

**ARIZONA PAINT HORSE CLUB, INC.**  
**RULES AND REGULATIONS**  
**2019 Membership Year**

**SECTION I – MEMBERSHIP**

1. Members shall be admitted to the APHC upon written application accompanied by the current membership fees. By applying for membership, the applicant automatically agrees to be bound by and abide by the By-Laws and the Rules and Regulations of the APHC.
2. All members shall have equal rights, interests and responsibilities with respect to the APHC and its property.
3. The membership year shall be from January 1st to December 31st, irrespective of when membership fees are paid. Fees are neither transferable nor refundable.
  - A. Exception: The membership of an individual(s) who has never been a member of APHC, and is joining after October 31<sup>st</sup>, shall be extended to cover the following membership year.

4. Membership categories and fees shall be:

Annual, 1-Year Membership

Youth - \$20

Adult - \$35

Husband/Wife - \$45

Ranch/Corporation/Business - \$45

3 Year Membership

Youth - \$50

Adult - \$80

Husband/Wife - \$100

Ranch/Corporation/Business - \$100

Adult members shall have one (1) vote. Husband/Wife and Ranch/Business/Corporation shall each have two (2) voting members. Youth members (as defined by APHA Rules), shall have no voting privileges.

5. A membership application must be submitted for each membership. Applications must be complete, accurate and legible to be accepted.
6. Membership renewal notices and applications shall be **published via email** by December each year. Delinquent memberships shall result in automatic suspension from the APHC, and forfeiture of all privileges. There shall be no penalty for reinstatement.
7. It shall be the responsibility of the members to notify the Membership Chairperson of any change in address or telephone number.
8. Past Presidents of the American Paint Horse Association and APHA Distinguished Service Award recipients who are residents of the State of Arizona shall be made Life Members of the Arizona Paint Horse Club.

**SECTION II - MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

1. The annual membership meeting shall be held in **February or March** of each year. Written notices including date, time, place and agenda shall be forwarded to all members a minimum of three (3) weeks prior to said meeting. The members attending shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting business.
2. Absentee or vote by proxy shall not be permitted at any membership meeting.
3. Board actions shall be ratified by the membership at the annual meeting.
4. Meetings will be conducted under the Roberts Rules of Order.

**SECTION III - OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

1. **Any member may be nominated and elected to the office of President provided said member:**
  - A. **Is at least nineteen (19) years of age, as of January 1, and a current member of APHC.**
  - B. **Has been a member of the APHC for one (1) year prior to election.**
  - C. **Has previously served as a member of the Board.**
  - D. **The office of President shall be a Two year term and the President has not served in the same office for six (6) consecutive prior years.**
  - E. **Has attended fifty (50) percent (%) plus one (1) Board meetings if Board member the previous year. Directors at Large are considered Board members if membership requirements are met as per Section III, Rule 7.**
2. **Any member may be nominated and elected to the office of 1st Vice President provided said member:**
  - A. **Is at least nineteen (19) years of age, as of January 1, and a current member of APHC.**
  - B. **Has been a member of the APHC for one (1) year prior to election.**
  - C. **Has previously served as a member of the Board.**
  - D. **The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President shall be a 1 year term and the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President has not served in the same office for five (5) consecutive prior years.**
  - E. **Has attended fifty (50) percent (%) plus one (1) Board meetings if Board member the previous year. Directors at Large are considered Board members if membership requirements are met as per Section III, Rule 7.**
3. Any member may be nominated and elected to the offices of 2nd Vice President and Secretary provided said member:

