



**IRHA Italian Reining Horse Association**

## **Presse Release**

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### **IRHA formalizes the calendar of the 2021 show season**

After several evaluations, the IRHA Board formalizes the calendar of the 2021 show season.

Although aware that the Pandemic does not seem to stop its effects throughout Europe and that there are directives taken by the various states in terms of prohibitions and limitations in order to limit the effects and the spread of the virus, we still feel the responsibility to guarantee a schedule for our discipline which - while taking into account the DPCM and the necessary implementation protocols drawn up by CONI and FISE, allows Reining to start with confidence in this 2021. This was the principle from which the IRHA Board started to coordinate with the European partners the program of the 2021 Show season, which at the same time include the reschedule of the IRHA Futurity, the European Futurity and the finals of the Italian FISE-IRHA Championship in 2020.

IRHA President Roberto Cuoghi and his Board did their best to define a homogeneous, show calendar that takes into account the other European Big Events. But at the same time it appears a priority, in order to ensure the estimated Added and contain the costs for owners and for all riders, to keep the competitions as much as possible in a compact and not split format. All this was possible also thanks to the synergies and commitment of Partners and Sponsors who keep their commitment with IRHA .

In addition, it is necessary to evaluate, for international events, that in order to encourage an important European participation it has been considered as in this period, although there are no travel restrictions for almost all European countries, for some countries and until March 31st. the obligations of quarantine and molecular swabs persist. This would not permit the participation, especially for the Europeans Non Pro who could hardly and understandably afford to be absent from their activities for three consecutive weeks. .

We really hope that the Virus will mitigate its effects from the next few weeks, but we are sure that you will understand this situation still "in progress" today, we want to take this opportunity to thank all the riders and professionals, breeders and owners, families, operators for their patience, the sense of responsibility and the trust placed in our sport in this really difficult year. The desire is really for all of us, to see each other very soon in the arena and officially start with the 2021 show season.