



GVRHA Entry Level Conditions

GVRHA Entry Level classes provide a program to welcome riders of all backgrounds to the Reining arena and provide an educational step of Reining in competition.

GVRHA Beginner and GVRHA Green Reiner are two non-sanctioned classes a member has the option to start out in and gain experience towards sanctioned reining classes with Rookie Level 1 being the first step into a sanctioned level class.

- All exhibitors must be financial members of the GVRHA to compete in GVRHA Entry Level classes
- Riders do not have to own the horse nor does the horse have to be NRHA licenced.
- A horse may only be shown once per class.
- Eligibility into these classes is limited to Non Pro riders who have/are not receiving direct money or indirect (goods or services) remuneration for;
 - 1) Training astride or showing astride in any equine discipline
 - 2) Giving instruction on showing or training of a performance horse
 - 3) Sponsorships or endorsements
- Riders who have competed in GVRHA Green Rider prior to 2020 will transfer to the new entry level class system with 5 points
- GVRHA reserves the right to accept entries at their discretion. Entry Level competitors will be reviewed annual prior to the commencement of the first show of the season.

GVRHA Green Reiner & GVRHA Beginner eligibility shall be determined by a points system the competitor earns from competing in GVRHA shows only. These points are lifetime points accrued within the club and carry over annually. Entry level riders may ride up a class, both sanctioned and non-sanctioned, however points will only be tallied from entry Level class placings. Once the nominated level of points is reached, a rider can see out the show season but will not be eligible to compete in the following season. Any rider that wins the final of the GVRHA Green Reiner Buckle Series is no longer eligible for GVRHA Green Reiner regardless of the restrictions as stated above. (See separate conditions for GVRHA Green Reiner Buckle Series)

Entry Level classes will not attract prize money or included in the annual GVRHA End of Year Hi Point Awards however both Beginner & Green riders are eligible for qualification into the Green Reiner Buckle Series.

GVRHA BEGINNER - <15 POINTS - Modified NRHA pattern to be ridden.

Riders with less than 2 years reining experience. Riders may ride one or two handed and may swap during the pattern. Flying lead changes or stop and lope on the correct lead is allowed without penalty.

(Rider can request a further 12 months extension in writing to be sent to the GVRHA committee via email for consideration.)

GVRHA GREEN REINER - <30 POINTS- NRHA pattern or Modified pattern to be ridden.

Riders may ride one or two handed and must remain unchanged throughout the pattern. Flying lead changes or stop and lope on the correct lead is allowed without penalty.

(Rider can request a further 12 months extension in writing to be sent to the GVRHA committee via email for consideration.)

POINTS CALCULATION

1st Place	6 points	2nd Place	5 points
3rd Place	4 points	4th Place	3 points
5th Place	2 points	6th Place	1 point

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- Classes with less than 6 riders will attract reduced points reflecting the number of exhibitors IE 3 Competitors 1st Place – 3 points, 2nd Place 2 points, 3rd Place 1 point. Tied placings will each receive equal place points. IE Equal 1st – 6 points each/ no second place.
- Where two Beginner classes are conducted at the same event, points will be halved. This does not apply to the Beginner Super Challenge at the Water Wheel Reining Classic, for which no points will be accrued.

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