

## **2020 ADEQUAN® NORTH AMERICAN AFFILIATE PROGRAM CONDITIONS**

(NRHA Affiliates in the United States, Canada & Mexico)

This program is designed for NRHA affiliates in North America and gives them the freedom necessary to structure a circuit responsive to the needs of its members and location. This program provides a format by which the local champions can compete against their peers for a NRHA Morrison Bronze or a NRHA Morgan Trophy, while also offering the opportunity to advance to a national level. It is the aim of NRHA, the Affiliate Committee, and this program to increase the emphasis on "grass roots" reining and continue to promote our sport at all levels.

The NRHA Board of Directors reserves the right to interpret, modify or amend conditions for the 2020 ADEQUAN® NORTH AMERICAN AFFILIATE PROGRAM CONDITIONS. If requiring immediate attention, those rights will be deferred to the Executive Committee.

### **CIRCUIT SERIES CONDITIONS**

1. Individual circuits may begin January 1, 2020 and must end at least 45 days prior to that affiliate's Regional Championships.
2. Each affiliate circuit show must be sponsored by a current NRHA affiliate or a combination of current NRHA affiliates.
3. Circuits will only be approved for affiliates that have paid their current year NRHA affiliate dues. 2020 NRHA Affiliate dues are due and payable on or before January 31, 2020. Refer to the 2020 NRHA Handbook General Rules and Regulations, Section B, for Affiliate compliance.
4. The affiliate circuits are required to include a minimum of three (3) shows. All affiliate circuit shows must be NRHA approved and meet the requirements for approval as stated in the NRHA Handbook.
5. An affiliate will determine which of its shows it will consider circuit shows. Affiliates must turn in their tentative circuit schedules to the NRHA Office by January 31, 2020. ~~There can be no changes made to a circuit after the first affiliate circuit show is held.~~ The NRHA Office must be notified of any potential changes to the Circuit Application; changing an affiliate circuit after the first circuit show will require approval. Circuit approval forms are available online and from the NRHA Office. ~~All approved circuits will be published in the REINER and/or Digital Reiner.~~ Any circuit applications filled out incorrectly ~~will~~ may be returned to the affiliate.
6. Each affiliate will determine which classes they will offer as qualifying classes for the Affiliate Regional Championships (ARC). Each Affiliate Championships will offer the following classes: Open, Intermediate Open, Limited Open, Rookie Professional, Non Pro, Intermediate Non Pro, Limited Non Pro, Prime Time Non Pro, Novice Horse Open I, Novice Horse Open II, Novice Horse Non Pro I, Novice Horse Non Pro II, Youth 13 & Under, Youth 14-18, Rookie I, Rookie II, and Prime Time Rookie. It is also recommended that affiliates offer Short Stirrup (10 & Under).
7. For an affiliate to qualify a rider and/or horse for a class, that specific class must be offered in at least three (3) circuit shows. There is no minimum or maximum number of shows that a horse and rider must attend.
8. Each affiliate will be responsible for providing the NRHA office with a complete list of all placings, including zeros and no scores, in each class in each circuit show.
9. The affiliate will be required to provide a list of its current members, including the beginning date of membership, with the results of their first affiliate circuit show to verify affiliate membership. Updates to the membership rosters must be submitted to the NRHA office monthly. The last updated roster is to be turned in to the NRHA offices in the correct format 30 days before that affiliate's regional championships. Anything received after this date will not be accepted.
10. All membership rosters must be turned in the correct format with all the necessary information. Rosters not submitted in the correct format will not be accepted and processed by the NRHA office. Questions regarding the correct formatting of the roster can be answered by the affiliate department at the NRHA offices. A template showing the correct format can be found on the affiliate pages of the NRHA website.
11. Affiliates may not require memberships in the local affiliate for participation in an affiliate circuit show; however, the rider must be a member of their local affiliate at the time of competing for points to count toward Regional Championships qualifications.
12. Affiliates may not charge any additional fees for participants in the circuit qualifying classes. An example of fees charged improperly would be a registration fee for the horse in that particular affiliate or any additional fees to be eligible to qualify for circuit championships.
13. Affiliates sponsoring a circuit may award Morgan trophies to its circuit champions and plaques to its circuit reserve champions in NRHA approved Category 1 classes only. In NRHA approved Category 3 and Category 5 classes, plaques may be awarded to circuit champions and reserve champions. The deadline for ordering these trophies is December 31 of the title year. Providing these awards is an option for each individual affiliate and must be ordered through the NRHA Office.

