



## 2017 Paint Horse Championship Program Criteria

The Paint Horse Championship program is a series of classes held in conjunction with **select** APHA-approved shows designed to provide recognition to exhibitors and horses who have not had recent success at the APHA World Championship Shows.

### **Note:**

**In 2017, the Paint Horse Championship series will only be held at three select APHA-piloted shows.**

### **Show Eligibility**

- Each Zone will be given the opportunity to offer one Paint Horse Championship show annually.
- Each Zone Coordinating Committee will be responsible for selecting the APHA-approved show within their Zone (excluding the Zone Show) in which to offer the Paint Horse Championship series.
- Each Zone Coordinating Committee shall accept bids annually from interested APHA Regional Club sponsored one or two-judge shows within their Zone that wish to hold the Paint Horse Championship series and be responsible for selecting the show to recommend to the APHA. Final approval by APHA Performance Department required.
- The show must be a one or two-judge show.
- The Paint Horse Championship shall not be held in conjunction with an APHA Zone Show, unless approved by the APHA Performance Department due to extenuating circumstances.

### **Eligibility**

- Both the exhibitor and the horse must meet the eligibility criteria set forth to be eligible to compete in the Paint Horse Championship classes.
  - Amateur and Youth exhibitors must be enrolled in the APHA Amateur or Youth Program and meet the ownership/lease requirements as per Rule AM-020 and YP-015 respectively.
- Both the exhibitor and the horse owner/lessee must be current APHA members to be eligible to compete.
- Both exhibitor and horse owner/lessee must be residents of the Zone **in which the show is held**.
- Horses must be registered with the APHA and shown in their respective Paint Horse Championship breed registry class – Regular Registry or Solid Paint-Bred.

### **Exhibitor Eligibility**

- Exhibitor must reside in the Zone **in which the show is held** per APHA records and be a current member of APHA.
- Halter classes: An exhibitor who has placed in the **Top 5** in a halter class at an APHA World Championship Show in the **PAST FIVE (5) YEARS (2012-2016)** is NOT eligible to compete in any Paint Horse Championship halter class in any division.
  - Example: Susie placed 5<sup>th</sup> at the 2015 APHA World Championship Show in Youth Geldings. Susie is NOT eligible to compete in any Paint Horse Championship Open, Amateur or Youth halter classes.

- Performance classes: An exhibitor who has placed in the **Top 10** in a performance class at an APHA World Championship Show in the **PAST FIVE (5) YEARS (2012-2016)** is NOT eligible to compete in any Paint Horse Championship performance class in any division.
  - Example: John was the Reserve World Champion at the 2014 APHA World Championship Show in Amateur Horsemanship. John is NOT eligible to compete in any Paint Horse Championship performance class.
  - EXCEPTIONS:
    - Amateur/Youth Walk-Trot, Novice Amateur/Novice Youth and Intermediate Exhibitor World Show placings and placings in non-pointed World Show classes such as Sweepstakes, Challenge and Futurities **DO NOT** impact eligibility in regular division championship classes.
    - Amateur/Youth Walk-Trot World Show placings **DO** count towards exhibitor eligibility criteria in Amateur/Youth Walk-Trot Paint Horse Championship classes.
    - Novice Amateur/Novice Youth World Show placings **DO** count towards exhibitor eligibility criteria in Novice Amateur/Novice Youth Paint Horse Championship classes.

### Horse Eligibility

- Horses must be owned/leased by a resident of the Zone **in which the show is held** per APHA records. Owner(s)/lessee(s) must be current members of the APHA.
- Halter classes: A horse that has placed in the **Top 5** in a halter class at an APHA World Championship Show in the **PAST FIVE (5) YEARS (2012-2016)** is NOT eligible to compete in any Paint Horse Championship halter class regardless of division.
  - Example: Zip placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Open Geldings at the 2014 APHA World Championship Show. Zip is NOT eligible to compete in any Paint Horse Championship halter classes with any exhibitor.
- Performance classes: A horse that has placed in the **Top 10** in a performance class at an APHA World Championship Show in the **PAST FIVE (5) YEARS (2012-2016)** is NOT eligible to compete in any Paint Horse Championship performance class in any division.
  - Example: Trigger placed 6<sup>th</sup> in Green Western Pleasure at the 2014 APHA World Championship Show. Trigger is NOT eligible to compete in any Paint Horse Championship performance classes with any exhibitor.
  - EXCEPTIONS:
    - Solid Paint-Bred classes: A Solid Paint-Bred horse that has placed in the **Top 5** in a performance class at an APHA World Championship Show in the **PAST FIVE (5) YEARS (2012-2016)** is NOT eligible to compete in any Paint Horse Championship performance class.
    - Yearling Longe Line & Yearling In-Hand Trail: Top 10 APHA World Show placings in Yearling Longe Line and Yearling In-Hand Trail **DO NOT** impact the horse's eligibility in any other performance class.
    - Amateur/Youth Walk-Trot, Novice Amateur/Novice Youth and Intermediate Exhibitor World Show placings and placings in non-pointed World Show classes such as Sweepstakes, Challenge and Futurities **DO NOT** impact eligibility.
    - Novice Amateur/Novice Youth and Amateur/Youth Walk-Trot Paint Horse Championship classes are exempt from horse eligibility requirements, except that they must be owned by a resident of the Zone per APHA records.

## Awards

- APHA will sponsor awards for up to 15 classes per show. This will consist of a championship buckle and 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> place medallions for each class (\$3,000 value). If a show wants to offer additional classes, the show can purchase the additional awards for these classes.
- APHA will also sponsor up to \$3,500 in show awards for each show that offers Paint Horse Championship classes. This sponsorship will be a reimbursement of the show's awards expense of up to \$3,500 upon the completion of the show and submission of awards receipts.

## Additional Show Management Guidelines

- Classes
  - It is up to show management's discretion to determine the specific classes to offer with approval by APHA.
- Scheduling
  - It is recommended that classes be offered independently from other APHA-approved classes.
    - However, to help alleviate time constraints for shows, classes may be held as a class within a class with APHA-approved classes. If held as a class within a class, awards presentations must be held independently of the regular class awards. Awards presentations must be held in the arena at the completion of the class.
  - Paint Horse Championship classes must be held prior to the corresponding APHA class and preferably not back-to-back with corresponding APHA class.
- Judges
  - Classes may be judged by one or two judges.
- Entry Fees
  - It is up to the Zone show management to determine the entry fee to help offset costs; however, it is recommended that lower entry fees be offered.
  - There are no show assessment fees due to the APHA for these classes.