



APHA Western National Championship Show SHOW RULES

South Point Arena & Equestrian Center
Las Vegas, NV
October 7-10, 2021

Location

South Point Arena & Equestrian Center
9777 Las Vegas Blvd. South, Las Vegas, Nevada 89183



Move-In/Move-Out Dates

- Move-in will begin no earlier than 8 a.m. on Tuesday, October 5. No early arrivals permitted.
- Move-out is required by 10 a.m. on Monday, October 11.

Show Management Team

An Equine Production

aphaevents@apha.com

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Show Photographer

Ruehle Photographix – (262) 470-3633 / ruehle.becky@gmail.com

www.ruehlephotographix.com

Membership Requirements

Exhibitors: All exhibitors must have a current individual membership to be eligible to show including Leadline. Joint and/or farm/ranch memberships will not satisfy the membership requirement.

Owners/Lesseees: Horse owners/lesseees must have a current membership that is an exact match to the horse's ownership/lease on record with the APHA at the time of showing to be eligible to compete. No other related memberships will be accepted to satisfy the membership requirement.

Amateur Ownership/Lease Requirements

In order to be eligible to compete at the APHA National Championship Show, all horses entered in all Amateur classes (including Amateur Walk-Trot) must be owned or leased by the Amateur and/or Amateur's family per Rule AM-020.

Youth Ownership/Lease Requirements

In order to be eligible to compete at the APHA National Championship Show, all horses entered in all Youth classes (except Leadline) must be owned or leased by the Youth and/or Youth's family per Rule YP-015.

NSBA Dual-Approved Classes

All eligible classes are NSBA-approved. One set of NSBA points will be awarded.

To be eligible, the owner and exhibitor must be current NSBA members and pay applicable entry fees.

Scratches/Refunds – Entries & Stalls

- There is no penalty for adding or scratching classes after a horse is entered.
- Horses scratched completely from the show will be charged a \$25 processing fee (in addition to the non-refundable \$35 office charge.)
- No refunds will be issued for the one-time \$35 office charge per horse for any reason.
- Refunds will be issued for cancelled stalls minus a \$50/stall processing fee. *Absolutely no stall refunds will be issued after September 20.*
- No refunds will be issued on shavings after September 20.

All refunds will be processed within 30 business days of the end of the show.

Health Requirements

To comply with state animal health regulations and to ensure the health of your horse, the following requirements will be strictly enforced for all horses at the APHA National Show.

Health Certificate – **ALL** horses must have a current health certificate issued **within 30 days of arrival** by a licensed veterinarian from the state of origin. Be sure horses' registered names rather than barn names are used on the certificate.

Negative Coggins – **ALL** horses must have a Negative Coggins dated **within 6 months of arrival**. Be sure horses' registered names rather than barn names are used on the certificate.

All horses are subject to inspection by the State Veterinarian at any time or if suspected of harboring a communicable disease.

On-Call Veterinarian

Desert Pines Equine Medical & Surgical Center
5000 N. Jones Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89130
(702) 645-2247

Shavings

All stalls (including tack stalls) include 4 bags of shavings.

Additional shavings orders must be done onsite at the South Point Trading Post. Shavings are \$11/bag (price subject to change.) No outside bedding is permitted on the grounds. Orders are not accepted over the phone. For inquiries only, call the South Point Trading Post at (702) 797-8256.

Stall Mats

All stalls (including tack stalls) include 2 mats.

Feed Supplier

A variety of hay and feed brands are available for purchase onsite. Hours of operation are during show/move-in hours until 30 minutes following the end of show daily. Orders are not accepted over the phone.

For inquiries only, call the South Point Trading Post at (702) 797-8256.

Show Eligibility

- 4-judge show = 4 sets of points.
- NSBA-dual approved classes = 1 set of NSBA points.

- APHA National Championship titles, trophies and APHA points awarded.
- Counts towards all APHA year-end awards and Breeders' Trust payouts, unless otherwise stated in specific class rules of the APHA Rule Book and/or the Breeders' Trust program rules.
- No qualifying or eligibility requirements to be eligible to compete at the APHA National Championship Shows, except otherwise stated in specific class/program rules of the APHA Rule Book.
- All exhibitors and horses are eligible to show at both the APHA Eastern National and APHA Western National Championship Shows in any class in which they are eligible.

All-Around / High-Point Awards

The following classes do not count towards any special awards: Color classes or Green classes.

Note: Youth who were 14 years old on January 1, 2021 have had their 13 & under eligibility extended through December 31, 2021 as a result of the COVID-19 Stimulus Plan. Therefore, for the purposes of tabulating National Show special awards, they will be included in the 13 & under division for 2021.