14. It is acceptable for affiliates to conduct fund raising activity throughout the year to support those exhibitors from their affiliate who qualify for ARC and/or NAAC competition as they may determine so long as all qualified exhibitors are provided equal access to the funds. Funds raised through these efforts may not be applied to entry fees. No penalty or disqualification of an exhibitors Non-Pro status shall be brought as a result of this activity. Affiliates who participate in this activity shall keep records and receipts of funds disbursed.

#### **AFFILIATE REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS QUALIFICATION**

1. A Non Pro and/or Youth rider may qualify in only one region and for only one affiliate.
2. The rider must be a member of their local affiliate at the time of competition for points to count toward regional championships qualifications.
3. In order to qualify for Affiliate Regional Championships (ARC) ALL EXHIBITORS MUST HAVE A PRIMARY AFFILIATE DESIGNATION REGISTERED WITH THE NRHA OFFICE NO LATER THAN AUGUST 1 OF EACH YEAR. This designation must be registered using the form available on the Affiliate page of nrha.com. Once a designation is registered, it will apply from year to year unless changed by the exhibitor in writing to the NRHA Affiliate Department. Changes must be in place no later than August 1. Designations received in the NRHA office after August 1<sup>st</sup> will be subject to review by the Affiliate Department and exhibitors will be informed of the decision.
4. Riders who do not wish to compete at the ARC may notify the NRHA Office using the form available to request to un-designate. Riders may not un-designate for specific horses, if a rider elects to un-designate they will not be qualified to show any horse in any class. Changes to designations will be accepted until 15 days prior to the first day of the respective ARC Event.
5. The affiliate membership rosters will be used to determine a horse and riders qualification within an affiliate.
6. Points are to be calculated on a one horse/one rider format in the Non Pro, Intermediate Non Pro, Limited Non Pro, Prime Time Non Pro, Novice Horse Non Pro I, Novice Horse Non Pro II, Youth 13 & Under, Youth 14-18, Rookie I, and Rookie II, and Prime Time Rookie. The points in the Open, Intermediate Open, Limited Open, Rookie Professional, Novice Horse Open I and Novice Horse Open II are to be awarded to the horse.
7. In Open, Intermediate Open, Limited Open, Rookie Professional, Novice Horse Open I and Novice Horse Open II the horse must qualify in the affiliate in which the owner of the horse is designated to. The owner may only be designated to one affiliate and must also be a member of their local affiliate at the time of competition for points to count toward regional championships qualifications.
8. Points will be awarded based on the number of horses actually competing in the class, i.e. if fifteen (15) horses compete, first place will be awarded 15 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> - 14 points, etc. Points will be calculated on horses actually competing, excluding the horses entered but scratched. Zeros and no scores will not be awarded points. Horses with no points do not qualify for ARC competition.
9. The top fifteen (15) horse and rider combinations plus ties from each class offered in a circuit qualify for the ARC. Substitutions of a rider or horse for any reason shall not be allowed in any Non Pro and/or Youth class in the ARC or the North American Affiliate Championships (NAAC).
10. The top fifteen (15) horses plus ties from each Open and Rookie Professional class offered in a circuit qualify for the ARC. Substitutions of a horse for any reason shall not be allowed in the ARC. Any rider may ride a qualified horse at the ARC. That rider must be a designated member of any affiliate within the same region. Substitutions of a horse or rider for any reason shall not be allowed in the NAAC. The rider who qualifies the horse at the ARC must show the horse at the NAAC.

#### **NORTH AMERICAN AFFILIATE REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS CONDITIONS**

1. One Affiliate Regional Championships (ARC) per region will be held for affiliate circuit qualifiers from the affiliates located within each respective region in the United States, Canada and Mexico. Qualifiers to the Adequan®/NRHA North American Affiliate Championships (NAAC) will be determined from the ARC in each region.  
\*Tennessee will participate in the Southeast ARC for 2020.
2. All ARC locations and affiliate hosts will be chosen by the NRHA Board of Directors. Affiliates may obtain guidelines for submitting bids to be an ARC host from the NRHA office.
3. The affiliates from California, and Nevada may choose between the Northwest and the Southwest ARC and must notify the NRHA office of their intent upon renewal or application of their NRHA affiliation.
4. The affiliates from Idaho may choose between the Northwest and Mountain ARC and must notify the NRHA office of their intent upon renewal or application of their NRHA affiliation.
5. The affiliates from Mexico will qualify riders to NAAC through the Mexico ARC. The top ten (10) plus ties in each class will advance to the NAAC.
6. A NRHA Morrison Bronze will be awarded to the ARC winner in each class except for Rookie I, Rookie II, Prime Time Rookie, and Youth, which will receive an NRHA Morgan trophy.