- A. Is at least nineteen (19) years of age, as of January 1, and a current member of APHC.
  - B. Has been a member of the APHC for one (1) year prior to election.
  - C. Has attended fifty (50) percent (%) plus one (1) of Board Meetings if Board member the previous year. Directors at Large are considered Board members if membership requirements are met as per Section III, Rule 7.
4. The office of Treasurer shall be a Board appointed position with all rights as an elected Board member provided said member:
- A. Is at least nineteen (19) years of age, as of January 1, and a current member of APHC.
  - B. Has been a member of the APHC for one (1) year prior to election.
  - C. Has previously served as a member of the Board.
  - D. Directors at Large are considered Board members if membership requirements are met as per Section III, Rule 7.
  - E. The Appointed Treasurer must be in good financial standing and may not have filed bankruptcy in the last 5 years, nor is said person preparing to file bankruptcy.
5. Any member may be nominated and elected as a Director provided said member:
- A. Is at least nineteen (19) years of age, as of January 1, and a current member of APHC.
  - B. Has attended fifty (50) percent (%) plus one (1) of Board meetings if Board member the previous year.
6. Per APHA Rule AIX-1, Regional Club officers and their Executive Board members are required to carry a membership to show support of the organization it is responsible for promoting.
7. No member shall simultaneously serve as an Officer and a Director.
8. **A husband/wife/immediate family member can not serve on the board simultaneously.**
9. The number of Directors to be elected will be determined at any regular meeting by the Board prior to the annual Membership meeting according to the current membership in the APHC.
10. In addition to the Directors elected, past Presidents of APHC shall be Directors at Large/Board Members with all the privileges of an elected Director as long as they remain members of APHC.
11. Officers and/or Directors may be removed from duties for just cause by a majority vote of the Board. Just cause shall mean missing three (3) consecutive, Board meetings in a given fiscal year, not performing the duties of the office, or as a result of disciplinary action as outlined in Section XII. Officers and/or Directors shall be notified by the President regarding possible removal action(s).
- A. Replaced Officers and/or Directors shall relinquish Board member privileges, and will not be eligible for reelection the following year.
12. Replacement of President: The 1st Vice President shall automatically become President, and 2nd Vice President shall automatically become 1st Vice President. The position to be filled then becomes 2nd Vice President.
13. Replacement of Officer(s): The President shall appoint a current Director to the Officer(s) position. The position to be filled then becomes that of a Director(s).
14. Replacement of Director(s): The Director position(s) shall be filled by the person receiving the most votes during the election at the annual meeting after the designated number of Directors has been elected. Upon depletion of eligible person(s), the Board shall appoint the replacement from the General Membership

#### **SECTION IV - NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

1. Elections will be held at the annual membership meeting in **February or March**. Voting will be by written ballot. Adult members shall have one (1) vote. Husband/Wife and Ranch/Business/Corporation shall each have two (2) voting members. Youth members (as defined by APHA Rules), shall have no voting privileges.
  - A. Absentee or vote by proxy will not be allowed.
2. The President will appoint a Chairman for Nominating committee at or before the November Board meeting. The Chairman will present a slate of nominees (with their permission) to the Board for approval at the January meeting. The slate of nominees may include a maximum of two (2) in number for each Officer, and three (3) in number for each Director position. Additional nominees can be accepted from the floor at the annual membership meeting.
3. The slate of nominees shall be **emailed** in the February.
4. The membership may elect seven (7) Directors for a two-year term of office from the slate of nominees. When deemed necessary by the Board, two (2) additional Directors may be appointed by the President to ensure quorum representation, director shortage, or adequate representation in an area of the state. The number of Directors to be elected will be determined at any regular meeting by the Board prior to the annual Membership meeting according to the current membership in the APHC. The maximum number of Directors shall not exceed sixteen (16).
5. Those nominees receiving a simple majority of votes cast shall be elected. Elections shall begin with the President. A record of votes received by Director nominees shall be retained for future use in determining Director replacements if necessary.
6. The secretary shall forward results of the election to APHA within fourteen (14) days of the election, and to the APHC Newsletter for publication within thirty (30) days.

## **SECTION V – DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE BOARD**

1. The board shall be comprised of Officers and Directors.
2. It is the duty of the Board members to attend all regularly scheduled or special meetings of the board, and to serve on a minimum of one (1) committee.
3. The Board shall have the power and authority to make, amend, repeal, and enforce such rules and regulations, not contrary to law, the certificate of incorporation or the By-Laws as they may deem expedient concerning the conduct, management and activities of the club, the admission, classification, qualification, suspension and expulsion of members, removal of Officers or Directors, the rules and regulations governing the procedure of suspension, expulsion and removal, the fixing and collection of dues and fees, the conducting of shows, contests, exhibitions, races, sales and social function, and all other details relating to the general purposes of the club.
4. Actions of the Board are subject to revision/amendment by the members at the annual or any special meeting of the membership provided written notice of intention to revise or amend has been published prior to said meeting.
5. An Executive Board comprised of the President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and one director, if available/deemed necessary, shall have the power to make emergency decisions that cannot await a regularly scheduled Board meeting. The additional member shall be appointed by the President. The President shall have no vote at an Executive Board meeting except to break a tie vote. Executive Board meetings may be conducted by phone conference. A simple majority constitutes a quorum. Any decisions made by the Executive Board must be ratified by the entire Board of Directors at the next scheduled Board of Directors meeting.

