

# 2024 APHA Western National Championship Show Premium Book

## APHA Mission Statement

To promote, preserve and provide meaningful experiences with Paint Horses.

## APHA Animal Welfare Statement

APHA is committed to the humane and proper treatment of all animals. In this respect:

- The welfare of the animal is the primary consideration in all activities.
- Animals will be treated with kindness, respect, and compassion at all times.
- Responsible care will be used by all parties in handling, treatment and transportation of animals.
- Horsemen and -women, as owners, exhibitors or trainers, will ensure the health and well-being of animals in their care at all times.
- The standard by which conduct, or treatment will be measured is that which a reasonable person, informed and experienced in generally accepted animal husbandry standards and equine care, training and exhibition procedures, would determine to be neither cruel, abusive, nor inhumane.

Based on these principles, the Association has developed and enforces strict rules to ensure ethical competition and humane treatment of American Paint Horses. The Association supports the development of procedures that assure equity, fairness, safety, health and welfare for all participants. Because the Association is strongly opposed to animal abuse, any member convicted in a court of law of cruelty to animals may be suspended from APHA when certified evidence is presented to the Board of Directors. Further, APHA reserves the right to excuse from further competition and/or remove from the grounds any person who fails to abide by this animal welfare statement and/or any animal whose welfare is under question by APHA.

## Sportsmanship Rules

“For when the One Great Scorer comes to mark against your name, he writes—not that you won or lost—but how you played the game.”  
(Grantland Rice)

One of the primary objectives of the American Paint Horse Association is to encourage high moral character and good sportsmanship among its members while at the same time inspiring exemplary conduct in all phases of competition and instilling a sense of fairness and responsibility for the rigors of showmanship as well as the greater issues of life.

Negative conduct, including harassment, bullying, or any other form of unsportsmanlike conduct will not be permitted by the APHA, and any person engaging in such action or conduct will be disciplined to the full extent permitted by the APHA rules. Unsportsmanlike or irresponsible conduct or any other form of misconduct that is illegal, indecent, profane, intimidating, threatening, harassing or abusive is prohibited. The APHA will not tolerate such behavior and violators will be excused from competition and/or removed from the show grounds and are subject to further disciplinary action.

## Anti-Bullying Statement

Everyone has the right to work and show in an environment free from harassment or bullying where they feel safe. The stress placed on targets of bullying have far reaching effects on the emotional health and wellbeing of the victims and on the organization in which it occurs. Bullying can be physical, verbal, written, cyber acts or merely psychological. Incitement of others to such acts is also bullying. **THE APHA EXPRESSLY PROHIBITS THE BULLYING OF ANY PERSON BY ANY MEANS AT ANY APHA FUNCTION OR APHA RELATED FUNCTION.**

## Good Sportsmanship Rules

Good sportsmanship is about playing by the rules, discipline, respect and self-control. Good sportsmanship is not just what you do in the arena, but the way you conduct yourself both in and out of the arena.

1. The “Golden Rule” – Do unto others as you would have others do unto you. Show respect for your opponents if you expect it yourself.
2. Have an understanding and an appreciation of the rules. The spirit of good sportsmanship depends on conforming to the intent of the rules.
3. Enjoy yourself and encourage enjoyment for others.
4. Take responsibility for your actions.
5. Recognize and appreciate good performances, especially by the opponent.
6. Respect the integrity and judgment of the judges and show officials.
7. Expect proper behavior from your teammates, trainers, family, and friends.
8. Accept both victory and defeat with pride and compassion.

## Contact Information

Show Secretary: Jarrett Cartee; [aphaevents@apha.com](mailto:aphaevents@apha.com); (817) 222-6402.

### Facility & Shipping Address:

South Point Hotel & Casino, Attn: Horse Show Office /(NAME), 9777 Las Vegas Blvd S., Las Vegas, NV 89183

## Health Requirements

All horses entering South Point Arena grounds must have:

- Proof of a current negative Coggins test (within 6 months)
- A 30-day certificate of veterinary inspection, required for all horses arriving from outside the state of Nevada.
- Proof of mandatory vaccinations
  - It is strongly recommended that all horses be vaccinated for Equine-EHV-1 (either modified live or killed vaccine) no sooner than 7 days prior to and no later than 180 days prior to entering the show grounds. Most EHV-1 vaccines are only considered effective for 180 days. Please check with your veterinarian about which vaccine is right for your horse.
  - We strongly recommend vaccinations against WNV, EEE, WEE, Tetanus and Rabies.

