

Show Secretary & Manager Newsletter

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Renewing Secretary Credentials

Are your secretary credentials expiring this year? You can check all your certifications and when they expire with NRHA on your ReinerSuite account under “Member” and then “Roles”. Be sure to sign up for a webinar to renew for another 2 years! Listed below are the remaining webinars in 2024.

- Wednesday, December 11, 2024, 2PM CST
- Tuesday, December 17, 2024, 10AM CST

Please fill out the reservation form to get signed up [here](#).

Warm Up Arena Configuration

Are you having issues with exhibitors not following proper etiquette in the warm up arena at your event? This is a reminder that you can use the NRHA [Warm Up Arena Configuration](#) and post this around the grounds at your event for exhibitors to be aware of and follow.

It does state that these guidelines apply regardless of the number of horses in the arena. All procedures will be enforced by Show Management and NRHA Stewards. Any violation of these guidelines will be viewed as unsportsmanlike conduct, which can result in disciplinary action.

NRHA Introduces Pilot Program for Slide Contests

With the popularity of reining growing both domestically and internationally, the NRHA Board of Directors approved a 2025 pilot program to test the viability of adding Slide Contests classes to NRHA events.

The recent resurgence of classes solely featuring the signature sliding stop is a way for NRHA to increase opportunities and participation for horses, riders, and owners, as well as to pursue wider recognition and value of NRHA events. Piloting or running this class as a test phase will allow NRHA to evaluate the response from members and spectators, as well as reining event management. Once the class is tested, with similar structure and judging for consistency, the board can determine if the class should be pursued for the long-term.

Starting in 2025, NRHA-approved events also may host these pilot classes using the following guidelines:

- Results and earnings will not be recorded during the pilot phase. Events do not need to apply or pay any fees to NRHA if they choose to test the class.
- Any individual or horse may compete without membership or licensing restrictions.
- Can be offered as an Open, Non Pro, or Youth classes as determined by show management.
- Can be jackpotted or have added money. The added money is not capped.
- Entry fees cannot exceed 10% of added money.
- Judge's fees cannot exceed the entry fee.
- Entry fee retainage (0% to 100%) to be decided by show management.
- Payback schedule to be decided by show management (e.g. Schedule A, B, or custom).
- Standard NRHA rules apply to the class (ex. the number of horses that can be shown by one rider in one class, the number of judges to judge, the 5-judge system to drop the low and high scores, etc.)
- NRHA Judges may judge the class if it is ran according to these guidelines.
- NRHA Judges will use the following for Maneuver Evaluation & Scoring:
 - Starting with a score of 70.
 - A -3 to +3 scale for each maneuver score (Approach, Stop, Hesitate).
 - Penalties: No marker penalty. All other penalties apply.

Events hosting these classes are encouraged to send questions and feedback to cmorris@nrha.com.

USDA Horse Protection Act Update - Webinar

The United States Department of Agriculture will have new requirements for horse shows, sales, exhibitions, sales, and auctions effective February 1, 2025. HPA applies to all equine breeds and disciplines, so all event managers and exhibitors should become aware of these requirements. We have provided a couple of helpful links and invite you to attend a webinar to learn more on December 18, 2024 (Time TBD).

- [American Horse Council Update](#)
 - [USDA Page on HPA](#)
- Register for the Webinar [here](#)