



Guidelines for a Special Event

SC-096. Special Paint Events. Organizations or individuals wishing to stage or sponsor Special Events (i.e. team pennings, cuttings, ranch sortings, reinings, team ropings, mounted shootings, dressage competitions, speed events) must obtain approval of the APHA if the results of such events are to be recognized and points are to be awarded to the horses which place sufficiently high in that event. Approval does not carry over from year to year, but must be obtained for each individual event. All rules and regulations and fees pertaining to APHA shows will be followed in APHA Special Events.

1. A special event is limited to two judges in the arena at any given time and held on one day.
 - a. Specialty judges may be hired for specific classes as outlined in Rule JU-000.C.
2. Mileage restriction: Rule SC-090.I.applies only if the regular APHA approved show includes the special event classes.
3. A special event can be held on contiguous dates and within 250 miles of any other APHA-approved show. However, a maximum of 2 special events can be held on contiguous dates and within 250 miles of each other.
4. Maximum events: A maximum of 3 special event categories may be held as listed below.
 - a. Category I
 - Halter
 - Color Class
 - Longe Line (Yearling and 2YO)
 - b. Category II
 - Barrel Racing
 - Pole Bending
 - Cow Pony Race
 - Stake Race
 - Goat Tying
 - c. Category III
 - Reining
 - Ranch Reining
 - Western Riding
 - Ranch Riding
 - Trail
 - Ranch Trail
 - Yearling In-Hand Trail
 - Yearling & 2-yr-old In-Hand Trail (Zone 12-13-14 only)
 - Utility Driving
 - d. Category IV
 - Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences
 - Hunter Hack
 - Jumping
 - Preliminary Working Hunter
 - Working Hunter

e. Category V	Breakaway Roping Cutting Tie-Down Roping Ranch Sorting Steer Stopping Team Penning Team Roping Heading Team Roping Heeling Working Cow Horse Timed Team Roping Ranch Cow Work
f. Category VI	Hunter Under Saddle Pleasure Driving Western Pleasure Ranch Pleasure Ranch Rail Pleasure
g. Category VII	Hunt Seat Equitation Showmanship Western Horsemanship
h. Category VIII	Ranch Pleasure Ranch Trail Ranch Reining Ranch Cow Work Ranch Riding Ranch Rail Pleasure
i. Category IX	Mounted Shooting
j. Category X	Dressage
k. Category XI	Competitive Trail Horse

5. Classes may be offered in each division (open, solid paint-bred, amateur, youth, green, novice-amateur, novice-youth, amateur walk-trot, etc.) within a special event category.
6. All other rules in the General Show and Contest section of the APHA Rulebook shall apply.
7. For NCHA Special Events, see rule SC-286.
8. For Working Ranch Horse Special Events, see rule SC-301.
9. For Mounted Shooting Special Events, see rule SC-305.
10. For Dressage Special Events, see rule SC-310.
11. For Speed Event Special Events, see Rule SC-289.

JU-000.C. SPECIAL EVENT JUDGES

1. APHA will approve judges to judge special events in the following classes:
 - a. Working Cow Horse (NRCHA)
 - b. Reining (NRHA)
 - c. Team Penning, Ranch Sorting (USTPA) (RSNC)
 - d. Jumping, Equitation Over Fences, Working Hunter, Hunter Hack (USEF)
 - e. Cutting (NCHA) (CCHA)
 - f. Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Stake Race (NBHA and /or other recognized speed event organization approved by the APHA)
 - g. American Stock Horse Association (ASHA)
 - h. Mounted Shooting (recognized mounted shooting organization)
 - i. United States Dressage Federation (USDF) & United States Equestrian Federation (USEF)
2. For approval to judge these events the following is required:
 - a. The judge is required to hold accreditations from the organizations for the classes in which he/she judges.
 - b. Show management must submit the name of the judge at least 60 days in advance of the special event in order to be approved.
 - c. Per SC-289. Timed Events Dual-Approved as APHA Special Events
 - A. For timed events that are dual-approved with another all-breed organization (e.g. NBHA Barrel Racing dual-approved as an APHA Special Event), the following rules apply:
 1. Timing officials may be used in place of APHA judges as per Rule JU-000.C. Officials must be approved by the National Barrel Racing Assn. (NBHA) and/or other recognized timed event organization approved by the APHA.
 2. Applicable association's rules take precedent over APHA in dual-approved events. APHA rules prevail at stand-alone APHA Special Events.