

## **2021 Reining Australia Affiliate Championships**

Reining Australia has designed an Affiliate Championship program. This program provides a format by which RA members can qualify to compete and represent their Affiliate at the Australian National Championships and support Affiliates who run qualifying shows.

### **REINING AUSTRALIA AFFILIATE CHAMPIONSHIP CONDITIONS**

1. The RA Affiliate Championships will be held in conjunction with the 2021 Australian National Championships.
2. Individual qualifying shows will begin November 1st and will end one week prior to the closing date of entries to the Australian National Championships 2021.
3. Each affiliate qualifying show must have Reining Australia approval.
4. Qualifying shows will only be approved for affiliates that have paid their current year RA affiliation dues.
5. RA affiliates are required to hold a minimum of two (2) RA approved shows. Affiliates can share shows with other Affiliates. A rider must participate in a minimum of one (1) of those shows, which must be with their affiliate club.
6. All RA Approved shows held by a RA Affiliate will count as a qualifying show. All approved qualifying shows will be published on the RA Website.
7. Each Affiliate will offer the following classes: Open, Intermediate Open, Limited Open, Rookie Professional, Non-Pro, Intermediate Non Pro, Limited Non Pro, Prime Time Non Pro, Novice Horse Open Level 1 & 2, Novice Horse Non-Pro Level 1 & 2, Youth 13 & Under, Youth 14-18, and Rookie Level 1 & 2.
8. Each Affiliate will be responsible for providing the RA office with a complete list of all placings, including zeros and no scores, in each class in each qualifying show within 10 days.
9. The rider must be a member of their local affiliate and Reining Australia at the time of competing at qualifying shows.
10. Qualification to the Australian National Championships and participation in the RA Affiliate Championships will be tracked by RA Affiliate. Each Affiliate will qualify twenty (20) horse and/or rider combinations in each class.
11. Overseas competitors who are Reining Australia Members will automatically be eligible to compete at the Australian National Championships and participate in the RA Affiliate Championships without having to qualify but must nominate and be a member of the RA Affiliate they wish to represent.

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1. The minimum number of shows that a rider must attend is one (1) but there is no maximum number of shows that a rider must attend.
2. A rider must attend and show in the class or classes in which they wish to qualify.
3. A rider must designate which affiliate they will be representing at the RA Affiliate Championships. If a rider belongs to more than one affiliate, they must choose which affiliate they will represent at the Championships. This declaration must be filed with Reining Australia with their nominations to the Australian National Championships at the closing date set by Reining Australia.
4. The rider must be a member of their local RA Affiliate and Reining Australia at the time of competition for points to count toward finals' qualifications.
5. Points will be awarded based on the number of horses actually competing in the class, i.e. if fifteen (15) horses compete, first place will be awarded 15 points, 2nd- 14 points, etc. Points will be calculated on horses actually competing, excluding the horses entered but scratched.

**Zeros and no scores will not be awarded. A rider must get a score to qualify.**

6. The top (20) horse and/or rider combinations plus ties from each class in each Affiliate will qualify for the Australian National Championships and compete in the RA Affiliate Championships. Those qualifying may only enter the classes for which they have qualified.
7. A rider may show more than three (3) horses per class.
8. All Championship classes will be run according to Reining Australia eligibility.
9. It is the responsibility of the rider to know his or her Reining Australia eligibility. Eligibility will be recognized for what an individual is eligible for at the beginning of the qualification period. Example: If a rider is eligible for Rookie II at the beginning of the qualifications in 2020/2021 and earns out of Rookie II during that period but maintains a top twenty placing in the affiliate then he or she is eligible to ride in the Rookie II class at Australian National Championships.

#### **REINING AUSTRALIAN AFFILIATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

1. The RA Affiliate Championships will offer an Affiliate Competition among recognized approved Reining Australia affiliates.
2. Any RA Affiliate sending riders to the Australian National Championships are eligible to participate.
3. Points will be awarded 1- 10 points.
4. The top three-point earners in each class for each affiliate will be used to determine each team's total points.
5. The RA affiliate with the highest placing team will be awarded \$500.

#### **ROOKIE OF THE YEAR COMPETITION**

1. The top twenty (20) horse and rider combinations plus ties from each respective RA Affiliate in the Rookie II category are eligible to compete for the coveted Rookie of the Year title and trophy at the Australian National Championships.
2. Rookie of the Year rider will be named from the Rookie II category.
3. The competition will be a clean slate final with the class winner receiving the Rookie of the Year title.
4. No entry fee will be charged.
5. There will be no substitutions