

NRHA YEAR-END AWARDS FAQs

NRHA offers two specific segments of awards at the end of each show year. These are commonly referred to as the “Top 10” and “Top 20.”

Top 10 = World Title classes for year-end awards.

There are 16 classes in which riders/horses compete for a year-end championship recognition. These classes are in Category 1 and 3 competition and are outlined in the Year-End Awards section of the NRHA Handbook (Q. Year-End Awards).

Among the rules stated there, the placing horses must win money or points in at least seven NRHA approved shows (e.g. seven times) that count toward Top 10 standings, in that respective class, to qualify for the title. There must be at least three horses shown in the class for the money to count (exception, youth classes). Also, the event must be considered a “Top 10 event” (meaning the event submitted their approval to NRHA by the deadline, either 90 to 60 days prior to the event, depending on the added money offered at the event). Total money (points for youth) is used to determine placings at year-end.

How do I know if an event is a Top 10 event?

ReinerSuite has an event calendar that has several ways to search for events – including the option to only show “Top Ten events.” Also, with each event’s information, the status for this is listed in the upper right hand corner of the page, saying either “Top 10,” or “Not Top 10” so members can confirm before competing.

How do I follow the standings?

The most current standings for these classes can be seen in ReinerSuite in the Reports area. From reports, select “Public” to view. (The Public area is open to anyone who has an account, but a current membership is not required to view these.) There are options you can choose from to see the standings as you choose. Please note: Money listed in RED is money that is not counting to the standings because it does not fit one of the requirements listed above. If a member is unsure of why their money is listed in red, they should call the NRHA Office as soon as possible since, if an error is found, it must be corrected within the required time frame.

Top 20 = Top 20 Professionals, Non Pros and Owners.

This is a year-end achievement that has been in place since the mid- 2000s. It recognizes NRHA Professionals, Non Pros and Owners for their overall earnings for the year – Cat. 1-11*.

Other Notable Standings.

The “Top 200” for Aged Event Eligibility.

For aged event eligibility, money earned in Category 2, 6, 8, and 11 are tabulated to create these standings for the prior year and lifetime. The standings help determine rider eligibility. The difference between “Top 20” and the “Top 200” is:

*Top 20 counts Category 1-11**

Top 200 counts Category 2, 6, 8, and 11

* Category 11 was added starting in 2023.