

# NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION

## Statement of Policy

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### NRHA Affiliates

1. NRHA recognizes the following types of affiliates:
  - a. National Association Affiliates**
    - i. Only one affiliate per country will be recognized as a “National Association Affiliate” (NAA).
    - ii. Must have one hundred (100) members in good standing with NRHA at the time of application.
    - iii. At least four (4) NRHA-approved events and/or two Top Ten Events with \$5,000 or more added must be held within each respective country, during the previous calendar year. All NAA reining events must be NRHA-approved.
    - iv. NAA Status may be reviewed by the NRHA Board of Directors and terminated at any time in the best interest of NRHA and its members.
  - b. Developing Affiliates**
    - i. Only available to associations located outside of the United States.
    - ii. Must have ten (10) members that are in good standing with NRHA at the time of application.
    - iii. Annually host a minimum of one (1) publicized reining activity or an NRHA-approved event.
    - iv. Developing Affiliate status is limited to 5 consecutive years.
    - v. Status may be reviewed by the NRHA Board of Directors and terminated at any time in the best interest of NRHA and its members.
  - c. Regional Affiliates**
    - i. Must have twenty-five (25) members that are in good standing with NRHA at the time of application.
    - ii. Each affiliate must hold at least one full ancillary show per year.
    - iii. Status may be reviewed by the NRHA Board of Directors and terminated at any time in the best interest of NRHA and its members.
2. No more than one (1) affiliate will be sanctioned within a 50-mile radius. Affiliates in good standing have first priority.
3. All new affiliate applications will be presented to the NRHA Board of Directors for approval. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
4. All affiliate renewals are due by January 31. The application must be completed with all the information listed to be considered.
5. If the application is outstanding or Affiliate officers are not current members in good standing by March 1, Affiliate status will be annulled, and that geographical area will become available for the formation of a new affiliate. After March 1, an annulled Affiliate may apply to be reinstated by paying a reinstatement fee and submitting a

completed affiliate application. Affiliate status will be re-established pending approval of the NRHA Board of Directors.

6. Affiliates who let their affiliate status lapse for a year must reapply as a new affiliate.
7. Each NRHA Affiliate must have on file with NRHA a properly executed NRHA Agreement of Affiliation as prepared by the Affiliate Committee and approved by the NRHA Board of Directors. Additionally, the affiliate must also send annual dues to NRHA as set by the Board of Directors and otherwise comply with the NRHA Rules and Regulations.
8. All NRHA Affiliate officers must be members in good standing with NRHA at the time of application.
9. Affiliation with NRHA is a privilege, not a vested right, and is granted or rejected at NRHA's discretion on an annual basis according to its procedures and requirements.
10. All affiliate associations are required to have Bylaws. If an affiliate does not have a specific set of Bylaws written on its behalf, it must adopt the Bylaws of NRHA. All affiliates are required to have either their Bylaws, together with any and all amendments, or a proper resolution adopting the NRHA Bylaws for themselves on file with NRHA. All affiliates are required to follow the rules as outlined in the *NRHA Handbook*. Prior to becoming an affiliate, the Bylaws of the new affiliate must be approved by the Executive Committee. Any subsequent changes in the Bylaws of the affiliate must be approved by the Executive Committee.
11. No affiliate association shall have, in any manner, the authority, express or implied, to act for, or bind, NRHA in any manner.
12. NRHA does not assume responsibility for the acts or omissions of its affiliate associations, their officers, directors, employees, or any other of their representatives.
13. Within one year, affiliates will be expected to develop and maintain a website to communicate with their members and with NRHA. All affiliate websites will be linked to the NRHA website.
14. In support of the International Affiliate Program, NRHA will:
  - a. Rebate to the NAA fifty percent (50%) of NRHA's show fees for every show that is NRHA approved and held either inside that country's geographic borders or run under the auspices of that NAA.