



## Green Rider Level One and Level Two Buckle Series

This Series starts the 1<sup>st</sup> of January of each year and the finals will be held at each Affiliate Clubs last show prior to the Reining Australia National Show of that year. We encourage Affiliates to promote this exciting new program to all the non sanctioned competitors and to include these classes on their show programs. All competitors will start as Green Rider Level 1 until they attain the require number of points in that category.

### How it works

Each Affiliate Club will run these classes in conjunction with their Club Shows throughout the year, which will be Green Rider Level 1 & 2 which will be run concurrently.

**Green Rider Level 1** Open to any rider holding valid RA Green Rider card and has less than \$100 in RA lifetime earnings, all categories, has less than twenty five (25) lifetime Youth points and less than fifty (50) Green Rider points.

**Green Rider Level 2** Open to any rider holding valid RA Green Rider card and has less than \$100 in RA lifetime earnings, all categories, has less than twenty five (25) lifetime Youth points, more than 50 Green Rider points and less than 100 (100) Green points.

Once a rider is not eligible for Rookie Level 2 they are automatically ineligible for the Green Rider program as of the 1<sup>st</sup> January.

### Green Rider Level 1 & 2 Conditions

- When exhibitors reach the point level to earn out of the class they will receive an award.
- All riders must pay the Annual fee of \$30 to be in the program, unless they are RA Members
- Entry fees are to be determined by show management
- Show management cannot charge exhibitors a judge's fee
- Show management can retain any percentage of the entry fee
- Must use NRHA patterns 1 – 11. However simple lead changes are allowed and the rider may use one (1) or two (2) hands, but must not change hands or switch from one to two hands.
- When riding one handed the reins must be held correctly, the hand to be around the reins, index finger only must be between split reins, For romal reins refer to Handbook.
- Any legal headgear allowed.

### The Point System

Regardless of how many are in each class the following points will be awarded for each class run. 10 points for first through to one point for 10<sup>th</sup> Place

- Tied places will receive the same points equally. i.e. 6<sup>th</sup> place tie both receive 6 points each.
- Finals ties will be separated by highest scoring run for that year
- If both get the highest scoring run then we look at the next highest scoring run and so on.

Each Affiliate Club will hold a final at their last club show for the year, prior to the Reining Australia nationals, where their affiliate Green Rider Level 1 and Level 2 will be awarded to the winners.

Entrants in the Green Rider program will also have the opportunity to run in their designated class at the Reining Australia Nationals with trophy buckles to be awarded to the winners of these two classes, this will be a clean slate final. If a rider accumulates over 100 points during the year they will still be eligible to compete in Green Rider level 2 at the Nationals of that year. Riders will automatically progress to level 2 throughout the year once they accumulate over 50 points. A rider can only compete in one level. At what level a rider competes at Nationals will be determined by the number of points they have a time of entry (Level 1 – 50 points and under, Level 2 more than 50 points).

A rider must compete at least once at their Affiliate to compete at Nationals.

Reining Australia will throughout the year send out achievement awards within the Green Rider Series to each affiliate for their finals of each class.

Reining Australia will provide awards for each affiliate for each of the winners of Green Rider Level 1 and Level 2.