

NRHyA Opportunities

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AFTER SHOWING SO WELL AT THE NRHA DERBY, I'M SURE MANY OF YOU ARE NOW preparing for the Affiliate Regional Championships (ARC). The competition will be fantastic and I wish you all good luck in competing at your ARC.

However, I want to tell you about the fun stuff that goes on outside the show pen at your ARC. Yes, you'll spend time with your friends and horse show family but there's more than that, too! Have you attended the youth meeting at your ARC before? If so, you're one step ahead. The youth meeting is always great because it starts to get our youth together and planning for the end of the year with topics like raffle tickets and delegate and officer elections.

Raffle tickets are the most important fundraiser for the NRHyA. The money we raise by selling raffle tickets, for awesome prizes might I add, goes to benefit our scholarship fund, our delegate activity and ice cream at the Derby, and even some of the prizes at our regular shows. Your ARC is the perfect place to sell a couple books of tickets, and there will even be a prize for the person who sells the most tickets! Also, don't forget to log your points on VRC for selling the raffle tickets.

In addition to raising money for our association, an important opportunity awaits you at your ARC—The delegate elections. I think that a lot of people feel as though delegates aren't a big deal, but this is totally false! Our delegates are extremely important to how the NRHyA works and succeeds. It is the perfect step to taking more responsibility and becoming a leader. It is also the first step you must take to becoming an officer. If you are interested in running for a position as a delegate, the best advice I have for you is don't be shy about your goal of getting that position. Do a little campaigning, be present at your meeting, and be confident! Then, take your new job seriously. The officers will be depending on you to spread the word within your club. They'll also be looking forward to getting to know you and having fun in the New Year!

I have a PSA for all current delegates as well. If you're hoping to go further and run for a position as an officer, make sure you have your workbooks turned in to the NRHA office and have emailed Hayley no later than October 31. I highly encourage you to run for office because I have had so much fun and learned so much while I've been an officer, and I want you to experience that as well!

So, make sure you attend the youth meeting at your ARC, even if you don't think you're ready to be a delegate. Good luck selling raffle tickets and to those running for a delegate position. I look forward to seeing what our new group of delegates will accomplish!

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