

# Freestyle Reining

**This Class is NEW and being added this year there will be 2 divisions riding in the one class but they will be judged separately and placed by their respective division. Audience applause and participation is appreciated!**

## General Rules

Freestyle reining provides an opportunity to use the maneuvers that are required, creatively and also to expand them to music by means of choreography. Riders are encouraged to use musical scores which permit them to show the athletic ability of the horse in a crowd appealing way.

**(1) NRHA rules will apply except where the following rules preempt same.**

### **(2) Required maneuvers for adults**

- (a) A minimum of four consecutive spins to the right**
- (b) A minimum of four consecutive spins to the left**
- (c) A minimum of three stops**
- (d) A minimum of 1 lead change at the canter from right to left**
- (e) A minimum of 1 lead change at the canter from left to right**

### **(3) Required maneuvers for Jr. Exhibitors**

- (a) A minimum of two consecutive spins to the right**
- (b) A minimum of two consecutive spins to the left**
- (c) A minimum of three stops**
- (d) A minimum of 1 lead change (simple or flying) from right to left**
- (e) A minimum of 1 lead change (simple or flying) from left to right**

**(4) Exhibitors are allowed to use (2) hands (as well as one or no hands) and any bit approved in the NRHA handbook.**

**(5) Additional maneuvers such as rollbacks, back ups, speed variations, and non classical reining maneuvers such as half pass, side pass are appropriate in Freestyle and shall be given appropriate credit.**

**(6) TIME LIMIT \*\* a maximum of 4 minutes\*\* you can be disqualified if you go over the time limit . Time limit will be from the beginning of the intro to the end of the music.**

**(7) Costumes will be permitted, but emphasis is placed on performing the reining maneuvers to music.**

**(8) The competitor must turn in music CD to show secretary when checking in , be sure to put name on cover and any written intro , YOU are responsible for picking up your CD before the end of the show , HNSA is not responsible for it.**

**HNSA strongly suggests that competitors familiarize themselves with the NRHA freestyle rules by going to the NRHA website, most competitors in freestyle use the same freestyle for the whole year since they will be showing under a different judge each time they compete, bear in mind in a small arena 4 mins. Is a long time.. song choices can be edited by the competitor to shorten them and there are several free websites online, hopefully this explanation will help the membership understand the nature of this class , you can also view freestyles on you tube , type in freestyle reining to get a look at it. Mahalo for your support!**