



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT NRHA MEMBERSHIPS

### Types of Memberships

- **General**
  - Membership for owners, nominators or individuals who don't want to show but want membership perks.
- **Professional**
  - Professional status will be granted to those who do not meet the criteria for Non Pro or Youth, but who would like to show.
  - A Professionals form/application must be filled out in addition to a general membership form on an annual basis.
  - If you have a lifetime or 3-year-membership you only need to fill out the pro application (annually) and send it in with the appropriate fees.
- **General Non Pro**
  - Non Pro status is granted to those who meet the Non Pro criteria and want to show in the Non Pro or Rookie Classes.
  - A Non Pro declaration must be completed and submitted in addition to your membership. Non Pro status can be added to any membership type.
  - You do not have to fill out the Non Pro Declaration every year. As long as you had Non Pro status the previous year, it will carry over to the next year. Only if your membership lapses for more than a year do you have to fill out the form and pay the filing fee again.
  - Non Pros cannot receive remuneration (money, product, gifts, etc.) to train, give lessons or show horses. For full details, please read the Non Pro Conditions in the NRHA Handbook or call the office to discuss your specific qualifications.
- **Youth**
  - Membership for those 18 and under. If you turn 19 after January 1<sup>st</sup>, then you are eligible for a Youth membership and to show in the Youth classes for that entire year.
  - Date of birth is required; we cannot issue a Youth membership without this information.
- **Associate**
  - Membership for those just starting in NRHA who will be showing in the Category 10 (NRHA Green, Ride & Slide classes) ONLY or for those who want to be a member but do not plan on showing.
  - NOT for members who will be showing or who will have horses showing in Category 1 – 9 classes.
  - NOT for members who want to participate in the NRHA Nomination Program.
  - NOT for members who want to have voting privileges.

### Frequently Asked Questions:

- **What paperwork do I need to fill out to compete in NRHA shows?**
  - NRHA Membership for rider and owner.
  - NRHA Competition License for the horse (View [Transfers and FAQs](#) for more information).
  - NRHA Affiliate Designation – this is only required if you want to qualify for the Affiliate Regional Championships.

- Deadline for submission is August 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Carries over from year to year; please only re-designate if changing affiliates.
- **How long will it take NRHA to process my membership application?**
  - NRHA will process your membership application no later than 2 weeks after the received date. Missing or incomplete information will delay this process. If it takes NRHA longer than 2 weeks to process properly submitted paperwork, then the office will send you a free confirmation of the license upon request.
  - To expedite the process, you can submit your membership application at a show or request a rush through the NRHA office. You can also fill out and submit your membership application online and receive a confirmation immediately.
- **Can a membership application be submitted at a show?**
  - Yes, all paperwork (with the exception of a lease) can be submitted at any NRHA approved show. The Show Secretary will submit the paperwork to NRHA with the show results.
  - Be sure you get a temporary membership card or competition license from the Show Secretary as you will need this if you go to another show prior to NRHA receiving and processing your paperwork.
- **I'm a Non Pro, do I have to fill out more than one form?**
  - You do not need to fill out multiple membership applications.
  - If you are a NEW Non Pro or if your membership lapsed for more than one year, you MUST fill out the Non Pro declaration and pay the filing fee. Non Pro status will NOT be granted until we have a current form on file.
- **I lost my membership card, how do I get a new one?**
  - Call or email the NRHA office and they will mail a new card.
  - If you need the card for a show before the new card arrives, you can get an official confirmation for a fee or login to NRHA using your membership ID and pin to retrieve a confirmation.
- **My name has changed, how do I get a new card?**
  - If you have already renewed your membership, just call or email the office; we will update our database and mail you a new membership card.
  - If you are renewing your membership, be sure to include your membership number on the application and make a note that there is a name change.
  - If your new membership card has a different number, please call the office! We missed the name change and need to get that corrected as soon as possible.
- **When will I start getting the NRHA Reiner magazine?**
  - Your first *NRHA Reiner* issue will be mailed approximately 6 – 8 weeks following receipt of your application.
  - For those who get the *NRHA Reiner* with their membership (U.S. General Members; one per household), the *Reiner* subscription ends when your membership ends. Be sure to renew early to avoid missing any issues as past issues are not retroactive.
  - Subscriptions paid in addition to the membership will last 12 months.
  - Current and past issues of the NRHA Reiner are available in digital form at [nrha.com](http://nrha.com).
- **How do I know what classes I can show in?**
  - NRHA eligibility for the various classes and divisions is updated at the end of each show year for both horses and riders. This remains in force for the balance of the current show year. You can check current eligibility of individual horses (Novice Class eligibility) and riders (Division eligibility) by logging into the Members Only section of [nrha.com](http://nrha.com) or by calling the office.
  - Eligibility requirements for the different classes are outlined in the NRHA Handbook and at [nrha.com](http://nrha.com).

View [Transfers & FAQs](#) for Frequently Asked Questions about NRHA Competition Licenses