

Rules and Regulations

This show is sponsored by the GULF COAST APPALOOSA HORSE CLUB and approved by the APPALOOSA HORSE CLUB, Inc. Judges and Officials decisions are final. All protests must be files in accordance with National Rule 610. (Judges are subject to changes.)

Owners and exhibitors must be members of the ApHC. Membership cards will be inspected when entries are taken. If you are not a member and wish to compete, national applications will be available. GCAPHC points will be awarded to members who join the GCAPHC on or before the show date. Both owner and exhibitor must be current members to acquire GCAPHC points.

Original registration certificates and negative Coggins tests (dated within the last 12 months and with horse's name as it appears on registration papers) must be available for submission to Show Management. All horses entering show grounds must register with Show Management, show proof of negative Coggins test, and pay the grounds fee. Appaloosa horses subject to random drug testing.

The show management reserves to right to refuse entries conditionally, or cancel or consolidate classes in which there are not sufficient entries. Class entries will close three (3) classes before the class being entered. Payment due upon entry, open checks will be allowed until the completion of the show.

A 2-day high point and reserve high point will be give in the following categories:

Walk Trot 10 and Under

13 & Under

14 through 18

Novice 18 & Under

Non Pro

Non Pro Novice

Non Pro 35 & Over

Open

Masters

Exhibitor must ride in at least 3 classes in these divisions for high point and reserve high point.

High point awards in all divisions are determined on a one-horse, one rider basis. Ties for high point will be broken by the horse rider combination that wins the most firsts, seconds; thirds, etc. If a tie still exists, the winner is the exhibitor who places highest in head to head competition.

Overall Youth High point \$1000.00 Saving Bond Award. One rider/multiple horses, points accumulated by the youth in open and youth classes counts towards this award. The youth must show in at least 3 open classes, one of which must be a halter/hunter in hand. Novice youth points will be counted instead of 14-18 or 13 & Under points if the youth earned more points in novice than their respective age group.

Show management reserves the right to verify scores on all contestants before distribution awards. **NO AWARDS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED UNTIL ALL DIVISIONS HAVE BEEN DETERMINED, SCORES VERIFIED AND ALL FEES PAID OR ACCOUNTS CLOSED.**

A \$25.00 service charge will be charged on each returned check to cover the collection charges incurred. A \$25.00 service fee will be added to all accounts not closed by the end of the show. Entries are subject to audit. Over charge and under charge will be refunded or billed accordingly. **ALL INSUFFICIENT FUND CHECKS WILL BE TURNED OVER TO THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR COLLECTION AND PAYOR WILL BE REPORTED TO THE APPALOOSA HORSE ASSOCIATION.**

This facility offers a covered show arena for protection from the weather. Lunch and refreshments will be available on the show grounds. No alcoholic beverages will be allowed on the grounds. Dogs will not be allowed to run loose and must display current rabies tags.

The show will operate on a two minute gate rule. Once the class is asked to enter the arena, all exhibitors have two minutes to enter the gate. Exceptions will be granted to exhibitors who notify the gate person of the need for a tack change and a reasonable amount of time will be allowed to complete the change.

Stalls and RV hookups must be paid for by the end of the show.