



# Congratulations on qualifying for the NBHA World Championships!!

Here are a few details that will hopefully help you out, and give you an idea on what to plan for.

## General Info

### ***\$Money\$***

Consider how big a gap you need to fill by fundraising and decide if it is reasonably achievable in the time available (i.e. raffles/go-fund-me/cent sales CANNOT be your main source of funds as it is unlikely you will raise the \$6,000+ required to attend).

Please be aware that raffles (Art Unions/cent sales etc) must be run in accordance with the [Charitable and Non-Profit Gaming Act 1999](#) and you are responsible for keeping correct and proper records detailing all incoming and outgoing funds for a minimum of 5 years. Failure to comply with the requirements of the Act may result in penalty buy the Queensland Office of Gaming Regulation. <https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/hospitality-tourism-sport/liquor-gaming/gaming/not-profit-charitable/competitions-raffles-bingo>

Keep in mind that you have to fundraise using the name and logo of the entity that you qualified under. Independent Districts must use their own logo and fundraise under that incorporated association.

Furthermore, we ask that if you do not meet your goal and cannot make the trip to whatever international show you were funding for, in the same year you qualified, that you either –

- 1) Pay back all money raised; or
- 2) Give all funds raised to NBHA Australia who will distribute to all competitors that ARE able to make the trip that same year.

### ***Travel Documents***

You will need a passport. This is required before you can book your flights. If you do not have one already, you can enquire for the relevant paperwork and book your interview at the Australia Post. You will need a 90 Day Visa which can be booked online <http://www.esta.us/australia.html>

### ***Horse Hire***

You will need to source a horse to hire as this will determine where in USA you will be travelling to. Usually, you would go to the barn and get familiar with the horse a few days to a week before competing. Keep in mind you will need to arrange to travel to Perry, Georgia from wherever you hire from (more information on the horse lease is at the end).

### ***Travel***

You will need to book flights. Price will depend on where you are going, where you are leaving from, and how long you are going for. A rough estimate would be \$1,500-2,000AU/person.

- Booking online is cheaper – keep an eye out for specials
- Be careful when booking connecting flights that you leave enough time to get through customs/security – allow about 3 hours

Before you purchase Travel Insurance, [Equine Sport Insurance \(ESI\)](#) may be able to provide you with full travel insurance that will cover the competition (not many covers do this!). Call Gary on 03 9998 6008. Some banks offer general Travel Insurance at reduced rates or free with credit cards.

NOTE: NBHA USA insurance is for the event only (does not cover riders unless NBHA USA is at fault).



You will need a way to get around (remember to take your credit card to hire a vehicle – they won't accept a travel card) and accommodation. Some people stay in motels and hire a car, others rent an RV which covers your bed and transport. (The cost of food and fuel is a lot cheaper!)

## World Championships Information

The Youth Worlds run in the last week of July & the Open Worlds run in the last week of October.

Both are held at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry, Georgia. The facility is fantastic;

- Three warm up/practice pens
- Four turn out pens
- Tonnes of Stalls
- Fully enclosed competition arena (air conditioned & heated inside)
- Vendors galore

The nomination forms come out about 2 months before the Worlds and can be found on the NBHA USA webpage.

<http://www.nbha.com/>

PLEASE NOTE: YOU MUST LODGE YOUR WORLDS NOMINATION FORM WITH A SIGNED WAIVER -

<http://nbha.com.au/documents/NBHA%20USA%20Waiver.pdf>

Nominations will be approx \$400-500USD for one horse, more if you are riding more than one. Your nomination price will include, entry fee, stall fee, souvenir packs if you want them (T-shirt, etc), extra passes if you need them, and a processing fee. All this will be on the nomination form

## Accommodation at the Worlds

There are many good options for hotels around Perry. Usually the rooms are booked from the Saturday (day before Worlds starts) to the following Sunday (day of the finals) and the whole week normally costs approx. \$600USD per room.

If you stay at the grounds in an RV/Gooseneck, there is a nightly camping fee.

For those needing to leave ASAP after the Worlds, you can fly out of Atlanta, which is only 1 ½ hour drive from Perry.

