

2022 Rule Change Proposals

35-01-22 Update Definition of Performance Horse (Proposed by Member)- **NO ACTION TAKEN**

49-01-22 In addition to the show, the rider will be fined as well for all membership infractions (Proposed by Staff) **APPROVED AS AMENDED**

58-01-22 Clarification on Payback Schedule A (Proposed by Staff) **APPROVED**

61-01-22 Clarification on Ancillary Show Conditions (Proposed by Staff) **APPROVED**

61-03-22 Terms and Conditions Required for Aged Show and Closed Aged Show Conditions in Order for Event to be Considered Completely Submitted (Proposed by Staff) **APPROVED**

61-04-22 Allows for events that do not comply with NRHA rules and policies to be fined and face disciplinary action (Proposed by staff) **APPROVED**

68-01-22 Allows for the opportunity to continue to fine extremely late show results (Proposed by staff) **APPROVED**

35-01-22 To Update the definition of “performance horse” in the Non Pro Membership Conditions **NO ACTION TAKEN**

Intent of Proposal: I would like to suggest that the Non Pro rule is written in a way that allows Non Pros to teach beginner riding lessons as it was a few years ago because it helps promote our industry. For example, before the rule changed, I was teaching beginner riding lessons at our local facility. I have a reining trainer I ride under, but the trainers do not teach the kids to learn to ride from the start. So, I was teaching these beginner lessons and once my students were at a stage, they felt comfortable walk, trot, loping, understood the basics and were ready to move into a specific discipline, because I was a reiner, I had 4 of my students begin reining lessons with my coach with my recommendation and now we have 4 new reiners in the industry. When non pros are not allowed to teach these beginner lessons, in areas like mine, 100% of the riders become barrel racers or team penners. It is unfortunate the rule changed because it limits the exposure of the sport to new up and coming riders that are joining these beginning riding lessons at their local facilities.

Page 37 (b)(4) Definitions: “Performance horse” includes horses that engage in the western stock sports, including but not limited to, reining, reined cow horse, cutting, roping, ranch riding, ranch versatility, etc. **with the intent to prepare for showing.**

Committee Feedback:

Do NOT Support: Non Pro Committee, Professionals Committee

Member Survey Results:

Support: 55.22% (201) Do NOT Support: 44.78% (163)

49-01-22 In addition to the show, the rider will be fined as well for all membership infractions **APPROVED AS AMENDED**

Intent of Proposal: Shows have stated that they do not feel a disqualification alone is enough of a deterrent for riders to verify their membership before showing since many disqualifications do not involve a payout.

Page 49 (F) GENERAL SHOW CONDITIONS (2): ...If a horse is shown without current NRHA membership for the owner/co-owner and/or rider, and it is required, the show **and rider** will be fined and the horse will be disqualified and forfeited from the class...

Committee Feedback:

Support: Non Pro Committee (*with recommended amendment of \$100 fine*)

Member Survey Results:

Support: 70.03% (257) **Do NOT Support:** 29.97% (110)

Note: Fine will be \$100 and will be added to the official Fees Policy

58-01-22 Clarification on Payback Schedule A **APPROVED**

Intent of Proposal: Correct wording to more accurately reflect practice. Payback Schedule A is only required for ancillary classes that offer \$2,000 or more in added money. For example, aged events can use a custom payback schedule.

Page 58, Payback Schedule: Use this payback schedule for all NRHA **ancillary** classes EXCEPT \$2,000 or more added Category 1 classes (refer to NRHA Payback Schedule B for \$2,000 or more added Category 1 classes.)

Committee Feedback:

Support: Non Pro Committee

Member Survey Results:

Support: 90.86% (318) **Do NOT Support:** 9.14% (32)

61-01-22 Clarification on Ancillary Show Conditions **APPROVED**

Intent of the proposal: This updates language to reflect practice. This was added in 2014 with the primary concern being to stabilize/regulate purses for Top Ten/World Title consistency.

Page 61 (2020). H. ANCILLARY SHOW CONDITIONS. (8) All classes within the **Ancillary (Category 1, 3, 5)** show must have the same retainage.

Committee Feedback:

Support: Non Pro Committee

Member Survey Results:

Support: 87.21% (300) **Do NOT Support:** 12.79% (344)

61-03-22 Terms and Conditions Required for Aged Show and Closed Aged Show Conditions in Order for Event to be Considered Completely Submitted APPROVED

Intent of the proposal: Custom payback schedules are very common with aged events. If horses are disqualified, discrepancies exist or members question accuracy of payouts, not having the conditions information can delay the results recording process.

PAGE 61. I. AGED SHOW AND CLOSED AGED SHOW CONDITIONS: (4) It is recommended that show management submit complete Terms & Conditions with the show approval form. **If not submitted with the approval form, Terms & Conditions must be submitted with results for the event to be considered as completely submitted and to avoid late fines.**

Committee Feedback:

Support: Non Pro Committee

Member Survey Results:

Support: 90.68% (321) **Do NOT Support:** 9.32% (33)

61-04-22 Allows for events that do not comply with NRHA rules and policies to be fined and face disciplinary action APPROVED

Intent of Proposal: We have seen repeated violations of rules, including the policy on what events NRHA judges can and cannot judge. The events provide benefits and opportunities to the membership and horse. This change creates an alternative aside from no longer approving these events.

Page 61(G). EVENT APPROVAL: The Executive Committee may deny approval to any reining event that appears not to be in the best interest of the sport or the National Reining Horse

Association. **Failure of events to comply with NRHA rules and policies, may result in fines and disciplinary action, as well as jeopardize future event approvals.**

Committee Feedback:

Support: Judges Committee, Non Pro Committee

Member Survey Results:

Support: 78.22% (273) **Do NOT Support:** 21.78% (76)

68-01-22 Allows for the opportunity to continue to fine extremely late show results
APPROVED

Intent of the proposal: Late and incomplete results create issues for members who are tracking earnings, as well as cause significant delays and inefficiencies in the office. It is not the norm, but some events have taken 3+ months to provide all needed materials and payments.

PAGE 68. P. SHOW RESULTS. (4): Shows failing to submit complete show results... will be assessed a fine. An additional fine will be assessed if show results are received after twenty (20) business days. **Fines will be assessed for every additional ten (10) business days until complete show results are received.**

Committee Feedback:

Support: Non Pro Committee

Member Survey Results:

Support: 92.50% (333) **Do NOT Support:** 7.50% (27)