

**RI Horseman's Association**  
**APPLICATIONS FOR SHOW AFFILIATION/DATES**

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- A. Application for affiliation shall be filed with the Secretary at least 30 days prior to date of show on a form supplied by the Association. In the event that any show fails to comply, the Secretary is instructed to notify all Delegates and Members that this show is not recognized by the Association and points shall not apply toward Annual Awards.
- B. Applications for affiliation must be accompanied by a check, payable to Rhode Island Horseman's Association.
- C. A tentative Prize List shall be filed with the application, or in any event, be forwarded to the Prize List Editor 30 days prior to the date of the show for classification, proof reading and date approval BEFORE printing and distributing. Prize lists not submitted and running any divisions or classes not complying with RIHA rules will not count for points towards High Score Awards. Names for TBA Judges should be submitted to Editor or RIHA Secretary seven days prior to show. Any show failing to submit a proposed prize list 30 days prior to the show will be fined \$25.00. Failing to make corrections to the prize list will be fined \$25.00.
- D. Show Violations - RIHA reserves the right to investigate allegations or complaints of rules violations or unsportsmanlike behavior by show management, show officials and/or members at any time. A member show found guilty of any violation shall be subject to penalty including, but not limited to, the following.:
1. Censure. A vote of Censure shall be listed under the member show's name in the RIHA Show Relations Record of Penalties. If found guilty of further violations, the show shall be liable for a heavier penalty than for the first offense.
  2. Fine in an amount not to exceed three times the annual dues of the member show. Fines will be increased by \$25.00 for each repeated offense.
  3. Suspension as an RIHA Member Show for a period determined by the Board of Delegates.
  4. Expulsion from membership in the RIHA.
  5. Shows who have not paid their penalties, by December 15, will not be included as affiliated shows in the new book or supplement. Dates for affiliation will not be granted until fines of the previous year are paid.
- E. Shows affiliated with RIHA the previous year may reserve the corresponding show dates for the current show year only by filing an application and paying the required fees before December 1st of the current show year.
- F. Dates not so reserved shall be open after December 15th and shall be awarded to the show first applying and paying the required fees.
- G. When two such shows duly apply before December 15th for conflicting dates, show dates to be allotted as follows:
- In case of multiple shows applying for the same date and disciplines, it would be given to the show with the highest rating the previous year. Dates to be assigned on basis of show with the highest number of divisions with the highest rating.
1. If both shows were affiliated the previous year, to the show which had the corresponding dates the previous year.

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2. If one show was affiliated the previous year and one was not, to the show affiliated the previous year.
  3. If neither was affiliated the previous year, but one was formerly
  4. If neither was formerly affiliated, to the show whose application and fees are received first.
  5. If a show has the same qualifying and Championship classes in a division on more than one day, this required two separate show affiliation forms.
- H. The fees for affiliation with the RIHA: A one-day show: \$25.00; A two-day show: \$35.00; 3 or more day show: \$50.00.
- I. Any RIHA affiliated show must show proof of one million dollars in general liability insurance for each occurrence. RIHA must be named as "additional insured" and certificate must stipulate date of events. A copy of this certificate must be postmarked and mailed to the Administration Office (RIHA Secretary) two (2) weeks prior to the show. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a \$200 fine to the show. Any upcoming RIHA Affiliated Shows for the offender may be revoked and the following years show affiliations for the offender will be in jeopardy.

**NOTE: NO JUDGE MAY JUDGE MORE THAN THREE (3) SHOWS IN ONE SEASON FOR THE SAME MANAGEMENT.**

All show managers who manage RIHA shows must be members of the RIHA.

Show managers shall consist of people who adhere to the high principles of the association and who, in general, have demonstrated by example good citizenship in the general community. Criteria for show management shall include, but is not limited to, high ethical and moral values; demonstration of sportsmanship; a commitment to fair competition; demonstration of loyalty to the "horse community"; strict adherence to the laws of the United States, the State of Rhode Island, and the municipalities, as well as strict adherence to the rules of the RIHA.

No person who has been suspended from running NEHC or USEF horse shows shall be granted affiliation.

