

# INTERMOUNTAIN REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION

## CLASS DESCRIPTIONS AND RULES

\*All rules are based on standing as of January 1, 2012

\*All riders and horses are allowed to compete for the full year in any class that they qualify for as of January 1, 2012 with the exception of greener than Grass.

\*All owners and exhibitors must be members of IRHA. A completed membership form must be on file with IRHA.

\*Proof of ownership of every horse exhibited in an IRHA class will be required upon entry. This proof could consist of NRHA competition license, horse registration papers or a brand inspection.

\*It is the responsibility of the owner and/or rider to be aware of the official earnings of the horse and rider as recorded by IRHA and NRHA.

\*18 years old or ineligible for youth class as of January 1, (Current year) must pay single membership - not eligible to participate under family membership.

### IRHA YEAR-END SADDLE AWARDS:

\* **OPEN CHAMPION:** High point winner in Open classes: Open, Intermediate Open, Limited Open, Novice Horse Open

\*The earnings will be awarded to the horse (not horse-rider combination) in Open, Intermediate Open, Limited Open, Novice Horse Open classes. The award will be presented to the owner(s) of record at the completion of the IRHA awards year. No classes will be dropped, all IRHA class points will be included.

\* **NON PRO CHAMPION:** High point winner in Non Pro classes: Non Pro, Intermediate Non Pro, Limited Non Pro, Novice Horse Non Pro

\*The earnings will be awarded on a "one horse-one rider" combination in the Non Pro, Intermediate Non Pro, Limited Non Pro and Novice Horse Non Pro. No classes will be dropped, all IRHA class points will be included.

\* **ROOKIE CHAMPION:** High point Rookie saddle awarded to Rookie with most points accumulated throughout the year.

This class is subject to general conditions as outlined in the NRHA handbook.

\* **GELDING/MARE/STALLION** All classes will run same pattern. The scores from all three classes will be combined (Non-Pro and Open separately) The highest 15 horses will be given points (15 for 1st place, 14 for second and so on) There will be one saddle awarded in the combined Non-Pro Gelding/Mare/Stallion classes and one awarded in the combined Open Gelding/Mare/Stallion classes based upon this point system.

Non-Pro points are based on horse /rider combination. Open points stay with the horse.

\* **LUCKY DRAW:** Winner of saddle must be present. - Winner of Lucky Draw Rookie saddle cannot be already winning another saddle or win the Youth Lucky Draw Saddle

\* **YOUTH SADDLE:** One saddle will be awarded to High Point Youth between 14-18 and 13 & under - 1 Lucky Draw Saddle.

### TIE BREAKER RULES

1. Contestants competing in the most shows.
2. Contestant with the most first places.
3. Contestant with the most second places.
4. Run off or coin toss (as agreed by the contestants) to be done at the end of the season.

**OPEN/NON PRO, INTERMEDIATE OPEN/NON PRO, LIMITED OPEN/NON PRO, NOVICE HORSE OPEN/NON PRO:** Subject to general conditions as outlined in NRHA handbook. IRHA jackpotted.

**YOUTH 13 AND UNDER & 14-18:** Subject to general conditions as outlined in NRHA handbook. IRHA jackpotted.

**YOUTH SHORT STIPPUP 10 & UNDER:** Subject to general conditions as outlined in NRHA handbook.

**GREENER THAN GRASS :** Open to new reiners only. Those who have never shown in a reining class before. For every point you receive based on IRHA Greener Than Grass point system you will accumulate points, once you accumulate 50 points you will receive a belt buckle and graduate out of the class. This class is not jackpotted. You may ride one or two handed in any legal bit or hackamore. There is no year end award.

### GREENER THAN GRASS POINT SYSTEM

1st place - 8 points, 2nd place - 7 points, 3rd place - 6 points, 4th place - 5 points,

5th place - 4 points, 6th place - 3 points, 7th place - 2 points, 8th place - 1 point.

One-half point for every horse that you place above. No points for zeros.

**ROOKIE:** Subject to general rules. Eligibility is based on eligibility for NRHA Rookie. Ineligible is the high point Rookie saddle winner from previous years. This class is not jack potted, IRHA points will be awarded.

**GREEN HORSE OPEN/NON PRO:** Horse can not have been shown before January 1 of the year to be shown in the Green Horse class. May be shown one handed in bridle or two handed in snaffle bit or hackamore. IRHA jackpotted.

