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Green Rider Program Explanation Sponsored by Thomas Arena Products Errol and Gita Thomas

Firstly to be eligible for the program a competitor needs to be a non pro and apply for on line membership on the RA website, have less than \$100 in RA lifetime earnings, all categories, and/or have less than twenty five lifetime Youth points.

All applications for the Green Rider program must be done online and will be sent their Green Rider membership card and number.

Any competitor who is already an RA member does not have to pay the \$50 application fee.

If you are only a Reining Australia member through the Green Rider program you must also be a member of your local Affiliate, but as a Green Rider you are able to ride at any other Affiliate without having to pay any further Affiliate membership.

Green Rider Level 1 is open to competitors who have less than 50 points; Green Rider Level 2 is open to competitors with 50 Green Rider points but less than 100 points.

All competitors will start as Green Rider Level 1 and remain at that level till the end of the year regardless of the number of points they attain throughout the year. Whatever level a rider starts the year at 1st January (Level 1 or Level 2) they will remain in till the end of the year.

Competitors are only allowed to compete in the level they are eligible not both. Riders may use a horse without the restriction of ownership as defined under the non pro conditions.

Once a rider is not eligible for Rookie Level 1, they will automatically be ineligible for the Green Rider program as of the 1st January.

Each Affiliate will hold a High Point throughout the year with the final held at their last club show prior to the Australian National Championships.

(The exception is WA and Tasmania High Point who run later in the year)

Competitors entering in the finals at their Affiliate must be a member of that affiliate and points awarded at that Affiliate only will count. If a competitor chooses to ride more than one horse, they will receive points with each horse and rider combination. This does not restrict competitors from accumulating points at other affiliates which will go towards their overall standing and dictate whether they are in Level 1 or 2.

Each Green Rider will have the opportunity to run in either of these two classes at the RA Nationals with Trophy buckles awarded to the winners, this will be a clean slate final. Overall points will determine which Level they will be eligible to compete in. Any competitor that has obtained over the 100 green points will still be eligible to compete in Level 2 but will be out of the Green Rider program for the following year.

A rider must compete at least once at their Affiliate to compete at Nationals.

Class conditions still apply, simple lead changes are allowed, and a rider may use one (1) or two (2) hands on the reins or change from one handed to two handed throughout the performance.

For any further information check out the RA website under Green Rider program Terms and Conditions www.reiningaustralia.com

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