



Youth Handbook

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Before the Show

Youth Team Tournament (YTT)

Make sure that your show representative has received Youth Team Tournament buckles for the 1st place team (some ARCs may receive certificates) and medallions for teams 1st-5th

- Youth who compete in the YTT are eligible to apply for the NRHyA Affiliate Regional Scholarship. This is replacing the YTT Scholarship. It is due on December 15. Please provide printed copies and encourage members to visit nrhya.com for the scholarship application.
- Assign someone to help with the draw & score-keeping during the tournament other than the NRHA representative. Review the procedures prior to the event so that any questions can be asked to Sara prior to the event.

Youth Gathering

The goal of the youth gathering is to create fellowship, educate NRHyA members about programs, elect 2023 NRHyA Delegates and discover which past delegates would like to run for NRHyA Officer.

1. Work with show management to schedule a meeting time, place and provide snacks and/or refreshments for the meeting
2. Meeting should be held prior to youth classes but after youth entries have closed (or as close as possible) to facilitate Youth Team Tournament Draw. Do NOT schedule the youth meeting where it has any risk of being held during Youth classes, or Green/Rookie if possible since so many youth compete in those as well.
3. Date, time, and location of the meeting should be promoted as much as possible using the PA system, word of mouth, social media and flyers. If you have the date/time decided a week prior to the event reach out to Sara for help with promotion to NRHyA social media handles.
4. NRHyA will reimburse up to \$200 for refreshment/snack expenses for the youth meeting with an emailed receipt (Food always helps bring kids, especially pizza or ice cream).
5. Contact Regional Delegates, Affiliate Youth Board Members and NRHyA National Officers (if there are any in your region) to assist with meeting (the list of 2021 NRHyA delegates will be provided)
6. Play fun games or activities during the meeting to encourage youth to talk to one another. Contact Sara (shonegger@nrha.com) for ideas prior to the meeting.
7. Print the delegate election ballots so you can provide them and pens during the meeting.

During the Show

Youth Team Tournament

1. Review the conditions found in the Youth Team Tournament Tab with enough time to Call Sara with any questions prior to the beginning of the event.
2. Hold draw prior to the youth meeting if possible. This will allow you to announce teams at the gathering.
3. Confirm announcer has scripts for Youth Team Tournament including awards scripts. Provide a list of teams and results.
4. Ask show photographer to get a picture of 1st and 2nd place teams.
5. Make sure ALL youth team tournament participants receive a copy of the scholarship application. Extra copies are located within binder.

Remind them scholarships are due by December 15.

Youth Gathering

- Follow agenda under the Youth Meeting Tab
- Take good quality photos of new regional delegates and send to youth@nrha.com

Have fun and encourage members to attend, participate and interact!

ARC Youth Coordinator Return Checklist

Dear Youth Affiliate Coordinator:

Please return the following items to the NRHA office **within 7 days** of your Affiliate Regional Championship.

Please email the information to:

NRHyA- Sara Honegger
shonegger@nrha.com

- Email head shots of newly elected regional delegates to youth@nrha.com.
- Two completed delegate packets.
- List of youth interested in running for an NRHyA Officer position.
- Any Buy A Pro Contracts
- Photos taken during youth events may be emailed to youth@nrha.com.

Thank you for your hard work as an Affiliate Youth Coordinator! The NRHyA is grateful for your dedication to youth programs. Because of you, our youth are inspired to participate and be involved!

Youth Gathering

ARC Youth Gathering Agenda

A. Introduce delegates, officers and guests

B. Ice Breaker Game

C. Highlight NRHyA Programs

1. Scholarships

a. More than \$40,000 in scholarships are awarded yearly to active NRHyA members

2. Leadership opportunities

** Ask if there are any delegates/officers (past or present) at the gathering to discuss their experience and then add to whatever they do not cover.

a. Regional Delegates and National Officers

b. Officers get the opportunity to travel the country to fun shows and events

c. Looks great on college and job/internship applications

d. Fun, exclusive activities at NRHA major events

3. Varsity Reining Club (More information on separate sheet of paper)

a. Easy way to earn prizes & scholarships for activities you already do

* All you have to do is sign up, log in and submit!

D. Youth Team Tournament

1. Ideally the draw would be complete before the meeting. Announce the teams here.

2. Youth should get together at the meeting and select an appropriate team name. This can wait until the end to avoid chaos and allow them to do it while snacking/hanging out.

