

## *Green, Ride & Slide*

***Come Play with NRHA!*** The National Reining Horse Association recently approved a revolutionary entry level program to welcome riders of all backgrounds to the Reining arena. The entry level format **begins in 2010** and provides a **fun, educational and family-oriented** ladder of competition with an **inexpensive \$20 Associate membership**. Each rung of the ladder welcomes beginning reiners to **compete with others of the same skill level** while gaining more experience. In addition, an **awards program** recognizes riders for their achievements.

The new program offers an inexpensive membership fee accompanied by a sampling of NRHA member benefits. The membership gives riders the ability to participate in this program, earn points toward a host of awards and experience NRHA activities. An even more appealing facet to this program is that **some levels do not require ownership or an NRHA competition license**. Overall, the program makes it easier to show, easier to compete at an enjoyable level and easier to develop Reining skills.

*Look at the following and find out more about these great entry level opportunities.  
We're sure there's a level perfect for you!*

## *Green Rider Classes*

### What Is a Green Rider Class?

- Recognizes achievement levels of Green Riders through the Green Rider Rewards Program. The program awards jackets and Montana Silversmiths trophy buckles at two achievement levels.
- Family oriented, fun, and educational for all ages of riders
- Exhibitors can gain more knowledge by being given the opportunity to talk to judges at the conclusion of the class

### What I Need To Show?

- Associate NRHA Membership required (Only \$20)

### What Is NOT Required To Show?

- Non Pro declarations are not required
- Competition licenses are not required
- Ownership requirements do not apply since records are not kept on horses shown in these classes

### How Does The Class Work?

- Reduced patterns are permitted
- The rider can choose to ride with one or two hands
- The rider can choose to perform either simple or flying lead changes
- Standard NRHA Rules for legal bits and attire (long sleeve shirt, hat/helmet, boots, western saddle and western bridle)
- Open to riders who have not earned \$100 in NRHA earnings or 100 points in Green Rider classes
- NRHA records are kept on riders who show in these classes in Category 10. Results do not count toward NRHA Top Ten or NRHA Year End awards.
- These classes may be held with standard NRHA shows

### GREEN REWARDS POINT STRUCTURE

#### Green Welcome Reward

Sent to all new Green Associate members

#### Green 1 Reward Level

50 points in Green Rider classes  
*Jacket*

#### Green 2 Reward Level

100 points in Green Rider classes  
*Montana Silversmith trophy buckle*

*After achieving 100 points, the rider is no longer eligible for the Green Rider class format. Points awarded based on the number of horses in the class on a sliding scale from one to ten. The point scale can be found on page 81 of the 2010 NRHA Handbook.*

## *Ride Shows*

### What Is a Ride Show?

- Often provides a less expensive place to play as entry fees should be less than a typical show
- Family oriented, fun, and educational for all ages of riders
- Exhibitors can gain more knowledge by being given the opportunity to talk to judges to talk to at the conclusion of the class

### What Do I Need To Show?

- Associate NRHA Membership required (Only \$20)

### What Is NOT Required To Show?

- Non Pro declarations are not required
- Competition licenses are not required
- Ownership requirements do not apply since records are not kept on horses shown in these classes

### How Does The Show Work?

- Reduced patterns are permitted
- The rider can choose to ride with one or two hands
- Any bridle is permitted
- Standard NRHA Rules for legal bits and attire (long sleeve shirt, hat/helmet, boots, western saddle and western bridle)
- Open to riders who have \$0 in NRHA earnings
- Pure jackpot format – No added money offered which should make entry fees lower than most current shows
- Only offers Open, Non Pro and Youth classes
- NRHA records are kept on riders who show in these classes in Category 10. Results do not count toward NRHA Top Ten or NRHA Year End awards.
- These shows may be held with standard NRHA shows

## *Slide Shows*

### What Is a Slide Show?

- Provides another level of competition between Ride Shows and more competitive NRHA approved classes like NRHA Rookie or Non Pro
- Exhibitors can gain more knowledge by being given the opportunity to talk to judges to talk to at the conclusion of the class

### What Do I Need To Show?

- Associate NRHA Membership required (Only \$20)
- Non Pro declaration to show in Non Pro (Only \$25). This declaration would still apply if the Associate member progresses to an NRHA membership.
- Competition licenses are required (Only \$30)

### What Is NOT Required To Show?

- Ownership requirements do not apply since records are not kept on horses shown in these classes

### How Does The Show Work?

- Standard NRHA Patterns and Rules around one hand on the reins
- Standard NRHA Rules for legal bits and attire (long sleeve shirt, hat/helmet, boots, western saddle and western bridle)
- Open to rider with \$500 or less in NRHA earnings and Youth with less than 50 NRHA points
- Offers less than \$500 total added money or a jackpot only format
- Only offers Open, Non Pro and Youth classes
- NRHA records are kept on riders and horses that show in these classes in Category 10. Results do not count toward NRHA Top Ten or NRHA Year End awards
- These shows may be held with standard NRHA shows

Get more information on NRHA, visit NRHA's Inside Reining on TV or sign up for updates on Entry Level "Green, Ride & Slide" Reining at [nrha.com](http://nrha.com)!

