

NERHA Youth Team Challenge 2026 Rules

1. Youth must be a current member in good standing with NERHA
2. Youth rider must be entered in the youth team Challenge **deadline June 25th** Entry forms are available online with the July show bill entries
3. Youth can only choose one horse to use during Challenge. No horse can be substituted for another unless a veterinary certificate as verification that the horse is unable to be shown prior to the show. If a horse becomes injured, sick, or dies at the show please advise the youth committee. The committee will discuss approval for another horse.
4. Each team will be picked by the youth committee
5. Each team will have a team mentor
6. Youth must designate and have entered 3 classes from any of the NERHA youth/novice youth division classes (w/t and all breed classes accepted for non registered horses) on the July Show bill and pay said entry fee/cattle charge to count towards the teams points total.
7. Entry fees for 2026 have been generously sponsored
8. Every youth participating is required to follow the rules and guidelines provided by the ARHA rulebook for each class, and NERHA rules.

Youth team Challenge point system

1. Each team shall participate in the awards ceremony at the completion of Show on Sunday
2. Point system

<u>Rider points(Placings under each judge)</u>	<u>Volunteer youth/ bonus points</u>
a. 1st - 55 pts	aa.**Decorated stall sign- 5pts
b. 2nd- 45 pts	bb.Thursday night team building meeting with pizza party- 5pts
c. 3rd- 36 pts	cc.shadow and or assist show staff or board member- 5pts
d. 4th- 28 pts	
e. 5th- 21 pts	
f. 6th - 15 pts	
g. 7th - 10 pts	
h. 8th- 6 pts	
i. 9th- 3 pts	
j. 10th- 1 point	

** Decorated stall sign must include riders name, horses name. Other optional additions include pictures of horse and rider, fun facts about yourself/ horse, favorite things you like to do with your horse. Be creative, have fun and let us learn about your horse and you. Leave space for your Team name that will be picked at Thursday nights team building pizza party.

Youth volunteers who are not riding can decorate a stall sign for a family/friends horse, a barn sign that you are associated with. (just let a youth committee member know where it is located so points can be given to you. Decorated stall signs must be in place by Friday noontime.