The granting, refusal or removal of RIHA affiliation of a horse show shall be at the sole discretion of the RIHA Board of Directors via the Affiliation Committee.

No show shall be affiliated which has previously failed to fulfill the obligations to the Association outlined in these Regulations.

All specifications not covered in these Regulations shall be in accordance with Regulations of the New England Horseman's Council Inc. At any show affiliated with the NEHC the Regulations of NEHC shall prevail over these regulations.

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Prize lists must contain the names of judges and these judges must have formally accepted invitations to officiate.

When more than one judge is listed, the prize list shall specify the divisions in which each judge shall officiate. If the judge is physically unable to officiate, a substitution may be made.

In the event that an announced judge cannot officiate for any reason, a written statement from the judge to that effect shall be obtained by the management and submitted to the Secretary of the Association.

Any show using one judge may not require that judge to officiate more than 12 hours.

If a horse show manager does not conform to the previous ruling, the points given in his show do not count toward the High Score Award.

All Breed Shows may engage Recognized Judges from their Organization's Official Judges' List.

All shows shall supply the judges with scoring cards for each class on which the complete specifications for the class are clearly printed.

All shows must have a Steward in attendance at all sessions.

The Steward must be approved by the New England Horseman's Council.

All RIHA Shows are to have Stewards that are USEF or NEHC Recognized.

Any show that has three or more areas working simultaneously should have two Stewards. Four or more must have two stewards.

The Steward shall not be an exhibitor at this show nor hold any other official capacity in connection with the show. No Steward may officiate in any show in which any members of his family or any of his clients is judging or taking part as an exhibitor. The name of the Steward must appear on the Prize List.

In the event that an announced Steward cannot officiate for any reason a written statement from the Steward to that effect shall be obtained by the management and submitted to the Secretary of the Association.

The ringmaster may not officiate in any division of a show in which he or a member of his family or any of his clients is an exhibitor.

Any RIHA affiliated shows must require animals to have a Coggins test taken within twelve months prior to date of show. Papers to be available. (Weanling and Yearlings exempt).

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Each affiliated show should have on its grounds on show day, or available, a blacksmith and a veterinarian. An EMT, public address system and a recording secretary must be on the grounds for the duration of the show.

All entry fees shall be paid before entering the ring, and, except for State, Regional and County Fairs, all prize money must be paid before the conclusion of the show.

No entry shall be accepted in a class after judging of the class has started, i.e. after the first horse has entered the ring.

Show rings should have two straight parallel sides, round ends and the minimum dimensions should be approximately 100' x 185' and shall have both in and out gates if possible.

Show grounds must have ADEQUATE, SAFE, CLEAR WATER facilities for horses.

An Equitation Division shall consist of classes which shall, inclusively, provide competition for all ages under 18 years, and may offer a Championship Class.

The following Divisions need only contain one class leading to a Stake or Championship:

- Appaloosa, Arabian, Half-Arabian, Walk-Trot Pleasure, Morgan, Quarter Horse, Roadster Pony, and Welsh, Fine Harness, Three Gaited ridden by Amateur, Colt, Five Gaited ridden by Amateur, Pet Type Ponies, Jr. Exhibitor. Hack, Ladies Side Saddle, Hunter Type Pet Pony and Hunter Pleasure if only Open Class if offered, Five Gaited Saddle Horse and Road Hack. If the championship is a performance class, the qualifying class must be performance as well.

No show starting at noon or thereafter may run more than twenty-five (25) classes, including sub-divisions, per ring per day unless adequate lighting is provided in both the ring and the stabling area. Shows starting before noon may add four classes per ring per hour for additional hour.

At Official hour of sunset horses may not be exhibited in the show ring or schooled in the designated warm-up areas unless lighting is provided that assures full and complete visibility. In the event that a show appears to be running late it shall be the duty of the

Steward and the Manager to rearrange the remaining schedule and all Stake or Championship classes advertised in the Prize list must be run before the above closing time. In the event that any class cancelled due to this rearrangement is a qualifying class for a Stake or Championship all horses or riders whose entries are on a record in these classes at the time of cancellation, shall be deemed to have been shown and judged in this class. All entry fees in cancelled classes must be refunded.

