

# 2016 APHA Convention Report

Annual Convention

Meeting called by: APHA

Type of Meeting: Updates, Rule change Proposals

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After an opening statement by President Ron Shelley, Jay Hickey of the American Horse Council provided some information regarding changes for the upcoming years:

## TAXES

- The 179 Expense deduction was restored up to \$500,000
- Also a bonus depreciation of 50% through 2019

## OTHER

- \$85 million was appropriated for improvement of recreational trails
- The Equine slaughter bill continues to be stalled
- More communication is coming from the Equine Disease Communication Center

## BILLY SMITH, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT:

New tag line: "Keeping Paints First"

The six top items:

- Breeders Trust points had an increase for the first time in years - \$7.85/point
- APHA increased our market share compared to the AQHA by ½ a point – the first increase since 2002
- Revenue exceeded expenses for the second year straight
- Registration fell by 6% (AQHA's fell by 11%)
- The World Show had an increase in entries of 11% coupled with a 6% increase in the number of horses shown
- There was a 2.3 % decrease in memberships which is the lowest decline since 2004

Some of the principal items Billy discussed:

- "Look past your own pasture"
- The horse market guides us, it doesn't follow us
  - o Only 8% of our members show in our APHA shows
- We are not meeting the needs of SPB owners (40% of the market)
- We cannot regulate our way to prosperity
- Exhibitors demand recognition

Horse Market Share:

<b>2014</b>	<b>Breed</b>	<b>2015</b>
84.11 %	AQHA	83.61%
11.71%	APHA	12.21%
2.42%	Appaloosa	2.02%
1.76%	Pinto	1.92%

Much discussion surrounding the use of genetics to identify color OF horses and the ability for horses to produce color. Billy indicated using genetics would:

- Eliminate non-white producing horses/genetics
- Increase overall color (visible as well) in our breed
- Reduce breeder risk
- Reduce the temptation to cheat

#### Open/Amateur World Show statistics:

- Overall decrease in halter competitors
- 13% increase in entries overall
- 30% of all world show classes are halter classes
- 424 unique horses placed first thru third
- 8.7 increase over last year

#### New Tools:

- Horse IQ which is an online tool for judges and exhibitors. It is in the process of being rolled out but will allow subscribers to view actual video examples of scores and penalties in a variety of events AND also give viewers the ability to score themselves then compare
- Professional directory – currently online on the APHA site – it is for judges and professional horsemen

#### Possible APHA Office Move

- Discussed moving the APHA headquarters to the Fort Worth Stockyards
  - o The move could up visitors to the APHA – Stockyards receives 2.5 million visitors today
  - o Would create a lucrative outlet for the APHA Retail store
  - o Discussed an adjoining arena so clinics could be held onsite
  - o Intent is to retain the property owned by APHA and lease the large space out
  - o Statue and heritage bricks would also be relocated
  - o Letter of intent has been signed for further research

#### **RECREATIONAL RIDING COMMITTEE**

- Much discussion surrounding the motion from the October meeting where it was suggested to the Executive Committee the Ride America program be incorporated under PAC
  - o Primary reason was the programming for tracking was already in place
  - o RA was paying a lifetime fee of \$25 which is not sustainable for the program (labor, certificates and awards)
  - o New fee mirrored that of PAC - \$30 annually
  - o The arguments were that trail riders are not competitive and PAC is in fact a competitive program

\*Personal note: I left the meeting early to attend my Rules committee meeting and have also asked to be removed from Recreational riding in 2016.

#### **RULES COMMITTEE**

- Passed to the floor AIX-1 which stipulates regional club officers need to be APHA members
- Passed to the floor the felons cannot be Directors
- Discussed the possibility of moving the convention to a different date to better accommodate the flow of rule changes. Much discussion with a recommendation being made by the majority of the committee to move it to October or November.

\*Personal note: I was against this since our clubs are still attempting to readjust to the World Show move. I asked for a vote on the recommendation to ensure it was documented I am against this recommendation.

- There were multiple rule change amendments coming through our committee as RCPs made their way through committees to the floor for discussion and voting

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - #1**

Demonstration was given of the newly created Horse IQ – previously discussed but shows via actual goes how the classes are scored and what judges are looking for. The website is scheduled to rollout sometime this year.

#### **APHA Financial Results (from the Auditor, no trend analysis given)**

- Net loss of \$54,855 from 2014 to 2015 primary attributed to the stock market decline
- Other points of revenue decline include registration, the General Store and Sponsorships (\$26k)
- Youth world show lost \$159,195
- O/A World show made \$222,064 which is a \$31,952 increase over the previous year

#### **Committee Reports**

- AMATEUR
    - o Had 10 RCPs – 4 were defeated in committee including RC AM 205-2 which was sent back for a rewrite. (NA eligibility)
    - o AM-060 came out of committee with an early implementation suggestion
    - o The committee is working on a RCP for not allowing walk/trot exhibitors to lope at other breed shows
  - BREED IMPROVEMENT AND REGISTRATION
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- Lengthy discussion about what really is a paint horse (color vs genetics) and came to the conclusion that color is the driving factor
- There is an importance associated with color markers but the committee did not feel DNA testing alone was enough to determine whether or not a horse is a paint
- On the rule to allow a SPB offspring of two RR parents to be registered in the RR – committee voted 9:1 to not approve
- Some statistics on SPB were given:
  - 22,000 total in a 5 year pool
  - 15% were a result of RR to RR
  - 17% were RR to SPB
  - 68% had at least one AQHA/Th parent
- SHOW AND CONTEST RULES
  - The committee had 25 RCPs – 12 were passed; 13 defeated
  - SC 165 (allows shows to offer all registry classes for individual working events where SPB and RR can exhibit in the same class but points and placings are still separate) was defeated in committee but petitioned out to the floor
  - SC175-2 (performance halter) was defeated in committee but petitioned out to the floor
- JUDGES
  - Provided written guidelines for judges using social media (during and not during judging)
  - Discussed the newly created Judges Directory
- LONG RANGE PLANNING
  - Discussed and encouraged passing of performance halter
  - Discussed the Breeders Trust growth – and the first year the point value has actually increased
  - The committee is discussing the lines of club boundaries
- PROFESSIONAL HORSEMEN
- RACING COMMITTEE
  - The two rules addressing racing were both passed out of committee
- RECREATIONAL RIDING
  - Ride America is now rolled under PAC
  - Association ride is scheduled for September 12-17
  - The committee discussed changing the number of riders for an official ride from 20 to 10
- REGIONAL CLUBS
  - Committee is reviewing the 5 year form for clubs
  - Committee is requesting more transparency from the Executive Committee in their communications
- YOUTH COMMITTEE
  - Defeated YP-075
- FOUNDATION/HERITAGE
  - The foundation has new revenue tracking software