## World Championships Schedule

### Youth Worlds

- The youth age is 12 & under; teens are 13 – 18 (these ages are on the 1st of January of the year that you **qualify**)

### Open Worlds

- Sweepstakes (jackpot event),
- Seniors are for people over 50, Super Seniors are for people over 60
- Open

### Both Worlds

- 2 go rounds & a final (no average; each round is a clean slate and a chance to qualify for finals, and finals is also a clean slate)
- 5D format - ½ second split between divisions
- If you qualify for the finals in the first round, you can still run for the money in the second round, but you cannot qualify twice
- The number of qualifiers per division differs every year. This past year they took 20 per division, per round in the open & teens, 15 in the youth, and 10 in the seniors. It depends on how many entries
- Every finals qualifier receives a buckle



- First round is run draw # 1 – end, second round is run in reverse order; end – # 1

## Horse Lease Information

No matter who you get your horse from, make sure to ask questions & find out exactly what you're up for. **Horse hire is completely at your own risk!** Remember to consider where the horse is and how much travel you will need to do to get to the event and factor that into your trip. Ask how much the lease is, what that covers (all tack / lessons / feed at Perry), if you keep all the prizes / money you might win, when you need to pay and how. Talk to the people you're leasing from about when you can go and ride, if you will get to compete at Jackpots or run the horse fast before the Worlds and if you will be able to ride the week of the competition.

Some people have an upfront, one-time cost, others have an upfront & then you pay for haulage, some take a percentage of all winnings. Please don't be afraid to ask lots of questions! We recommend you do not pay the total amount for your horse until you are happy with your mount. If you are asked for a deposit, ensure it is refundable so if there are any problems, you can source another horse elsewhere. **For your own protection, have your agreement in writing.**

Generally you will need to purchase shavings for the stalls while you are at Worlds no matter who you lease from and will be responsible for cleaning stalls and looking after your horse for the whole week.

Ballpark prices on leases range from \$500 - \$3000. It depends on who you're leasing from, how long you are leasing, the training you want and the level of horse you are after.

Some previous horses and trainers are

- [Brad & Pattie Marshall](#) @ Plainwell, Michigan (only takes a few riders)  
(email – [mmeadows1@yahoo.com](mailto:mmeadows1@yahoo.com))
- [Brett & Nicole Monroe](#) (highly recommended by Sherry Fulmer – NBHA Executive Director) @ Gay, Georgia  
(email – [ndrumrunner@gmail.com](mailto:ndrumrunner@gmail.com))
- [Crider Barrel Horses](#) ([Chad](#) & [Heidi Crider](#)) @ Huntingdon, Tennessee (only takes a few riders)  
(email – [criderbarrelhorses@hotmail.com](mailto:criderbarrelhorses@hotmail.com))
- [Courtney Winkler Ashbaugh](#) @ Griffin, Georgia (only takes a few riders)  
(email – [courtwickash@gmail.com](mailto:courtwickash@gmail.com))
- [Cyra Stuehrmann Carpenter](#) @ Social Circle, Georgia (only takes a few riders)  
(email – [cyra@cox.net](mailto:cyra@cox.net))
- [Dei Gratia International Training Center](#) (Lisa Amey) @ Williamson, Georgia
- [Lance Graves](#) (contact via Suzanne Brooks) @ Hartshorne, Oklahoma (Opens only)
- [Sarah Haigler Vinson](#) @ Kershaw, South Carolina (only takes a few riders)  
(email – [haigl8@aol.com](mailto:haigl8@aol.com) or [haigl1313@gmail.com](mailto:haigl1313@gmail.com))
- [Silver Horseshoe Stables](#) ([Sara A Brown](#)) @ Griffin, Georgia
- [TC Performance Horses](#) ([Chelsea Bartlett](#)/ [Trey McFarlin](#)) @ Martin, Georgia  
(email – [chelseaimbartlett@yahoo.com](mailto:chelseaimbartlett@yahoo.com))

**Do some research!** Look at their Facebook profiles, search [Equi-Stats](#) or [Barrel Horse News](#) and contact people who have used their horses before to see what sort of experience they had.

A good time is usually about a week before the Worlds, so you can get a chance to know the horse you'll be riding. Some people assign horses to riders, others allow you to choose which horse you want to ride. Once again, this is a discussion you need to have with the people you are leasing from. Give them as much information as you can, what Division you qualified in, share videos of your runs and make sure to be honest about your ability. You want to be safe and enjoy your experience!

Find the situation that will best suit you and go for it. It's all about having the best experience possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact your District Director or National Director if you have further enquiries. If we don't know the answer, we will find someone who does. Once again, congratulations on qualifying.