



# Western Canadian Reining Association

## **RULE BOOK**

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### 1. PURPOSE

WCRA aims to

- encourage participation at entry level as well as advanced;
- give riders at all levels the opportunity to fulfill their goals and enjoy the fun of competition;
- bring the sport of reining into the public eye;
- promote the welfare of our reining horses.

### 2. GENERAL CONDITIONS

2.1 Both owners and riders competing in WCRA approved events must be HCBC members; or if a non-resident of B.C., must show proof of insurance coverage. **WCRA membership is not required to show in WCRA classes unless horse/rider combination is competing for year-end awards or high-points.**

2.2 WCRA-approved shows are open to all breeds, grade horses, ponies, and mules (referred to in these rules as horses). Proof of ownership is required for all horses (registration papers, bill of sale, etc.).

2.3 All non-modified reining patterns (NRHA patterns 1 thru 16) will be judged according to the current NRHA Rule Book.

2.4 All beginner classes using WCRA modified patterns) will be judged according to the current NRHA Rule Book as modified by WCRA criteria. **All WCRA classes have the option to ride one or two-handed in any legal NRHA headgear.**

2.5 Payouts, when applicable, will be paid to the horse owner of record according to the current NRHA Rule Book payout schedule.

2.6 Scores will be posted as per current NRHA Rule Book.

2.7 An owner may enter more than one horse and a rider may ride more than one horse. A rider may not show more than three horses in a class (as per current NRHA Rule Book).

2.8 A horse may be entered only once per class.

2.9 Whenever possible there will be at least **eight** works between double-entered riders, in accordance with current NRHA Rule Book.

2.10 It is the responsibility of the owner and rider to be aware of his or her official earnings; and riders will be required to sign a declaration of eligibility.

2.11 NRHA rules for judging will apply to all classes, with exceptions as noted.

2.12 NRHA rules for legal headgear will apply to all classes, with exceptions as noted.

2.13 The following classes may not be jackpot classes: Open, Limited Open, Non Pro.

2.14 At all High Point approved shows there will be no entry refunds, but substitutions of horses will be allowed with a vet certificate, or riders with a doctor's note.

### 3. CLASS CONDITIONS & ELIGIBILITY

**3.1 Beginner A:** May be ridden 1 or 2 handed; running martingale optional (must be outfitted with rein stoppers); NRHA legal headgear; modified pattern with no lead changes. Restricted to riders who:

- meet the Non Pro criteria as set out in the current NRHA Rule Book,
- have not competed in a class that required a non-modified NRHA pattern (NRHA patterns 1 thru 16) to be ridden onehanded, youth class exempted,
- have not won a High Point Championship or Reserve Championship in Beginner A, Beginner B, Beginner NRHA Pattern, any Youth class, or Beginner Reiner Open, and
- have not ridden a horse to a Championship or Reserve Championship in Beginner Horse Open.

**3.2 Beginner B:** May be ridden 1 or 2 handed; running martingale optional (must be outfitted with rein stoppers); NRHA legal headgear; modified pattern with no lead changes. Restricted to riders who:

- meet the Non Pro criteria as set out in the current NRHA Rule Book,
- have not competed in a class that required a non-modified NRHA pattern (NRHA patterns 1 thru 16) to be ridden onehanded, youth class exempted,
- have not won a High Point Championship or Reserve Championship in Beginner B, Beginner NRHA Pattern, Youth, or Beginner Reiner Open, and

■have not ridden a horse to a Championship or Reserve Championship in Beginner Horse Open.

**3.3 Beginner NRHA Pattern:** May be ridden 1 or 2 handed; any NRHA approved headgear; no running martingale; to ride any NRHA pattern1 thru 16. Restricted to riders who:

- meet the Non Pro criteria as set out in the current NRHA Rule Book,
- have NIL lifetime NRHA earnings at the start of the current calendar year; and
- have not won a High Point Championship or Reserve Championship in Beginner NRHA Pattern.

**3.4 Beginner Horse Open:** any NRHA Pattern 1 through 16; may be ridden 1 or 2 handed; any NRHA-approved headgear; no running martingale. Restricted to horses with less than \$500 lifetime NRHA earnings at the start of the current calendar year.

**3.5 Beginner Reiner Open:** to ride Modified patterns 4, 5, 6, or 8 (containing no lead changes); may be ridden 1 or 2 handed; any NRHA approved headgear; no running martingale. Restricted to riders with less than \$500 lifetime NRHA earnings at the start of the current calendar year.