Shipping costs of All-Around and High-Point awards not picked up at the show are the responsibility of the winners.

Tie-Breakers

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

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

All-Around Open Horse

Presented to the horse who earns the highest point total in a minimum of three categories at the show. These categories include halter and two of the other categories listed in SC-050.A.3. **Open Halter/Performance Halter is required.** This award will be tabulated in accordance with Rule SC-145.A.2-4 in the APHA Rule Book. Only open Regular Registry classes are eligible.

All-Around Amateur (19-44 and 45 & Over)

Awards will be given to the All-Around Champion in both the Amateur (19-44) and Masters Amateur (45 & Over) divisions. These awards will be presented to the horse and exhibitor teams who earn the highest point total in a minimum of three categories at the show. These categories include halter and two of the categories listed in Rule AM-030. **Amateur Halter/Performance Halter is required.** This award will be tabulated in accordance with Rule SC-145.A.2-4 in the APHA Rule Book. Only Amateur Regular Registry classes are eligible.

All-Around Novice Amateur

Presented to the horse and exhibitor team who earns the highest point total in a minimum of three categories at the show. These categories include halter and two of the categories listed in Rule AM-030. **Amateur Halter/Performance Halter is required.** This award will be tabulated in accordance with Rule SC-145.A.2-4 in the APHA Rule Book.

All-Around Youth (13 & Under and 14-18)

Awards will be given to the All-Around Champion 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 categories at the show. These categories include halter and two of the categories listed in Rule YP-025. **Youth**

Halter/Performance Halter is required. This award will be tabulated in accordance with Rule SC-145.A.2-4 in the APHA Rule Book. Only Youth Regular Registry classes are eligible.

Note: Youth who were 14 years old on January 1, 2021 have had their 13 & under eligibility extended through December 31, 2021 as a result of the COVID-19 Stimulus Plan. Therefore, for the purposes of tabulating National Show special awards, they will be included in the 13 & under division for 2021.

All-Around Novice Youth

Presented to the horse and exhibitor team who earns the highest point total in a minimum of three categories at the show. These categories include halter and two of the categories listed in Rule YP-025. **Youth Halter/Performance Halter is required.** This award will be tabulated in accordance with Rule SC145.A.2-4 in the APHA Rule Book.

All-Around Open Solid Paint-Bred Horse

Presented to the horse who earns the highest point total in a minimum of three categories at the show. These categories include halter and two of the categories listed in Rule SC-050.A.3. **Open Solid Paint-Bred Halter is required.** This award will be tabulated in accordance with Rule SC-145.A.2-4 in the APHA Rule Book.

All-Around Amateur Solid Paint-Bred

Presented to the horse and exhibitor team who earns the highest point total in a minimum of three categories at the show. These categories include halter and two of the categories listed in Rule AM-030. **Amateur Solid Paint-Bred Halter is required.** This award will be tabulated in accordance with Rule SC145.A.2-4 in the APHA Rule Book.

All-Around Youth Solid Paint-Bred

Presented to the horse and exhibitor team who earns the highest point total in a minimum of three categories at the show. These categories include halter and two of the categories listed in Rule YP-025. **Youth Solid Paint-Bred Halter is required.** This award will be tabulated in accordance with Rule SC145.A.2-4 in the APHA Rule Book.

High-Point Amateur Walk-Trot

Presented to the exhibitor accumulating the highest point total in a minimum of three walk-trot classes. See Rule SC-145.A.2-4 of the APHA Rule Book for method of tabulation.

High-Point Amateur Solid Paint-Bred Walk-Trot

Presented to the exhibitor accumulating the highest point total in a minimum of three walk-trot classes. See Rule SC-145.A.2-4 of the APHA Rule Book for method of tabulation.

High-Point Youth Walk-Trot (5-10 and 11-18)

Awards will be given to the High-Point Champion in both the 5-10 and 11-18 divisions. Awards will be presented to the exhibitors accumulating the highest point total in a minimum of three walk-trot classes. See Rule SC-145.A.2-4 of the APHA Rule Book for method of tabulation.

General Rules and Regulations

This show will be conducted in compliance with the 2021 Official APHA Rule Book and supplements except as may be otherwise stated on the attached pages. The management reserves the right to decline any entry before or during the show without liability for compensation for reasons such as checks written with nonsufficient funds, stopped payment on check, poor sportsmanship, inhumane treatment of horses,

harassment of judges, officials, secretaries, ring stewards, employees, and/or any other authorized representative of the show.

Sportsmanship/Conduct

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.