The activities of the Executive Committee were ratified quickly at the beginning of the meeting. At the end there was some discussion from the floor with regards to the movement of the World Show – and how it has negatively impacted many clubs. Jerry Cable from Iowa asked for reconsideration on it, as Iowa has futurities with \$500,000 involved that is impacted. George Ready (EC) stood up and indicated a breach of contract is not the kind of publicity the Association needs. I stood up and gave the following numbers with regards to the impact of the move:

- 30 States
- 62 shows
- 51,337 entries

I pointed out the communication for the move was publicized 45 days after the convention last year – yet we did not have the opportunity to discuss it when we were all together. I asked for the EC to take into consideration the base of the association (regional clubs) in future decisions and to also develop a method for Directors to more quickly ratify EC decisions rather than waiting for it to occur on an annual basis.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - #2**

There was more discussion from the floor over multiple rule change proposals at this meeting than any I have attended. Four rules required a hand count of votes:

- RG-110 – Stallion Genetic Testing (passed)
  - SC-165 - Allows shows to offer all registry classes for individual working events where SPB and RR can exhibit in the same class but points and placings are still separate (passed)
  - SC-175-2 – Performance Halter (passed with the closest vote: 48:42)
  - SC-185 – Regulates when yearlings and 2-year-olds can be shown in lungeline and riding classes (passed)
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The remainder of the votes and results with regards to the RCPs are below (taken off the APHA site)

## **ARTICLES AND GENERAL RULES**

### **Control AIX-1 – Effective date January 1, 2017**

ARTICLE IX – State/Provincial Regional Clubs

Section 3.C.1

**a. Regional Club officers and their Board of Directors shall be required to carry a current APHA membership during the term of their office.**

ab. Allow only persons with current memberships in the club to vote in elections.

Related Rule:

ARTICLE IX – State/Provincial Regional Clubs

Section 4.A

**2. Regional Club officers and their Board of Directors shall be required to carry a current APHA membership during the term of their office.**

ARTICLE IX – State/Provincial Regional Clubs

Section 3. Each Zone Show must be coordinated and sponsored by a Zone Coordinating Committee consisting

of representatives from each state and/or Regional Club of the zone. **Zone officers and Executive Board**

**members shall be required to carry a current APHA membership during the term of their office.**

### **Control GR-010 – Effective date January 1, 2017**

GR-010.A. Proposed Rule Changes

7. All proposed Rule Changes to be voted on by the Board of Directors will be published before the

Association's next Annual Convention or special meeting. Rules defeated in committee will not be published.

8.7. At the Association's Annual Convention or special meeting, the Board of Directors will approve or

reject the recommended proposed **Rule Book Change** exactly as written (no further amendments). If

the proposed **Rule Book Change** is approved, it will then be published and will be printed in the Rule

Book whenever the next scheduled printing occurs **become effective January 1 of the following**

**calendar year, unless approved for early implementation under GR-010.8.** If the proposed **Rule**

**Book Change** fails to obtain approval, it can still be considered for a future Rule Book Change

provided it is sent back to the Standing Committee by following all of the above procedures. Defeated

proposals will not be published in the report of the directors' voting.

9. **8. Early Implementation.** If a proposed **Rule Book Change (one that will be voted upon at the next**

**Board of Directors meeting)** is considered to be of such extraordinary circumstances **importance** by

the standing committee that it must be acted upon immediately **sooner than its normal effective date,**

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**an amendment may be made to specify an early implementation date. Such an amendment, with approval from the originator,** such proposed Rule Change must be presented to the Executive Committee prior to any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors. and is subject to amendments. **If the Executive Committee, with input from APHA staff and Rules Committee, deem the amendment to be in the best interest of the Association and/or breed such that it 1) concerns the safety, health or well-being of a horse and/or rider; 2) materially benefits the Association's programs or its financial stability; or 3) involves other compelling circumstances,** the amendment will be added to the original rule change proposal and be presented at the next Board of Directors meeting and continue through the normal rule change process. If the amendment is defeated, the rule change proposal will continue through the rule change process as it was originally written. If amended, the amendments must be approved or disapproved by the Rules Committee. The Emergency Status of the proposed Rule Change should then be put to a vote by the Board of Directors. This must be done first and requires a motion and majority vote in favor. If the Board of Directors approved the Emergency Status, the proposed Rule Change with any amendments attached shall then be put to a vote by the Board of Directors for immediate action and/or implementation. If approved, the Rule Change can become effective immediately. If the Emergency Status of the proposed Rule Change is rejected by the Board of Directors, the proposed Rule Change itself cannot be put to a vote at this time but can still be presented for a vote by normal procedure at the Annual Convention or Special Meeting.

**10. 9.** A new or amended rule or regulation may be considered for change, addition or repeal, one calendar year after the proposed rule takes effect, which limitation may be waived by the Executive Committee upon finding an extraordinary circumstance which 1) concerns the safety, health or well being of a horse and/or rider; 2) materially benefits the Association's programs or its financial stability; or 3) involves other compelling circumstances.

## **REGISTRATION**

**Control RG-110 – Effective date January 1, 2017**

RG-110 Stallion Breeding Reports

E. All breeding stallions must **are required to** be genetic tested by DNA **in order to allow parentage**

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verification of offspring. In addition, all breeding stallions are required to have a Genetic Panel test on file with APHA prior to the registration of their foals that result from breedings occurring after January 1, 2018. The Genetic Panel test includes HYPP, PSSM, MH, GBED, HERDA, OLWS.

Genetic Panel test results will be available to all APHA members. The owner or lessee of such stallion shall at his own expense, file with the Association an **official** report of the stallion's **required DNA test results**, obtained from an **APHA approved** laboratory approved by the Association and in accordance with procedures adopted by the Association. Once a stallion's **required DNA test results** are filed with the Association, it is not necessary to repeat such filing annually, except as requested by the Association.

### **SHOW AND CONTEST**

#### **Control SC-100 – Effective date January 1, 2017**

SC-100. Single-Judge Shows

A. SINGLE-JUDGE SHOW. A single-judge show is limited to one judge in the arena at any given time and held on one or more days.

**1. Single-judge shows may also offer a clinic in conjunction with the show with the official judge**

**servicing as clinician. Clinicians must be approved by the APHA.**

**a. Single-judge shows offered with a clinic are not required to offer the minimum class**

**requirements outlined in SC-095 pending APHA approval.**

Related Rules:

JU-000. Judge Rules and Regulations

G. CONDUCT. A person who is an approved APHA judge shall, at all times, whether serving as a judge, spectator, or exhibitor, remember that he/she is a representative of the APHA and should project and conduct himself/herself in a professional manner, and be a model of good sportsmanship. (See JU-000.A.2.)