7. A rider may not show more than three (3) horses per class and may enter only those championship classes for which they qualify.
8. Any misrepresented entry (this pertains to the eligibility of both rider and horse) will be subjected to disciplinary action per the NRHA Handbook.
9. In the event a corporate sponsor is procured, the Affiliate Show Committee must agree to abide by contract stipulations between the NRHA and said sponsors.

#### **REGIONAL AFFILIATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP**

1. Each of the Affiliate Regional Championships (ARC) will offer a team competition among recognized affiliates.
2. Any affiliate sending riders to the ARC is eligible to participate.
3. Points will be awarded using the NRHA Youth Point scale.
4. The top three point earners per class for each affiliate will be used to determine each team's total points per class.
5. The affiliate with the highest placing team will be awarded \$500.

#### **REGIONAL SHORT STIRRUP CHAMPIONSHIP CONDITIONS**

1. ~~The Regional Short Stirrup Championships are optional for Affiliate Regional Championship (ARC) hosts to include in their ARC slate of classes. Each Affiliate Regional Championship (ARC) Host is to include Short Stirrup in the Ancillary show (Category 3) held concurrent with the ARC. The champion of this class will be considered the Regional Short Stirrup Champion.~~
2. ~~The affiliate hosting the ARC is responsible for all prizes awarded in the Regional Short Stirrup Championship. NRHA is to provide prizes through fifth place for this class. ARC Host's expecting participation to be greater than five (5) may request prizes through 10<sup>th</sup> be provided.~~
3. ~~Short stirrup riders will qualify for the Regional Short Stirrup Championship as outlined for the Affiliate Regional Championship Qualifications. This includes affiliate membership, designations, points, etc.~~
4. ~~The undesignation option is available for short stirrup riders as outlined above in the Affiliate Regional Championships Qualifications.~~
5. ~~The top fifteen (15) horse and rider combinations plus ties qualify for the Regional Short Stirrup Championships. Substitutions of a rider or horse for any reason shall not be allowed in the Regional Short Stirrup Championships.~~
6. ~~Riders in the Regional Short Stirrup Championships do NOT advance on to the North American Affiliate Championships (NAAC). Short Stirrup will be offered in the Ancillary show held concurrently with the North American Affiliate Championships (NAAC). The champion of this class will be considered an NRHA Champion.~~

#### **ADEQUAN®/NRHA NORTH AMERICAN AFFILIATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1. The North American Affiliate Championships (NAAC) shall be held in conjunction with the 2020 NRHA Futurity and Championship Show in Oklahoma City, OK.
2. Points are awarded on a one horse/one rider format. Horses with zeros or no scores do not qualify for NAAC competition.
3. The top ten (10) horse and rider combinations, plus ties, from each of the Affiliate Regional Championships (ARC) will advance to the NAAC.
4. Substitutions of a rider or horse for any reason shall not be allowed. In the event of the veterinarian certified death of a qualified horse, the stall deposit will be refunded.
5. Horses must be exhibited by the same rider who qualified with the horse at the ARC.
6. Championship classes will run concurrent with ancillary classes.
7. Added money: \$5000 Open, \$3000 Intermediate Open, \$500 Limited Open, \$500 Rookie Professional, \$5000 Non Pro, \$3000 Intermediate Non Pro, \$500 Limited Non Pro, \$1500 Prime Time Non Pro, \$1000 Novice Horse Open I, \$2500 Novice Horse Open II, \$1000 Novice Horse Non Pro I, \$2500 Novice Horse Non Pro II, \$200 Rookie II, \$200 Prime Time Rookie, \$100 Youth 13 & Under, and \$100 Youth 14 –18.
8. The first two placings of each class will be named the North American Affiliate Champion and the North American Affiliate Reserve Champion.
9. In the event of a 30-minute draw conflict between the Coliseum and the Adequan arena draw adjustments can be made with the draw position in the Coliseum receiving priority and remaining unchanged. The alternative draw position will be:
  1. Moved to the end of the class.
  2. Moved to the end of a specified drag set within 1 hours time of the original draw.

#### **ROOKIE OF THE YEAR COMPETITION**

1. The top ten (10) horse and rider combinations plus ties from each of the ARC Rookie I category are eligible to compete for the coveted Toyon Ranch Rookie of the Year title and trophy at the NRHA Futurity and Adequan®

North American Affiliate Championships in a separate and special class presentation. There will be no alternates.

2. Toyon Ranch Rookie of the Year rider will be named from the Rookie I category.
3. The competition will be a clean slate final with the class winner receiving the Toyon Ranch Rookie of the Year title.
4. No entry fee will be charged, and the stall fee shall be half price.
5. There will be no substitutions.
6. Payouts will be as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$400, 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$300, 4<sup>th</sup> place - \$200, 5<sup>th</sup> place - \$100