

SHOW TIPS FOR NEW REINERS

NRHA Class Eligibility

From the 2007 NRHA Rulebook page 31

"Class Eligibility is based on the rider's and/or the horse's earnings as of January 1 of the current NRHA year.

It is the responsibility of the owner and/or rider to be aware of the official earnings of the horse and/or rider as recorded by NRHA. When the limits of eligibility are surpassed during the show year, the exhibitor can complete the year in that specific class or division. Any rider participating in a class or division in which he/she (or the horse he/she is riding) is not eligible will be fined \$25 for the first offense....."

It is amazing how fast your earnings can add up! When a rider makes an error and shows in a class which he/she is not eligible in the rider will receive a fine from NRHA, will have to return any winnings as well as prizes, ribbons and trophies. The best way to avoid this is to err on the side of caution. Don't assume you are eligible – by checking your earnings at the beginning of the year you can save yourself from being in violation of the rules.

The NRHA site has the eligibility lists for the Non Pro and Open classes but if you need to determine if you are still eligible for Rookie you will have to go to the "Members Only" section of the site and look up your actual earnings.

All NRHA members have access to their earnings by logging onto the NRHA "Members Only" section of the site. To log on you will need your NRHA membership number and a PIN number. You can print out a report on your personal earnings and your horse's earnings. Remember your eligibility is determined by earnings prior to the start of the year. If you have checked the NRHA site and are still unsure you can always contact NRHA and ask them to help you out.

Good Luck in the Show Pen and Have Fun!