E. Fundraiser - Buy A Pro

1. Ask NRHA Professionals to donate 2-lesson packages to an auction for 2023

2. 15% of all proceeds go back to your affiliate

3. Grab some contracts and take them around your ARC to get Professionals to donate. It will ultimately benefit your affiliate!

F. Delegate Elections:

It's easy! Flexible enough to fit into your school and show schedule

1. Regional Delegates – They have a super important job!

a. Members elect 2 from each region

b. Work with NRHyA Officers to share information about what's going on in NRHyA at local levels.

c. Help make an impact at a local level by supporting engagement and encouraging new members.

Youth must be an NRHyA Delegate for one year before running for an NRHyA Officer position. If you can see yourself serving as an officer, don't wait until it is too late to run for delegate.

2. Conduct Elections

a. Ask who would like to run for delegate

b. Write names down and their age

c. Conduct candidate speeches

** Remind everyone that although this is an informal speech, they should take their vote seriously and be respectful to those taking a risk to get in front of everyone. Ask potential NRHyA Delegates to introduce themselves and why they want to be a delegate

d. After speeches have concluded, pass out ballots.

e. Tell present members that they will vote for at least one 14-18 delegate. Any age group can fill the remaining seat.

f. Voters MUST be a current NRHA member

Newly elected delegates need to stay briefly after meeting to fill out paperwork.

g. Count up votes and announce who won the election. You can always have them break for snacks and reconvene to hear the winners, or have them mingle/wait for you to count.

h. Congratulate the elected delegates (Make it a big deal!)

i. New delegates are handed paperwork to fill out, take their photo before they leave the meeting.

G. What do you do as an NRHyA Officer?

1. Advocate for the NRHyA, represent the sport of reining at different events around the country with officer travel paid by NRHyA including the Futurity, Derby and AQHA YES Conference.

2. Promote NRHyA on a global level

3. Receive networking and leadership opportunities that are unmatched

4. Make networking connections that last a lifetime

5. Looks awesome on scholarship, college and job applications.

6. ANNOUNCE that any past delegates need to let you know if they'd like to run for officer and mark it on the provided document to return to Sara at NRHA

**** Feel free to give Sara's contact info for anyone who needs more info/encouragement**

Dismiss meeting to mingle/eat/hang out/name teams etc.

NRHyA Delegate Election Ballot

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<u>Cell Phone and Parent Cell Phone</u>	
<u>Email</u>	
<u>Age</u>	
<u>Grade</u>	
<u>Years Reining</u>	
<u>Other Disciplines / Hobbies</u>	
<u>Cinch/Cruel Girl Shirt Size</u>	
<u>Awards / Accomplishments Outside NRHA</u>	
<u>Talents/ Interests & Extracurricular Activities</u>	
<u>How did you hear about being a delegate?</u>	

Please list five of your favorite things: For example: food, color, hobby, movies, etc.

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Yes! I'm interested in running for an NRHyA Officer position!

Name	Phone Number	Email Address

NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

Article IV. Election of Officers

Section 2. Officer Elections: NRHyA Officer team members must have served as a Regional Delegate or Officer at least one year before running for association office. All candidates must meet the minimum officer/delegate eligibility requirements set forth yearly by the NRHyA Officer team and approved by the NRHA Youth Committee.

Additionally, all candidates must be a minimum of fourteen (14) years of age and no older than eighteen (18) years of age on January 1 of the year they are elected to serve. Youth members will vote for Officers through the ballot process. The election of officers shall be held at a general membership meeting of the Association at the time and place designated by the NRHA Executive Committee Directors.

Any youth wishing to serve as President or Vice President must have served a minimum of one year on the NRHyA Association Officer team prior to being elected President or Vice President.

Deadline to notify NRHA is November 1.

Youth

Team

Tournament

2023 Youth Team Tournament Procedures

The Draw:

- Ask the show office for the final entry sheet for the youth 13 & under ancillary and affiliate and the 14-18 ancillary and affiliate classes.

- Put all the 14 -18 names in one pool and all the 13 & under in another. Add the total number of entries

for both classes and divide by 4. Draw this number of teams first. **(If a rider is entered on more than**

1 horse they will be drawn multiple times for their multiple entries.)

- **Draw 1 team member from each age group per team, then combine the two age groups and fill the remaining two spots on each team.**

- **Draw one name from 14-18 and one from 13 & under for each team. All teams must consist of at**

least one 14-18 member and one 13 & under member.

- Record each name on the team draw sheet.