1. Attendance At Show Prior To Commitment. A judge shall not attend a show, or exhibitor's party, or any other activity in the general location that is connected with a show on the day previous to the show at

which he is officiating. Exception: Multi-breed shows, stock shows or fairs **and single-judge shows**

**offering a clinic (see Rule SC-100.A.1.)**

2. Arrival On Grounds. A judge shall not appear on the show or contest grounds prior to thirty (30) minutes

before judging. **Exception: Single-judge shows offering a clinic (see Rule SC-100.A.1.)**

3. Fraternalization/Perception. A judge shall not visit in the horse barns with owners, exhibitors, trainers, or other judges; inspect or discuss any horse entered in the show or contest; or review the show program

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until after the entire show has been completed. **Exception: Single-judge shows offering a clinic (see Rule SC-100.A.1.)**

**Control SC-105-1 – Effective date January 1, 2017**

SC-105.B. – Paint-O-Ramas

2. PAINT-O-RAMAS.

b. The number and location of Paint-O-Ramas which each APHA Regional Club is entitled to have shall be determined by the following:

1. Any APHA Regional Club whose territory encompasses one or more entire state(s) or province(s) or

country may have a maximum of two (2) Paint-O-Ramas per year. All other APHA Regional Clubs

are entitled to one Paint-O-Rama per year.

a. EXCEPTION: Any APHA regional club whose province, territory or state located within Zone 10

may hold a maximum of four Paint-O-Ramas per year.

**b. EXCEPTION: Livestock shows and state fairs may hold one Paint-O-Rama with up to 3**

**judges per year without APHA Regional Club sponsorship.**

2. No APHA Regional Club may sell or assign its Paint-O-Rama sponsorship to any other club.

3. No APHA Regional Club may host a Paint-O-Rama outside its state(s) or province(s) or country.

**Control SC-105-2 – Effective date January 1, 2017**

SC-105. Multiple-Judge Shows

A. Multiple-Judge shows are two-judge shows, Paint-O-Ramas or Zone-O-Ramas and are limited to APHA approved

shows in which two or more judges are in the arena judging independently at one time on one or

more consecutive days.

4. Multiple-judged shows must have each judge work independently. There shall be no consultation or

visiting between judges during the actual judging, **except that judges may consult regarding whether**

**a disqualification, 5 point penalty or 3 point penalty occurred in any scored class in any division if**

**a scribe, show manager, ring steward or other person designated by show management is present**

**during the consultation.** Show management must provide a competent scribe for any judge if he or she

requests one when signing a contract.

**Control SC-105-5 – Effective date January 1, 2017**

SC-105. Multiple-Judge Shows

B. MULTIPLE-JUDGE SHOWS.

1. TWO-JUDGE SHOWS.

a. A two-judge show is limited to two (2) judges in the arena at any given time and held on one or more

consecutive days.

b. Such shows cannot be held on contiguous dates and within 250 highway miles (402.336km) of any

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other APHA-approved shows.

c. Exceptions:

1. Youth/amateur multi-judged shows.

2. Shows in International countries.

3. Shows held at the exact same show location by the same sponsor or different sponsors.

a. Such shows may be held on contiguous dates (back-to-back), not to exceed two back-to-back

two-judge shows at any given time.

b. Such shows (back-to-back two-judge shows) must be separate shows on two or more days with

different judges for each show. Classes may not be combined with all four judges judging on

the same date.

c. No concurrent judging is allowed; however, two shows may be judged simultaneously on the

same date, not to exceed two judges in the arena at any given time. (Ex. two judges may be in

one arena while another arena has two judges. Separate arenas are arenas in two separated

buildings or areas.)

**1) Exception: Halter and Longe Line classes ONLY, may be approved on the same date**

**and judged simultaneously not to exceed four (4) judges in the arena at any given time;**

**and/or,**

**2) Exception: Trail and Showmanship classes ONLY, may be approved on the same date**

**and judged in split arenas with separate courses/patterns not to exceed four (4) judges**

**(two (2) per course/pattern) in the arena at any given time.**

d. One show must be completed before another show starts with the exception of holding the two

shows in separate arenas as in (c.) above.

e. Any person, organization or regional club may hold these types of shows.

f. The number of these types of shows allowed per year is unlimited.

g. These shows may only be held at the exact same location.

h. These shows cannot be held within 250 highway miles (402.336km) of any other APHA-approved

shows on the same date/weekend at a different location.

**Control SC-105-6 – Effective date January 1, 2017**

SC-105. Multiple-Judge Shows

B. MULTIPLE-JUDGE SHOWS.

1. TWO-JUDGE SHOWS.

a. A two-judge show is limited to two (2) judges in the arena at any given time and held on one or more

consecutive days.

b. Such shows cannot be held on contiguous dates and within 250 highway miles (402.336km) of any

other APHA-approved shows.

c. Exceptions:

1. Youth/amateur multi-judged shows.

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2. Shows in International countries.
3. Shows held at the exact same show location by the same sponsor or different sponsors.
  - a. Such shows may be held on contiguous dates (back-to-back), not to exceed two back-to-back two-judge shows **or a two-judge show back-to-back with a Paint-O-Rama\*** at any given time.
    - 1) **\*Two-judge shows held back-to-back with a Paint-O-Rama may be held by different sponsors as long as the two sponsors are in agreement to hold them back-to-back.**
    - b. Such shows (back-to-back **two-judge** shows) must be separate shows on two or more days with different judges for each show. Classes may not be combined with all four judges judging on the same date.
    - c. No concurrent judging is allowed; however, two shows may be judged simultaneously on the same date, not to exceed two judges in the arena at any given time. (Ex. two judges may be in one arena while another arena has two judges. Separate arenas are arenas in two separated buildings or areas.)
    - d. One show must be completed before another show starts with the exception of holding the two shows in separate arenas as in (c.) above.
    - e. Any person, organization or regional club may hold these types of shows.
    - f. The number of these types of shows allowed per year is unlimited.
    - g. These shows may only be held at the exact same location.
    - h. These shows cannot be held within 250 highway miles (402.336km) of any other APHAapproved shows on the same date/weekend at a different location.

**Control SC-105-7 – Effective date January 1, 2017**

SC-105. Multiple-Judge Shows

B. MULTIPLE-JUDGE SHOWS.

2. PAINT-O-RAMAS.

a. Paint-O-Ramas are limited to two (2), three (3), or four (4) judges on one or more consecutive days,

not to exceed four (4) judges in the arena at any given time.

1. Exception: Halter and Longe Line classes ONLY, may be approved on the same date and judged

simultaneously not to exceed eight (8) judges in the arena at any given time; and/or, .

**a) When held back-to-back with a Zone Show, Halter classes may be judged simultaneously**

**not to exceed ten (10) judges in the arena at any time.**

2. Exception: Trail and Showmanship classes ONLY, may be approved on the same date and judged

in split arenas with separate courses/patterns not to exceed eight (8) judges (four (4) per course/pattern) in the arena at any given time.

**Control SC-165 – Effective date January 1, 2017**

SC-165. Registration Requirements for Halter and/or Performance

C. Effective January 1, 2006, horses registered in the Solid Paint-Bred/Breeding Stock and Identification

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registries are eligible to compete in Solid Paint-Bred/Breeding Stock classes only. See Rule RA-000.D.

**1. Exception:** Effective January 1, 2006 Solid Paint-Bred/Breeding Stock sires or dams may be entered in

the following group halter classes: Produce of Dam and Get of Sire, provided the requirements of Rule

SC-180.A are met.

