Show Secretary & Manager Newsletter

October 2026

Help New Exhibitors Feel at Home at Your Show

A welcoming first show experience can go a long way toward bringing exhibitors back. The NRHA Non Pro Outreach Program gives participating shows a simple way to connect newer exhibitors with experienced Non Pro members who can answer general questions, help them navigate the show environment and point them toward helpful resources. NRHA provides ready-to-use digital materials to help make those connections while remaining compliant with NRHA Non Pro Conditions.

Want to bring the program to your show? Show management teams and Non Pro members interested in participating in the fall pilot may contact kcolbath@nrha.com.

Help Your Affiliate Grow with an NRHA Catalyst Grant

As a show secretary, you see opportunities to grow participation—from welcoming new competitors to encouraging riders to return. Could your affiliate use additional funding to put those ideas into action?

The **NRHA Affiliate Catalyst Grant Program** offers competitive seed funding for new or expanded affiliate-led programs that support measurable, lasting growth. Projects could focus on attracting new members, increasing show entries, strengthening youth participation, expanding educational opportunities, or reaching your local equine community.

Applications are due October 31, 2026. Share this opportunity with your affiliate officers and consider how a grant could help your affiliate turn a promising idea into a program with lasting benefits.

NRHA provides the spark. Affiliates build the engine. Sustainable growth is the goal- Affiliate Catalyst Grant Program webpage.

NRHA Show Secretary Certification Is Moving to HorseIQ!

Beginning **November 1, 2026**, the NRHA Show Secretary Certification Program will be available online through HorseIQ. The new self-paced format will allow new applicants and renewing secretaries to complete the required course and certification exam on their own schedule—without attending a scheduled live webinar.

Certification at a Glance

- **Cost:** $100
- **Membership:** Active NRHA General membership required
- **Format:** Online and self-paced
- **Access period:** 30 days
- **Exam:** 100 questions
- **Passing score:** 80%
- **Certification period:** Two years

Once registration and membership requirements are confirmed, participants will receive access to HorseIQ. The course must be completed before the certification exam becomes available. Participants must complete the course and pass the exam within the 30-day access period.

Already certified? You do not need to renew early. Your certification will remain valid through its current expiration date. When it is time to renew, you will complete the new HorseIQ program.

[Register for NRHA Show Secretary Certification HERE]

Additional instructions will be sent to registered participants as the November 1 launch approaches. For questions, contact Kiely Larson at klarson@nrha.com

Have a suggestion for a Rule Change?

Any NRHA member in good standing may submit a Rule Change Proposal for consideration through the updated Rule Change Proposal Form.

Proposals should clearly outline the requested change and provide supporting information to help explain its purpose and potential impact.

Rule change proposals are due December 31, 2026. Proposals received by the deadline will be reviewed during 2027 and, if approved, will take effect January 1, 2028.

Rule Clarification – Corrections to Scoresheets

We would like to clarify the application of the following rule regarding corrections to scoresheets.

Mathematical or computational errors made by the judge or scribe must be identified and corrected within the timeframe established by the rule. Once results have become official and the judge has left the grounds, corrections to the judge's score sheet may not be made.

The final sentence of the rule, "Corrections to results due to inputting errors may be made any time," applies only to clerical or typographical errors made by show staff when entering results. These corrections are permitted only when they accurately reflect the judge's original score sheet and do not constitute a change to the judge's scores.

NRHA Handbook – pg. 60, P. SHOW RESULTS

> *(10) A reining will be complete and the posted scores will be considered official thirty (30) minutes following the last horse of the day. Scores must be posted or made available to exhibitors prior to the judge leaving the grounds for the day. Corrections to a judge's score sheets cannot be made once the judge leaves the grounds. Corrections to results due to inputting errors may be made any time.*