Final Interpretation of Rules

The FINAL RIGHT to settle all questions or disputes arising during the horse show is reserved by the Show Management and all exhibitors, trainers, riders, or other participants therein, as a condition of admission, give unqualified consent to such methods of settlement and agree in advance to be bound thereby. In the absence of a specific rule and/or conditions not covered by this show premium, the final decision will be governed by the APHA Board of Directors, and all decisions are final. Failure to comply with all rules will cause all fees to be forfeited and entry to be disqualified. All rules listed within this show premium pertain to every class of the show.

Liability

See APHA Rule GR-045 and GR-050. This release of liability includes the American Paint Horse Association, Horse Show Facility, the City Government and their officers and directors and show management. Officials and employees will not be responsible for any accident that may occur to, or be caused by, any horse exhibited at the show, or for any article of any kind or nature that may be lost or destroyed, or in any way damaged. Each exhibitor is responsible for any injury that may be occasioned to any person or animal, or damage to any property while on grounds, by any horse owned or exhibited by or in his or her custody or control, and to indemnify and hold harmless the American Paint Horse Association, the City Government, the Horse Show Facility, Show Management or any other sponsoring organization, if any, from and against all claims, demands, cause of accident, injury, or damage to person or property caused by the ownership exhibition or custody, or control of any animal exhibited. This expressly includes, but is not limited to, injury or illness resulting from exposure to COVID-19 or any other communicable virus or disease.

Force Majeure

The APHA reserves the right to cancel, re-schedule or rearrange any class or event, or part thereof, when such action is necessitated by an act of God, fire, hurricane, flood, tornado, earthquake, pandemic (including but not limited to COVID-19), government shutdown or other event or circumstance that is beyond the control of show management. The APHA will not be liable to any person or entity for damages of any kind whatsoever, which related in any manner to, or arise out of, such cancellation or rescheduling. Any cancellation, rescheduling or rearrangement due to a force majeure event defined herein shall not result in the termination of this Agreement, and shall not require the return of deposits or other funds paid by Exhibitor to date unless rescheduling or rearrangement is deemed impossible by APHA, in its sole discretion, within one (1) year of the date of the originally scheduled event. Exhibitors will not have grounds to terminate or suspend obligations due hereunder on account of force majeure unless or until APHA notifies Exhibitor of its determination that re-scheduling or rearrangement is impossible within one (1) year of the date of the originally scheduled event ("Notice of Impossibility"). In such event, Exhibitors who wish to terminate this Agreement must notify APHA in writing in accordance with the Notice provisions herein within thirty (30) days of receipt of any Notice of Impossibility to obtain a refund. Failure to adhere to this requirement will result in waiver of all rights to return of funds paid to date for the Event.

Notice

Notice required hereunder must be provided in writing and delivered 1) via email, and 2) via certified First-Class U.S. mail or other carrier permitting confirmation of delivery as follows:

If to APHA, to:

American Paint Horse Association

122 E. Exchange Ave., Suite 420

Fort Worth, Texas 76164

aphaevents@apha.com

If to Exhibitor, to the address and email address provided by Exhibitor on entry forms.

Exhibitor Agreement

Presentation of a signed entry form shall be deemed acceptance of the rules of and all other rules pertaining to this show. In the event of failure to sign an entry form, then first entry of horse or an exhibitor into the show ring shall be deemed to be acceptance of the show rules and current APHA Rule Book and NSBA Rule Book. I agree as an APHA member or trainer that I will be honest, fair and friendly. I will have respect for myself and others as well as respect for authority. I will be helpful, caring and considerate to others. I understand that I will be responsible for what I say and do; and that I am subject to disciplinary action if I am found guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct. Horses are entered at your own risk & are subject to APHA rules, under which these classes will be conducted. In case of death, accident, injury or theft, to the exhibitor, their family, horses or property, no claims will be honored against the American Paint Horse Association, An Equine Production, the Horse Show facility or any officers, directors or employees thereof.

Exhibitor/Spectator Cooperation

All individuals are expected to cooperate with Show Officials at all times. Any individual who is delinquent in his responsibility in this area may be, along with his horse(s) or exhibit(s), excused from further competition and/or removed from the grounds. That individual will forfeit all previous winnings, entry fee(s) and other fees. See rules SC-070, GR-040.C, GR-060.D, YP-080.L.1.