**2. Exception:** All individual working events (per Rule SC-185.F) may be offered as an all Paint registries class. See Rules SC-185.F, AM-085.E and YP-080.G for list of acceptable classes.

**a) If offered as an all Paint registries class, Solid Paint-Bred and regular registry horses shall**

**compete within the same class but be awarded points based only on the number of horses**

**competing in their respective registry type. (i.e. Solid Paint-Bred points will be based on the**

**number of Solid Paint-Bred horses competing, etc.)**

**b) A show may offer overall class awards independent of registry type, but all APHA points will remain separate.**

Related Rule:

SC-325.A.1

**Control SC-175-2 – Effective date January 1, 2017**

M. HALTER CLASSES: The following halter classes are recommended for every show:

1. Mares

a. Weanling fillies, foaled in calendar year of show.

b. Yearling fillies, foaled in calendar year preceding show.

c. Two-year-old fillies.

d. Three-year-old fillies.

e. Four-year-old and older mares.

**f. Performance Halter Mares. For horses aged one year and older. Horses are not eligible to**

**compete in other classes listed in SC-175 at the same show or contest. Horses that complete a**

**minimum of one performance class, other than showmanship, at the same show or contest will**

**be eligible.**

**1. Jr. and Sr. classes may be offered if minimum requirements have been met.**

**a. Junior Mares, ages one year and two years.**

**b. Senior Mares, ages three years and over.**

**f.g. Broodmares.** Mares shown in the broodmare class are not eligible to compete in any other classes

listed in SC-175.L.1.a.-e. at the same show or contest. Only mares which have conceived and carried

a full term foal in the current or previous year are eligible. If the foal has not been registered out of

the mare during this period, a Broodmare Eligibility form advising status of the full term foal must be

signed by the owner of the mare upon entering the class or each exhibitor competing in a broodmare

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class must possess a broodmare status card. Show management must inspect this card at any show

entered. Application for a broodmare status card can be made by sending a written statement with all

pertinent information to APHA.

**g.h. Grand and Reserve Champion Mare.**

1. Grand Champion Mare, chosen from first-place winners. EXCEPTION: If for any reason the firstplace

horse fails to return for grand and reserve, the second-place horse can be considered for the

grand or reserve champion placing.

2. Reserve Champion Mare, chosen from second-place winner in the Grand Champion mare's class

and first-place winners in other classes, all remaining second-place horses may be excused.

EXCEPTION: If for any reason the first-place horse fails to return for grand and reserve, the second-place horse can still be considered for the reserve grand champion placing.

2. Stallions.

a. Weanling colts, foaled in calendar year of show.

b. Yearling colts, foaled in calendar year preceding show.

c. Two-year-old stallions.

d. Three-year-old stallions.

e. Four-year-old and older stallions

**f. Performance Halter stallions. For horses aged one year and older. Horses are not eligible to**

**compete in other classes listed in SC-175 at the same show or contest. Horses that complete a**

**minimum of one performance class, other than showmanship, at the same show or contest will**

**be eligible.**

**1. Jr. and Sr. classes may be offered if minimum requirements have been met.**

**a. Junior Stallions, ages one year and two years.**

**b. Senior Stallions, ages three years and over.**

**f.g. Grand and Reserve Champion Stallion.**

1. Grand Champion Stallion, chosen from first-place winners. Exception: If for any reason the firstplace

horse fails to return for grand and reserve, the second-place horse can be considered for the

grand or reserve champion placing.

2. Reserve Champion Stallion, chosen from second-place winner in the Grand Champion Stallion's

class and first-place winners in other classes, all remaining second-place horses may be excused.

See Exception in Rule SC-175.L.1.g.2.

3. Geldings

a. Weanling geldings, foaled in calendar year of show.

b. Yearling geldings, foaled in calendar year preceding show.

c. Two-year-old geldings.

d. Three-year-old geldings.

e. Four-year-old and older geldings.

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**f. Performance Halter geldings. For horses aged one year and older. Horses are not eligible to compete in other classes listed in SC-175 at the same show or contest. Horses that complete a minimum of one performance class, other than showmanship, at the same show or contest will be eligible.**

**1. Jr. and Sr. classes may be offered if minimum requirements have been met.**

**a. Junior Geldings, ages one year and two years.**

**b. Senior Geldings, ages three years and over.**

**f.g. Grand and Reserve Champion Gelding.**

1. Grand Champion Gelding, chosen from first-place winners. Exception: If for any reason the firstplace

horse fails to return for grand and reserve, the second-place horse can be considered for the

grand or reserve champion placing.

2. Reserve Champion Gelding, chosen from second-place winner in Grand Champion Gelding's class

and first-place winners 112 in other classes, all remaining second-place horses may be excused.

See Exception in Rule SC-175.L.1.g.2

Related Rules:

SC-325. Solid Paint-Bred/Breeding Stock Rules

K. RECOGNIZED CLASSES. The following are recognized classes for solid Paint-Bred/Breeding Stock and Identification Status horses. Rule SC-165.C.

1. Halter.

a. Mares.

1. Weanlings.

2. Yearlings.

3. Two-Year-Olds.

4. Three-Year-Olds.

5. Four-Year-Olds and Older.

6. Broodmares.

7. Grand and Reserve Champion Mare. See Rule SC-175.M.1.g.

8. Or, halter mares may be combined as follows:

a. 2 and Under.

b. 3 and Over.

**9. Performance Halter Mares. For horses aged one year and older. Horses are not eligible to**

**compete in other classes listed in SC-325.K.1 at the same show or contest. Horses that**

**complete a minimum of one performance class, other than showmanship, at the same show or contest will be eligible.**

**a. Jr. and Sr. classes may be offered if minimum requirements have been met.**

**i. Junior Mares, ages one year and two years.**

**ii. Senior Mares, ages three years and over.**

b. Stallions.

1. Weanlings.

2. Yearlings.

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3. Two-Year-Olds.
4. Three-Year-Olds.
5. Four-Year-Olds and Older.
6. Grand and Reserve Champion Stallion. See Rule SC-175.M.2.f.
7. Or, halter stallions may be combined as follows:
  - a. 2 and Under.
  - b. 3 and Over.

**8. Performance Halter Stallions. For horses aged one year and older. Horses are not eligible to**

**compete in other classes listed in SC-325.K.1 at the same show or contest. Horses that**

**complete a minimum of one performance class, other than showmanship, at the same show or**

**contest will be eligible.**

**a. Jr. and Sr. classes may be offered if minimum requirements have been met.**

**i. Junior Stallions, ages one year and two years.**

**ii. Senior Stallions, ages three years and over.**

**c. Geldings.**

**1. Weanlings.**

**2. Yearlings.**

**3. Two-Year-Olds.**

**4. Three-Year-Olds.**

**5. Four-Year-Olds and Older.**

**6. Grand and Reserve Champion Gelding. See Rule SC- 175.M.3.f.**

**7. Or, halter geldings may be combined as follows:**

**a. 2 and Under.**

**b. 3 and Over.**

**8. Performance Halter Geldings. For horses aged one year and older. Horses are not eligible to**

**compete in other classes listed in SC-325.K.1 at the same show or contest. Horses that**

**complete a minimum of one performance class, other than showmanship, at the same show or**

**contest will be eligible.**

**a. Jr. and Sr. classes may be offered if minimum requirements have been met.**

**i. Junior Geldings, ages one year and two years.**

**ii. Senior Geldings, ages three years and over.**

**Control SC-185 – Effective date January 1, 2017**

SC-185. Performance Class General Rules

E. AGE DIVISIONS. Performance classes may be divided into a maximum of two sections, based on the age

of the horse. Any exception will be specified in the appropriate event.