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No show holding multiple sessions may start any class after midnight of a night preceding a day in which other sessions are to be held. Cancelled classes will be added to the beginning of the program the following day.

The judge and/or steward shall be authorized to cancel or modify any class which in his opinion would be run under hazardous conditions.

In large classes limited to children under 14, it shall be at the discretion of the judge to work the class in sections.

Show management may "open" a maximum of three (3) over fences classes at the judge's discretion. Having "open cards" provides the exhibitors with the ability to ride multiple classes before all of the riders have ridden in each class. With "open cards" the rider must still follow the order of classes as printed in the official prizelist for the show

Where prize money is offered prize monies must be awarded in at least 4 places in all classes.

A minimum of six ribbons must be given in all classes, including performance Championship classes.

Stake or Championship classes must be held as stated in the prize list if a qualifying class has been held and there are any entries in the Stake or Championship class.

**EXHIBITOR'S NUMBERS MUST BE WORN ON THE RIDER'S BACK AND MUST BE UNOBSTRUCTED.**

Class lists shall specify the classes that are to qualify for Stake or Championship classes and the number of these classes that are to be required.

Entry in a Model, In Hand or other Breeding class does not qualify for a Performance Stake or Championship Class.

To be eligible for entry in a championship performance class, a horse shall have been previously entered, shown and judged in a least one other qualifying performance class at the show.

No entry is permitted in the ring that is ineligible for competition.

**ENTRY BLANK.** The entry blank of each Recognized show must contain the following certificate, to be signed by the exhibitor, or his representative. "Every entry at a recognized show shall constitute an agreement and affirmation that the person making, along with the owner, lessee, trainer, manager, agent, coach, driver, rider and the horse: (1) shall be subject to the Constitution and rules of the Association and the local rules of the show: (2) that every horse, rider, and/or driver is eligible as entered: (3) that the owner and any of his representatives are bound by the Constitution and the Rules of the RIHA and the show will accept as final the decision of the hearing committee on any

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question arising under said rules and agree to hold the show, the RIHA, their officials, directors and employees harmless for any action taken; (4) that the owner rider/driver and any of their officials, directors, employees and agents harmless for any injury or loss suffered during or in connection with the show, whether or not such injury or loss resulted, directly or indirectly, from the negligent acts or omissions of said officials, directors, employees or agents or the RIHA or show.”

Every exhibitor or his agent and trainer must sign an entry blank. In the event of his failure to do so his first entrance into the ring as an exhibitor shall be construed as his acceptance of the rules of the show involved and of the RIHA and shall ipso facto render him subject to said rules.

Entries that are not paid at any show: points shall not count for those entries or at any show following until entries are paid in full. All managers of future shows shall be notified of this indebtedness and exhibitor will not be eligible for year end awards.

A Prize List must be forwarded together with complete results (including all participants in a point class) on forms furnished by the Association to the Secretary of the Association within seven days after the date of the show. In the event that the Secretary has not received these items within seven days, he/she shall so notify the show manager or secretary; if the items are not received within the next seven days, affiliation of the show shall be refused for the following year.

All horses shall be charged an additional Two Dollars (\$2.00) for their first entry at each show. If the management chooses not to collect this fee from the exhibitors the show must pay the association a fee of fifty dollars. All receipts from these charges to be used for the purchase of High Score Award Trophies.

No show official or show employee may exhibit or change their originally advertised function at any show.

In all classes stipulated as Registered, all entries must be registered with their respective registering associations as stipulated in the USEF Rule Book, and owners must be prepared to produce registration papers. All horses or ponies must be entered in their complete registered name.

Show management must save all entry blanks, judge's cards, class sheets and/or any other documents in connection with the competition for a period of three (3) years. Show management shall provide the original documentation to the association within ten (10) days of a written request. Failure to provide the requested documentation is subject to penalties to include, but are not limited to: sanction, fines, and/or withholding of the show's RIHA affiliations until such time as the documentation is provided to the association