

The Importance of Delegates

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CALLING ALL NRHyA DELEGATES! AS AN OFFICER FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS AND a delegate before that, I have learned how valuable an experience that running for and becoming part of “the team” is. I have found you can have more fun in life if you take a few chances, step outside your box and get your feet wet. I still remember being nervous running for a delegate position; I was shy and felt unprepared. As soon as I was elected however, my life changed for the better. Now, here I am representing our wonderful organization!

Being a member of the NRHyA is significant; being a delegate shows commitment and responsibility. You become the voice of the NRHyA and you can help spread the word to others! We are born competitors so why not compete for one of these great positions.

The NRHA Derby is just around the corner and the officers and I are always looking for help. Delegates are welcome to stop by the youth room. As a delegate you can stay active at the Derby. This is your chance to sell those raffle tickets like crazy and meet all of the youth you can.

Not only can delegates get involved at shows, but they can also keep busy at home. Delegates can help keep their affiliates informed on a regular basis. It's their job to remind all of the youth in their affiliate to log on to the Varsity Reining Club (VRC), sell raffle tickets and keep up-to-date with all of NRHA's events! Delegates have the wonderful opportunity to show leadership in their affiliates, so if you're a delegate take full advantage of it and gain experience. The VRC is also a great place to stay in the loop on Reining for all of us. The more VRC points you rack up, the more opportunities you will get at the end of the year!

As a delegate, you begin to understand what being an officer is all about. It prepares you for a leadership role that can be a stepping-stone into the future. Remember, in order to become an officer, you must complete your delegate workbook, which you will be receiving shortly. These workbooks are a great way to keep track of how well you are fulfilling your role and how you can become more involved.

In closing, I would like to thank last year's delegates for all of their hard work. Without you, the officer team would not have been as effective. You help us pass on information that we are unable to get to everyone at once.

It is pretty neat to know that you were all representing NRHyA. Most young adults do not get this opportunity in school so let's take advantage of it. I would like the 2016 NRHyA Delegates to keep that in mind as they continue to represent NRHyA. This is a fantastic privilege to have, so let's take care of our chores—just as we do at the barn.

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