

NRHA YEAR-END AWARDS FAQs

Each year, NRHA proudly recognizes outstanding achievement across two prestigious year-end award programs—commonly known as the **Top 10** and **Top 20**.

These honors spotlight the dedication, consistency, and competitive success of our riders, owners, and horses throughout the show season.

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

The **Top 10** program recognizes year-end champions in NRHA World Title classes.

There are 17 designated classes in which riders/horses compete for a year-end championship recognition. These classes are offered in Category 1 and 3 competition and are outlined in the Year-End Awards section of the NRHA Handbook (Q. Year-End Awards).

1100 Open	1700 Novice Horse Open Level 1
1200 Intermediate Open	1750 Novice Horse Open Level 2
1301 Limited Open	1775 Novice Horse Open Level 3
1350 Rookie Professional	1800 Novice Horse Non Pro Level 1
1400 Non Pro	1850 Novice Horse Non Pro Level 2
1500 Intermediate Non Pro	1875 Novice Horse Non Pro Level 3
1600 Limited Non Pro	3100 Youth 13 & Under
1650 Prime Time Non Pro	3200 Youth 14-18
1660 Masters Non Pro	

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.

Earning a Top 10 placement represents excellence at the highest level of year-long competition and is one of NRHA's most celebrated achievements.

Top 20 = Top 20 Professionals, Non Pros and Owners

The **Top 20** program honors NRHA Professionals, Non Pros, and Owners for their cumulative success throughout the show year. Established in the mid-2000s, this year-end recognition highlights consistent achievement across a broad range of NRHA-approved competition.

Standings are based on total earnings in **Category 1–12 classes** during the calendar year and are tabulated as follows:

- **Professionals:** Open earnings only
- **Non Pros:** Non Pro, Youth earnings only
- **Owners:** All eligible earnings accumulated by horses they own

The Top 20 distinction reflects dedication, competitiveness, and sustained performance across the full season.

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 totals include Category 1 - 11
Top 200 totals include Category 2, 6, 8, and 11*