Inhumane Treatment

The APHA is committed to the humane and proper treatment of all animals. The welfare of the animal is the primary consideration in all activities. All animals shall be treated with kindness, respect and compassion at all times. Owners, exhibitors, trainers and all responsible parties shall ensure the health and well-being of animals in their care at all times including, but not limited to, handling, transportation, training, treatment and stalling. Per Rule SC-075 of the Official APHA Rule Book, no person on show grounds, including but not limited to, barns, stalls, parking area and show arena may treat any animal in an inhumane manner, which includes but is not limited to:

1. Placing an object in a horse's mouth so as to cause undue discomfort or distress;
2. Tying a horse in a manner as to cause undue discomfort or distress in a stall, trailer or when longeing or riding;
3. Letting blood from a horse;
4. Use of inhumane training techniques or methods; poling or striking horse's legs with objects (i.e. tack poles, jump poles, etc.);
5. Any item or appliance that restricts the movement or circulation of the tail;
6. Intentional inhumane treatment that causes a horse to bleed;
7. Failure to maintain an appropriate environment for horses' well-being;
8. Use of prohibited equipment, including, but not limited to: saw tooth bits; hock hobbles; tack collars; or tack hackamores; whips used for showmanship; war bridles or like devices; riding in a curb bit without a curb

strap; wire or solid metal curb straps no matter how padded; wire cavesson; wire or cable tie-downs; bumper bits; metal bosals (no matter how padded); chambons; headstalls made of metal (no matter how wrapped or padded), twisted rawhide, or rope may not be used on a horse's head (3/8 inch rope may be used with a slip/gag bit); running martingales used with curb bits used without rein stops (running martingales may be used with legal curb bits as long as the reins have rein stops);

9. Excessive spurring or whipping;

10. Excessive jerking of reins;

11. Excessive fencing;

12. Excessive spinning (defined as no more than eight (8) consecutive turns in either direction);

13. Schooling over ramped oxers in reverse order (i.e., from highest to lowest instead of lowest to highest);

14. Schooling using rails higher than four (4) feet;

15. Exhibiting a horse which appears to be sullen, dull, lethargic, emaciated, drawn or overly tired;

16. If fresh blood is found on any mouth and/or body areas of a horse, (i.e. including but not limited to: barrel, flanks, belly, sides, shoulders) at any time the horse must be excused from the competition;

17. Applying excessive pressure on or excessively jerking of a halter lead shank or an allowed lip chain;

18. Any other treatment or conduct deemed by a show official to be inhumane or abusive.

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, equine training and exhibition procedures, would determine to be cruel, abusive and inhumane. The exhibition of a horse that has a cut or abrasion, showing clear evidence of fresh blood in the mouth, nose, chin, shoulder, barrel, flank or hip area, must be considered abuse regardless of how the injury was caused. Upon discovery by any show official of inhumane treatment, show management reserves the right to immediately disqualify the horse and exhibitor for the remainder of the show and/or remove them from the grounds and shall immediately report the matter to the APHA for further disciplinary action. This prohibition against inhumane treatment applies to APHA members and non-members. APHA members may be held responsible for the actions of their trainers, agents, representatives and/or employees. For violation of this rule, an individual may be disciplined, suspended, fined, denied APHA privileges, disqualified, expelled from show grounds and/ or expelled from APHA.

Photography & Videography

Only photographers and videographers under contract with the APHA and/or employed by the APHA will be allowed to take photos or videos of any horse, exhibitor, owner, staff member, show official or others associated with the show during the APHA National Show. Persons directly related to or associated with an exhibitor may take photos or videos of the exhibitor for personal use only. No photos or videos of events or individuals may be contracted for sale other than through the APHA or official photographer and videographer under contract with the APHA. The APHA has exclusive rights to this event. Any reproduction for sale or promotional activities is strictly prohibited without expressed consent of the APHA. Outside media is invited to cover this event and must check-in with show management. As per Rule GR-030, "attendance at an APHA-approved event, in whatever capacity, shall constitute authorization for APHA, its agents, designees, or assigns to photograph, video tape, televise, or record by other means (hereinafter referred to as "photographic material") any person or animal on the premises of an APHA-approved event, and shall further constitute authorization for the use of such person's name, voice and biography, or the name, pedigree and performance record of any animal on the premises (hereinafter referred to as "related information") in conjunction with any photographic material.

SOUTH POINT ARENA & EQUESTRIAN CENTER RULES, REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION

General Information:

South Point Hotel, Casino & Spa
9777 Las Vegas Blvd South
Las Vegas, NV 89183

Hotel Telephone Number: (702) 796-7111

Arena Office Telephone: (702) 797-8005 / Arena Office Fax: (702) 797-8006

Show Office Telephone: (702) 797-8146 / Show Office Fax: (702) 797-8147

In case of an emergency, there is a hotel phone located outside of the show office. Dial "0" and ask for Security.

