

2003-2004 NRHA EUROPEAN AFFILIATE CHAMPIONSHIP CONDITIONS

This program is designed for the NRHA European affiliates and gives them the freedom necessary to structure shows responsive to the needs of their members and location. In addition, this program provides a format by which the local champions can compete against their European competitors for NRHA awards. It is the aim of the NRHA and the NRHA International Committee for this program to increase and promote the "grass roots" reining and continue to promote our sport at all levels.

GENERAL SHOW CONDITIONS

1. The qualifying period will be June 2, 2003-May 31, 2004.
 2. A country must have an NRHA affiliate to participate.
 3. If a rider or the owner of a horse wishes to participate but resides in a country that does not have an NRHA affiliate and has less than 20 NRHA members, that rider or owner may join an NRHA affiliate in another country and participate in that country's qualifying shows, however the rider and horse will represent their country of residence at the European Affiliate Championships.
 4. An affiliate must be an NRHA Affiliate member in good standing prior to January 31, 2004 in order to participate in the 2003-2004 European Affiliate Championship.
 5. A country must hold a minimum of two (2) shows 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.
 6. The European Affiliate Championships will be held for the qualifiers from the affiliates and will be hosted by a selected affiliate.
 7. The European Affiliate Championships will offer the following classes: Open, Intermediate Open, Limited Open, Non Pro, Intermediate Non Pro, Limited Non Pro, Youth 13 & Under, Youth 14-18, and Rookie.
 8. It is not mandatory for a show to offer all classes, but a class must be offered in at least two (2) qualifying shows within each country to qualify riders for the European Affiliate Championships.
 9. In the event a corporate sponsor is procured, the management of the European Affiliate Championships must agree to abide by contract stipulations between the NRHA and said sponsors.
 10. 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.
7. Show management will be responsible for reporting a complete list of entries in each show to the NRHA office with its NRHA show results. The NRHA will be responsible for determining the class qualifiers by calculating NRHA approved monies earned.
 8. The top seven (7) riders from each country in each class offered during the qualifying period qualify to attend the Affiliate Championships. If any of the qualified riders from a country chooses to not attend the Championships, the next two highest money-earning qualified participants (not going below 9th place on the earnings list) from that country will be considered alternates and will be offered the opportunity to attend the Affiliate Championships.
 9. Those riders qualifying for the Affiliate Championships may enter only the Affiliate Championship classes in which they have qualified.
 10. If a rider qualifies in a specific class in the 2003 qualifying period but is not eligible for that class for the 2004 qualifying period, he/she is still considered to have qualified in that class and may show at the 2004 Finals in the class he/she qualified in. The exception is a Non Pro who has qualified, but has then given up Non Pro status to become a professional. This rider is not eligible to enter any Non Pro classes at the Championships.
 11. A horse may qualify in more than one class and a rider may qualify more than one horse per class. However a rider may show only three (3) horses per class at the Championships.
 12. An open rider may represent more than one country at the Championships.
 13. Each affiliate is responsible for reporting to the NRHA Office/International Committee by June 7, 2004 their membership list in order to verify eligibility of qualified riders.

RIDER QUALIFICATION

1. A rider in the Non Pro, Intermediate Non Pro, Limited Non Pro, Youth 13 & Under, Youth 14-18, or Rookie class may only qualify in the country in which they reside (live) at the beginning of each qualifying period.
 2. In Open, Intermediate Open, and Limited Open, the rider must qualify in the country in which the owner of the horse resides at the beginning of the qualifying period.
 3. Qualifying riders must be members of an NRHA affiliate and the NRHA to qualify and show in the Championships.
 4. If a rider or the owner of a horse wishes to participate but resides in a country that does not have an affiliate and has less than 20 NRHA members, that rider or owner may join another affiliate and participate in that country's qualifying shows, however the rider and horse will represent their country of residence at the European Affiliate Championships.
 5. The earnings are to be awarded on a "one horse-one rider" combination in the Non Pro, Intermediate Non Pro, Limited Non Pro, Youth 13 & Under, Youth 14-18, and Rookie. The earnings in the Open, Intermediate Open, and Limited Open are to be awarded to the horse.
 6. A horse/rider must have participated in the specific class in at least two of the qualifying shows offered in the country of residence. When this requirement is met, ALL monies earned at NRHA approved shows in Europe throughout the qualifying period will count toward his/her qualifying total for that class.
1. The European Affiliate Championships will offer a Team Competition between recognized affiliates.
 2. Each country sending riders to the Affiliate Championships is eligible to participate.
 3. Winners will be calculated based on points, not money earned.
 4. Points will be awarded based on the number of horses placing below the rider plus one (1) point. For instance, a rider who placed first in a class of 15 will be awarded 15 points, the second place rider will be awarded 14 points, etc.
 5. The top three point earners per class for each country will be used for the Teams total points per class.
 6. Special awards will be presented to the highest placing teams.