

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT NRHA MEMBERSHIPS

Types of Memberships

- **General**
 - Membership for owners, nominators or individuals who don't want to show as a rider – or owner – but want membership perks. This membership is not valid to compete as a rider and may result in disqualification.
 - If a horse a member owns will be shown in any classes *other than Green Reiner*, that person or entity needs at least a General membership.
- **Professional**
 - Professional status can be granted to those who do not meet the criteria for Non Pro or Youth, but who would like to show as a rider.
 - A Professional Code of Ethics must be completed in addition to a membership application.
- **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 a youth or general membership. Non Pro status will NOT be granted until we have a current form on file.
 - You do not have to fill out the Non Pro declaration every year. Only if your membership lapses for more than 12 months do you have to fill out the form and pay the filing fee again.
 - Non Pros cannot receive remuneration (money, products, 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 as of January 1st. If you turn 19 after January 1st, then you are eligible for a Youth membership and can show in the Youth classes until December 31st of that 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 ONLY in Category 10 (NRHA Green, Ride & Slide classes, Para-Reining) or for those who want to be a member but do not plan on showing.
 - NOT for members who will be showing or own horses showing in Category 1 – 9, 11, or 13 classes.
 - NOT for members who want to participate in the NRHA Nomination Program.
 - NOT for members who want to have voting privileges.
 - NOT for members who wish to show in the Rookie classes.

Frequently Asked Questions:

- **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 by logging into ReinerSuite and using the Eligibility Tool on the dashboard.
 - Eligibility requirements for the different classes are outlined in the NRHA Handbook and are available at nrha.com.

- **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).

- **How long will it take NRHA to process my membership application?**
 - Members can now complete their membership from any location at any time by logging in to their ReinerSuite portal! Once paid for, this membership is immediately active for a 12-month period, and digital membership cards are always on your profile for your use at any time.
 - If you chose to turn in your paperwork to the NRHA office, 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 submitted paperwork, then the office can send you a free confirmation.

- **Can a membership application be submitted at a show?**
 - Yes, all paperwork can be submitted at any NRHA approved show. The Show Secretary will submit the paperwork to NRHA with the show results. Note: You can save a \$10 processing fee by completing the transaction in ReinerSuite online versus submitting at the show.
 - Be sure to 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 want a membership card; how can I get one?**
 - NRHA has gone primarily digital, so your member card can be emailed to you for no additional fees or you may access it via your ReinerSuite account 24/7.
 - If you would still like a printed card there is a \$5 fee. You can request a printed card when you renew your membership.
 - If you have already renewed your membership and did not request a printed card, contact the NRHA office.

- **My name has changed, how do I get a new card?**
 - You can update your name by logging into ReinerSuite and editing your name in your profile.
 - 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 contact the office, as it is possible a duplicate membership was created under the new name. NRHA will merge your accounts for you under your original member ID number.

- **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 or 4-6 weeks if completed in ReinerSuite.
 - 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. So, be sure to renew early to avoid missing any issues!
 - Subscriptions paid in addition to the membership (youth, associate, international members or 1st class subscribers) will last 12 months from the date the subscription was paid for.
 - Current and past issues of the *NRHA Reiner* are available in digital form at nrha.com

- **I am life member; how do I upgrade to a Professional Membership?**
 - You can do that online through ReinerSuite. You will click on 'Account' on the left-hand side and then select "Change/Renew Pro/Non-Pro".

- **I renewed my membership online, but my expiration did not update.**
 - Your new membership term will appear once your current membership expires. If you need a confirmation, you can check your membership history. Click "Account" in the left-side column and under the membership column click "History". You can access your invoices to ensure the transaction was completed.

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