

## **2025 REINING SHOWCASE RULES**

### **Purpose**

To create an exciting showcase that will entertain spectators of the Calgary Stampede and introduce them to the incredible sport of Reining. It will feature exceptional equine athletes and their talented riders. While the level of competition is a primary goal of this event, the audience experience for those new to the sport of Reining is the highest priority.

### **Showcase**

Five teams of three riders will compete for a Team Champion purse of \$20,000. Calgary Stampede Champion buckles will also be presented to the highest individual scores from each of the three unique divisions.

### **Teams**

Five Team Captains will be invited to build a team that includes three riders who will compete in three separate divisions that include: Open, Wild Card, and Non Pro.

### **Team Captains**

Starting with Western Canada's highest NRHA lifetime earners, five Team Captains will be invited to compete in the Open division and represent their team. Team Captains will select riders to compete in the Wild Card and Non Pro divisions. Each team member will complete an NRHA reining pattern and receive an individual pattern score that will place them within their division and determine the champion for that division.

At the completion of the reining patterns, each team member will participate in the new NRHA Slide Off demonstration class. The total score of each rider's "slide off" will be added to their pattern score to calculate an individual's score for the team competition and cash prize payout.

The total combined score of the three team members will be used to place teams in the final standings for the team competition from 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> place.

### **Payout**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team - \$10,000
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team - \$4,000
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team - \$2,500
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place Team - \$2,000
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place Team - \$1,500

**Divisions**

The highest individual score in each division will be recognized with an exclusive Calgary Stampede Champion buckle. The second highest score will receive a reserve champion set of stirrups.

*Open Division* – Five of Canada's highest earning NRHA Professionals selected by invitation. Also serves as Team Captain.

*Wild Card Division* – Any NRHA eligible rider (can be either professional or Non Pro) as selected by the Team Captain.

*Non Pro Division* – Any NRHA eligible Non Pro rider as selected by the Team Captain. Horses shown in this division are not restricted by NRHA ownership rules.

**Additional Details**

Order of go for all divisions will be performed in descending order based on LTE of the Team Captains.

Each division will compete using a different NRHA pattern. Open Division – NRHA Pattern 9; Wild Card Division – NRHA Pattern 12; Non Pro Division – Pattern 6.

Calgary Stampede Champion buckles for each division will be determined by the pattern score only. In the event of a tie for first in a division, the champion will be determined using a pattern score count back with the highest score in the final maneuver establishing the champion.

Order of go for slide off for all divisions will be performed in descending order based on team standings following the reining patterns.

In the event of a tie at the conclusion of the slide off, the tie breaker will be the reining score of the Team Captains. If still tied, the Wild Card score will be used. If still tied, the Non Pro score will be used. If still tied, a slide off of team captains will determine the team champion.

A secondary warm-up arena will be available for riders throughout the Showcase (5:30 – 9:00 pm, Northern Lights Arena).

There is a \$400 registration fee for each competitor. Accreditation, exhibitor agreements, and biosecurity forms will be sent to each competitor.

The Calgary Stampede and Exhibition reserves the right to modify the showcase format at anytime as determined necessary for the safety of the competition and competitors.

**Important Update: this is now an NRHA-approved event. The divisions and team competition format are designated as Category 13 and payouts/earnings will not count towards LTE for riders or horses. NRHA rules and regulations for competition fairness and safety of horses will apply. Please see event details on the NRHAReinerSuite website for complete NRHA approval details.**

If a registered rider is unable to participate, the Team Captain is responsible for finding an eligible replacement rider.

### **Schedule**

5:30 – 9:30 pm – All horses warmup – Northern Lights Arena

6:00 pm – All horses warmup – Nutrien Western Event Centre

6:30 pm – Reining Showcase Pre-Show – No riders or horses

7:00 pm – Reining Showcase begins

Special Ride (to be determined)

Non Pro Division – Warmup and Introductions

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Non Pro Division – Reining Pattern Competition

Non Pro Division – Champion Buckle Presentation

Wild Card Division – Warmup and Introductions

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Wild Card Division – Reining Pattern Competition

Wild Card Division – Champion Buckle Presentation

Open Division – Warmup and Introductions

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Open Division – Reining Pattern Competition

Open Division – Champion Buckle Presentation

Slide Off – warmup

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Non Pro Division – Slide Off Competition

Wild Card Division - Slide Off Competition

Open Division - Slide Off Competition

Team Champion Presentations