## **SECTION VI – BOARD MEETINGS**

1. The Board shall meet no less than quarterly the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Wednesday of the chosen month with the exception of the annual meeting.
2. Board meetings shall be open to all members. Any member in attendance may enter into discussion, but cannot make, second or vote on any motion.
  - A. Disciplinary Board meetings shall be closed to the General Membership.
3. Any member who wishes to address the board regarding any issue resolution may do so by one of the following actions:
  - A. By written request, addressed to the APHC Board of Directors and sent to the APHC President to be placed on the agenda of an upcoming APHC Board Meeting.

The Board may refer to specific committee(s) for study prior to making a decision.
4. Special Board meetings may be called by the President, or at the request of the majority of the Board members. Each Board member must be given forty-eight (48) hours' notice of the time, place, and agenda of special meetings.
5. A majority of Board members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any regular or special Board meeting. EXCEPTION: if a quorum is not present, Director(s) at Large in attendance may be counted to complete a quorum for the transaction of business.
  - A. Absentee or vote by proxy shall not be permitted at any Board of Directors' meeting. EXCEPTION: If a vote is requested by the President or an Executive Committee officer by email, as necessary between regular Board meetings, Directors may respond with their vote in writing or by email response. No verbal, text, or social media responses will be counted.
6. Meetings will be conducted under Roberts Rules of Order.

## **SECTION VII – RULE CHANGES**

1. Rule changes may be proposed or recommended by any member, standing committee or board member, but must go to the appropriate committee for consideration/discussion prior to being presented to the board for approval. Rule change must be in written form on APHC recommended form.
2. Approved rule changes shall become effective the following membership year (1/1 – 12/31).
3. General Rules and Regulations shall be reviewed annually and approved by the Board by the November meeting. Show and Contest and Year-End Award Rules to be published for the membership in December.

## **SECTION VIII – COMMITTEES**

1. Standing committees shall be created and empowered by the Board of Directors, and shall consist of three (3) or more members.
2. Committees should meet a minimum of once a year and submit written minutes and/or recommendations to the Board for review and possible action.
3. The standing committees may be, but are not limited to:

Amateur	Awards/Sponsorship	Banquet
<b>Show and</b>	Membership	Newsletter/Website/Public Relations
<b>Contest/Finance/Futurity</b>	Youth	Rules

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- A. Committee guidelines have been established and shall be made available to the Chairperson. It is the Chairperson's responsibility to provide committee members with these guidelines.
- 4. The Chairperson and members of each committee shall be appointed by the President annually as soon as possible following the Annual meeting, and published in the newsletter.
  - A. Committee Chairpersons and members shall serve on a membership year basis.
- 5. The President may appoint special committees. These committees shall serve for the duration of the special business, or until replaced or disbanded.

**SECTION IX – FINANCES**

- 1. The APHC shall operate financially on a fiscal year of April 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- 2. The Finance Committee Chairperson shall submit recommendations for any changes in expenditures or procedures to the Board for approval on or before the December meeting.
- 3. All APHC monies shall be deposited in an official depository as designated by the Board and in the manner and accounts as prescribed.

All monies collected by special interest groups shall be forwarded to the Treasurer for deposit in the official depository in a timely fashion or deposit in special accounts that have been established & approved by the Board.