4. Eligible Age For Performance Class Entry. No horse shall be exhibited in a performance class prior to

January 1 of its two year old year. Exception: Showmanship, Yearling Longe Line and Yearling In-

Hand Trail. **No yearling horse may be exhibited in a Yearling Longe Line class prior to May 15.**

**5. No two-year-old horse may be exhibited in a performance class prior to May 15.**

**EXCEPTIONS:**

**Showmanship and Two-Year-Old Longe Line.**

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Related Rules:

SC-190 Performance Events

A. Performance Events. Only APHA registered horses two years old and older may be exhibited in performance classes. The performance contests shown below may recognize the entry of any APHA

registered horse as set in Rules RG-010.B. and SC-165.A.

**B. Exception: No yearling horse may be exhibited in a Yearling Longe Line class prior to May 15.**

**C. Exception: No two year old horse may be exhibited in a performance class prior to May 15.**

**Exception: Showmanship, 2 year old Longe Line.**

SC-191. Yearling Longe Line

A. Class is limited to yearlings. **This class will not be approved prior to May 15 for the year approval is**

**requested.** Exception: Zone 12, 13 and 14, two-year olds may also be exhibited. Points in this class will

be applied toward an ROM. Points in this class will not count toward an APAH

Championship or any

other APHA awards.

**Control SC-192-3 – Effective date January 1, 2017**

SC-192. Yearling In-Hand Trail

F. Obstacle Requirements. Course will include a minimum of 6 4 and a maximum of 8 obstacles and must be

designed using a minimum of one obstacle from each of the following divisions. Complexity of courses

may increase throughout the calendar year, keeping in mind that this class is designed to expose the yearling

horse to Trail obstacles, not end up with a finished trail horse at the end of its yearling year.

Course designs

in January should be very basic compared to later course designs.

**Control SC-206-2 – Effective date January 1, 2017**

SC-206. Green Hunter Under Saddle

D. Horses eligible to compete:

1. Horses in their first year of showing in Hunter Under Saddle or that have shown during previous years in

any recognized equine association Green Hunter Under Saddle, Open Hunter Under Saddle, Amateur Hunter Under Saddle, Novice Amateur Hunter Under Saddle, Youth Hunter Under

Saddle or Novice Youth Hunter Under Saddle, but have not won more than 10 points, **more than \$2,500**

**in lifetime earnings under saddle** or a World or Reserve World Championship in these classes as of

January 1 of the current show year. Points from all divisions (except Walk-Trot) will count and are

cumulative in determining eligibility.

2. Year Long Eligibility. If a horse is considered eligible on January 1, it may continue to be shown in this

class for the calendar year, regardless of points earned.

3. Once a horse has earned 10 points in Green Hunter Under Saddle, it will no longer be eligible to

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compete in this class in subsequent years.

Related Rules:

The above changes should also be made to the following rules:

SC-246. Green Western Pleasure

D. Horses eligible to compete:

1. Horses in their first year of showing in Western Pleasure or that have shown during previous years in any recognized equine association in Green Western Pleasure, Open Western Pleasure, Amateur Western Pleasure, Novice Amateur Western Pleasure, Youth Western Pleasure or Novice Youth Western

Pleasure, but have not won more than 10 points, **more than \$2,500 in lifetime earnings under saddle** or

a World or Reserve World Championship in these classes as of January 1 of the current show year. Points

from all divisions (except Walk-Trot) will count and are cumulative in determining eligibility.

SC-251. Green Trail

F. Horses eligible to compete:

1. Horses in their first year of showing in Trail or that have shown during previous years in any recognized equine association in Green Trail, Open Trail, Amateur Trail, Novice Amateur Trail, Youth Trail or

Novice Youth Trail, but have not won more than 10 points, **more than \$2,500 in lifetime earnings**

**under saddle** or a World or Reserve World Championship in these classes as of January 1 of the current

show year. Points from all divisions (except Walk-Trot) will count and are cumulative in determining eligibility.

SC-256. Green Western Riding

E. Horses eligible to compete:

1. Horses in their first year of showing in Western Riding or that have shown during previous years in any recognized equine association in Green Western Riding, Open Western Riding, Amateur Western Riding,

Novice Amateur Western Riding, Youth Western Riding or Novice Youth Western Riding, but have not

won more than 10 points, **more than \$2,500 in lifetime earnings under saddle** or a World or Reserve

World Championship in these classes as of January 1 of the current show year. Points from all divisions

(except Walk-Trot) will count and are cumulative in determining eligibility.

**Control SC-246 – Effective date January 1, 2017**

SC-246. Green Western Pleasure

D. Horses eligible to compete:

1. Horses in their first year of showing in Western Pleasure or that have shown during previous years in any recognized equine association in Green Western Pleasure, Open Western Pleasure, Amateur

Western Pleasure, Novice Amateur Western Pleasure, Youth Western Pleasure or Novice Youth

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Western Pleasure, but have not won more than 10 points **or a bronze horse medal in EWU (Erste Westernreiter Union)** or a World or Reserve World Championship in these classes as of January 1 of the current show year. Points from all divisions (*except Walk-Trot*) will count and are cumulative in determining eligibility.

Related Rules:

Add new verbiage to all rules below.

SC-206.D.1.

SC-251.F.1.

SC-256.E.1.

**Control SC-250-1 – Effective date January 1, 2017**

SC-250. Trail

**I. OBSTACLE REQUIREMENTS.** Course will include a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 12 obstacles and

must be designed using at least one obstacle from each of the following divisions.

Division A.

