Get the Rundown

NRHA Futurity Riders Meeting to be Held Monday, Nov. 20

In less than 12 hours, the OKC Fairgrounds in Oklahoma City will be buzzing with activities as reiners from across the country begin to move in and prepare for the most anticipated reining event of the year – the National Reining Horse Association Futurity and Adequan® North American Affiliate Championships. The event, slated for Nov. 21 – Dec. 2, has it all, and winners will walk away with big purses, great prizes, and of course, the prestige of success at a major event.

With so much on the line, it's vital for all participants, including owners and competitors, to be aware of important information. Luckily, the place to learn it all is at the Riders Meeting, slated for Monday, Nov. 20, in Section 323 of the Jim Norick Coliseum.

"We held the Riders Meeting in the stands of the Jim Norick for the first time at the Derby earlier this year, and the participation was great. Not only did people come and sit in the stands, but it allowed some riders to continue working their horses while also hearing the information they needed," noted Patti Carter, NRHA's Senior Director of Education and Officials. "We expect to have even more involvement this time."

The agenda includes an update from OKC Fairgrounds President and CEO Kirk Slaughter, as well as safety tips from the Oklahoma City Police Department.

Chief Steward Matt Lantz will discuss the role of stewards during the event and cover topics including arena conflicts, review processes, and more.

Judges Monitors Eugenio Latorre and Doug Allen will also explain their work and share additional details.

"Before Eugenio and Doug take the stage, we will be sharing the Maneuvers Standards Video on the Jumbotron. The NRHA Judges Committee wants to share the same educational information they use in the Judge's room with all competitors," Carter shared.

While the information shared during the meeting is reason enough to attend, Carter noted there will be drawings for free giveaways throughout the meeting.

"We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday. We will open the floor for questions throughout the meeting, but if someone has a topic or question they would like to discuss beforehand, they are welcome to email me at <u>pcarter@nrha.com</u>," she said.