3.6 Novice Horse Open (1 & 2): Current NRHA rules;

3.7 Novice Horse Non Pro (1 & 2): Current NRHA rules.

3.8 Rookie (1 & 2): Current NRHA rules.

3.9 Youth: Current NRHA rules

3.10 Limited Non Pro: Current NRHA rules

3.11 Non Pro: Current NRHA rules.

3.12 Limited Open: Current NRHA rules.

3.13 Open: Current NRHA rules.

3.14 Freestyle (optional class): Current NRHA rules.

#### 4. WCRA YOUTH CLASS CRITERIA

Rules for all WCRA Youth Classes in all WCRA events:

- Helmets are required at all times (this includes warm-ups areas as well as the competition arena).
- No stallions to be handled by anyone under 18 years of age during a WCRA event.

Age groups will be split as follows:

- **WCRA Youth 10 yrs. & under:** Open to all Youth in this age group. No restrictions to ownership or to previous showing status. Can be ridden either one or two-handed in any legal NRHA headgear. Will ride the NRHA Short-Stirrup pattern "A" (\*\*this NOT to be confused with WCRA modified pattern "A").
- **WCRA Youth 11 to 13 yrs.:** Open to all Youth in this age group. No restrictions to ownership or to previous showing status. Modified pattern WCRA "A". Can be ridden either one or two-handed in any legal NRHA headgear.
- **WCRA Youth 14 to 18 yrs.:** Open to all Youth in this age group. No restrictions to ownership or to previous showing status. To ride full NRHA pattern #5. Can be ridden either one or two-handed in any legal NRHA headgear.

## 5. HIGH POINT SHOW CRITERIA

5.1 WCRA may designate as a High Point Show any show that meets the criteria set out in this Rule Book and is hosted by a WCRA chapter.

5.2 A High Point Show must offer all of the following classes:

■ **WCRA** Classes: Beginner A, Beginner B, Beginner NRHA Pattern, WCRA Beginner Horse Open, WCRA Beginner Reiner Open and **WCRA Youth classes (three age groups)**

■ **NRHA Ancillary** Classes: Open, Limited Open, Non Pro, Limited Non Pro, Novice Horse Open (Level 2), Novice Horse Non Pro (Level 2), Rookie (Level 2), Youth, Freestyle (Optional).

5.3 A WCRA High Point Show must follow the standardized WCRA format for all approved High Point Classes.

5.4 As far as possible, the rules for High Point Shows will accord with NRHA rules and this WCRA High Point Rule Book. In the event of a conflict in non NRHA-approved classes, WCRA Rules take precedence.

## 6. JUDGES

6.1 WCRA High Point Reining Shows must be judged by an NRHA Judge.

## 7. YEAR-END HIGH POINT AWARDS

7.1 WCRA High Point Awards will be determined by point tabulation from all WCRA High Point shows during the year.

7.2 The WCRA point year begins with the first WCRA High Point Show in a calendar year, and ends with the last WCRA High Point show in that year.

7.3 Both rider and owner must be a WCRA member or, if a non-resident of Canada, must hold a Non-Resident Show Pass to be eligible to collect points towards a High Point award.

7.4 High Point Awards will be awarded to the High Point Champion and Reserve Champion in each of the following classes:

■ **WCRA** Classes: Beginner A, Beginner B, Beginner NRHA Pattern, WCRA Beginner Horse Open, WCRA Beginner Reiner Open, WCRA Youth (three age groups)

■ **NRHA Ancillary** Reining Classes: Open, Limited Open, Non Pro, Limited Non Pro, Novice Horse Open (Level 2), Novice Horse Non Pro (Level 2), Rookie (Level 2), Youth, Freestyle (optional)

7.5 In the case of a tie for High Point Champion or Reserve Champion, the entry with the highest single score in that class during the year at a WCRA High Point Show will be High Point Champion or Reserve Champion and the other will move into the next position. If there still is a tie, co-Champions or co-Reserve Champions will be declared.

7.6 High Point Awards will be presented to the registered owner of the horse at the year-end awards banquet, and will be equal in value for each class, split 70% Champion (including co-Champions), and 30% Reserve Champion (including co-Reserve Champions).

## **8. POINT TABULATION**

8.1 Points will be tabulated according to the current NRHA **Youth** point system.

8.2 Points will be tabulated on each horse/rider combination.

8.3 Show **results** must be submitted to the WCRA High Point Secretary within 14 days of the competition. Failure to do so may cause the Executive to take disciplinary action.

8.4 The WCRA High Point Secretary will keep the official record of points.

8.5 High Point standings will be published regularly on the WCRA website.

## **9. FUNDING**

9.1 High Point Awards will be funded by increasing the fees in the designated High Point classes by \$5.00 for each horse/rider combination in that class.

9.2 These funds will be forwarded to WCRA and will be deposited to a separate High Point Award account.

## **10. WCRA BEGINNER PATTERNS**

- **WCRA Beginner “A”**
- **WCRA Beginner “B”**

## **11. WCRA “Modified” PATTERNS**

- **Modified NRHA 4**
- **Modified NRHA 5**
- **Modified NRHA 6**
- **Modified NRHA 8**

**Refer to these patterns and their descriptions on the following pages ...**