**1. Ride over at least four logs or poles. These can be in a straight line, curved, zigzag, or raised.**

**The space between the logs is to be measured and the path the horse is to take should be the measuring point. Trotovers and lopeovers cannot be elevated in Novice classes. All elevated**

**elements must be placed in a cup, notched block, or otherwise secured so they cannot roll. The**

**height should be measured from the ground to the top of the element. Spacing for walkovers,**

**trotovers, and lopeovers should be as follows or increments thereof.**

**a. Walkovers.** An obstacles of at least four poles measuring 20 inches (50.8cm) to 24 inches

(60.96cm), or in increments thereof, \*between poles, either on the ground or raised with a maximum center height of 10 inches (25.4cm). Elevated walk-overs shall be set at 22" (55.9cm) to

24 inches (60.96cm) between poles. These can be in a straight line, curved or zigzag. **The spacing**

**for walkovers shall be 20" to 24" (50 - 60 cm) and may be elevated to 12" (30 cm).**

**Elevated**

**walkovers should be set at least 22" (55 cm) apart.**

**b. Trotovers.** An obstacle of at least four poles measuring 36 inches to 42 inches (91.44-106.68cm),

or in increments thereof, \*between poles, either on the ground or raised with a maximum center

height of 10 inches (25.4cm). These can be in a straight line, curved or zigzag. **The**

**spacing for**

**trotovers shall be 3' to 3'3" (90 - 100 cm) and may be elevated to 8" (20 cm).**

**c. Lopeovers.** An obstacle of at least four poles, measuring 6' (1.82m) to 7' (2.13m), or in increments

thereof, \*between poles, either on the ground or raised with a maximum center height of 10 inches

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(25.4cm). These can be in a straight line, curved or zigzag. **The spacing for lopeovers shall be 6'**

**to 6 ½' (1.8 – 2 meters) or increments thereof, and may be elevated to 8" (20 cm).**

\*NOTE: A

curved or zigzag design is measured for distance between the poles, from center of the length of the

pole to the center of the length of the next pole.

2. Jump.

Related Rules:

SC-192.F.

**Control SC-255 – Effective date January 1, 2017**

SC-255. Western Riding

D. The judge will select one of the five patterns to be performed. The judge is responsible for the pattern being

correctly set. See Rule SC-255.E.1. for distance measurements.

**1. Exception: For Novice Youth and Novice Amateur Western Riding classes, the Green Western**

**Riding patterns may be used. See Rule SC-256.**

Related Rules: SC-256

## **AMATEUR**

**Control AM-010 - Early implementation date of March 1, 2016**

AM-010. Eligibility

A. QUALIFICATION. To qualify as an Amateur exhibitor with the APHA, an individual must meet the

following requirements.

2. Remuneration Restrictions.

**f. Certification as an instructor in equitherapy by Professional Association of Therapeutic**

**Horsemanship International (PATH) or similar organization recognized by APHA, shall not**

**result in amateur ineligibility. APHA shall maintain a list of such recognized organizations.**

**To be eligible as an APHA amateur, the accepted instructor may only teach students enrolled**

**with the recognized organization or prescribed such rehabilitation by a licensed medical**

**provider. Any amateur competitor accepted under this provision, shall file such certification**

**with the APHA Amateur Department prior to any competition by such individual.**

**Control AM-060 – Effective date January 1, 2017**

AM-060. APHA Amateur Top 20 Awards

C. Maximum Number of Shows and Judges Counted. A maximum of 20 APHA-approved shows may be used

from which their total points will be tabulated. Each show may consist of the main judge and ancillary

judges (JU-000.H.6.) A main judge may only be counted from two (2) shows. One alternate show will be

used in the case of a tie.

1. Eligible Points. Points earned in events listed in AM-090.C. and AM-095.B-C, excluding Yearling

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Longe Line, 2-Year-Old Longe Line, Yearling In-Hand Trail, Cowboy Mounted Shooting, Dressage and Competitive Trail Horse are eligible for this award. For Walk-Trot, points earned in events listed in AM-300.F. are eligible for this award. For Sold Paint-Bred, points earned in events listed in AM-090.D. and AM-095.D-E, excluding Yearling Longe Line, 2-Year-Old Longe Line, Yearling In-Hand Trail, Cowboy Mounted Shooting, Dressage and competitive Trail Horse are eligible for this award.

Related Rules:

AM-065. APHA Amateur Honor Roll Award

B. POINTS. In order to be eligible for this award, a minimum of eight (8) points must be earned.

2. Yearling Longe Line, 2-Year-Old Longe Line and Yearling In-Hand Trail points do not count towards this award.

AM-070. APHA Amateur Zone Awards

B. POINTS.

2. Eligible Points. Points earned in events listed in AM-090.C and AM-095.B-C, excluding Yearling Longe

Line, 2-Year-Old Longe Line, Yearling In-Hand Trail, Cowboy Mounted Shooting, Dressage and

Competitive Trail Horse are eligible for this award. For Walk-Trot, points earned in events listed in AM-

300. F. are eligible for this award. For Solid Paint-Bred, points earned in events listed in AM-090.D. and

AM-095.D.-E. are eligible for this award, excluding Yearling Longe Line, 2-Year-Old Longe Line,

Yearling In-Hand Trail, Cowboy Mounted Shooting, Dressage and Competitive Trail Horse

AM-030. Performance Contest Categories

A. CATEGORIES. The following performance contests have been divided into ten categories and are

approved for points and/or awards. Exception: Novice Amateur classes categorized in Rule AM-250 do not

qualify for the aforementioned Amateur Titles and/or Awards.

8. Category VIII

a. Longe Line (Yearling & 2YO) (this category eligible for ROM, only **Honor Roll, Top 20 and Zone**

**awards only**.) will not count towards any other titles/awards).

b. In-Hand Trail (this category eligible for ROM, only **Honor Roll, Top 20 and Zone awards only**.)

will not count towards any other titles/awards).

SC-050. APHA Register of Merit Award

A. 3. Categories. The following performance contests have been divided into categories and are approved for

points and/or awards. If a class is not listed in these categories, refer to individual class rules for award

eligibility.

h. Category VIII

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i. Longe Line (includes Yearling & 2YO) (this category eligible for ROM, only **Honor Roll, Top 20 and Zone awards only.**)

ii. Yearling In-Hand Trail (this category eligible for ROM (this category eligible for ROM, only **Honor Roll, Top 20 and Zone awards only.**)

SC-191. Yearling Longe Line

A. Class is limited to yearlings. Exception: Zone 12, 13 and 14, two-year-olds may also be exhibited. Points in

this class will be applied toward an ROM **and all year-end titles and awards.** Points in this class will not

count toward an APHA Championship or any other APHA **lifetime** awards.

SC-192. Yearling In-Hand Trail

Class is limited to yearlings. Exception: In Zone 12, 13 and 14 only, two-year-olds may also be exhibited in a

separate class or in a combined yearling and two-year-old class. Points in this class will be applied toward an

ROM **and all year-end titles and awards.** Points in this class will not count toward an APHA Championship

or any other APHA **lifetime** awards.

SC-193. Two-Year-Old Longe Line

A. Class is limited to 2-year-olds. Points in this class will be applied toward an ROM **and all year-end titles**

**and awards.** Points in this class will not count toward an APHA Championship or any other APHA

**lifetime** awards.

**Control AM-080-2 – Effective date January 1, 2017**

AM-080. Amateur Age Divisions

A. RECOGNIZED DIVISIONS. The APHA recognizes the following age divisions for Amateurs.

1. One Age Group **Division** Offered. If one age group **Amateur division** class is offered it should be for all eligible Amateurs.

