

USA Reining Para Reining Rules as amended and approved December 1, 2018

DRESS			
Orthotics/braces	Any visible braces/ orthotics shall be listed on riders USEF dispensation		
Helmets	Use of helmet is optional not mandatory- USA Reining strongly recommends the use of ASTM helmets while riding State and local laws shall supersede helmet use for minors		
Clothing	long sleeve shirt with collar, shoes with a heel, western hat or safety helmet.		
	Arm band for athletes with visual impairments may be worn in the warm up so that other riders avoid approaching		
Equipment			
Bits	For general purposes USA Reining Para Reining shall adopt rules for bits set forth by the National Reining Horse Association *Should a bit check be required it must be performed prior to rider mounting		
Saddle	Western saddle		
Reins	Any type of reins may be used with the exception that a rider's hands may not be tied to the reins- any form of attachment as stated on riders USEF dispensation must be of quick-release type		
Training aids	Use of prohibited equipment as described in the National Reining Horse Judges Guide with the exception of whips and communication devices as noted on riders USEF dispensation is not allowed in either in the warm up or show arena.		
Stirrups	Enclosed stirrups and quick release stirrups are allowed as is the use of rubber bands, magnetic strips, Velcro. are also allowed as noted on riders USEF dispensation.		
Saddle Horn	Rider is allowed to hold the saddle horn at any time		
AIDS			
Whips	As noted on rider's USEF dispensation- may use one or two -may not be used by crossing the midline plane or in front of the point of the shoulder. Whips must be plain ended with no rowel or sharp attachment. Must be no longer than 1.20m		
Straps	Straps may be used to attach fender to cinch.		

Velcro	Any Velcro that is used must be of the quick release type
RIDING Modifications	
reader	A Reader may be used- reader must stand so as not to obscure the judges view and out of pattern placement and must remain stationary.
Radio headset	Communication devices may be used for reading patterns only- may not be used for “coaching” rider through pattern.
Cones	Cones must be safety orange and no less than 30cm tall
Safety assistance	A companion horse is allowed in the arena for grades 1&2. Companion horse must remain in a corner of arena so as not to obstruct the judges view and must remain stationary.
1 vs. 2 handed riding	Riders may use one or two hands at any time and may switch between hands at any time.