

RESOLUTION #01-19

Subject: Advisory Committees

Date of Submittal: January 15, 2026

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the National Reining Horse Association may establish advisory committees for the assistance in the operation and management of the Association; and

WHEREAS it is in the best interest of the National Reining Horse Association for advisory committees to be formed to assist in the operation and management of the Association.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the committees enumerated in the document containing their respective names, purposes and guidelines be created in accordance with the bylaws of the Association for 2017-2018.

NUMBER OF MEMBERS

Each advisory committee shall consist of at least five members including the chair and vice chair.

QUALIFICATIONS

Each committee shall consist of individuals who are NRHA members in good-standing.

COMMITTEES AND PURPOSES

AFFILIATE COMMITTEE

- To strengthen NRHA Affiliates to advance the sport of Reining.
 - Review affiliate rules, programs and activities, including a review of affiliate region boundaries, to increase membership and participation, as well as to simplify and streamline processes.
 - Review and recommend new affiliate applications and Affiliate Regional Championship host bids including enhancing host guidelines and bidding process.

AGED EVENTS COMMITTEE

- To advise on the production of the NRHA Futurity and NRHA Derby to increase participation and the overall quality of the event.
 - Recommend enhancements to the event conditions and schedules for both events.
 - Recommend improvements related to the exhibitor and spectator experience.

BYLAW COMMITTEE

- To review the current bylaws and any bylaw amendment proposals from an unbiased position to make recommendations to the Executive Committee for maintenance as necessary.
 - Assure any bylaw amendment proposal submitted complies with the Articles of Incorporation, Oklahoma State Statutes, and Federal Law.
 - Assure all language is in proper form as it relates to governance, operations and functions of the Association.
 - The Bylaw Committee be charged periodically with monitoring and immediately giving notice to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors of any violations of the Bylaws or Constitution of this association and to allow a member of the Bylaws Committee to be present at any and/or all Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings.

ELIGIBILITY COMMITTEE

- To evaluate eligibility rules and policies to increase participation in NRHA events.
 - Review the current system and make recommendations to improve, streamline and simplify.
 - Address levels of competition to provide an equitable system to grow the sport of reining.

HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

- To recognize those people and horses that have made significant and unselfish contributions to the NRHA through their good works, dedication, service and example.
 - Review past and present nominees and suggesting additional nominees to submit for consideration to the NRHA Board of Directors for approval.
 - Preserve the historic past, present and future of the sport of Reining and NRHA by ensuring Hall of Fame inductees and NRHA Dale Wilkinson Lifetime Achievement award recipients are recognized.

JUDGES COMMITTEE

- To provide guidance to NRHA Judges so they can consistently and accurately evaluate reining horse competition and meet the highest of standards.
 - Develop, refine and distribute methods to train and educate NRHA Judges in a manner consistent with opportunities identified in the long-range plan.
 - Develop and implement seminars to qualify and educate NRHA judges.
 - Manage and enhance the Judges Education and Evaluation Program to review and improve the work of judges.
 - Responsible for retaining and developing major event judges.
 - It shall be the duty of the Judges Committee to administer judges' tests, conduct seminars, review any and all judging after NRHA sponsored events or approved events, and review judging performances on recommendation of show representatives or by official protest.

The Committee shall be empowered to make necessary recommendations to improve the quality, integrity and performance of the judging system.

NON PRO COMMITTEE

- To evaluate rules and association programs from the viewpoint of the non pro competitor with the objective to advance the sport of Reining.
 - Identify avenues to grow non pro membership and participation.
 - Review and make recommendations on questionable apprentice applications and questionable non pro applications.
 - Evaluate eligibility and make recommendations to improve and simplify the system for non pros.

PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE

- To unite the reining horse professionals.
 - Create and implement activities that will best serve the reining horse, promote integrity within the industry and cultivate a passionate membership that allows for continued growth.
 - Develop a higher standard for NRHA Professionals and their business conduct.
 - Create unity among NRHA Professionals to build a strong presence within the industry.
 - Oversee and enhance the NRHA Professional Program, Professionals Code of Conduct and Professionals Award Program.

STEWARDS COMMITTEE

- To protect the welfare and integrity of reining horses, as addressed in the long-range plan, while providing for a better showing experience for the membership.
 - Responsible for the education and certification procedures of NRHA Stewards including developing and refining rules and policies for stewards.
 - Create educational materials on the acceptable training methods/practices of reining horses.
 - Responsible for assisting with the selection of NRHA Stewards at NRHA-owned events.

GUIDELINES

Each Advisory Committee appointed by the President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, shall apply their best efforts to their designated area of interest as per the following:

1. An Advisory Committee shall function under the NRHA Bylaws of Article VI. Committees and Task Forces, and all other bylaws, rules, regulations, policies and procedures as they may apply. The approved Committee Charter shall be considered an extension of the provisions listed herein and by this reference is made a part hereof.
2. Committee function shall be to represent their area of interest as they are affected by rules, regulations, policies, procedures, bylaws and any other influence positive or negative within the organization and make relative recommendations to the Board of Directors.
3. Committee function shall be to oversee those programs within their area of interest and make recommendation to the Board of Directors for adjustments and/or improvements, including amendments to rules, regulations, bylaws, policies and procedures, from time to time as necessary to maintain the efficiency and productivity of the program.
4. Committee function shall be to represent their area of interest within the organization as they are affected by those activities and interests of other organization committees and their respective programs, to make suggestions, contributions, and otherwise interact with other organization committees as directed by the President, the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors
5. Committee may receive responsibilities, tasks, and projects from the President, Executive Committee and Board of Directors, and shall report to all these bodies equally.
6. Committee function shall always be in service to NRHA. At no time shall a committee's activities be engaged for personal use or individual gain, nor shall a committee engage in politically slanted activities, unless specifically directed by the Board of Directors, or unless otherwise stipulated in this general charter.
7. Committees shall keep minutes of their meetings. Recommendations shall be made on the Committee Recommendation Form and be submitted for consideration to the Board of Directors.
8. The committee shall elect a vice chair to assist in the absence of the chair.

Duties of the Committee Chair

1. Receive responsibilities, tasks, and projects from the Board of Directors and distribute among committee members.
2. Preside over all committee meetings.
3. Be the catalyst for inter-committee email communication to encourage inclusion and participation of all committee members in discussions.
4. Delegate responsibilities of committee members from time to time as necessary.
5. Coordinate committee-related activities of the staff liaison and Commissioner.
6. Prepare, or delegate and approve the preparation of any committee recommendation and the quarterly reports.
7. Represent the committee as necessary to the Board of Directors, President, Executive Committee, Commissioner or another committee
8. Dereliction of any of these responsibilities may be grounds for dismissal.
9. The vice chair shall assume the responsibilities of the chair in their absence.

Duties of the Staff Liaison

1. Coordinate committee support activities through the Chair.
2. Assist with communication between staff and committee as necessary.
3. Monitor any applicable deadlines and keep Chair advised.
4. Perform committee related support as requested by Chair.
5. Attend and keep minutes of all committee meetings. Minutes should be distributed to all committee members for approval within a reasonable time frame of the meeting.
6. Participate in committee discussions.

Duties of Committee Members

1. Attend all committee meetings.
2. Participate in committee activities and discussions. Should email discussions be utilized, all members of the committee should be included with each response as if all were sitting around the same table in one room.
3. Present any items of committee purpose that member becomes aware of.
4. Perform any responsibility delegated by Chair.