**MARE OPEN/NON PRO:** A class open to Mares only, regardless of age of horse. One handed bridle. IRHA jackpotted.

**GELDING OPEN/NON PRO:** Open to Geldings only, regardless of age of horse. One handed bridle. IRHA jackpotted.

**STALLION OPEN/NON-PRO:** Open to Stallions of all ages. One handed bridle. IRHA jackpotted.

**LADIES:** Open to ladies only, regardless of age of horse or riders ability. One handed bridle. IRHA jackpotted.

**SENIOR RIDER:** A class open to any rider over the age of 45 as of January 1, (Current year). One handed bridle. IRHA jackpotted.

### IRHA POINT SYSTEM FOR YEAR END AWARDS / HIGH POINT SADDLE

1st place-10 points, 2nd place 9 points, 3rd place - 8 points, 4th place - 7 points, 5th place - 6 points,

6th place-5 points, 7th place-4 points, 8th place-3 points, 9th place-2 points, 10th place - 1 point

\*\*\*No points awarded for zero scores\*\*\*.

# ***INTERMOUNTAIN REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS***

## **ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP**

Membership shall not be limited to individuals but may include firms, corporations, executors, trustees, and institutions of learning. Membership shall not be transferable or assignable. All adult members while in good standing, shall have equal rights, interest, and responsibilities with respect to the club, shall have the right to vote in person at all membership meetings or by mail in ballot postmarked prior to the set deadline. (Postal meters are not acceptable) and to hold office and committee assignments, except as otherwise limited.

Each adult membership entitles the member to one (1) vote for single adult memberships and two (2) votes for joint or family memberships. At membership meetings where only one adult member is present, the privilege of two (2) votes shall be maintained. Minor children under the age of eighteen (18) are non-voting members. Any youth member will be required to obtain a current individual membership if they are no longer eligible for the youth class per NRHA guidelines. Any member who fails to comply with the requirements of these by-laws or club rules and regulations shall be subject to disciplinary action by the board.

Whenever in these by-laws the term member or members shall be used, unless otherwise specified it shall mean a member or members in good standing.

All family members wishing to be eligible for IRHA year-end awards must appear on the current IRHA membership forms.

## **ARTICLE II – DUES**

The Board of Directors may determine from time to time the amount of membership fees. The membership fees provided for in this section shall continue until such a time as the Board of Directors adopts a resolution changing the amount of the fees. All such fees shall be payable at such time as an individual wishes to become a member. Dues become due January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year and expire December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year paid.

## **ARTICLE III – DIRECTORS**

The business of the IRHA shall be managed by its Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall be comprised of no less than five (5) and not more than thirteen (13) directors. The Board of Directors may change the number of directors whenever considered advantageous to the club. The past president will serve as a director at large if he/she is not an elected director. Directors will serve a term of one (1) year running from February 1<sup>st</sup> through January 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year or until which time their successors are elected. All members of the Board of Directors must be current members of the IRHA.

**REMOVAL:** Any Director may be removed from the Board and replaced for the unexpired term by majority vote of the elected Board of Directors and/or officers if he/she fails to attend at least half of the IRHA Board of Directors meetings held per twelve (12) month period, and/or is absent from three consecutive meetings per twelve (12) month period. Any Board of Director may be removed from the Board of Directors by a majority vote of the Board of Directors and/or officers whenever, in its judgment, the best interests of the association would be served thereby. However, such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the person so removed. The terminated director will be notified in writing of the action taken.

## **ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS AND DUTIES**

The officers of the club shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Other such officers may be authorized by the Board of Directors from time to time. The Officers shall be charged with the daily operational responsibilities of the

Association.

The Officers of the Association shall not, without prior Board of Director's approval, bind the Association to any long term contractual obligations. For purposes of these By-Lays, long term contractual obligation is defined as any contractual agreement which requires expenditures of funds on behalf of the Association and shall be in effect for a period in excess of two (2) years. Further the officers shall not have the authority to bind the Association to any agreement, debt, obligation, or expenditure in excess of Five Thousand (\$5,000) dollars without the prior approval of the Board of Directors. No expenditure of Five Thousand (\$5,000) dollars or more is permitted to one (1) person, partnership, corporation, or out of the same transaction during the period of the year without prior Board of Directors approval.

Officers shall hold office for a term of one year running from February 1<sup>st</sup> through January 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year or until which time their successors are elected.