- A. Special accounts may be established with Board approval, providing that all statements are mailed directly to the Treasurer. The Treasurer will forward a copy of the statement to the appropriate individual.
- 4. All disbursements of monies of the APHC shall be by check, and an accounting of disbursements shall be presented to the Board.
- 5. A \$50.00 penalty will be assessed on all returned checks.
- 6. Monies due APHC will be considered delinquent if not paid within thirty (30) days from date of bill, and may be turned over to APHA for collection and possible penalties.
- 7. Elected National Directors and Alternate may be reimbursed a maximum of \$300 per director/alternate per trip for airfare and room expenses when attending APHA Workshop and Convention, providing they are members in good standing in APHC and have attended the monthly board meetings on a regular basis.
  - A. The Board reserves the right to deny reimbursement for non-compliance.
- 8. Show secretarial/office services will be contracted by the Chairperson/Show and Contest Committee with Board approval. Horse show personnel for shows may be paid per show as follows according to market value and experience, with no additional monies paid for mileages:
  - SHOW MANAGER: \$250/show day plus expenses
  - ANNOUNCER: \$150-200/show day
  - RING STEWARDS: \$125-175/show day
  - STALL/BARN MANAGER: \$150-175/show day
  - RING CREW: Not to exceed \$75/day
  - SECRETARY: \$600/show day plus expenses
  - GATE PERSON: \$125-175/show day
  - A. Mileage for hauling the show equipment trailer may be paid at \$0.45 per mile with no limitation on number of miles.
- 9. APHC will submit a 1099 form to the Internal Revenue Service, as required by law, for any person (member or non-member) who has met the reporting requirements specified by the IRS in a calendar year.
- 10. The Treasurer is responsible for seeing that Federal & State tax returns are filed annually. Accounts and books may be audited from time to time by an outside auditor if deemed necessary.
- 11. APHC accounts and books shall, at all times, be open to the inspection by the Board and any member in good standing.
- 12. An annual financial report shall be published in the Newsletter as soon as feasible after the close of the fiscal year.
- 13. It is recommended that a budget be adopted and/or approved annually.

**SECTION X – SHOW AND CONTEST**

- 1. The APHC will not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury to horses exhibited or persons present or for any article of any kind or nature that may be lost, stolen, destroyed or injured in any way. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from any horse or article owned by him, and shall indemnify the APHC and the hosting facility against all legal or other proceedings, claims or demands of any kind or nature in regard thereto, or that may arise from the participation or other actions of such exhibitor or the person in charge of exhibitor's horse or article.
- 2. All Shows and contests sponsored/approved by the APHC shall be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations in the current APHA rule book.
- 3. When the Board has approved all show dates and locations, a show calendar will be published.
- 4. A premium list will be forwarded to all APHC members, and shall include: Starting time of the show, order of halter and performance classes, name(s) of Judge(s), names and telephone numbers of the manager and secretary, rules for entries, entry deadline, entry fees, how entry fee is to be paid, awards and other information as applicable.
- 5. Classes to be offered at each show each year shall be established and approved by the Board at or before the November Board meeting preceding the show calendar year.

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6. Classes that may be offered at APHC sponsored shows in 2019 are: (Rev/App 1/19)

A. Walk/Trot Division Classes (Ages 5 to 10):

1. Showmanship
2. Hunter Under Saddle
3. Western Pleasure
4. Western Horsemanship

4. Trail
5. Hunt Seat Equitation
6. Working Hunter

B. Youth (13 & Under and 18 & Under) Division Classes:

1. Youth Mares #
2. Youth Geldings #
3. Showmanship
4. Hunter Under Saddle
5. Hunt Seat Equitation
6. Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences #
7. Hunter Hack #
8. Working Hunter
9. Jumping #
10. Western Pleasure
11. Western Horsemanship
12. Trail
13. Western Riding #
14. Reining #
15. Working Cow Horse # @

5. Heading # @
6. Heeling # @
7. Steer Stopping # @
8. Breakaway Roping # @
9. Tie Down Roping # @

# These Youth classes to be offered for 18 & Under only

@ These classes will be held on a limited basis or at PORs as feasible

C. Novice Youth (18 & Under):

1. Showmanship
2. Western Pleasure
3. Western Horsemanship

4. Trail
5. Hunter Under Saddle
6. Hunt Seat Equitation

D. Amateur Division Classes:

1. Amateur Mares\*\*
2. Amateur Grand & Reserve Mare
3. Amateur Geldings\*\*
4. Amateur Grand & Reserve Geldings
5. Amateur Stallions\*\*
6. Amateur Grand & Reserve Stallions
7. Amateur Yearling Longe Line\*\*\*\*\*
8. Amateur Yearling In-Hand Trail\*\*\*\*
9. Showmanship √
10. Hunter Under Saddle √
11. Hunt Seat Equitation √
12. H/S Eq Over Fences
13. Hunter Hack
14. Working Hunter

15. Jumping
16. Western Pleasure √
17. Western Horsemanship √
18. Western Riding
19. Reining
20. Trail √
21. Working Cow Horse @
22. Heading @
23. Heeling @
24. Steer Stopping @
25. Breakaway Roping @
26. Tie Down Roping @
27. Ranch Horse Riding

