



Paint Alternative Competition Program

At the American Paint Horse Association, we know that your riding and driving 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 the competitive events you enjoy.

What is the Paint Alternative Competition (PAC) program?

APHA approves more than 1,200 equine organizations, races, and trail rides each year. Your community probably offers competitive events for horses and riders, such as 4-H shows, team pennings, 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, the association does want 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.

Easy to enroll and report

1. An APHA or AjPHA membership is required to enroll and exhibit the horse 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 you compete on.
4. Once we have your enrollment form in the office you may begin earning credits. You will receive your PAC card and an exhibitor's report form after your application is processed.
5. 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. You also have 90 days to make any corrections once the information is posted.
7. Recreational Riding hours can be submitted via mail, email or fax. Online submittal is also available.

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.

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. A Gist belt buckle is awarded along with other prizes to the Six PAC Champion.

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 PAC categories.

Paint Alternative Competition - earn "Credits"

The program is designed to reward registered American Paint Horses (both Regular Registry and Solid Paint-Bred Registry) that compete in open competition with all breeds of horses. The credits earned are based on the number of horses that participate in a class. There is no differentiation between youth, amateur or open exhibitors. All credits earned are placed on the horse's performance record.

APHA-approved shows - earn "Points"

APHA-approved shows are open only to registered American Paint Horses. No other breeds may participate in APHA-approved classes. Open, Youth and Amateur classes, as well as Solid Paint-Bred classes are offered at these shows.

Points are recorded in several different categories, dependent on the division the horse is shown in (Open, Youth, Amateur, etc.) and cross-referenced by exhibitor for the Amateur and Youth divisions.





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PAC categories

Following are the 43 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

Youth - 18 & Under

Games – Keyhole, Costume, Egg & Spoon, Cowboy Mounted Shooting, Speed Barrels, Single Stake, Speedball, Quadrangle, Big T, Hurry Scurry, Skill Barrels, Spur Race, any Figure 8, walk-trot games, Pairs, Country Challenge

Youth - 18 & Under

Over Fences – Hunter Hack, Working Hunter, Jumping, Equitation Over Fences

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

Youth - 18 & Under

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

Youth - 18 & Under

Western Pleasure – Jack Benny, Snaffle Bit, Ranch Riding, Ranch Pleasure, Country, Command

Youth - 18 & Under

Western Riding

Working Cow Horse

Working Ranch Horse – must compete in entire division

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

REMEMBER – horses showing in the PAC Program earn "CREDITS".