

# **2008-2009 Rules**

## **Classes for 2008-2009**

NSWRHA Snaffle Bit/Hackamore Non Pro/Open  
NSWRHA Novice Horse Non Pro/Open  
NSWRHA Youth  
NSWRHA Green Rider  
NSWRHA 2 Handed Rookies  
NSWRHA Beginners  
NSWRHA Any Handed  
NSWRHA Ladies  
NSWRHA OF50 (Over Fifty)  
NSWRHA Rookie  
NSWRHA Limited Non Pro/Open  
NSWRHA Intermediate Non Pro/Open  
NSWRHA Open Non Pro/Open

## **NSWRHA Eligibility and High Points**

Eligibility for all competition for 2008-2009 will be based on the 2008 Reining Australia Eligibility List. NSWRHA Earnings will be based on the NRHA Payout System however no actual money will be paid out. Instead, you will "earn" NSWRHA *Rider Bucks* that will go towards your eligibility for the following season.

The NSWRHA High Points System will be based on the following rules.

Points for 1<sup>st</sup> = Number of horses in class (Maximum of 10 points)

Points for 2<sup>nd</sup> = Number of horses in class – 1

Points for 3<sup>rd</sup> = Number of horses in class – 2

The NSWRHA member with the highest NSWRHA High Points (must have 20 or more points) and has competed in 65% of shows during the season will win the NSWRHA High Point award. (In the event of a tie the person who has attended the most shows during the season will win the High Point award).

At the commencement of the 2009-2010 season eligibility will be based on the Reining Australia Eligibility List in addition to the NSWRHA *Rider Bucks*

# 2008-2009 Club Rules and Regulations

## NSWRHA High Points

- To be eligible for High Points you must be a full financial member.
- NSWRHA High Points will only commence accumulating from the time membership is received. NSWRHA High Points will not be retrospectively earned for runs at shows prior to membership dues being paid for the season.
- NSWRHA High Points are calculated by using the NRHA Youth high point scale in the NRHA Rulebook. The winner of the class will be awarded the number of points equivalent to the number of horses entered and run in the class. Second place will be awarded the next descending number and so on. The maximum number of points awarded is 10 for a winner of an event, regardless of the number of horses in the event.
- Zero scores will not be awarded NSWRHA High Points but will go towards the number of horses entered in an event.
- Scratched horses will not count towards the number of horses in a class for the purpose of NSWRHA High Points.
- Riders tying in a class will be awarded average points between those placings.
- NSWRHA High Point awards will be awarded to the winner and the runner up of each class providing they have shown in at least 65% of shows for the season. If a winner or runner up has not met the 65% requirement they will receive a certificate only for their award.
- NSWRHA High Point Buckles will be awarded on the following Non Pro and Open classes: Novice Horse, Youth, Ladies, OF50, Rookie, Limited, Intermediate, Open, Snaffle Bit/Hackamore, 2 Handed Rookie, and Beginner on the provision that the High Point Conditions have been met.

## Showing Rules

- Eligibility will be based on the 2008 Reining Australia Eligibility List.
- Ribbon Days do not pay out prize money on any classes and approval **has not** been sought from Reining Australia.
- Each rider agrees to allow themselves to be photographed and/or videoed for judging purposes. In addition, each rider agrees to be photographed and/or videoed for marketing purposes unless written notice has been received by the committee.
- The committee reserves the right to determine if a scratched entry will receive a refund. Each case will be determined on its own merit.
- A rider does not need to own the horse they are riding in order to compete in a Non RA Approved show.
- All classes are subject to NRHA rules regarding Equipment and Attire with the exception that Beginners and Green Riders do not require a western saddle.

## NSW Non Pro Conditions

- Any Non Pro is not able to receive remuneration directly or indirectly for giving lessons, training horses, riding astride. Any failure to observe this rule will result in immediate disqualification from NSWRHA Non Pro classes. The committee reserves the right to refuse or cancel a Non Pro entry at any time.
- Any rider who has previously not met the requirements of Non Pro status must meet all Non Pro conditions for a period of at least 2 years.
- Our members have the right to protest a Non Pro's eligibility. To do this it must be lodged in writing to the committee with a \$50 fee. If the protest is upheld the \$50 fee will be refunded.
- Any change of Non Pro status must be notified in writing to the committee within 30 days.

## **Class Conditions**

### **NSW Green Rider**

- Riders must be a Non Pro.
- A Green Rider can only ride in this class for one season, or part thereof. After such time they will be ineligible.
- Each rider may only obtain 2 wins. At that point they are no longer eligible for this class.
- The NSW Green Rider will ride to pattern 6a, which does not require a lead change.
- This class may be ridden with one hand or two hands, and may change between one or two hands during this run, without being subject to penalty or a "zero" score for that reason.
- A Green Rider may have a "caller" assisting them with the order of the maneuvers of a pattern.
- There will be no High Points for Green Rider.

### **NSW Beginner**

- Riders must be a Non Pro.
- A Beginner can only ride in this class for one season, or part thereof. After such time they will be ineligible.
- If a Beginner competes in any other event and wins they are no longer eligible, with the exception of Green Rider and Any Handed classes.
- Beginners are able to use an approved snaffle bit, bosal/hackamore or bridle, regardless of the age of the horse. A Beginner must ride in a western saddle.

### **NSWRHA 2 Handed Rookie**

- Riders must be a Non Pro
- You must be eligible for this class as per the NRHA rulebook and the 2008 Reining Australia Eligibility List. That is, a rider must not have earned more than \$200 lifetime NRHA earnings combined with the "NSWRHA Rider Bucks".
- Entrants must be a Non Pro.
- Each rider may only obtain 8 wins. At that point they are no longer eligible for this class.
- Any horse is eligible to be ridden in 2 Handed Rookie class. Horses do not have to be novice horses.
- 2 Handed Rookies can ride one or two handed but cannot change hands once they enter the pen.
- In this class you may use an approved snaffle bit, bosal/hackamore or bridle, however the use of equipment/bits is governed by the age of the horse, as per NRHA rules.
- This class is subject to the equipment and attire requirements of the NRHA rulebook.

### **NSWRHA Rookie**

- Riders must be a Non Pro.
- You must be eligible for this class as per the NRHA rulebook and the 2008 Reining Australia Eligibility List. That is, a rider must not have earned more than \$200 lifetime NRHA and NSWHRs Rider Bucks earnings.
- Riders must ride one handed.  
All other NRHA rules apply with the exception of licensing and membership rules.

### **NSWRHA Any Handed**

- This event is open to all Open and Non Pro riders and horses.
- Riders may use an approved snaffle bit, bosal/hackamore or bridle, regardless of the age of the horse.
- This class may be ridden with one hand or two hands, and may change between one or two hands during this run, without being subject to penalty or a "zero" score for that reason.

### **NSWRHA Ladies**

- Any female rider is eligible for this class.
- Any horse is eligible to be ridden in this class.
- Open and Non Pro riders may compete in this class.
- Horses over 5 must be ridden one handed in a bridle and horses under five may be ridden in an approved snaffle bit, bosal or hackamore.