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√ Amateur Classes will be divided into two age groups per APHA Rules: All Ages; 45 and over

E. Amateur APHA Walk/Trot Classes:

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Showmanship          | 5. Western Horsemanship |
| 2. Hunter Under Saddle  | 6. Trail                |
| 3. Hunt Seat Equitation |                         |
| 4. Western Pleasure     |                         |

F. Novice Amateur Division Classes:

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Showmanship          | 6. Western Horsemanship |
| 2. Hunter Under Saddle  | 7. Trail                |
| 3. Hunt Seat Equitation | 8. Western Riding       |
| 4. Hunter Hack          | 9. Reining              |
| 5. Western Pleasure     |                         |

Open division APHA Approved Halter Classes:

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|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Weanling Fillies ♦      | 12. Grand & Reserve Stallion         |
| 2. Yearling Fillies        | 13. Weanling Geldings ♦              |
| 3. 2 Yr Old Fillies        | 14. Yearling Geldings                |
| 4. 3 Yr Old Fillies        | 15. 2 Yr Old Geldings                |
| 5. 4 Yr & Older Mares      | 16. 3 Yr Old Geldings                |
| 6. Grand & Reserve Mare    | 17. 4 Yr & Older Geldings            |
| 7. Weanling Colts ♦        | 18. Grand & Reserve Gelding          |
| 8. Yearling Colts          | 19. Open Overo Color, 1 Yr & Older   |
| 9. 2 Yr Old Colts          | 20. Open Tobiano Color, 1 Yr & Older |
| 10. 3 Yr Old Colts         |                                      |
| 11. 4 Yr & Older Stallions |                                      |

♦ Weanling classes will be offered starting with the Fall Horse Show

I. Solid Paint Bred Classes

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Amateur SPB Mares                | 8. Amateur SPB Hunt Seat Equitation   |
| 2. Amateur SPB Geldings             | 9. Amateur SPB Yearling In Hand Trail |
| 3. Amateur SPB Stallions            | 10. Amateur SPB Yearling Longe Line   |
| 4. Amateur SPB Showmanship          | 11. Amateur SPB Trail                 |
| 5. Amateur SPB Western Pleasure     | 12. SPB Mares, Junior (2 & Under)     |
| 6. Amateur SPB Western Horsemanship |                                       |
| 7. Amateur SPB Hunter Under Saddle  |                                       |

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K. ALL Breed Classes

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Showmanship           | 13. Western Pleasure     |
| 2. Hunter Under Saddle   | 14. Western Horsemanship |
| 3. Showmanship           | 15. Western Riding       |
| 4. Hunter Under Saddle   | 16. Reining              |
| 5. Hunt Seat Equitation  | 17. Trail                |
| 6. H/S Eq Over Fences    | 18. Working Cow Horse @  |
| 7. Hunter Hack           | 19. Heading @            |
| 8. Working Hunter        | 20. Heeling @            |
| 9. Trail                 | 21. Steer Stopping @     |
| 10. Hunter Under Saddle  | 22. Breakaway Roping @   |
| 11. Hunt Seat Equitation | 23. Tie Down Roping @    |
| 12. Jumping              | 24. Ranch Horse Riding @ |

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\* Two Year Old Riding Classes will be offered only at December POR. Three Year Old Riding Classes will be offered only at December/January POR.

\*\* These classes to be offered for Jr. & Sr. Horse.

\*\*\* These classes will be offered for Jr. & Sr. Horse on a Limited Basis or at PORs as feasible.

\*\*\*\* Yearling Longe Line will not start prior to May 15 per APHA Rule SC-185.E. 4.

