



## Selection Procedure for the NRHA Dale Wilkinson Lifetime Achievement Award

**Background:** In 2007, the NRHA Hall of Fame Committee initiated the NRHA Dale Wilkinson Lifetime Achievement Award, supported by the Reining Horse Sports Foundation. This award is named after Dale Wilkinson, known as the “father of modern day reining” and among the original innovators in the sport of Reining. He is a multiple NRHA Futurity champion, one of the founding members of the National Reining Horse Association and the NRHA Hall of Fame’s first inductee. In addition, during his lifetime, he was an educator, promoter and mentor to all reiners - professional and non pro - of how a rider should conduct themselves, train and exhibit a horse. Because of his unmatched lifetime of accomplishment in Reining, it is entirely appropriate that the NRHA Lifetime Achievement Award be named for Dale Wilkinson.

Any NRHA member is encouraged to nominate those entities that meet the criteria adopted for this award.

### Criteria

- The nominee should have had a significant impact on Reining.
- The nominee should demonstrate a personal passion, contributed to, and/or changed the course of Reining, in a positive way, irrespective of personal gain.
- The nominee should have demonstrated the desire and ability to introduce new people to the sport.
- Nominees do not have to be NRHA members, competitors, breeders, etc.
- The recipient’s achievements should have had a lasting and significant impact on the NRHA or the sport of Reining.
- Award to be presented at the NRHA Hall of Fame Banquet.

There is no limit on how many awards may be presented during a given year.

**Deadline** for nominations is **May 31**. A final slate of recommended candidates will be presented to the NRHA board by the Hall of Fame Committee. New recipients will be selected by the board and will be announced and presented with a Lifetime Achievement award at the NRHA Hall of Fame Banquet.