2. Two Age Divisions Offered. If two classes are offered, they should be held as follows:

a. Classic**Amateur**:19-44 **any Amateur who is 19 years of age or older on or before January 1 of the current year.**

b. Masters: 45 and older **any Amateur who is 45 years of age or older on or before January 1 of the current year may show in Masters classes.**

3. Performance Classes. Western Pleasure and Hunter Under Saddle may be split according to the horses'

age, Jr. & Sr., as done in open performance classes. See Rule SC-185.E.

B. COMBINING OR SPLITTING AGE GROUPS. Show management may combine or split age groups of

Amateur exhibitors as justified by entries if there is unanimous consent of all involved exhibitors, however,

if one division is not a two (2) point earning class, then show management may combine age groups without

unanimous consent of all exhibitors. See Rule SC-060.A.

Related Rules:

AM-060. APHA Amateur Top 20 Awards

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A. TITLE/ELIGIBILITY. Year-end recognition will be given to the Amateur/horse combinations who earn the most points in halter and performance classes while meeting the qualifying Rules AM-010 and AM-020 and

the Title/Award requirements for each of the following divisions.

1. Classic Amateur **(19-44)** - Top 20
2. Masters Amateur **(45 & over)** - Top 20
3. Novice Amateur - Top 20
4. Amateur Walk-Trot - Top 10
5. Amateur Solid Paint-Bred - Top 10

B. TIME PERIOD. Total points will be compiled for Amateur/horse combinations from January 1 through December 31.

C. Maximum Number of Shows and Judges Counted. A maximum of 20 APHA-approved shows may be used

from which their total points will be tabulated. Each show may consist of the main judge and ancillary

judges (JU-000.H.6.) A main judge may only be counted from two (2) shows. One alternate show will be

used in the case of a tie.

1. Eligible Points. Points earned in events listed in AM-090.C and AM-095.B-C, excluding Yearling Longe

Line, 2-Year-Old Longe Line, Yearling In-Hand Trail, Cowboy Mounted Shooting, Dressage and

Competitive Trail Horse are eligible for this award. For Walk-Trot, points earned in events listed in AM-

300. F. are eligible for this award. For Solid Paint-Bred, points earned in events listed in AM-090.D and

AM-095.D-E, excluding Yearling Longe Line, 2-Year-Old Longe Line, Yearling In-Hand Trail, Cowboy

Mounted Shooting, Dressage and Competitive Trail Horse are eligible for this award.

**2. Tabulation for Amateur and Masters division awards will be based on the age of the Amateur due**

**to combining and splitting of classes.**

D. A contestant may exhibit more than one horse; however, the points earned by the Amateur with each horse

will be compiled separately.

E. In order to be eligible for this award, a minimum of eight (8) points must be earned.

F. AWARD. When the titles of APHA Top 20 are awarded, buckles shall be prepared and presented to the

Amateurs in each group (Rule AM-060.A.1-4.) by the APHA office.

AM-065. APHA Amateur Honor Roll Award

A. TITLE/ELIGIBILITY. The title of APHA Amateur Honor Roll will be awarded to any Amateur/horse

combination that meets the qualifying Rules AM-010 and AM-020 and the Title/Award requirements. The

ten Amateurs and their horses in each of the following groups earning the most points in each Amateur

event during each calendar year from January 1 through December 31 each year will be awarded the title:

1. Classic Amateur **(19-44)**
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2. Masters Amateur (**45 & over**)

3. Novice Amateur

4. Amateur Solid Paint-Bred

5. Amateur Walk-Trot

B. POINTS. In order to be eligible for this award, a minimum of eight (8) points must be earned.

1. Tabulation for Classic **Amateur** and Masters Amateur awards will be based on the age of the Amateur

due to combining and splitting of classes. Example: (Year) Honor Roll Classic **Amateur** (Event) Horse

and (Year) Honor Roll Masters (Event) Horse.

2. Yearling Longe Line, 2-Year-Old Longe Line and Yearling In-Hand Trail points do not count towards this award.

C. AWARD. The Amateur in each group (AM-065.A.1-5.) earning the most points in each Amateur event

during one calendar year will receive an appropriate award.

D. CERTIFICATES. The Top 10 Amateurs and their horses in each group (AM-065.A.1-5.) placing second

through tenth in each Amateur event will receive an appropriate certificate.

AM-070. APHA Amateur Zone Awards

A. TITLE. The title of APHA Amateur Zone Award will be awarded to an Amateur/horse combination that

meets the qualifying Rules AM-010. and AM-020. and the Title/Award requirements in the following

divisions:

1. Classic Amateur (**19-44**)

2. Masters Amateur (**45 & over**)

3. Novice Amateur

4. Amateur Walk-Trot

5. Amateur Solid Paint-Bred

B. POINTS. This award recognizes the top five Amateurs and their horses in each group (AM-070.A.1-4.)

living in each of the zones found on the APHA Zone Map. This award is based on total cumulative points

earned within their respective zones from January 1 to December 31 each year. See Article X for states,

provinces and countries listed in the respective zones.

1. Minimum eight points to qualify. To qualify for any of the Zone titles or awards, the horse must have

earned at least eight (8) points in that zone during the year.

2. Eligible Points. Points earned in events listed in AM-090.C and AM-095.B-C, excluding Yearling Longe

Line, 2-Year-Old Longe Line, Yearling In-Hand Trail, Cowboy Mounted Shooting, Dressage and

Competitive Trail Horse are eligible for this award. For Walk-Trot, points earned in events listed in AM-

300. F. are eligible for this award. For Solid Paint-Bred, points earned in events listed in AM-090.D. and

AM-095.D.-E. are eligible for this award, excluding Yearling Longe Line, 2-Year-Old Longe Line,

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Yearling In-Hand Trail, Cowboy Mounted Shooting, Dressage and Competitive Trail Horse.

**3. Tabulation for Amateur and Masters division awards will be based on the age of the Amateur due**

**to combining and splitting of classes.**

**C. TIE BREAKER SYSTEM.**

1. Performance Points. Amateur/horse with the greatest number of performance points.
2. Fewest Shows. The most points earned in the fewest number of shows.

D. AWARDS. First place in each group (AM-070.A.1-4.) will receive an appropriate award. First through fifth place in each age group will receive an appropriate certificate.

**AM-085. Amateur General Show Rules**

**A. ELIGIBILITY.**

1. HORSES PROPERLY REGISTERED. An Amateur exhibitor must be able to prove that the horse

exhibited is properly registered with the APHA at the time the horse is being shown.

2. STALLIONS. Stallions are eligible to show in amateur events.

3. In Amateur Showmanship at Halter and Amateur Halter Classes, points shall be awarded to any Amateur

and horse, regardless of horse's age (except weanlings) provided the Amateur meets eligibility and

ownership requirements, Rules AM-010. & AM-020.A., and the horse meets registration requirements.

B. ENTRY WITHDRAWAL. See Rule SC-175.A. and SC-185.A.

C. ERRORS IN ENTRY. The exhibitor is responsible for errors on the entry blank. A horse entered in the wrong class may be transferred to its correct class after the judging program has been printed.