- If either pool of names runs out before the other, put all the names from each group together and continue to draw until everyone is on a team. Some riders will be on more than one team. Remaining riders will create new teams with riders who have already been drawn. Please make sure that each team consist of at least (1) 14-18 rider and (1) 13 & under rider.

- Once all the teams have been selected, have the youth get together with their team and come up with

a team name to be announced during the class.

- Late entries will create an entirely new team. Once the teams have been announced or posted they are NOT to be changed.

- Post a listing of teams in a highly visible area.

Placing the Teams:

- Record the score for each member on the respective line on the team draw sheet. The announcer's

stand is a good place to do this so scores can be confirmed.

- At the conclusion of the youth classes, add all team scores and drop the lowest score from each team and have a second person double-check the results.

- Place the teams 1- X.

- If there is a run-off, use the original score for both participants.

- An explanation of the procedures for ties is explained in the Conditions.

Awards:

- 1st place team – Buckles and medallions

- 2nd – 5th place teams– Medallions

- If additional prizes are provided please recognize donors during awards.

- Get a picture of 1st & 2nd place teams.

2023 NRHyA Youth Team Tournament Terms & Conditions

General

- The NRHA Youth Team Tournament Scholarship Reining will be held at the NRHA Affiliate Regional Championship shows.
- This contest should be added to any and all show promotion. The team draw time should also be posted and participants should be entered before teams are drawn.
- Riders must be members of NRHA, and participating horses must have NRHA competition licenses.
- Definition of youth: A youth competitor shall be defined as stated in the current NRHA Handbook.
- NRHA ownership rules will apply. (NRHA Handbook, Youth Show Rules and Regulations, A, 3-4.)
- Note: NCEA rules may prohibit collegiate youth from accepting awards. Show Secretary should provide a box on entry form that will notify NRHA Representative, Regional Youth Representative or Show Secretary that these individuals cannot compete in Youth Team Tournament, or accept prizes.

Team Selection

- Any state, regional, national breed association or group can send members to participate in the team tournament (examples: breed associations, NRHA affiliates, individual stables or farms, and/or service organizations).
 - Eligible youth classes to draw from are as follows:
 - Youth 13 & Under
 - Youth 14-18
 - Youth Rookie (18 & Under) *exemption from NRHA rider/ownership rules.
 - Not eligible youth classes:
 - 10 & Under (Short Stirrup)
 - Unrestricted youth
 - Each team will consist of four (4) members, at least one of which shall meet qualifications of 13 & under youth competition. If there are no 13 or under competing, teams will consist only of 14-18 competitors, vice-versa if there are no 14-18 competitors.
 - If all 13 & under competitors in the class have been exhausted to create a team, all 13 & under competitor's names will be put in a hat and a competitor's name will be drawn to complete a team without a 13 or under competitor. In the event two riders are needed to complete a team, the same process will be used to select the 14-18 competitors.
 - The affiliate youth coordinator will randomly select the teams prior to the youth classes at the competition.
- Team members will not be required to be qualified for the Affiliate Finals but must be entered in either age division of the youth classes and or affiliate finals youth classes. Each team will be required to have a name to promote team spirit.
- All youth riders are to be placed on teams, even late entries. Teams that have been formed, posted, or announced should not be changed. No rider should be deleted from a team unless that rider removes herself or himself voluntarily. Additional teams may be added to accommodate late entries until the beginning of the class, and before the first youth rider enters the show pen. A random draw may be used to complete the team. The announcer, prior to the first rider, must announce the addition of new teams and list the team members aloud.
 - The new teams should be added to the posted teams as soon as they are formed.

2023 NRHyA Youth Team Tournament Terms & Conditions Cont.

Scoring and Placing

- Judging will be done according to the current NRHA Handbook.
- The total score of all team members will comprise the team score then the lowest score will be dropped. The Youth Team Tournament will run concurrently with the NRHA youth reining classes, allowing exhibitors to enter and participate in both.
- The Top Ten teams will be placed
- Placing for any ties for teams placing one through three will be determined by using the scores of the highest scoring team members. If a tie remains, the next highest scores will be used. If the tie cannot be broken in this manner, a coin toss will determine the winner.

Scholarships

- Scholarship awards will total \$1,800.00 per tournament and will be allocated as follows:
- A scholarship application should be provided to all YTT participants by the affiliate youth coordinator. YTT participants are to fill out the application and return it to the NRHA office by December 15. Scholarship applications will be evaluated and awarded as one (1) \$1,000 scholarship and one (1) \$800 scholarship.