7. Non APHC sponsored shows or shows combined with other breeds need not meet the above class requirements.
8. Additional classes may be included if recommended by the Show & Contest Committee and approved by the Board.
9. Awards to be offered at each show shall be High Point & Reserve High Point Youth Walk/Trot, Novice Youth, Youth 13 & Under, Youth 18 & Under, Novice Amateur, Amateur Walk/Trot, Amateur All Ages, Amateur 45 & over, Amateur Solid Paint Bred, Open Solid Paint Bred Horse, Jr. Open Performance & Sr. Open Performance Horse, and **All Breed**. The requirements for each award offered to be printed in the premium.
  - A. In the event of ties for High Point or Reserve High Point, the placings of exhibitors involved in the tie will be used to determine winner. If necessary due to tie of placings, Judge A as listed in premium will be tie-breaker judge.
  - B. Paint-O-Rama awards will be established and approved by the Board on an annual basis, and may vary from above.
  - C. Additional awards may be offered as approved by the Board.
  - D. Points will be tabulated as outlined in Section XI.
10. General Show Rules:
  - A. **ALL Breed classes are open to ALL horses, and to any exhibitor. Exhibitors in this division are not required to own their horses. All horses and exhibitors will comply with all APHA rules, with exception of ownership/breed registration. All Breed awards are based on the horse.**
  - B. Entries must be made on forms provided by APHC, or online by show secretary, for that show. They must be completed accurately and legibly with all information requested. Copies of horses' registration papers and membership cards for all exhibitors must accompany the entry form. Exhibitors are responsible for entering correct classes before and during the show.
  - C. Exhibitors/horses in the first five (5) classes must be entered one half (1/2) hour prior to the scheduled starting time of the show, or they may not be allowed to show.
  - D. Entry fees need not accompany pre-entries. Exhibitors will not be charged for scratched classes, but may be charged class fee for failure to scratch class before class is called.
  - E. Penalties will be assessed for:
    1. Entries not postmarked by the deadline. (Phone entries not accepted.)
    2. Incomplete/illegible entry forms and/or failure to send copies of registration papers and exhibitor membership cards.
    3. Checks returned for insufficient funds
    4. Failure to check out of the office without leaving an open check.
    5. Stall/tack room reservations/payments made after the entry deadline. Stall refunds 50% for no shows and cancellations made within 24 hours prior to beginning of show. We will refund stalls with certified veterinary letter of reason of cancellation.
  - F. The age of a Youth or Amateur competitor on January 1st shall be maintained throughout the calendar year and will determine the age group in which that person will compete.
  - G. APHA rules require show management to see an APHA membership card and a current Amateur/Novice Amateur/Novice Youth card (or copy) at each show prior to receiving entry number (Rule SC-160).
  - H. APHA rules require show management to inspect horse's registration papers (or copy) at each show prior to receiving entry number (Rule SC-160.C).
  - I. Failure by exhibitor to display the correct entry number in a visible manner while being judged shall result in disqualification from class. (Rule SC-160.H) Entry numbers are to be worn as follows: Halter on exhibitors back; English on exhibitors back or on English pads with place for numbers on each side; Western on both sides of the horse; Pleasure driving on the exhibitors back or back of cart. Failure to display entry number in this manner may result in disqualification and exhibitor may be excused from the arena.
  - J. Exhibitors will be disqualified if assisted by electronic audio aids while showing in a class. (Rule SC- 070.B). Exception: An exhibitor with special needs must present a copy of the approval letter from the APHA Executive Board stating the accommodations necessary and classes to be exhibited in. Show Management shall inform the judges of any special accommodations being used.
  - K. Classes will run in order listed. Anyone requiring a tack change must notify the gate person at least one class prior to the change.
  - L. Thirty (30) second gate calls will be enforced. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to be at the entry gate when class is called.

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- M. Course patterns will be posted near the entry gate a minimum of one (1) hour prior to the class. Show management will determine the working order.
  - N. All judged classes will be conducted in accordance to the APHA Rule Book.
  - O. The Show Committee has the right to interpret AND ACT ON all questions regarding the show.
  - P. The horse show office will not be able to cash personal checks.
11. The Board shall establish and approve all show fees.

