



2024 SFRHA RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. General Guidelines

- a. The SFRHA Rules and Regulations shall mirror NRHA rules and pertain to all sanctioned NRHA classes. All NRHA classes offered at SFRHA events are run in accordance with NRHA rules.
- b. Beginning in 2024, all SFRHA classes will follow NRHA ownership and eligibility rules.
- c. Rider must be a current SFRHA member to compete in the SFRHA Youth Shootout, Green Spectacular, or Rookie Spectacular.
- d. **SFRHA Class Ties:** All ties for SFRHA club classes will be broken with a coin toss.
- e. **SFRHA All Ages:** Competitors may only compete in SFRHA All Ages division for one (1) season.

II. Year-End Award Program

The South Florida Reining Horse Association (SFRHA) will offer its members year-end awards based on qualifying criteria to be established from time to time and documented by the Board of Directors in the SFRHA Rules and Regulations. Such qualifying criteria will be presented to the membership prior to the first show of each year and will be available in the office at each show and posted on the SFRHA web site.

The 2024 Year-End Award Program criteria are as follows:

- a. The **owners** and **riders** of horses competing in SFRHA club classes must be **current** members of the SFRHA in good standing for the points earned to count toward eligibility for year-end awards. SFRHA memberships expire at the end of each year and must be renewed at the start of every show season. **Points are counted from the show at which the owner and rider submit their membership application to the end of the award year. A member must submit their application before the show office closes on the last day of the show weekend to ensure their points are counted towards year-end awards from that particular show.**

b. Points are counted from **both** SFRHA and NRHA slates run during each show, such that each show offers two separate slates for riders to compete in for year-end points.

c. To be eligible for SFRHA year-end awards, members must show in 50% plus one of all SFRHA and NRHA days/slates. For 2024, which has 10 total slates for the season, members must compete in at least 6 slates to be eligible for year-end awards.

d. All division points shall be awarded on a one horse, one rider combination, except for Open divisions for which points will be counted per horse.

e. **Year-end Award Points shall be awarded to the following Qualified Divisions:**

- i. Open
- ii. Intermediate Open
- iii. Limited Open
- iv. Rookie Professional
- v. Non Pro
- vi. Intermediate Non Pro
- vii. Limited Non Pro
- viii. Prime Time Non Pro
- ix. Masters Non Pro
- x. Novice Horse Open Level 1
- xi. Novice Horse Open Level 2
- xii. Novice Horse Non Pro Level 1
- xiii. Novice Horse Non Pro Level 2
- xiv. Rookie 1
- xv. Rookie 2
- xvi. Prime Time Rookie
- xvii. Youth 13 and Under
- xviii. Youth 14-18
- xix. Short Stirrup
- xx. Green 1
- xxi. Green 2
- xxii. Prime Time Green

f. To be eligible for Non Pro awards, the Non Pro exhibitor must hold an NRHA Non Pro Exhibitor card for the entire show year and be in good standing with NRHA and SFRHA.

g. To be eligible for Youth awards, the Youth exhibitor must be a qualified Youth member of NRHA and be in good standing with NRHA and SFRHA.

h. SFRHA Year-End Awards will be awarded to the Champion and Reserve Champion, in the Qualified Divisions listed above.

i. SFRHA year-end points will be calculated in accordance with the following rules. Points awarded will be based on the number of horses that are actually competing in the specific class, excluding the number of horses entered but scratched from competition. No points will be given to any entrant who receives a “No Score” or a score of zero, however the entrant will be marked as having competed in that slate. Points are awarded on one horse, one rider combination adding one (1) point for each horse competing.

j. If a tie for a year-end award exists, the award shall go to the horse and rider combination that has won the most head-to-head competitions during the show year. If the tie is still not broken, then a flip of the coin shall be used to break the tie.

III. SFRHA Green Reiner Program

The purpose of the SFRHA Green Reiner Program is to provide new reiners the opportunity to become acquainted with the basic reining skills in a competitive yet friendly environment.

a. The only eligibility restrictions for participation in the Green Reiner Program are that the rider and the owner of the horse be current members of SFRHA and that the rider have little or no prior NRHA sanctioned reining experience. Any rider who has won more than \$200.00 lifetime in NRHA competition is not qualified for the Green Reiner program. Although it is highly recommended that the rider have access to a well-trained horse, there are no restrictions placed upon the ownership, breed, age, training, licensing, or prior ring experience of the horse.

b. The SFRHA Green Reiner Program has two levels increasing in complexity, Green Reiner I & Green Reiner II, building upon the skills learned in the lower level. Progression through the levels is automatic based upon each individual's accumulation of Green Reiner points. Green Reiner points are awarded according to the NRHA Green Point Scale:

- i. Number of horses actually competing; excluding the number of horses entered but scratched from competition. There shall not be a cap placed on the number of points able to be earned in any one class.
 - ii. Neither a no score nor a 0 are eligible to receive points in a Green Reiner class; however this does not alter the scale of points for placing.
 - iii. For example: If 20 horses compete in Green Reiner, 1st will receive 20 points, 2nd will receive 19 points, 3rd will receive 18 points, etc.
 - iv. Should a competitor cross enter Green Reiner I & II, any points earned will be applied to the total points. For instance, a competitor earns 150 points in Green Reiner I and 75 points in Green Reiner II, the sum of those points will automatically graduate the competitor to being only eligible for Green Reiner II for the following year.
- c. **Green Reiner I:** An accumulation of 200 green points / \$200 / 75 youth points (exclude SS) earns the competitor a certificate and moves the exhibitor from Green Reiner I to Green Reiner II.
- d. **Green Reiner II:** An accumulation of 350 green points / \$350 / 175 youth points (excludes SS).
- e. The Green Reiner may enter and receive Green Reiner points and earnings from other classes; however, the Green Reiner will be judged in these classes based upon the

requirements of that class. Points will be calculated based upon the Green Reiner computation noted above.

- i. For example if you ride in any other classes than Green, the points and earnings will count towards your Green Reiner Points and Earnings.
- f. The exhibitor remains eligible for Green Reiner I for the remainder of the year in which the exhibitor earns their 200 points and/or \$200.00 in earnings. The Green Reiner II remains eligible for the Program for the remainder of the year in which they reach 350 points and/or \$350.00 in earnings.