



INVITATION TO COMPETITORS

Reining Australia (RA) in conjunction with EQUITANA Australia is inviting 10 Open horses and 5 Non Pro horses to compete at the **2016 EQUITANA Australian Open Reining Championships** that will be held at EQUITANA Melbourne. EQUITANA Melbourne will be held at the Melbourne Showgrounds from 17th to 20th November 2016, with the Reining Championships being held on Thursday 17th November.

To qualify horses for the 2016 EQUITANA Australian Open Reining Championships you will need to follow the Continental Affiliate Qualifying Circuit series rules. This event will be open to ALL NRHA classes.

The RA National show will be the last opportunity to qualify. The top 10 Open scores from the qualifying period and the top 5 Non Pro scores from the qualifying period will go through to the EQUITANA Reining Championships. If 15 competitors are not qualified through the qualifying system, RA has the right to invite up to three competitors of the required level as ('Wild Cards').

- **Open horses** must show in three (3) Continental Affiliate Qualifying classes to be eligible to compete at the EQUITANA Australian Open Reining Championships.
- **Non Pro Horse and Rider** must show in three (3) Continental Affiliate Qualifying classes to be eligible to compete in EQUITANA Australian Open Reining Championships.

Note - EQUITANA Australian Open Reining Championships is a NRHA Cat 7 Affiliate Open Event.

Nominations: The owner/trainer of the competing horse must have paid the \$110 nomination prior to competing. The \$110.00 fee will be deducted from the Judges Fee upon entering the EQUITANA Australian Open Reining Championships.

EQUITANA will provide \$15,000.00 for prize money.

Entry Fee: \$1000.00 with full added.

Total Prize Pool: \$30,000

Prize Money Breakdown:

First Place: \$9,000	Ninth Place: \$750
Second Place: \$5,000	Tenth Place: \$750
Third Place: \$3,750	Eleventh Place: \$750
Fourth Place: \$2,750	Twelfth Place: \$500
Fifth Place: \$2,000	Thirteenth Place: \$500
Sixth Place: \$1,500	Fourteenth Place: \$500
Seventh Place: \$1,000	Fifteenth Place: \$500
Eight Place: \$750	

2016 EQUITANA AUSTRALIAN OPEN

ENTRY FORM

Venue - Melbourne Showgrounds, Thursday 17th November 2016

Please Note: One Entry Form per horse

Horse's Name: _____ SEX: _____

Horse NRHA License No: _____

Owner's Name: _____ RHA M'Ship No: _____

Rider's Name: _____ NRHA M'Ship No: _____

Rider's Address: _____

Postcode: _____ Mobile: _____

Email address: _____

Song of choice: _____

Horse Handler: _____

- Entry due \$1100 plus \$110 Judges Fee (less \$110 nomination fee)
- Stabling \$44 per night (arrive from Tuesday 15th between 4-6pm or Wednesday 16th after 6am)
- Depart Friday the 18th by 9am
- Please Note: these are GST Inclusive

Entries are due no later than the 1st of October 2016

Please Note: Competitors that have not paid on time will be moved to the bottom of the qualifying list. Top 10 Open horses and Top 5 Non Pro Horses.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Email Entries to: Secretary, secretary.reiningaustralia@bigpond.com

Bank Details: BSB: 032 278 Acc: 37 6754

