

2022/2023 Reining Australia Affiliate Championships - Qualifying

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 Reining Championships ('ANRC') and support affiliates who run qualifying shows.

In summary, to qualify to compete at the ANRC, an RA member must compete at, at least one of their affiliate's RA approved shows while each affiliate can qualify up to 25 riders per class.

Qualification Rules:

1. The RA Affiliate Championships will be held in conjunction with the 2023 ANRC
2. Individual qualifying shows will begin July 1st 2022 and will end one week prior to the closing date of entries to the ANRC 2023.
3. All RA affiliate Shows (ribbon shows, jackpot shows, major and state shows) are qualifying shows and 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 qualifying shows and a rider must participate in a minimum of one (1) of these shows, held by their affiliate club. There is no maximum number of shows a rider must attend.
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 of the show.
9. The rider must be a member of their local affiliate and Reining Australia at the time of competing at qualifying shows. 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 2022/2023 and earns out of rookie II during that period but maintains a top twenty-five placing in the affiliate then he or she is eligible to ride in the rookie II class at the Australian National Reining Championships
10. Qualification to the Australian National Reining Championships must be tracked by the RA affiliate. Each affiliate may qualify up to twenty-five (25) riders in each class and must keep their own qualifying points score. Each affiliate must keep their members updated *as to* who is leading qualifications throughout the show year. This way there can be no doubt as to who has qualified and who hasn't.
11. **Only riders need to qualify for a class, not horse and rider combinations.** The horse ridden at the championships is the rider's choice providing the horse is eligible for the class entered, e.g., Horses entered in a novice horse class must be eligible to compete in that class.
12. Overseas competitors who are Reining Australia members and have returned to Australia no more than two months prior to the affiliate championships will automatically be eligible to compete at the show 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.

13. A rider must qualify in the class/classes in which they wish to show at the championships.
14. 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 ANRC at the closing date set by Reining Australia.
15. Whilst determining the members who qualify to represent them, each affiliate should award points based on the number of horses actually competing in the qualifying 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.
NB: If a rider records a zero score, this still should be recorded as a qualifying run and points awarded accordingly. A 'No Score' is NOT to be regarded as a qualifying run.
16. The top (25) Rider plus ties from each class in each Affiliate will qualify for the ANRC and compete in the RA Affiliate Championships.

NB: It is an affiliate's responsibility to supply the Reining Australia office with their list of riders who have qualified to represent them at least 10 days before nominations close for the RA Affiliate Championships.

REINING AUSTRALIAN AFFILIATE CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION

1. The RA Affiliate Championships will offer an affiliate competition among approved Reining Australia affiliates.
2. A rider may show more than three (3) horses per class.
3. All championship classes will be run according to Reining Australia eligibility.
4. Any RA affiliate sending riders to the ANRC are eligible to participate.
5. Points will be awarded 1- 10 points.
6. The top three-point earners in each class for each affiliate will be used to determine each team's total points.
7. The RA affiliate with the highest placing team will be awarded \$500.
8. RA will notify the affiliate in writing they have won the \$500 and will forward said prize money no later than 3 months after the completion of the ANRC.