D. **DIFFERENT** CONTESTANTS EXHIBITING THE SAME HORSE. A horse may not be shown by more

than one exhibitor in the same event regardless of the amateur age divisions (Classic 19-44

**Amateur 19 &**

**over or**, Masters 45 & Over or All Age classes) at the same horse show. Example: A horse being exhibited

in Classic Amateur Western Pleasure may not be exhibited in Masters Amateur Western Pleasure by another

exhibitor at the same horse show. However, a horse being exhibited in Classic Amateur Western Pleasure

may be exhibited in Novice Amateur and/or Amateur Walk-Trot Western Pleasure by another exhibitor at

the same horse show as these divisions cannot be combined.

**E. SAME CONTESTANT EXHIBITING MULTIPLE HORSES IN GROUP CLASSES: A Masters**

**exhibitor in Masters or Amateur classes may show up to two different horses in group classes**

**(Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Horsemanship, Hunter Under Saddle, Hunter Hack Equitation,**

**Equitation Over Fences and Pleasure Driving) as long as one horse is shown in the Amateur group**

**class and a different horse is shown in the Masters group class. Should the class be combined, the**

**Masters exhibitor must choose on which horse to compete.**

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**F. SAME CONTESTANT EXHIBITING THREE HORSES IN INDIVIDUAL WORKING EVENTS.** An

exhibitor may exhibit a maximum of three horses in the following individual working events:

Barrel Racing,

Breakaway Roping, Tie-Down Roping, Cutting, Team Penning, Ranch Sorting, Ranch Riding, Ranch

Pleasure, Ranch Trail, Ranch Reining, Ranch Cow Work, Limited Ranch Cow Work, Goat Tying, Jumping,

Pole Bending, Reining, Stake Race, Steer Stopping, Team Roping Heading, Team Roping Heeling, Timed

Team Roping, Trail, Utility Driving, Western Riding, Working Cow Horse, Limited Working Cow Horse,

Working Hunter, Yearling Longe Line and 2-Year-Old Longe Line. Each horse may have only one

exhibitor or driver per class.

**1. SAME CONTESTANT EXHIBITING MULTIPLE HORSES IN INDIVIDUAL WORKING EVENTS: A Masters exhibitor, in individual working events, may show any combination in**

**Masters and Amateur as long as a maximum of 3 different horses are exhibited and that horse is**

**only shown one time by any exhibitor in that event. For example, a Masters exhibitor in individual**

**working events may exhibit all 3 horses in the Amateur, all 3 horses in the Masters, 2 horses in**

**Masters and one in Amateur or one in Masters and two in Amateur. The same horse cannot be**

**shown in both the Amateur and Masters divisions in the same event.**

**G. REQUEST BY JUDGE TO CHANGE HORSES.** The judge may not ask the Amateur exhibitor to change

horses with another Amateur exhibitor in any amateur events.

**H. SITUATIONS/EVENTS NOT SPECIFICALLY STATED.** For any situations/events not covered by

amateur program rules and regulations applying to APHA approved show and contest rules shall apply.

Examples:

1. UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT. See Rule GR-040.G.

2. GO-ROUNDS. See Rule SC-185.J.

3. HACKAMORE/SNAFFLE BITS. See Rule SC-240.D.& E.

4. DISQUALIFICATIONS. See Rule SC-160.I.1-3.

**Control AM-300 – Effective date January 1, 2017**

AM-300. Amateur Walk-Trot Division

**F. CLASSES WHICH MAY BE OFFERED.**

4. Trail. Scored the same as any other trail class but omitting the lope. Will not be asked to ground tie. A

minimum of four and a maximum of six **eight** obstacles is required. **Care should be taken to have a**

**course with appropriate elements and number of obstacles suitable for Walk-Trot exhibitors.**

Related Rules:

YP-110.F.4.

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## **JUDGES**

### **Control JU-000 – Effective date January 1, 2017**

JU-000. Judges Rules and Regulations

#### **C. SPECIALTY JUDGES.**

2. For approval to judge these classes the following is required:

a. The judge is required to be a member of APHA

b. The judge is required to hold judging accreditations from the organizations for the classes in which

he/she judges.

c. Show management must submit the name of the judge at least 60 days in advance of the show in order

to be approved.

**d. Halter specialty judges must also be approved through the APHA Specialty Judge Program.**

Related Rules:

APHA Specialty Judge Program (Judges Committee Policy):

1. Have a current-year APHA membership, in good standing.

2. Each applicant's name must appear in at least one issue of the *Paint Horse Journal* prior to review by

the Judges Committee.

3. Receive approval from APHA Judges Committee.

4. Receive approval from APHA Executive Committee.

5. If favorable approval is received, notification from APHA that applicant must maintain WCHA judges

card and pay a \$25 per year fee.

6. Be at least 21 years of age.

7. Applications must be accompanied by a \$100 non-refundable fee and be received by November 20.

## **RACING**

### **Control RA-030 – Effective date January 1, 2017**

RA-030. Horse Ownership

**D. RACING PARTICIPATION FEE. A racing participation fee will be assessed annually to all**

**recorded owners of race starters. Recorded owner of multiple horses will pay fee one time if the**

**exact name is the same on all horses. Payment will be due on or before March 1 annually with late**

**fees assessed after March 1. Non-payment of the owner participation fee will not reflect on a horse's**

**past performance as records will be kept on all horses; however, if a horse qualifies for any award**

**they will be ineligible to receive if fee or subsequent late payment penalty has not been paid.**

**All racing year-end awards will be awarded to the owner or lessee on record as of December 31 of**

**the qualifying year, given the owner or lessee on record has paid all fees and is a current member.**

**(see fee schedule in front of Rule Book)**

**Racing Fee Schedule:**

**Annual Racing Participation fee \$25 due by March 1**

**Late fee \$100 after March 1**

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**Control RA-060 – Effective date January 1, 2017**

RA-060. APHA Racing Recognition Program

**H. REGIONAL RACING AWARDS.** Regional racing awards will be presented on an annual basis to

horse/owner, breeder, and trainer in five (5) regions. Those five (5) regions are:

- 1) **Northwest:** Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota and South Dakota
- 2) **Eastern:** Michigan, Kentucky, Florida
- 3) **Central:** Oklahoma and Colorado
- 4) **Southwest:** Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, California
- 5) **Canada**

Regional awards will be determined by the following system:

1. Horse/owner per region based on APHA honor roll points.(see Rule RA-060.D.1)
2. Breeder and Trainer will be based on total money earned in that region.

An appropriate award will be provided by APHA. Horses in both registries, Regular and Solid

Paint-Bred will be combined for this award. Must be a current APHA member to receive award.

**YOUTH**

**Control YP-105 – Early implementation date of April 1, 2016**

YP-105. Lead Line (Equitation)

**H. ELIGIBILITY.** All registered Paint Horse mares and geldings, regardless of their registration status, are eligible to enter this class. (Exception for Zones 12, 13 & 14)

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