



Paint Alternative Competition Program

At the American Paint Horse Association, we know that your riding activities are as diverse as the color patterns on the horses we register. Through the Paint Alternative Competition Program, you can get recognition for accomplishments in competitive events or just spending time in the saddle.

What is the Paint Alternative Competition (PAC) program?

Your community probably offers competitive events for horses and riders, such as 4-H shows, team penning, ropings, horse trials, and other activities that fall outside the category of "APHA-approved show." Even though APHA is not officially associated with these events, APHA wants to recognize your efforts on your American Paint Horse. As a result, your accomplishments can be recorded on your registered horse's official lifetime performance record through PAC.

A variety of competition

PAC is open to almost any type of activity as long as the competition is sponsored by an organization that keeps official records, for up to one year, on the performance of all horses entered in the event. Keep in mind that for APHA to include the event in PAC, the competition must be sponsored by an association, organization or affiliate that has an established record-keeping, governing body, as well as a representative who will sign a verification form. Also, remember that this program is designed for events outside the approved show ring. You cannot earn PAC credits in APHA-approved classes or any other classes approved by another breed or color registry.

Spending time in the saddle?

Whatever the motivation, if you enjoy riding your American Paint Horse for recreation the APHA PAC Program is for you. By enrolling in PAC, you can strengthen your body and mind while exploring the great outdoors with your favorite Paint Horse—all while earning recognition for the time you spend riding. When you enroll in PAC, simply record each hour you spend riding your Paint Horse and send your log to APHA. As you move up through the achievement levels, APHA records your accomplishments and each hour you and your Paint Horse achieve is permanently recorded on your horse's official lifetime performance record.

Easy to enroll and report

1. An APHA or AjPHA membership is required to enroll and participate in PAC.
2. The horse owner must be a member to receive any awards from the association.
3. Annual enrollment of the horse in PAC is required, even though you don't have to own the horse.
4. Once we have your enrollment form in the office you may begin earning credits. You will receive your PAC card; an exhibitor's report form; and a PAC Recreational Riding Log after your application is processed.
5. If you are showing in PAC approved shows, once you are finished with your show, ask the show secretary to sign the exhibitor's report form verifying the class information, such as class name, number of entries in the class, and how you placed.
6. Return the exhibitor's report form, along with a class schedule, to APHA within 30 days of the event.
7. Recreational Riding hours can be submitted via mail, email or fax. Online submittal is also available and must be submitted monthly.
8. You have 90 days to make any corrections once the PAC information is posted.



Recognition for your success

A Certificate of Recognition is awarded to your registered Paint Horse when it earns at least 20 credits in any one approved category. A Certificate of Achievement is awarded when that horse earns 60 or more credits in any one approved category. PAC Year-End Leaders who earn the most credits in one category will receive a Gist belt buckle, and recognition in the Paint Horse Journal. Six PAC Top Five awards go to the top five horses earning credits in at least six different categories in both Open and Youth categories. The title of Six PAC Champion is awarded to any horse that gains the most credits in at least six different categories on the PAC Leader's List in a single year.

Paint Alternative Competition Versatility Champion

The PAC Versatility Champion will be awarded to a horse that has earned a PAC Certificate of Achievement award in five (5) different Open PAC categories.

The PAC Youth Versatility Champion will be awarded to a horse that has earned a PAC Certificate of Achievement award in five (5) different Youth PAC categories.





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PAC categories

Following are the 45 approved PAC categories:

Barrel Racing – Clover leaf only

Youth - 18 & Under

Color Class – Halter based on color only

Halter – English/Western Halter, Yearling, Hunter-In-Hand

***If an overall Grand Champion & Reserve Champion are selected from all halter classes in a sex division, Grand & Reserve Champion Halter credits will also be awarded.*

Youth - 18 & Under

Handicapped Classes – any Physically Challenged class

Showmanship – English/Western, Suitability for Dressage, Fitting & Showing, Grooming & Showmanship

Youth - 18 & Under

Combined Training/Eventing – horse trials, classic-3-day events

Cutting

Dressage – Training, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & FEI Levels

Youth - 18 & Under

Driving – Pleasure and utility driving

Endurance – Competition placing, Vet score of horse stamina, Horsemanship placing

English Pleasure – Bridle Path Hack, Road Hack, Schooling HUS, Ideal Horse, Handy Horse, Command, Open & Break Out

Youth - 18 & Under

Equitation – Horsemanship, Hunt Seat, Stock Seat, Bareback, Disciplined Rail, English Control, Versatility

Youth - 18 & Under

Games – Keyhole, Costume, Egg & Spoon, Cowboy Mounted Shooting, Single Stake, Speedball, Quadrangle, Big T, Hurry Scurry, Skill Barrels, Spur Race, walk-trot games, Pairs, Country Challenge, Cowboy Race

Youth - 18 & Under

Over Fences – Hunter Hack, Working Hunter, Jumping, Equitation Over Fences, Ground Rail, Cross Rail

Team Penning/Ranch Sorting – includes all USTPA approved events

Yearling Performance – Longe Line, In-Hand Trail

Recreational Riding

Reining

Roping – Heading, Heeling, Tie-Down Roping, Team Roping

Timed Events – Goat Tying, Pole Bending, Stakes Race, Barrel Racing other than clover leaf, Speed barrels, F8S stakes race

Youth - 18 & Under

Trail – Walk/Jog, Walk-Trot, In-Hand Trail (2&Up), Handy, Jr, Sr, any ACTHA events, Trail Challenges, Obstacle Challenge

Youth - 18 & Under

Western Pleasure – Jack Benny, Snaffle Bit, Country, Command, Longe Line 2 & Up

Youth - 18 & Under

Western Riding – Ranchmanship, Ranch Pleasure, Ranch Riding

Working Cow Horse

Working Ranch Horse – must compete in all classes: Stock Horse Pleasure, Versatility, Working Stock Horse, Reining and Ranch Trail

Walk-Trot – Leadline, all walk-trot classes except games and trail, walk/jog or anything not requiring full three gaits

Youth - 18 & Under

4-H SHOWS ONLY

4-H Dressage

4-H English – any English 4-H Class, Pleasure, Jumping, etc.

4-H Halter

4-H Showmanship English

4-H Showmanship Western

4-H Timed Events

4-H Western – Pleasure, Trail, Reining, Horsemanship

