

## IRHA Championship Saddle Shootouts

- New in 2024, the IRHA is excited to announce that we have replaced the year-end saddle award with the First Annual Championship Saddle Shootout, to be held in conjunction with the Noel Skinner Memorial Show in Heber City, UT. Saddles will be awarded in the Open, Non-Pro, Rookie and Youth Classes.
  - Shootouts will be held after the running of all Qualifying Classes for each saddle.
  - Upon the conclusion of each Qualifying Class, point totals for all shows will be tallied, and the 5 highest point earners, plus ties, in each class will be eligible for a shootout, to determine the winner of the class saddle.
  - The Shootout shall be a “clean slate” format, in which the high score wins the saddle.
  - In the event of a tie, there will be a runoff to determine the winner. Only one (1) saddle will be awarded.
  
- Qualifying Classes: Saddles will be awarded in the Open, Non-Pro, Rookie and Youth classes. Qualifying Classes for each include the following IRHA classes:
  - Open
    - Open
    - Intermediate Open
    - Limited Open
    - Note: Points are awarded to the horse (not the horse-rider combination)
  - Non-Pro
    - Non-Pro
    - Intermediate Non-Pro
    - Limited Non-Pro
    - Note: Points are awarded to the horse-rider combination
  - Rookie
    - Rookie Level 1
    - Rookie Level 2
    - Note: Points are awarded to the horse-rider combination
  - Youth
    - Youth 13 and Under
    - Youth 14-18
    - Note: Points are awarded to the horse-rider combination
  
- To be eligible for year-end saddle shootouts, 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 Qualifying Class at a minimum of 3 of the 4 shows to be eligible for the saddle shootout.
  - The top 5 for each Qualifying Class shall be determined based upon point totals of 3 runs.
  - For exhibitors who show in a Qualifying Class at all 4 shows, your lowest placing of those 4 shows will be dropped when calculating eligibility for the saddle shootout.
  
- Horses or Horse-Rider combinations that qualify in multiple Qualifying Classes for one saddle shall only have one slot (run) in the Shootout.

- For example, if you are in the top 5 for Intermediate Non-Pro and Limited Non-Pro, you will be eligible for one run in the Non Pro Shootout.
- Saddles will be awarded to the horse's owner-of-record at the completion of the Shootout.