**SECTION XI – YEAR-END AWARDS**

- 1. Nationally approved classes in each division that have been held under a minimum of Eight (8) judges in a given year will be eligible for year-end awards.
  - A. Non-nationally approved classes may be designated to receive awards if approved by the Board.
  - B. Participation awards may be presented to Walk/Trot, Youth, Novice Youth, Novice Amateur, Amateur and Open exhibitors.
- 2. Year-end awards to be presented in each division are:
  - A. First and Second place in each Walk/Trot, Novice Youth, Youth, Novice Amateur, Amateur, Amateur Walk/Trot, Open, Amateur Solid Paint Bred, Open Solid Paint Bred and **ALL Breed**.
    - 1. Division class placing to be based on total point accumulation of those horses and exhibitors meeting the eligibility requirements.
    - 2. Grand & Reserve points will not be included in these awards.
    - 3. In the event of a tie for first place, the exhibitors/horses shall receive equal awards and there will be no second place; in the event of a tie for second place, the exhibitors/horses shall receive equal awards. The same procedure will apply for three- or four-way ties.
- 3. Grand and Reserve Champion Mare, Stallion and Gelding will be recognized based on total point accumulation earned in Grand and Reserve classes.
  - A. Must qualify in respective halter class for point accumulation to receive awards.
- 4. Overall High Point and Reserve High Point Horses/Exhibitors in Youth Walk/Trot, Novice Youth, Youth 13 & Under, Youth 14 to 18, Novice Amateur, Amateur 19 and Over, Amateur 45 & over, and Junior & Senior Horses in the open divisions and **ALL Breed** will be recognized with a horse related item based on total point accumulation of these horses/exhibitors providing they have competed in a minimum of three (3) performance classes and have met the eligibility requirements.
  - A. Halter points will count in all divisions except Walk/Trot, Novice Youth, Novice Amateur and ALL Breed (not to include grand and reserve points), but are not mandatory for year-end or show high point awards.
  - B. Points will be totaled only from those classes that meet the fifty (50) percent (%) plus one (1) requirement (Section XI, Rule 5.D).
  - C. In the event of a tie for first place, the exhibitors/horses shall receive equal awards and there will be no second place; in the event of a tie for second place, exhibitors/horses shall receive equal awards.
  - D. Points earned in the 3-year old Hunter Under Saddle and Western Pleasure classes, which are only offered at PORs, will count toward Junior Open Year End High Points.
- 5. Year-end division award eligibility requirements are:
  - A. Owners/lessees of horses competing in the open division must be current members of APHC prior to the accumulation of state points for year-end awards.
    - 1. New owners or Lessees must be current members of APHC prior to continuing the accumulation of state points. There is a 30-day grace period after each show in which to join so that points from that show may count toward year-end awards.
    - 2. When horse's registration papers are in process of transfer with APHA, the new owner must forward a copy of registration papers with new owner & date of transfer to the show secretary within sixty (60) days of a show in order for state points from that show to be recorded.
  - B. Exhibitors competing in the Novice Youth, Youth 13 & Under, Youth 14 – 18, Novice Amateur, Amateur 19 and Over and Amateur 45 & over divisions must be current members of APHC prior to the accumulation of state points for year-end awards, and the horse must be owned by the exhibitor or a member of the family. (YP-015 & AM-020) There is a 30-day grace period after each show in which to join so that points from that show may count toward year-end awards.
  - C. Exhibitors competing in the Youth APHA-Approved Walk/Trot division must be current members of APHC prior to accumulation of state points for year-end awards, but need not own the horse they are exhibiting. There is a 30-day grace period after each show in which to join so that points from that show may count toward year-end awards.



**D. Exhibitors competing in the ALL Breed divisions must be current members of APHC prior to accumulation of state points for year-end awards, but need not own the horse they are exhibiting. There is a 30-day grace period after each show in which to join so that points from that show may count toward year-end awards.**

E. Horses/Exhibitors in all divisions must compete in a minimum of fifty (50) percent (%) plus one (1) of the number of Judges the class has been offered during the calendar year, i.e., if the class offered under eighteen (18) Judges, the minimum number is ten (10).

F. Horses/Exhibitors in all divisions must have placed ahead of at least one (1) horse during the show year, except for Leadline and APHA Youth Walk Trot Exhibitors. All other Year-End rules apply.

1. These points will, however, count toward overall high point awards when the number of shows requirement has been met

6. Year-end show points will be tabulated in each division as follows:

A.	# of horses in the class	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>
	1	1					
	2	2	1				
	3	3	2	1			
	4	4	3	2	1		
	5	5	4	3	2	1	
	6 & over	6	5	4	3	2	1

B. Grand Champions shall receive two (2) points & Reserve Champions one (1) point.

7. The year-end awards shall be determined by totaling the accumulated points earned in eligible classes/divisions at all APHC sponsored or approved shows from January 1st through December 31st.

A. Points will be accumulated on a one horse/one rider basis in the Walk/Trot, Youth, , Novice Amateur and Amateur divisions.

