



## 2026 NRHA OCEANIA AFFILIATE CHAMPIONSHIP CONDITIONS

This program is designed for the NRHA Oceania affiliates to give them the freedom necessary to structure shows effectively to meet the needs of their members and location. In addition, this program provides a format by which the local champions can compete against their Oceania competitors for NRHA awards. It is the aim of the NRHA and the Oceania Affiliate Council for this program to increase and promote the “up-and-coming 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 2026 NRHA Oceania Affiliate Championships. If requiring immediate attention, those rights will be deferred to the Executive Committee.*

### GENERAL SHOW CONDITIONS

1. An affiliate must hold a minimum of one (1) show to qualify riders during the qualifying period. All shows must be NRHA approved and meet the requirements for approval as stated in the *NRHA Handbook*.
2. The Oceania 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 Level 1, Novice Horse Open Level 2, Novice Horse Non Pro Level 1, Novice Horse Non Pro Level 2, Youth 13 & Under, Youth 14-18, Rookie Level 1, Rookie Level 2, Prime Time Rookie, Green Reiner Level 1, and Green Reiner Level 2.
3. It is not mandatory for a show to offer all classes, but a class must be offered in at least one (1) qualifying show within each affiliate to qualify riders for the Oceania Affiliate Championships.
4. In the event a corporate sponsor is procured, the management of the Oceania Affiliate Championships must agree to abide by contract stipulations between the NRHA and said sponsors.
5. The National Reining Horse Association reserves the right to amend these conditions at any time with immediate notice of such changes being made to the recognized affiliates.
6. Qualification is based off each horse and rider pair and there can be no substitution of horse except in the following circumstances:
  - a. A qualified rider may substitute a horse for the Oceania Affiliate Championships if the qualified horse is deceased, injured and unfit for competition, or has been sold. A substitution fee of \$50 will be charged for any substitution made. Payment must be submitted to the show office prior to Oceania Affiliate Championships. In the instance that a horse has been sold, a transfer must be completed with the NRHA office. If the transfer is not available, then either a bill of sale or a letter from the agent providing proof of purchase to the new owner must be received by the NRHA office prior to the Oceania Affiliate Championships. If a horse is deceased, the NRHA office must be notified so the horse may be marked “Deceased” in ReinerSuite. If the horse is

injured and unfit for competition, a veterinarian statement showing such must be submitted to the NRHA office prior to the Oceania Affiliate Championship.

7. There can be no substitutions of a rider under any circumstances for horses who were ridden in qualifying classes.

## QUALIFICATION

1. To qualify to compete in the 2026 NRHA Oceania Affiliate Championships, there will be no other requirements other than those listed below:

The Qualification timeline will run 12 months prior to the event. The exact date of closure will be posted on the NRHA affiliate page of the NRHA website.

A rider must be a member of an NRHA Oceania Affiliate and must also have competed in at least one NRHA-approved affiliate event (does not have to be in your home state or country) in the class they wish to compete at the Championships and receive a score (At minimum a "0" - No Scores will not be considered for qualification). *Please note: Riders cannot use Oceania Affiliate Championships classes specifically as a means of qualifying. The only individuals who are required to qualify for the Oceania Affiliate Championship are those who reside on the East Coast of Australia and within 1000 kilometers round trip of a qualifying event. All other members can participate without qualifying, so long as they are a member of an NRHA Oceania affiliate and eligible for the classes they are competing in. If a rider needs a distance exemption (resides on the east coast of Australia and outside of 1000 kilometers round trip of a qualifying event), they must submit official documentation showing their name and residence to verify exemption feasibility. The Novice Horse and youth classes will not require qualification, but eligibility requirements are still in place and participants must be a member of an NRHA Oceania affiliate. If a rider attempts to qualify through an event and is obstructed due to a legitimate medical reason, they may request a qualification exemption from the NRHA Oceania Affiliate Council, providing medical documentation that supports their request. All competitors from international countries outside of Australia who are competing in the Oceania Affiliate Championship classes will not be required to qualify but must be eligible for competition.*

The NRHA will provide a list of NRHA Oceania members who have competed in NRHA Oceania events 12 months prior in each class to the Oceania Affiliate Championship host no less than 20 days from the first day of the Championships. The list of those qualified will be posted on the NRHA Affiliate page of the NRHA website, and it will be the responsibility of each affiliate to monitor if their members have paid their affiliate membership dues.

The membership requirement will be based strictly off the rider, and any horse (following NRHA rules and qualifying conditions) may be used to compete in the classes.

2. Those entries qualified for the Oceania Affiliate Championships may enter only the Championship classes in which they have qualified. **Category 1 Restricted Oceania eligibility will be used to determine rider eligibility.** Riders qualified in Non Pro classes including Rookie Level 1, Level 2 and Prime Time Rookie must have current NRHA Non Pro status to enter the Championship classes.
3. A rider may qualify more than one horse per class. However, a rider may show only three (3) horses per class at the Oceania Affiliate Championships.

## YOUTH TEAM TOURNAMENT

1. All of the Youth entries in the Oceania Affiliate Championship classes will be automatically entered into the Youth Team Tournament.
2. Youth will be separated into two categories: Youth 13 & Under and Youth 14-18.
3. On each team there will be four riders, at least one Youth 13 & Under and at least one Youth 14-18.
4. All teams will be drawn at random prior to the run of the Youth Classes after the class entries have closed.
5. These teams will be posted either online, on the show grounds, or both so they are visible for all to see.
6. If there are more riders in one division than the other, the youth will be redrawn in the division that has less riders to make up the teams for the division with more riders, and will therefore be a part of multiple teams. For Example if there are twelve 13 & Under riders and only ten 14-18, then two 14-18 riders will be redrawn at random to fill the team for the additional 13 & Under riders, and these two 14-18 riders will have their score count for two teams.
7. The lowest score in each team will be dropped.
8. Scratches will be considered the dropped score.
9. An awards ceremony with all youth present (if possible) will follow the completion of the Youth Classes and individual Youth awards ceremonies.