## *NRHA Affiliate Level Shows*

### What Is An NRHA Affiliate Level Show?

- This is a type of show hosted by an NRHA Affiliate
- Often provides a less expensive place to play as entry fees should be less than a typical show
- Family oriented, fun, and educational
- Exhibitors can gain more knowledge by being given the opportunity to talk to judges to talk to at the conclusion of the class

### What Do You Need To Show?

- Standard NRHA memberships are required (\$95). Current Associate members can upgrade to a standard membership for \$75.
- Non pro declarations are required to show in Non Pro
- Competition licenses are required
- Ownership requirements follow standard NRHA rules

### How Does The Show Work?

- Uses standard NRHA Patterns and Rules around one hand on the reins
- Standard NRHA Rules for legal bits and attire (long sleeve shirt, hat/helmet, boots, western saddle and western bridle)
- Can be a jackpot only show or be a \$500 total added money show
- Should have a lower entry fee than most shows since it can be held as a jackpot
- Eligibility is determined based on NRHA eligibility categories (i.e. each class offered has different eligibility levels like Non Pro, Intermediate Non Pro, Limited Non Pro, etc.)
- NRHA records are kept on riders and horses that show in these classes in standard NRHA categories. Results do not count toward NRHA Top Ten or NRHA Year End awards.

## *What Else Do I Need To Know?*

**What are Associate Member benefits?** People wishing to compete in Green, Ride or Slide classes or shows can join NRHA and participate with an Associate membership. Associate memberships are a great way to get a taste of what NRHA has to offer at a lower cost. Associate memberships are only \$20 per year, while standard NRHA memberships are \$95. Associate members receive a sampling of NRHA member benefits including a free electronic subscription to the *NRHA Reiner*, the eNRHAnewsletter and access to the "Members Only" section (*including \$10 worth of records look ups each month*), plus access to entry level opportunities like the Green Rewards Program. Associate members cannot vote in NRHA elections and cannot own horses shown in standard NRHA competition.

**Can I upgrade from an Associate membership to a standard NRHA membership?** Yes. If you have a current Associate membership, you can pay the \$75 difference to become a standard NRHA member. A standard NRHA membership is necessary if you wish to show in standard NRHA classes or wish for a horse you own to be shown in standard NRHA classes.

**Can standard NRHA members show in Green, Ride and Slide competitions?** Yes. Standard NRHA members can show in entry level classes as long as they meet the eligibility requirements for the class.

**Who will I be competing against?** You will compete against other riders who have the same or close to the same experience as you. Green, Ride and Slide shows have eligibility requirements. In a sense, this 'caps' the class at a level of competitiveness based on either NRHA earning or points.

**Who offers these shows and classes?** Green, Ride and Slide shows can be hosted by anyone who is interested. NRHA Affiliate Level shows only can be held by an official NRHA Affiliate. NRHA Affiliates are listed at [nrha.com](http://nrha.com).

**Is there a similar standard of judging used at these shows?** NRHA Judges are used at all of these shows. They all have gone through the same training and testing to be accredited as an NRHA Judge. Rules for judging can be found in the official *NRHA Handbook*.

**Do I have to use a certain type of saddle or chaps?** No. The only requirement is that riders wear a long sleeve shirt, hat (or helmet), boots; and use a western saddle and bridle.

**How do I find shows in my area?** All NRHA approved shows are listed at [nrha.com](http://nrha.com) and in the back of the *NRHA Reiner*. NRHA Affiliates also are a great contact for you to find Reining opportunities like shows, clinics, awards programs and more. You can find a list of NRHA Affiliates at [nrha.com](http://nrha.com) or by calling **405-946-7400**.

## *REQUEST TO RECEIVE UPDATES*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

*- How did you find out about the program (ex. From a friend, online at nrha.com, in Quarter Horse News, etc.) ?*

*- How are you involved with horses (ex. Trail ride, showing, breeding, media, etc.) ?*

*• If you compete, in what events or classes do you compete?  
(ex. AQHA reining, USTRC team roping, dressage, etc.)*

*• Are you a member of NRHA (or have been previously) ?*

*- What did you hear about this program that caught your interest?  
(ex. Reduced ownership requirements, reduced membership, entry level of competition, etc.)*

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