breeding has been sold and all appropriate payments and fees are met. This foal must be identified by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the foaling year or this nomination will be forfeited.

4. Any stallion that has been sold for half price donation to the OBBO program and stands in Ontario and is collected in Ontario and is shipped from Ontario will constitute being bred in Ontario. In return, this will help the mare owner that is out-of-province that would like to purchase a stallion service, this would mean that the resulting foal of this breeding year would be eligible to enroll in the OBBO Futurity program as being bred in Ontario. Documentation is required. ( A copy of that years breeding report )

### **Entries**

1. Entries must be made on the proper form.

2. Grade Horses must have a photograph with distinguishing markings, signed by a vet, accompanying the yearling payment. Registered horses require a copy of the registration papers accompanying the yearling payment. The registration or identification will be verified at the competition.

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3. Entries must be CLEARLY postmarked on or before due date.

4. Payment deadlines: Weanling & Yearling » Dec 31; 2 Yr Old & 3 Yr Old » July 15. Reining class fees > July 15

5. Any payment received postmarked after the deadline will be subject to the late payment penalty as on the nomination form.

6. Judge's Fees and Class Entry Fees are due the day of the show.

7. Limited NonPro eligibility is defined by NRHA Category 1, 2 + 6 earnings. Exhibitor must be able to prove NonPro and Limited NonPro status as defined by NRHA.

8. Payments are non-refundable, except in the case of overpayment of fees.

9. Absolutely no substitutions.

10. Any owner or exhibitor who fails to become a member before entering &/or exhibiting will forfeit all entry fees & prize monies

11. NSF cheques will be charged \$25. And entries will be invalid until payment is received in full.

12. Make cheques payable to OBBO FUTURITY

### **Awards**

1. The Donated Sire(s) whose 'GET' accumulates the highest amount of money earned in all Futurity and pleasure divisions will receive the "**GET OF SIRE**" award(s). The horse MUST have been donated and the breeding SOLD in that year.

2. A **GRADUATE AWARD** will be presented to the Open, Non Pro, or Limited Non Pro rider, for the horse with the highest number of graduating points from the 2 year old Western Pleasure and the 3 year old Reining Class. Points are awarded 7, 5, 4, 3, 2 for placings: 1 - 5 in both the pleasure and reining. All horses showing, but not placing, will receive 1 point. The horse must have been shown, but not necessarily placed, both years. Only one class will count for riders that are cross-entered in the reining classes, using the riders highest placing for points.

### **Payback**

1. All classes will pay back according to the NRHA payback schedule. All Trophy expenses will be deducted from the individual class purses prior to calculating payback.

2. 90% of all entry fees paid will be divided into the 2 year old pleasure (30%) and the 3 yr old reinings (70%) (10% is retained for Expenses)

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3. As of the breeding season, all stallion auction monies (less expenses) will be added to the purse of the current year

4. The additional money to be added to each class will be determined on a yearly basis by the recommendation of the OBBO Futurity Committee to the ORHA Board. This decision will be approved before June 1st of the show year, and advertised on the website.

### **S- SIRED STAKES FUTURITY**

The Sired Stakes division is designed as a means to encourage breeding to and purchasing of the get of Stallion owners that support our Futurity. Other than the %age deducted to cover expenses, ALL Stallion nomination money and ALL Sired Stakes entry & nomination fees are returned to the stallion owners and exhibitors.

NRHA rules apply for the 3-year-old reining class (one handed). ORHA Reining Pleasure rules apply to the 2 year old pleasure - one go round.

### **Owners and Exhibitors**

Both owners and exhibitors must be ORHA members for the years showing. At least one owner in a partnership or syndicate must be a member.

### **Entries**

1. Nominations and entries must be made on the proper form. The Sire of the entry must be a Sired Stakes nominated Stallion for the year the horse was conceived.

2. No stallion is allowed to pay up late. The stallion must be nominated in the year of breeding for his get born the following year to be able to show as 2 & 3 year olds.

3. Grade Horses must have a photograph with distinguishing markings, signed by a vet. Registered horses require a copy of the registration papers as a yearling. Upon receipt of the papers a Sired Stakes "Certificate of Eligibility" will be issued. This will be verified at the show.

4. Nomination fees for foals of Sired Stakes stallions - one time Nomination Fee as a Weanling » October 1, Yearling, 2 Year Old, or 3 Year Old » July 15 in accordance with the fees and criteria established by the Futurity Committee.

5. Nominations must be Received on or before the deadline, or postmarked by Registered Mail. If payment is received after the deadline, then the payment will be the next year's fee.

6. Class Entry Fees at a maximum of 10% of the Added money and Judges fees are due the day of the show.

7. Classes to be offered: 3 year old Open, NonPro and Limited NonPro Reining and 2 year old Western Pleasure.

8. Limited NonPro eligibility is defined by NRHA Category 1 rules. Non-Pro

eligibility is defined by NRHA Category 6 rules. Exhibitor must be able to prove NonPro and Limited NonPro status.

9. Payments are non-refundable, except in the case of overpayment of fees.

10. Absolutely no substitutions.

11. Any owner or exhibitor who fails to become a member before exhibiting will forfeit all entry fees and prize monies.

12. NSF cheques will be charged \$25. And entries will be invalid until payment is received in full.

13. Make cheques payable to: **ORHA Futurity – Sired Stakes**

### **Payback and Awards**

1. All classes will pay back according to the NRHA payback schedule 2. All Trophy expenses will be deducted from the individual class purses prior to calculating payback.

