



2026 SFRHA RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. General Guidelines

- a. The South Florida Reining Horse Association (SFRHA) Rules and Regulations shall mirror NRHA rules and pertain to all sanctioned NRHA classes.
- b. All NRHA classes offered at SFRHA events are run in accordance with NRHA rules.
- c. All SFRHA classes will follow NRHA ownership and eligibility rules.
- d. SFRHA memberships expire at the end of each calendar year.
- e. **Both rider and owner** must be current SFRHA members to enable rider to compete for buckles and special prizes in the SFRHA Youth Shootout, Green Spectacular, and Rookie Spectacular, and the High Point and Saddle Series.
- f. **SFRHA Class Ties:** All ties for SFRHA club classes will be broken with a coin toss.
- g. **SFRHA All Ages:** Competitors may only compete in SFRHA All Ages division for **one** show season.

II. SFRHA Year-End Awards

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 website.

The 2026 Year-End Awards criteria are as follows:

- a. **Qualified Divisions:**
 - i. Year-End Awards will be awarded to the Champion and Reserve Champion in the following Qualified Divisions:
 - 1. Open
 - 2. Intermediate Open
 - 3. Limited Open
 - 4. Rookie Professional
 - 5. Non Pro
 - 6. Intermediate Non Pro
 - 7. Limited Non Pro
 - 8. Prime Time Non Pro

9. Masters Non Pro
10. Legends Non Pro
11. Novice Horse Open Level 1
12. Novice Horse Open Level 3
13. Novice Horse Non Pro Level 1
14. Novice Horse Non Pro Level 3
15. Rookie 1
16. Rookie 2
17. Prime Time Rookie
18. Youth 13 and Under
19. Youth 14-18
20. Short Stirrup
21. Green 1
22. Green 2
23. Prime Time Green

b. Eligibility:

- i. The **owner and rider** must be current members of the SFRHA in good standing for the points earned by the rider 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. 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 show.**
- ii. To be eligible for SFRHA Year-End Awards, members must show in 50% plus one of all SFRHA and NRHA days/slates. For 2026, which has 10 qualifying slates for the season, members must compete in **at least 6 slates** to be eligible for Year-End Awards. *****The January New Year's Jackpot Show does not count toward Year-End Awards for 2026*****
- iii. All Qualified Divisions follow NRHA eligibility and ownership rules.

c. Year-End Points:

- 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.
- ii. Points are counted from both SFRHA and NRHA slates run during each show.
- iii. 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.

- iv. If a tie for a Year-End division exists, the award will 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 Saddle Series

Beginning in 2026, SFRHA will award trophy saddles in the SFRHA Saddle Series 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 website.

The 2026 Saddle Series criteria are as follows:

a. Qualified Divisions:

- i. A Saddle Series Trophy Saddle will be awarded to the Champion in the following Qualified Divisions:
 - 1. Limited Open
 - 2. Limited Non Pro
 - 3. Rookie 2
 - 4. Green 2
 - 5. Youth 14-18

b. Eligibility:

- i. The **owner and rider** must be current members of the SFRHA in good standing for the points earned by the rider to count toward eligibility for the Saddle Series. 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 and the rider pays the Saddle Series Entry Fee. 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 the Saddle Series from that show.**
- ii. To enter the 2026 Saddle Series, the rider must pay a **\$150 Entry Fee per Qualified Division**. For example, a rider who wants to compete for a saddle in both the Rookie 2 and Limited Open divisions must pay \$300. Riders may enter as many Qualified Divisions as they are eligible for pursuant to NRHA ownership and eligibility rules.
- iii. To be eligible for the SFRHA Saddle Series Trophy Saddle, members must show in **at least 7 slates** in 2026. *****The January New Year's Jackpot Show does not count toward the Saddle Series for 2026*****

iv. All Qualified Divisions follow NRHA eligibility and ownership rules.

c. **Saddle Series Points:**

- i. SFRHA Saddle Series 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.
- ii. Points are counted from both SFRHA and NRHA slates run during each show.
- iii. All division points shall be awarded on a one horse, one rider combination.
- iv. If a tie for a Saddle Series Trophy Saddle 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.

IV. SFRHA High Point Series

Beginning in 2026, SFRHA will award prizes in the SFRHA High Point Series 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 website.

The 2026 High Point Series criteria are as follows:

a. **Qualified Divisions and Shows:**

- i. High Point Awards will be awarded to the High Point Champions in the following Qualified Divisions and Shows:
 1. **February 2026** – Non Pro, Intermediate Non Pro, Limited Non Pro
 2. **March 2026** – Short Stirrup, Youth 13&U, Youth 14-18
 3. **May 2026** – Rookie 1, Rookie 2, and PT Rookie
 4. **November 2026** – Green 1, Green 2, and PT Green

b. **Eligibility:**

- i. The **owner and rider** must be current members of the SFRHA in good standing as of the Qualified Show for the rider to be eligible for the High Point Series.
- ii. All Qualified Divisions follow NRHA eligibility and ownership rules.

c. **High Point Champions:**

- i. For each Qualified Division, High Point Champions will be determined by the highest combined score from both the SFRHA and NRHA slates run at the Qualified Show.

- ii. Points shall be calculated based on a one horse, one rider combination.
- iii. If a tie for a High Point Award exists, then a flip of the coin shall be used to break the tie.

d. 2026 High Point Awards:

- i. Each High Point Champion will receive a certificate for one free stall, which may be redeemed at any regular show during the 2026 show season. Certificates may not be used at the August 2026 Futurity and Derby Show. Certificates will expire at the end of the 2026 season, with the exception of certificates awarded to Youth High Point Champions in November 2026, who will have until the first show of the 2027 show season to redeem their certificates. Certificates are non-transferable and cannot be redeemed for cash or other prizes.

V. 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.