

## **General Show Rules**

- A. Entries must be made on forms provided by APHC, or online by show secretary, for that show. They must be completed accurately and legibly with all information requested. Copies of horses' registration papers and membership cards for all exhibitors must accompany the entry form. Exhibitors are responsible for entering correct classes before and during the show.
- B. Exhibitors/horses in the first five (5) classes must be entered one half (1/2) hour prior to the scheduled starting time of the show, or they may not be allowed to show.
- C. Entry fees need not accompany pre-entries. Exhibitors will not be charged for scratched classes, but may be charged class fee for failure to scratch class before class is called.
- D. Penalties will be assessed for:
  - 1. Entries not postmarked by the deadline. (Phone entries not accepted.)
  - 2. Incomplete/illegible entry forms and/or failure to send copies of registration papers and exhibitor membership cards.
  - 3. Checks returned for insufficient funds.
  - 4. Failure to check out of the office without leaving an open check.
  - 5. Stall/tack room reservations/payments made after the entry deadline. Stall refunds 50% for no shows and cancellations made within 24 hours prior to beginning of show. We will refund stalls with certified veterinary letter of reason of cancellation.
- E. The age of a Youth or Amateur competitor on January 1<sup>st</sup> shall be maintained throughout the calendar year and will determine the age group in which that person will compete.
- F. APHA rules require show management to see an APHA membership card and a current Amateur/ Novice Amateur/ Novice Youth card (or copy) at each show prior to receiving entry number (Rule SC-160).
- G. APHA rules require show management to inspect horse's registration papers (or copy) at each show prior to receiving entry number (Rule SC-160.C).
- H. Failure by exhibitor to display the correct entry number in a visible manner while being judged shall result in disqualification from class. (Rule SC-160.H)
- I. Exhibitors will be disqualified if assisted by electronic audio aids while showing in a class. (Rule SC-070.C4) Exception: An exhibitor with special needs must present a copy of the approval letter from the APHA Executive Board stating the accommodations necessary and classes to be exhibited in. Show Management shall inform the judges of any special accommodations being used.
- J. Classes will run in order listed. Anyone requiring a tack change must notify the gate person at least one class prior to the change.
- K. Thirty (30) second gate calls will be enforced. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to be at the entry gate when class is called.
- L. Course patterns will be posted near the entry gate a minimum of one (1) hour prior to the class. Show management will determine the working order.
- M. The Show Committee has the right to interpret and act on all questions regarding the show.
- N. The horse show office will not be able to cash personal checks.
- O. The Board shall establish and approve all show fees.

All judged classes will be conducted in accordance with current APHA rule book.

In addition to the APHC Rules, all rules of the show facility must be adhered to by all exhibitors and guests.

**Green Rider/Handler** classes are open to regular and solid paint bred registered horses, and to any exhibitor provided he/she has not won three (3) or more first placings in showmanship to compete in showmanship classes; has not won three (3) or more first placings in English classes to compete in English classes; has not won three (3) or more first placings in Western to compete in Western classes. Persons winning three (3) first placings in a class in a calendar year will be allowed to compete in that Green Handler/Rider class for the rest of the calendar year. Exhibitors in this division are not required to own their horses.

**Open Walk/Trot** classes are open to all breeds and all ages. The exhibitor may not enter in any three gaited class at this or any other breed level show.