Rules and Regulations:

1. Equestrian participants enter the arena and practice areas at their own risk.
2. Absolutely NO abuse to animals will be tolerated.
3. South Point is not responsible for any lost, stolen or damaged property. Please contact hotel Security for lost and found.
4. Any accident regardless of nature is to be immediately reported to South Point security.
5. Riders must lead horses in the stall area at all times. Riding in the barn is not allowed. Riding is allowed in designated practice and performance areas only. Absolutely no riding will be permitted in any parking lot at the South Point facility.
6. Do not leave horses unattended outside stall area. Horses are to be confined to the show arenas, barn, stall and designated dirt practice areas only.
7. It is the policy of the South Point that pets (i.e., dogs, cats, birds, etc) are not allowed on property. Accommodations will be made for ADA compliant service animals.
8. Shavings are required in each stall as dictated by show management. No straw will be allowed as bedding in stalls.
9. Shavings are available for purchase exclusively from the South Point Arena & Equestrian Center. No outside shavings will be allowed.
10. Smoking is prohibited in the Arena, Barns and Stalls; this includes e-cigarettes and vaporizers.
11. No glass is allowed in stall area or Arena.
12. No outside food or beverage allowed in stall area or Arena.
13. No weapons of any type are allowed on property.
14. All children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
15. Printed collateral, including magazines and brochures which promote products, services or upcoming events are not permitted without the permission of South Point Management.
16. No commercial activities are allowed on property without the permission of South Point management.
17. As a courtesy to our equestrian guests, cork boards are provided to display personal information only and not for commercial use. Signs posted on any other surface will be removed and any damage from placing or removing the sign will be invoiced to the Responsible Party. No stapling, no taping, no nailing and no sticking of any objects to the stall walls.
18. Horse owners will be responsible for the removal of all items, with the exception of soiled shavings upon their departure. Any damage or excessive cleaning of the stall area will be billed to the responsible party.
19. Horse owners must clean and maintain their stall(s) for the duration of the event. Please do not clean stalls directly into the aisles. Gondolas are provided at the end of each aisle for the ease of waste disposal.
20. Do not clean trailers directly onto the parking lots.
21. No obstructions may be kept or stored in the stall aisles including furniture, chairs, carts, tack boxes, etc. Stall decorations must be fire retardant, must not block aisles and must be in compliance with local codes.

22. Biohazard containers are available and must be used for the disposal of all biohazard materials and needles. Please do not place needles in the trash receptacles or on the floor.
23. No spray painting, hoof black or hoof dressing should be applied to horse hooves in stall area and/or barns without floor protection.
24. Appliances such as coffee makers, microwaves, refrigerators, space heaters, etc. are absolutely prohibited in the stall area.
25. Parking outside of designated areas will result in the vehicle or trailers being towed at the owners' expense.
26. Overnight RV boarding is not permitted on South Point property under any circumstances.
27. Any motorized vehicles are prohibited in the arena and equestrian center, with the exception of loading and unloading in designated areas.
28. Unauthorized removal of any items from South Point property, including stall mats, push carts, hoses, etc. will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Nevada Equine Transportation Requirements:

What you will need to know and have when entering and exiting the State of Nevada with horses and/or cattle:

1. A current Livestock Health Certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian.
2. A Coggins Test performed within the previous 6 months.
3. Cattle for sale, show, or remaining in Nevada require an ENTRY PERMIT (Call 775-688-1182, Ext. 230)
4. To sell (change of ownership) or EXIT Nevada, YOU MUST HAVE SOME SORT OF PROOF OF OWNERSHIP IN YOUR POSSESSION WHEN GETTING A BRAND INSPECTION CERTIFICATE.

The horse permits listed below are issued in lieu of Brand Inspection Certificates for TRANSPORTATION ONLY and are honored statewide and other states:

- Horse Lifetime \$30.00
- Horse Annual \$15.00
- For regular Brand Inspections Fees – Any Livestock, Change of Ownership, or regular transportation out of district or State of Nevada:
\$10.00 for 1st horse, \$3.00 per additional horse
\$10.00 for 1st cattle, \$1.00 per each additional cattle

PLEASE CHECK WITH THE SHOW OFFICE WHEN ARRIVING AT THE EVENT AS TO WHERE AND WHEN THE DEPUTY BRAND INSPECTOR WILL BE AVAILABLE TO RECEIVE YOUR CERTIFICATE.

PLEASE REMEMBER!

YOU MUST HAVE A BRAND INSPECTION WHEN LEAVING THE STATE OF NEVADA.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

It is the responsibility of the Show Producer and the horse owner to insure that the Health requirements are met. South Point Arena & Equestrian Center assumes no responsibility for the administration of check-in or health procedures.