Horses who fail to arrive with appropriate equestrian forms and paperwork cannot unload onto show grounds.

## Facility Information & Show Services

- Show Office Hours: The show office will be open one hour prior to the start of the show and through the completion of the last class each day.
- Entry Information: Online entries will be accepted at [www.horseshowtracker.com](http://www.horseshowtracker.com) or [www.apha.com/western-national-show/](http://www.apha.com/western-national-show/) for online entry and stall reservation forms.
- Feed & Bedding: All feed and bedding orders will be taken through the Tractor Supply store located in Barn A at South Point. Each stall includes two rubber mats and four bags of shavings.
- On-site Lodging: For reservations, directly contact 866-791-7626 or book online at the [link included](#) by September 9, 2024. There are limited rooms available under the show rate using code *APH0929*.
- Dogs & Pet Policy: It is the policy of South Point that pets (i.e. dogs, cats, birds, etc.) are not allowed on property. Accommodations will be made for ADA compliant service animals. "Under the ADA, service animals must be harnessed, leashed, or tethered, unless the individual's disability prevents using these devices or these devices interfere with her service animal's safe, effective performance of tasks. In that case, the individual must maintain control of the animal through voice, signal, or other effective controls."
- First Aid & Show Vet: A show vet and EMT will be available during the show. Contact information will be available in the horse show office.
- Photographer: Ruehle Photographix; (262) 470-3633; [www.ruehlephotographix.com](http://www.ruehlephotographix.com)

## Important Dates

For **pre-entry deadline rates**, all entries and stalls must be postmarked or received electronically by **midnight September 10**. All fees will be subject to a **late fee if postmarked or received electronically after September 10th**. Payment is required at the time of entry and stall reservation to be considered received and processed.

## Entry Fees

**\$90/class** (includes \$1/judge fee): National Championship Class Fee by pre-entry deadline

**\$110/class** (includes \$1/judge fee): National Championship Class Fee after pre-entry deadline

**\$10/class**: Trail Fee

**\$50**: Leadline regardless of entry date

**\$40/horse** (once per horse): Office Fee

**\$100**: IRHA All-Breed Class Fee by pre-entry deadline

**\$150**: IRHA All-Breed Class Fee after pre-entry deadline:

**\$50**: NSBA All-Breed EWD Class Fee regardless of entry date

**\$13/class** (1 judge per class): NSBA Class Fee

**\$15/class**: Schooling Class

**\$100/class**: Jackpot Class Fee

**\$100/class**: Walk-Trot Challenge Class Fee

## Stalling Fees

**\$250** (tack or horse) if received by pre-entry deadline (includes two mats and four bags of shavings in each stall)

**\$300** (tack or horse) if received after pre-entry deadline (includes two mats and four bags of shavings in each stall)

**Horses can arrive after 11 AM on Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. All horses must have a stall.**

**\$50 per stall PER HOUR** (tack or horse) late departure fee (if not off property by 10:00 AM on Monday October 7)

## Jackpot Classes

The class entry fee is \$100 per class. 65% of the jackpot class entry fee is jackpotted back into the purse. Jackpot classes will be held concurrent with select open regular registry classes. All prize money awarded will be paid to the recorded owner/lessee at the time class placings are awarded. APHA will be utilizing Payee's Choice by US Bank for any payout earned at its owned events for US members; International members will receive a payout by check. All payees must have a W-9 or W8BEN on file for a payout to be issued. All payouts will be awarded according to the standard APHA payout schedule below. The amount of money added for each class is based on the number of total entries according to the description below:

-0-4 entries: no added money with 65% of the entry fee jackpotted

-5-10 entries: \$300 added plus 65% of the entry fee jackpotted

-11-15 entries: \$500 added plus 65% of the entry fee jackpotted

-16-20 entries: \$700 added plus 65% of the entry fee jackpotted

-21+ entries: \$800 added plus 65% of the entry fee jackpotted

# of Paid Entries	Placings Paid	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>
1-2	1	100%														
3-4	2	60%	40%													
5-6	3	45%	35%	20%												
7-9	5	34%	27%	20%	10%	9%										
10-12	6	32%	22%	19%	10%	9%	8%									
13-15	8	26%	22%	14%	10%	9%	8%	6%	5%							
16-19	10	25%	18%	13%	10%	8.5%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3.5%					
20-23	12	25%	16%	11%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3.5%	3%	2.5%			
24-27	14	23%	15%	10.5%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3.5%	3%	2.5%	2%	1.5%	
28+	15	23%	14%	10.5%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3.5%	3%	2.5%	2%	1.5%	1%

Classes shown boxed together will run concurrently and be placed separately. Show management reserves the right to make changes as necessary at any time, including but not limited to schedule or arena changes.

