



The Markel APHA Professional Horsemen is a program consisting of equine professionals who are members of the American Paint Horse Association and derive a portion of their income from the equine industry. These professionals pledge to encourage professionalism, integrity and fairness throughout the horse industry, and particularly the Paint Horse industry.

Potential members of this Professional Horsemen certification must apply to and be accepted into the program, be APHA members in good standing, provide references and agree to function as experts at local Paint Horse shows and other equine events, answering questions and promoting the breed and Association. By becoming a member of the Markel APHA Professional Horsemen, the member understands that the equine industry and clients expect a high standard of conduct. APHA members who compete at the amateur level are not eligible for this program.

Membership in the Markel APHA Professional Horsemen is a privilege, not a right, subject to continual review of the Professional Horsemen's Committee. As such, each member understands and agrees that APHA has the right to investigate complaint(s) regarding a member's alleged conduct. Further, each member must cooperate in the investigation and abide by decisions concerning application approval and revocation of membership.

If approved, you will be provided with a certificate and a pin/badge identifying you as a member in good standing. The pin/badge should be worn at any event where you would function as a Markel APHA Professional Horseman.

How to Apply

1. Read the **Mission Statement** and **Code of Ethics** on the next page and indicate your acceptance of the terms and conditions by signing the bottom of that page.
2. Complete the 2-page application form, including references and return it along with your signed Mission Statement/Code of Ethics page and payment. A \$25 office processing fee will be charged on unapproved applications.
3. You will be contacted by the Professional Horsemen Committee regarding your application. The process can take anywhere from two to four months. Your initial term will not begin until you have been approved.

If you have questions regarding the application process, please contact David Dellin at (817) 718-4223.



Mission Statement

To enhance and promote industry professionals of the American Paint Horse Association as the premier purveyors of equine services. The association serves to foster credibility, proficiency and advocacy, through the endorsement of superior industry standards that will enable professionals to excel in a sustainable career.

Markel APHA Professional Horsemen Code of Ethics

- 1. I submit myself to the professional standards of the American Paint Horse Association and the Professional Horsemen Code of Ethics and shall work to promote its goals and objectives.*
- 2. I will ensure that the welfare of the horses in my care and ownership is paramount and that each such horse shall be treated humanely. I will not violate the animal welfare rules as outlined in the APHA rulebook. It is my duty as a Professional Horseman to notify the APHA and/or show management if I witness a violation.*
- 3. I will conduct all business affairs with integrity and accuracy in an ethical and legal manner.*
- 4. I will not charge, nor be involved in the charging of more than one (1) commission in a purchase/sale transaction without full disclosure to both the buying and selling party of the additional commission and actual sales price being paid by the end purchaser. Such commissions are known as "dual agency commissions" and are unethical and sometimes illegal.*
- 5. I will fully disclose all veterinary procedures, conditions and medications concerning a horse involved in any sales transaction.*
- 6. I will disclose fully any and all agents involved in any horse sale transaction to all parties.*
- 7. I will act with integrity in financial dealings with clients, other professionals and the public. In this regard, any horse shown by my spouse, client or child will be economically owned as prescribed by APHA rules.*
- 8. I will handle all business, training and professional matters in a manner which promotes confidence in and the image of the APHA and Paint Horses.*
- 9. I will take no action attempting to influence a show judge prior to, during or after any horse show.*
- 10. I will avoid any actions that would detract from the APHA, my membership or the equine business.*

**YOU MUST SIGN THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE AND
RETURN WITH YOUR APPLICATION.**

Signature _____ APHA ID# _____ Date _____



Application for Membership

Name: _____ APHA ID #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (Best Contact): _____ Phone (To be listed on website): _____

E-mail: _____ Business Name: _____

List all other APHA ID #'s and/or names you have used in the past: _____

Suspensions – Have you ever been suspended from APHA or any other equine association? Yes No

If yes, please describe the circumstances and resolution. _____

Years of Service in the Equine Industry:

Years as a trainer: _____ Years as a riding instructor: _____ Years as a breeder: _____

Years at current location: _____ If less than two years, list previous location: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Memberships – Please list memberships you hold with other equine associations, including APHA affiliates:

Judges Cards – Please list all equine associations in which you hold a judge's card:

References – References are required from four people, which can include APHA National Directors, former employers and equine clients. Please provide the below information for four different people and APHA will contact them on your behalf.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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Services Offered:

- Conditioning for sales Boarding Breeders' Trust Participant: ___ Stallion Subscriber
- Frozen/Cooled semen Mare Care/Foaling ___ Foal Nominator ___ Nominated Horse Owner
- Farrier Horse Auctions Other _____

Training:

- Show: Youth Amateur Open
-
- Western: Rail Pattern Classes Halter Reining Cutting
- Roping Cow Horse Working Ranch Horse Speed
-
- English: Rail Pattern Classes Driving Over Fences
-
- Lessons: Beginning Intermediate Advanced Therapeutic Riding

Do you have lesson horses available? Yes No

Are you a member of a Trainer/Instructor Certification Program? Yes No

If yes, please list the programs: _____

Other Services (please specify): _____

Professional Horsemen Fees

Please indicate the Professional Horsemen certification fee you wish to obtain: ___ 1-year...\$25 ___ 5-year...\$100

\$25 of the application fee is non-refundable. If approved for certification, you must pay dues of \$25 for each of the remaining 4 years of your initial 5-year term, as long as you have a current APHA membership. You will be sent a renewal reminder via email the month before your Professional Horsemen term expires.

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

APHA membership - Professional Horsemen candidates MUST maintain a current APHA membership

Are you a current APHA member? ___ Yes ___ No List your membership ID #: _____

If not a current member, please indicate the APHA membership you wish to obtain:

- ___ 1-year.....\$65 ___ 5-year.....\$250
- ___ 3-year.....\$150 ___ Life.....\$1,100

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Adult memberships now include a *Paint Horse Journal* subscription. Lifetime members will receive a 5-year subscription.

Payment method: ___ Check enclosed ___ Visa ___ MasterCard ___ American Express


Name on Credit Card: _____

Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____ CVV: _____

Cardholder's Daytime Phone: _____

Cardholder's Signature: _____

Please return with payment to:

 **American Paint Horse Association**
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