

## **Contender Series Program Criteria**

This entry level program provides a fun-family oriented educational way to start showing for exhibitors with little experience or accomplishments in the show ring. Exhibitors can gain the experience of showing horses without the expense of purchasing a horse. This program will prepare you and your horse for the show ring and learn aspects of the sport.

### **Program Criteria**

- All regular and Solid Paint-Bred registered horses are eligible
- Horses and their existing show record will not affect eligibility for the Contender classes as long as the exhibitor meets the Contender exhibitor requirements
- No ownership requirements for horses
- Can be held as a special event or in conjunction with an approved APHA show but falls under same mileage restrictions as current APHA events

### **Exhibitor Eligibility**

- APHA member
- Exhibitors must have earned no points and no money in lifetime earnings in any recognized association (APHA, AQHA, PtHA, PHBA, APHC, NSBA, NRHA, NRCHA, etc)
- Exhibitors can stay in the Contender Series as long as they want to – they can't point out

### **Awards**

- Prizes/awards will be given paid by entry fees and/or sponsorships
- Awards will be handed out in the arena immediately following the class
- No APHA points will be awarded in Contender classes

### **Show Management Guidelines**

- This division will be available in all disciplines
- It is up to show management's discretion to determine the specific classes to offer with approval by APHA
- Classes must be offered independently from other APHA-approved classes
- It is up to show management to determine the entry fee to help offset their costs
- A \$1 per entry sanction fee will be charged to the exhibitor and paid to APHA by show management
  - APHA sanction fees will be reimbursed to the show on a dollar per dollar basis if the show purchases the awards through the APHA Barn Door.

### **Judges**

- Single Judged