2. The added money for each class will come from the current year's Stallion Nomination money and Nomination monies held over and paid out the years the horse is shown.

3. All of the Stallion money will be used Purses, Advertising and Promotions in the Sired Stakes division.

4. 90% of all nomination fees paid will be divided into the 2-year-old pleasure (25%) and the 3 yr old Reinings (75% - pro rated on entries / class) (10% is retained for Stallion Owner Incentive Money).

5. All Sired Stakes Stallion owners (or person(s) nominating) will receive 10% of the total prize money earned by ALL the get of their stallion in ALL of the Sired Stakes classes.

6. 85% of Class Entry Fees will be paid back (After trophy cost is deducted)

### **Sired Stakes Stallions**

1. The nomination fee of a Sired Stakes stallion is set This entitles all get of this stallion foaled the following year to be eligible to participate in the Sired Stakes classes when they become of age (E.g. SS stallions of 1999 - foals of 2000 are eligible to compete in 2002 & 2003) It also entitles the nominator to be eligible for the 10% of all get' earnings (Stallion Owner Incentive \$) plus associated Stallion advertisings to be determined by the Futurity Committee.

2. The nominator will also receive one free weanling nomination. The dam of the foal to be used must be identified by October 1 of the year the foal is born.

3. The stallion owner will be given the 1st opportunity to nominate his horse.

## T - 2 YR OLD REINING PLEASURE CLASS RULES

### Division of the Ontario Reining Horse Association Futurities

The goal is to exhibit two year old horses, paid up in the ORHA Futurities, in a fashion that promotes soundness, both physical and emotional potential, and athletic ability. These rules apply only to the 2 year old division of the ORHA Futurities.

a. No Youth 18 and under are permitted to warmup or show a stallion, monorchid or cryptochid horses, regardless of age, in the 2 yr Old Pleasure Class.

#### Equipment:

a. Horses and equipment may be examined by the Judge or an ORHA rep. Prior to or during the class.

b. Horses to be shown in standard, plain or silver headstalls with browband, shaped ear or split ear.

c. Smooth snaffle bit with broken mouthpiece (conventional O-ring, eggbutt, or D-ring) with ring no larger than 4" and no smaller than 2". One inch in from the cheek must be a minimum of 3/8" in diameter with a gradual decrease to the centre of the bit. Optional loose leather curb strap. Reins must be attached above the curb strap. Refer to NRHA rule book page 30. Diagrams pages 104, 105.

d. A braided rawhide or leather bosal may be used in lieu of the snaffle bit, no larger than 3/4" diameter at the cheek. There must be a minimum of two finger spaces (approx 1-1/2") between the bosal and the nose. No rigid material under the jaw or on the noseband—may have flexible cable core. Refer to NRHA rule book page 30.

e. Horses may be shown in bridle with one hand and a bit recognized as legal by NRHA. Refer to NRHA rule book pages 81, 82, 104, 105.

f. Any other equipment prohibited i.e. martingales, nosebands and tie-downs. Refer to NRHA rule book pages 81, 82.

#### Judging:

a. **The Judge's decision is final.** The Judge may disqualify any exhibitor from the class for misconduct as per the NRHA rule book pages 15-17.

b. Horses to be shown with one or two hands on the reins. Horses showing in a Snaffle Bit must be ridden two handed and the reins must be crossed and fall on either side of the horses withers.

c. Horses must be sound of sight, wind and limb.

d. All horses will be judged as a pleasure horse at the walk, jog, lope and back-up, as well as the transitions between gaits. Horses are to reverse away from the rail. Horses may be asked to reverse at a walk or jog at the discretion of the Judge.

e. The horses will be judged with emphasis placed on attitude, manners and movement.

f. The Judge is compelled to disqualify any horse that he/she feels is being exhibited in a manner which is cruel, abusive and inhumane—NRHA rule book page 82.

g. The exhibition of a horse that has a cut or abrasion showing clear evidence of fresh blood in the mouth, nose, chin, shoulder barrel, flank or hip would result in disqualification— NRHA rule book page 82, 83.

### ORHA JUDGES COMMITTEE

#### ORHA JUDGES COMMITTEE AND JUDGES APPROVAL

The ORHA will form a judges committee comprising of at least 1 NRHA judge, 1 ORHA director and 1 member of good standing. This committee's purpose is to administer the ORHA Judge's Program, which is to oversee the qualification and appointments of ORHA judges. The committee will hold and mark the results of the written test and will hold and mark the results of the practical test and to maintain a list of qualified Judges.

#### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

An ORHA member who wishes to become a qualified ORHA judge must be at least 25 years of age at the time of applying. The member must be a member in good standing with ORHA for the last 2 consecutive years, and must submit the completed application along with the appropriate fee to the ORHA. Two (2) letters of reference from ORHA members in good standing must accompany the completed application.

#### QUALIFYING TO BECOME AN ORHA JUDGE

An application, to become a qualified ORHA judge, must show proof that they have attended a NRHA judge's seminar within the last 4 calendar years. After which the applicant will be required to pass a written test with a resulting mark of not less than 90%. After passing the written test, the applicant will then pass a practical test, which comprises of scoring NRHA and ORHA classes along side a NRHA judge.

#### RECERTIFICATION OR ON-GOING QUALIFICATION

A qualified ORHA judge will be required to be recertified periodically to retain their qualified status.