



Be A Part of USA Reining

Most people know that USA Reining is the route for top reining athletes with an eye on a qualification for the World Equestrian Games. But many don't understand how USA Reining, the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) and the Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI) all work together.

Every **country** that is involved in FEI international equine competition must have a national federation that organizes and represents its athletes. For the United States, that is the USEF, and to make that more confusing they are currently rebranding to US Equestrian or USE.

Within the USE structure, the different disciplines, from jumpers to reining, are represented by an affiliate. In the case of reining, that is USA Reining.

It's often asked why NRHA can't serve that function and that's an easy answer. NRHA represents reiners worldwide, not solely those in the United States.

So – What does USA Reining Offer me?

Besides being part of the organization to participate in and promote TEAM USA in international reining competition, USA Reining is on the grow. If you compete in USA Reining Shows, you earn the chance for year-end awards and championship titles in each of these categories of Open, Amateur, Youth 19-21, Youth 14-18, Youth 13 & Under, Para Reining Grade 1, Para Reining Grade 2, Para Reining Grade 3 and Para Reining Grade 4.

Continuing in 2019 is the USA Reining Merit Awards. This is a cumulative program which allows exhibitors to be awarded for accomplishments over multiple years with points earned at regular USA Reining-approved classes.

Points will be earned in Open Reining, Amateur Reining, Youth 19-21, Youth 14-18, Youth 13 & Under, and USA Para Reining Grades 1-4 at all approved USA Reining events.

When an exhibitor has accumulated a total of ten points in a division in this program (lifetime), he or she will be recognized as a USA Reining Competitor of Merit. That will be recognized by a Certificate and a Competitor of Merit Award.

When an exhibitor has accumulated a total of 50 points in a division in this program (lifetime), he or she will be recognized as a USA Reining Competitor of Distinction. That accomplishment will be recognized by a plaque and Competitor of Distinction award.

The point system is simple - for every 2 horses entered one point will be given; for example in a class with 6 horses, first would get 3 points, second would get 2 points and so on.

And there's more!

Since 2017, the USA Reining Board finalized a series of competitions for youth, young riders and prime time riders. They compete in designated events to qualify for a finals!