



2016 Paint Horse Championship Program Criteria

The Paint Horse Championships is a series of classes held in conjunction with APHA-approved Zone Shows designed to provide recognition to exhibitors and horses who have not had recent success at the APHA World Championship Shows.

Eligibility

- Both the exhibitor and the horse must meet the eligibility criteria set forth to be eligible to compete in the Paint Horse Championship classes.
 - Amateur and Youth exhibitors must be enrolled in the APHA Amateur or Youth Program and meet the ownership/lease requirements as per Rule AM-020 and YP-015 respectively.
- Both the exhibitor and the horse owner/lessee must be current APHA members to be eligible to compete.
- Both exhibitor and horse owner/lessee must be residents of the Zone.
- Horses must be registered with the APHA and shown in their respective Paint Horse Championship breed registry class – Regular Registry or Solid Paint-Bred.

Exhibitor Eligibility

- Exhibitor must reside in the Zone per APHA records and be a current member of APHA.
- Halter classes: An exhibitor who has placed in the **Top 5** in a halter class at an APHA World Championship Show in the **PAST FIVE (5) YEARS (2011-2015)** is NOT eligible to compete in any Paint Horse Championship halter class in any division.
 - Example: Susie placed 5th at the 2014 APHA World Championship Show in Youth Geldings. Susie is NOT eligible to compete in any Paint Horse Championship Open, Amateur or Youth halter classes.
- Performance classes: An exhibitor who has placed in the **Top 10** in a performance class at an APHA World Championship Show in the **PAST FIVE (5) YEARS (2011-2015)** is NOT eligible to compete in any Paint Horse Championship performance class in any division.
 - Example: John was the Reserve World Champion at the 2012 APHA World Championship Show in Amateur Horsemanship. John is NOT eligible to compete in any Paint Horse Championship performance class.
 - EXCEPTIONS:
 - Amateur/Youth Walk-Trot, Novice Amateur/Novice Youth and Intermediate Exhibitor World Show placings and placings in non-pointed World Show classes such as Sweepstakes, Challenge and Futurities **DO NOT** impact eligibility in regular division championship classes.
 - Amateur/Youth Walk-Trot World Show placings **DO** count towards exhibitor eligibility criteria in Amateur/Youth Walk-Trot Paint Horse Championship classes.
 - Novice Amateur/Novice Youth World Show placings **DO** count towards exhibitor eligibility criteria in Novice Amateur/Novice Youth Paint Horse Championship classes.

Horse Eligibility

- Horses must be owned/leased by a resident of the Zone per APHA records. Owner(s)/lessee(s) must be current members of the APHA.
- Halter classes: A horse that has placed in the **Top 5** in a halter class at an APHA World Championship Show in the **PAST FIVE (5) YEARS (2011-2015)** is NOT eligible to compete in any Paint Horse Championship halter class regardless of division.
 - Example: Zip placed 3rd in Open Geldings at the 2013 APHA World Championship Show. Zip is NOT eligible to compete in any Paint Horse Championship halter classes with any exhibitor.
- Performance classes: A horse that has placed in the **Top 10** in a performance class at an APHA World Championship Show in the **PAST FIVE (5) YEARS (2011-2015)** is NOT eligible to compete in any Paint Horse Championship performance class in any division.
 - Example: Trigger placed 6th in Green Western Pleasure at the 2013 APHA World Championship Show. Trigger is NOT eligible to compete in any Paint Horse Championship performance classes with any exhibitor.
 - EXCEPTIONS:
 - Solid Paint-Bred classes: A Solid Paint-Bred horse that has placed in the **Top 5** in a performance class at an APHA World Championship Show in the **PAST FIVE (5) YEARS (2011-2015)** is NOT eligible to compete in any Paint Horse Championship performance class.
 - Amateur/Youth Walk-Trot, Novice Amateur/Novice Youth and Intermediate Exhibitor World Show placings and placings in non-pointed World Show classes such as Sweepstakes, Challenge and Futurities **DO NOT** impact eligibility.
 - Novice Amateur/Novice Youth and Amateur/Youth Walk-Trot Paint Horse Championship classes are exempt from horse eligibility requirements, except that they must be owned by a resident of the Zone per APHA records.

Awards

- APHA will sponsor awards for up to 15 classes per Zone Show. This will consist of a championship buckle and 2nd-6th place medallions for each class (\$3,000 value). If a Zone wants to offer additional classes, the Zone can purchase the additional awards for these classes.
- APHA will also sponsor up to \$3,500 in show awards for each Zone Show that offers Paint Horse Championship classes. This sponsorship will be a reimbursement of the show's awards expense of up to \$3,500 upon the completion of the show and submission of awards receipts.

Additional Show Management Guidelines

- Classes
 - It is up to Zone show management's discretion to determine the specific classes to offer with approval by APHA under the following guidelines:
 - Halter classes (Regular Registry and Solid Paint-Bred) – the corresponding APHA class must have had at least 5 entries the prior year.
 - Performance classes (Regular Registry) – the corresponding APHA class (all ages combined) must have had at least 10 entries the prior year.
 - Performance classes (Solid Paint-Bred) – the corresponding APHA class must have had at least 5 entries the prior year.

- Scheduling
 - It is recommended that classes be offered independently from other APHA-approved classes.
 - However, to help alleviate time constraints for shows, classes may be held as a class within a class with APHA-approved classes. If held as a class within a class, awards presentations must be held independently of the regular class awards. Awards presentations must be held in the arena at the completion of the class.
 - Paint Horse Championship classes must be held prior to the corresponding APHA class and preferably not back-to-back with corresponding APHA class.
- Judges
 - Classes may be judged by one or two judges only.
- Entry Fees
 - It is up to the Zone show management to determine the entry fee to help offset costs; however, it is recommended that lower entry fees be offered.
 - There are no fees due to the APHA for these classes.