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## 2024- Class Descriptions & Rules

- IRHA will follow NRHA rules for all classes and horse ownership, unless noted.
- All exhibitors and horses are allowed to compete for the full year in any class for which they are eligible as of January 1st of the current year.
- It is the responsibility of the owner(s) and/or exhibitor(s) to be aware of the official earnings of the horse and rider as recorded by IRHA and NRHA.
- Per NRHA rules: Section F. General Show Conditions. #6: Exhibitors that enter and subsequently scratch a class, for any reason, after the class has been posted, will be responsible for any and all fees incurred in connection with entering that class.
- Proof of ownership for each horse (s) exhibited in an IRHA class will be required upon entry. Proof of ownership can consist of NRHA competition license, registration papers, bill of sale, brand inspection, lease (in accordance with NRHA guidelines) or any other document deemed acceptable to the NRHA.
- Individuals 18 years or younger as of January 1st of the current year are eligible for youth classes. Youth must pay for a single membership **or be listed on a family membership** to be eligible for year-end awards.
- The Intermountain Reining Horse Association will run classes and award year-end prizes in the following classes:
  - **Open / Intermediate Open / Limited Open / Novice Horse Open Level 1 & 2 & 3 / Rookie Professional**
    - Subject to general conditions as outlined in the current NRHA handbook.
    - IRHA classes will be jackpotted.
  - **Non Pro / Intermediate Non-Pro / Limited Non Pro / Novice Horse Non Pro Level 1, 2 & 3 / Prime Time Non-Pro / Masters Non-Pro**
    - Subject to general conditions as outlined in the current NRHA handbook.
    - IRHA classes will be jackpotted.
    - Prime Time Non-Pro age 50+
    - Masters Non-Pro age 60+

- **Youth Classes: 13 & Under / 14-18 / 10 & Under Short Stirrup**
  - Subject to general conditions as outlined in the current NRHA handbook.
  - IRHA classes will be jackpotted.
  
- **Rookie Level 1 & 2 & Prime Time Rookie**
  - Subject to general conditions as outlined in the current NRHA handbook.
  - Eligibility is based on NRHA eligibility.
  - IRHA classes will be jackpotted.
  - Prime Time Rookie age 50+
  
- **Green Horse - Open & Non-Pro**
  - To be eligible for this class, horses cannot have shown before January 1st of the current year.
  - Horses may be shown 2 handed in any legal bit.
  - This class will be jackpotted.
  
- **Mares - Open & Non-Pro**
  - Open to all mares, regardless of age.
  - Horses must be shown one handed in any legal bit.
  - This class **will not** be jackpotted.
  
- **Not-Mares - Open & Non-Pro**
  - Open to all stallions and geldings, regardless of age.
  - Horses must be shown one handed in any legal bit.
  - This class **will not** be jackpotted.
  
- To be eligible for class prizes and year-end awards, exhibitors and/or owners must be current IRHA members in good standing. Eligibility will be determined at the time the class begins, and points **will not be awarded retroactively**.
  
- Exhibitors must compete in the same class a minimum of 3 of the 4 shows to be eligible for year-end awards.
  
- For exhibitors who show in a class at all 4 shows, your top three placings of those 4 shows will be used when calculating placement for year-end awards.
  
- Year-end prizes will be awarded to the owner-of-record of the horse at the completion of the IRHA show year.
  
- Points will be awarded using the current NRHA Youth Point System.
  
- In the event of ties in any of these IRHA classes, there will be no run-offs.

- **Greener than Grass**
  - Open to new exhibitors only - those who have never shown in a reining class before.
  - Subject to general conditions as outlined in the current NRHA handbook Green Reiner Level 1 & 2.
  - This class **will not** be jackpotted.
  - In the event of a tie, there will be no run off for IRHA classes.
  - Points will be awarded as follows:
    - 8 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place
    - 7 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> place
    - 6 points for 3<sup>rd</sup> place
    - And so on, through 8<sup>th</sup> place, which receives 1 point
    - Plus, one half point (1/2) for each horse you place above
  - Buckle Award
    - Upon the accumulation of fifty (50) points, the exhibitor will be deemed a “graduate” and the IRHA Greener Than Grass buckle will be awarded. The exhibitor will no longer be eligible for the IRHA Greener Than Grass class.
  - Greener than Grass Championship
    - All current year graduates will be eligible to compete in the Greener Than Grass Championship class.
    - Championship class will be held during the last show of the current season.
    - In the event of a tie, there will be no run off. Winners will be declared co-champions and each will receive a championship trophy.
- **All class rules and descriptions are subject to change, without notice, upon approval of the IRHA Board of Directors.**