## Walk-Trot Challenge

The class entry fee is \$100 per class. 65% of the jackpot class entry fee is jackpotted back into the purse. All prize money awarded will be paid to the recorded owner/lessee at the time class placings are awarded. APHA will be utilizing Payee's Choice by US Bank for any payout earned at its owned events for US members; International members will receive a payout by check. All payees must have a W-9 or W8BEN on file for a payout to be issued. All payouts will be awarded according to the standard APHA payout schedule above. The Walk-Trot Challenge classes are comprised of the following components:

### **English Walk-Trot Challenge**

Walk-Trot Hunt Seat Equitation

Walk-Trot Hunter Under Saddle

### **Western Walk-Trot Challenge**

Walk-Trot Western Pleasure

Walk-Trot Western Horsemanship

Walk-Trot Trail

All components will be judged from -1 ½ to +1 ½ per maneuver. Scoring will be from 0 to infinity with 70 being average. The same APHA penalties for Horsemanship, Hunt Seat Equitation, and Trail will be applied.

## Cancellation, Substitutions, & Refunds

### **Refund Policy**

Horses scratched completely from the show will be charged a \$25 processing fee (in addition to the non-refundable \$40 office charge). No refunds will be issued for the one-time \$40 office charge per horse for any reason.

There is a \$15 cancellation fee for any stalls.

## Youth/Amateur/Open Awards and/or Prizes

The following classes do not count towards any special awards unless otherwise stated- Color, Green, Jackpot, Walk-Trot Challenge, and specialty association (NSBA) classes. All added money classes are not eligible for APHA points unless otherwise specified.

*Note: APHA does not accept responsibility for misprints in daily award tabulations. All information is not final until verified. Shipping costs of awards not picked up at the show are the responsibility of the winners.*

**Tabulation:**

All all-around awards will be tabulated based on the top 6 placings under each judge. Horses placing in the top 6 will be given a point for each horse placing below them plus one not to exceed six points for 1st place.

Example: In a class of 6 or more horses, the 1st place horse receives 6 points, the 2nd place horse gets 5 points; in a class of 4 horses the first-place horse receives 4 points, the second gets 3 points; etc.

**Tiebreakers**

In the event of a tie for an all-around award, the following system will be used to resolve the tie:

- The horse/exhibitor competing and placing in the top 6 in the most categories.
- The horse/exhibitor earning the most Western National Championships.
- The horse/exhibitor earning the most Reserve Western National Championships.

**All-Around Open Show Horse**

Awards will be presented to the horse accumulating the highest point total in a minimum of three open national championship classes at the Western National Show excluding ranch classes. Open halter will count towards this award but is not required. Only Open Regular Registry classes are eligible.

**All-Around Open Solid Paint-Bred Show Horse**

Presented to the horse who earn the highest point total in a minimum of three open solid paint-bred national championship classes at the Western National Show, excluding ranch classes. Open Solid Paint-Bred halter will count towards this award but is not required.

**All-Around Amateur- Amateur 19-44 and Masters 45 & Over**

Awards will be given to the All-Around Amateur in both the Amateur (19-44) and Masters (45 & Over) divisions. These awards will be presented to the horse and exhibitor teams accumulating the highest point total in a minimum of three Amateur national championship classes at the Western National Show, excluding ranch classes. Amateur halter will count towards this award but is not required. Only Amateur Regular Registry classes are eligible. All age Amateur classes count towards the exhibitor's corresponding age division award.

**All-Around Novice Amateur**

Awards will be presented to the Novice Amateur horse and exhibitor teams accumulating the highest point total in a minimum of three Novice Amateur national championship classes and/or Amateur halter at the Western National Show, excluding ranch classes. Amateur halter will count towards this award but is not required.

**All-Around Amateur Walk-Trot**

Awards will be presented to the exhibitor and horse teams accumulating the highest point total in a minimum of three Amateur Walk-Trot national championship classes and/or Amateur halter at the Western National Show. Amateur halter will count towards this award but is not required.

**All-Around Youth - 13 & Under and 14-18**

Awards will be given to the All-Around Youth in both the 13 & under and 14-18 divisions. These awards will be presented to the horse and exhibitor teams who earn the highest point total in a minimum of three Youth national championship classes at the Western National Show, excluding ranch classes. Youth halter counts towards this award but is not required. Only Regular Registry classes are eligible. All-age Youth classes count towards the exhibitor's corresponding age division award.

