

After the success of the Reining Youth Series in 2011, the EQUITANA team has come up with an even greater opportunity for young reiners this year. The team has developed the expanded competition in conjunction with Reining Australia and hopes that it will assist the growth of the sport in this country.

Four young Reiners and their horses will now have the chance to ride alongside their peers at EQUITANA Melbourne, held at the Melbourne Showgrounds from 15th to 18th November 2012 (www.equitana.com.au). The four winners will be invited to be part of the EQUITANA Reining Championships evening program, where they will ride a specially choreographed "fun" quadrille on their own horses and be presented with their prizes - in front of 4,000 people!

To become an entrant in the 2012 EQUITANA Youth Series, riders will have to compete in the Continental Affiliate Qualifying Circuit series for Youth. (See the form attached below.) There will be two divisions:

- **14 – 18 years old**
- **13 & under**

A clean slate final will be held at the 2012 Reining Australia Continental Affiliate Championships and you could be one of the four lucky finalists (two from each division) to go to EQUITANA Melbourne.

Prizes:

Youth 14-18	Champion Buckle
Youth 14-18	Reserve Champion trophy
Youth 13 & Under	Champion Buckle
Youth 13 & Under	Reserve Champion trophy

Each finalist will also receive a cheque for \$1000 to go towards the expenses associated with getting to the event. Stabling and bedding for up to two nights will also be provided.

Important note: To receive the support money, the finalists and their horses have to be physically present at EQUITANA Melbourne.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL OUR YOUNG COMPETITORS!

Reining Australia Board & EQUITANA Australia