

NZRHA



NEW ZEALAND REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION

NZRHA Futurity Show 2012 – Rules & Guidelines

All riders in classes 9 thru 12 must be members of NZRHA – please download the membership form from our website www.reining.co.nz Non-members entering any other classes at our show, please add \$2 per class onto the entry fee.

Please clean up after your horses, you may be charged a fee if your pens or parking area are left dirty - wheelbarrows and rakes are available for use.

Entries will not be refunded unless you have a vet or doctor's certificate.

The programme may change at the discretion of NZRHA if not enough entries received.

The indoor arena will be available on Friday afternoon from approx midday right through until Saturday morning 8am, when it will need to be cleared for show preparation. There is no lighting, although you are welcome to ride in the dark if you want to. Sunset 8pm, sunrise 7am.

Rules for arena use: When the arena is open for warm-ups, it will be in half hour cycles. This means there will be half an hour where everybody does circles and spins, left circles must be done at the end you enter, right circles at the other end, spins to be worked on at the centre of circles. Next half hour fencing/stopping only. Then next half hour back to circling/spins and so forth. This is the method used by Reining Australia and it works very well for safety purposes. We are sourcing a green/red light cycle to make this easy and obvious for everybody.

Youth 14-18 and Non Pros on a Senior Horse 6 yrs and over must be ridden one handed.

Open Horse must be ridden to age of horse, refer above.

Entries in classes 9 and 10 must be ridden one handed.

Entries in classes 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8 may be ridden two handed in a snaffle regardless of the age of the horse.

Category Guidelines:

Non Pro – Eligibility for Non Pro this year will be if you hold an AQHA or NZWRF Amateur card, a photocopy of this is to be sent in with your entry please.

Prime Time Non Pro - As above plus for persons 50 years of age and older as at August 1st 2011.

Novice Horse - Horses that have not competed prior to this season in open Reining classes.

Rookie/Green Reiner - For those new to reining.

First Year Novice – for those competitors in their first competitive year of reining, must not have competed in an Open, Aged, Amateur or Senior Youth event in previous seasons. May have competed in Rookie or Junior Youth reining in previous or current season.

Open Novice - for those competitors whose average score in past Open, Aged or Amateur events has not exceeded 68. Finished horses with novice reiners are eligible for this class providing they fulfill the above criteria.

Competitors can enter First Year Novice **or** Open Novice, not both. The category you enter at the start of the season is what you are for the whole season.

7 and Up - Open to those horses 7 yrs and older.

Open Futurity - Open to 3 and 4 yr old horses.

Freestyle - only one horse allowed in arena, props, costumes and music encouraged. Pattern must contain minimum mandatory requirements of 4 consecutive spins each way, 1 flying change from left to right, 1 flying change from right to left, 3 stops. Exhibitors can use two hands (as well as one or no hands) and any approved bit. There is a 4 minute time limit that includes any introductions.

The NRHA pattern book is available to download on the Patterns/Novice section of our website.

Any queries please contact office@reining.co.nz