



Selection Criteria for the NRHA Dale Wilkinson Lifetime Achievement Award

In 2007, the NRHA Hall of Fame Committee created the NRHA Dale Wilkinson Lifetime Achievement Award. Dale Wilkinson is among the original innovators in the sport of Reining. He was a multiple NRHA Futurity champion, one of the founding members of the National Reining Horse Association and the NRHA Hall of Fame's first inductee. In addition, during his lifetime in Reining, he was an educator, promoter and mentor to all reiners, professional and non pro, of how a rider should exhibit a horse and conduct themselves. Because of his unmatched lifetime of accomplishment in Reining, it is entirely appropriate that the NRHA Lifetime Achievement Award be named for Dale Wilkinson.

To be considered for the Lifetime Achievement Award, individuals will be held to very high criteria that above all includes a lengthy and varied involvement in Reining.

The criteria:

- 1) The nominee should have been involved in Reining over a considerable period.
- 2) It is preferred that the involvement has been continuous.
- 3) It is preferred that the nominee has been involved in numerous aspects of the sport of Reining
- 4) It is preferred that the nominee has shown a personal passion for Reining that exceeds monetary gain.
- 5) It is preferred that the nominee has demonstrated the desire and ability to introduce new people to the sport and the ability to improve the sportsmanship and congeniality of Reining.

Ideally, this award will be presented to the recipient at the NRHA Convention and a surprise if possible.