**PRESIDENT:** Shall preside at the meetings appoint committees and perform all other club duties pertaining to the office. The President shall only vote in case of ties. He/she shall see that the by-laws, rules and regulations of the club are enforced.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Shall preside in the absence of the President and shall perform such duties as prescribed by the President and succeed the President should the office be vacated prior to the regular election of a successor. This position is a voting position with the Board of Directors.

**SECRETARY:** Shall be directly responsible to the President and /or Board of Directors of the club for the operation of the business office. Shall keep all the records and minutes of the official meetings of the club and provide monthly documentation at all board meetings. Shall submit any reports to the general membership and conduct the correspondence of the club. The books of the Secretary shall be open for inspection at all times. This position is not a member of the Board of Directors unless elected to the board. This position is a voting position with the Board of Directors.

**TREASURER:** Shall be directly responsible to the President and/or Board of Directors of the club for the proper and timely management of all monies and property of the club and will prescribe the necessary record keeping to meet the requirements of the club. Shall submit records for the annual audit by an outside auditor (one that is not an IRHA club member). Shall submit a Treasurer Report at each board meeting and also at the annual membership meeting. The books of the Treasurer shall be open for inspection at all times. This position is not a member of the Board of Directors unless elected to the board. This position is a voting position with the Board of Directors.

**REMOVAL:** Any Officer may be removed from office and replaced for the unexpired term by majority vote of the Board of Directors present if he/she fails to attend at least half of the IRHA Board of Directors meetings held per twelve (12) month period, and/or is absent from three consecutive meetings per twelve (12) month period. Any officer elected by the membership may be removed by the Board of Directors whenever in its judgment; the best interests of the Association would be served thereby. However, such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, in any, of the person so removed. The terminated Officer will be notified in writing of the action taken.

## **ARTICLE V – ELECTIONS**

**ELECTION OF DIRECTORS:** The existing Board of Directors shall be the nominating committee for the following year prospective directors. The nominating committee shall prepare a recommended slate for election of the directors and prepare a ballot. The nominations for the prospective new Board of Directors shall be announced publicly at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual elections. The elections shall be held annually on/or by January 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. The new directors will be installed February 1<sup>st</sup>. Term for directors will be from February 1<sup>st</sup> to January 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year. Directors will serve a term of a minimum of one year and may be re-nominated and re-elected in future years.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS, President and Vice President:** The existing board of Directors shall be the nominating committee for the following year prospective Officers. The positions being nominated by this committee shall be the President and Vice President. The nominating committee shall prepare a recommended slate for election for these Officers and prepare a ballot. The nominations for the Officers shall be announced publicly at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual elections. The elections shall be held annually on/or by January 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. The new Officers will be installed February 1<sup>st</sup>. These positions will be held for a minimum of one (1) year and may be re-nominated and re-elected in future years.

**OTHER OFFICERS, Secretary and Treasurer:** These positions shall be independent of each other and appointed by the Officers and Board of Directors within thirty (30) days of the annual elections. These positions will be held for a term of one (1) year running from elections to elections the following year.

**VACANCIES:** Any vacant positions of Officers and/or Directors of the club shall be filled by an appointment of the Board of Directors for the unexpired term. Those so appointed shall serve until the election and acceptance of their successors.

#### **ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS**

**REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS:** The regular annual meeting of the members shall be held annually. Date of annual meeting to be determined by the Board of Directors.

**SPECIAL MEETINGS:** Special meeting of the membership may be called by the board of Directors to be held at a time and place designated by the Board of Directors. Notice for special meetings will be given in the official publication of the Association or through special mailing to each member at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting. Business transacted at all special meetings shall be confined to the objects stated in the call and notice of the meeting and matters germane thereto.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETINGS**

Board of Director meetings shall be held at a time and place set by the President or by a majority of the Directors. These meetings will be open to any member in good standing wishing to attend, but shall not be entitled to a vote. At meetings of the Board of Directors, business shall be transacted in such order as the Board may determine. At any meeting of the board there must be a majority of elected Board of Directors and/or Officers to constitute a quorum.

#### **AMENDMENTS**

Amendment to the By-Laws must be presented to the IRHA Board of Directors in writing at least ninety (90) days prior to elections. Written notice of the proposed amendments will be given in the IRHA official publication or by special mailing to the membership at least thirty (30) days before the annual election. These amendments will be considered and voted on and must be passed by the majority of the members voting in person or by absentee ballot.

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