1. Exception: Youth Lead Line points will be accumulated on the rider regardless of the horse that he/she is showing.

B. When youth exhibitors compete in 18 & and Under classes, or the classes are combined at a show, points will be awarded to the youth in their age group according to the number of entries in the class.

C. When Amateur exhibitors compete in all age classes, or the classes are combined at a show, points will be awarded to the Amateur in their age group according to the number of entries in the class.

**D. Points will be accumulated on the horse for the ALL Breed Division.**

E. If a colt is gelded during the show year and has shown in both sex divisions, points will not be combined; however, the number of judges will be combined to meet the number of Judges requirement.

8. Officers, Directors and Directors at Large may receive appreciation awards provided they are members in good standing and have attended fifty (50) percent (%) of the Board meetings.

A. Newly appointed Officers and Directors may be recognized

9. Other special/recognition awards may be presented if approved by the Board.

10. Monies to be spent on awards shall be determined & approved by the Board on or before the November Board meeting based on:

A. The profit (loss) from horse shows held the previous year.

B. The overall financial condition of the Club.

C. Monies available from special interest group(s) fund raising activities as determined by the special interest group(s).

11. If an exhibitor/horse is receiving three (3) or more first & second place awards in a division on a one-horse basis, the Awards Committee, at their sole discretion, may combine the allocated monies for each award for a horse-related item. Requests for special horse related items might be honored provided the Awards Committee has the information in a timely fashion. All awards to be obtained by the Awards Committee.

A. Cash will not be given in lieu of awards.

## **SECTION XII - DISCIPLINE**

1. Any member may be disciplined, suspended/expelled by or from the APHC for:

A. Submitting false documents or records on horses to be entered in any show sponsored by the APHC and approved by the APHA

B. Failure to pay monies due the APHC within thirty (30) days after adequate notification has been given, or by submitting a worthless check(s) in payment of monies due.

1. Person(s) failing to pay monies due for show fees may be reported to the APHA.

2. Monetary penalties will be assessed for returned checks, invalid credit cards, and late payments.

C. Violations in any manner of the By-Laws or Rules and Regulations of APHA or APHC.

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- D. Any conduct endangering the welfare or credit of the APHC.
- 2. The Executive Board shall have the sole authority to investigate ALL possible or alleged violations or complaints.
  - A. In order for a complaint to be considered for investigation, it must be in writing, signed and dated. The individual(s) filing the complaint must be prepared for full disclosure of the complaint to the party (parties) concerned in the complaint.
  - B. The President shall have the authority to schedule a hearing before the Board of Directors if it is determined there is sufficient cause.
  - C. If an Officer(s) is subject to an investigation, that person(s) shall not serve on the investigative committee.
- 3. If it is determined there is sufficient cause for a hearing, person(s) will be notified by certified letter not less than twenty-one (21) days of the time and place for the hearing, and will receive a copy of said allegation(s). At this time and place, he/she must appear in person to be heard and to present evidence on his/her own behalf. Hearings shall be closed to the General Membership.
  - A. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the purposes of the hearing.
  - B. Complainant must appear at the hearing. If complainant fails to appear at the hearing the allegations will be dismissed.
  - C. If an Officer(s) or Director(s) is subject to a hearing, that person(s) shall not vote during the hearing.
  - D. The Board of Directors shall determine the extent of any disciplinary action by majority vote, and the decision shall be final and binding on all parties.
  - E. All parties involved in the complaint shall be excused from the hearing while the Board determines the extent of the disciplinary action.
- 4. In the event any disciplinary action is taken against a member or non-member, publication shall be made as soon as possible in the newsletter.
- 5. On or after such time as any person has been suspended, expelled or otherwise disciplined, the following restrictions shall apply:
  - A. May continue to participate in APHC approved shows, but shall not earn state points during the period of suspension.
  - B. Shall not be eligible for year-end show awards if suspended for a period of six (6) months or more, or if expelled from the APHC.
  - C. Shall not be allowed to participate in APHC sponsored functions such as meetings, trail rides, social activities, etc.
  - D. In the event disciplinary action is taken against a Board Member, all Board privileges shall be relinquished for the term of office and a replacement named.
  - E. Person(s) shall relinquish all rights, interests and responsibilities in the APHC if expelled, or during the period of suspension.
- 6. Person(s) suspended by the APHA will automatically be suspended by the APHC.