**All-Around Novice Youth**

Awards will be presented to the Novice Youth horse and exhibitor teams accumulating the highest point in a minimum of three Novice Youth national championship classes and/or Youth halter at the Western National Show, excluding ranch classes. Youth halter counts towards this award but is not required.

**All-Around Youth Walk-Trot- 5-10 and 11-18**

Awards will be given to the All-Around Youth in both the Youth Walk-Trot 5-10 and Youth Walk-Trot 11-18 divisions. These awards will be presented to the horse and exhibitor teams who earn the highest point total in a minimum of three Youth walk-trot national championship classes at the Western National Show, excluding ranch classes. Youth halter counts towards this award but is not required. Only Regular Registry classes are eligible.

**All-Around Open Ranch Horse**

This award will be presented to the horse earning the highest point total in a minimum of three Open ranch national championship classes at the Western National Show. Classes only include Ranch Conformation, Ranch Riding, Ranch Rail Pleasure, Ranch Pleasure, Ranch Trail. Only Regular Registry ranch classes are eligible.

**All-Around Open Solid Paint-Bred Ranch Horse**

This award will be presented to the horses earning the highest point total in a minimum of three Open Solid Paint-Bred ranch national championship classes at the Western National Show. Classes only include Ranch Conformation, Ranch Riding, Ranch Rail Pleasure, Ranch Pleasure, and Ranch Trail. Only Solid Paint-Bred ranch classes are eligible.

### **All-Around Amateur Ranch**

Awards will be given to the Amateur and horse teams accumulating the highest point total in a minimum of three Amateur ranch national championship classes at the Western National Show. Classes only include Ranch Conformation, Ranch Riding, Ranch Trail, Ranch Pleasure, and Ranch Rail Pleasure. Only Regular-Registry ranch classes are eligible. Novice Amateur points do not count towards this award.

### **All-Around Novice Amateur Ranch**

This award will be presented to the Novice Amateur and horse teams earning the highest point in a minimum of three Novice Amateur ranch national championship classes and/or Amateur Ranch Conformation classes at the Western National Show. Classes only include Ranch Conformation, Ranch Trail, Ranch Riding, Ranch Rail Pleasure, Ranch Pleasure. Amateur Ranch Conformation counts towards this award but is not required.

### **International Ranch Horse Association (IRHA) Entry Conditions**

- 2 Divisions: Open, Non-Pro
- 3 Events in Each Division: Ranch Riding / Ranch Trail / Ranch Rail
  - All Ranch Riding and Ranch Trail classes are held concurrently with the APHA Western National Championship classes.
  - Ranch Rail classes are held as standalone classes.
  - All classes are governed and judged in accordance with APHA rules.
- This event is open to ALL-BREEDS. Any horse three years of age or older is eligible.
- Non-Pro Eligibility:
  - Exhibitor must be a youth (18 years of age or younger as of January 1) or an amateur/non-pro with a current and valid amateur/non-pro card held with any recognized equine association including, but not limited to APHA, AQHA, ApHC, IBHA, ABRA, PHBA, PtHA, NRHA, NRCHA, NCHA and SHTX.
  - All horses entered in the Non-Pro division must be owned/leased by the non-pro exhibitor or an immediate family member only in accordance with APHA and AQHA immediate family rules by 5 p.m. the day prior to the class in which the horse is to be exhibited in their respective classes.
    - Youth are also eligible to enter the Non-Pro division. The Non-Pro class will run concurrently with the Amateur National Championship class. The Youth will only be eligible for the IRHA section of the class. To compete for a National Championship, they must enter the Youth National Championship class.
- Each competitor is limited to five (5) horses shown per class, except Rail where only one (1) horse may be shown.
- No additional membership fees required.

### **NSBA EWD Classes**

To be eligible to compete in the NSBA Equestrians With Disabilities (EWD), the exhibitor must complete a Diagnosis Form and Acceptable Adaptive Equipment Form every two years with NSBA. For class specific rules, procedures, and general information, please visit [www.nsba.com/equestrians-with-disabilities](http://www.nsba.com/equestrians-with-disabilities).

### **Future Dates**

#### **Western National Championships**

October 30-November 2, 2025, at South Point, Las Vegas, NV

October 29- November 1, 2026, at South Point, Las Vegas, NV