



Midwest Paint Horse Championship FAQs

Q: What is the Midwest Paint Horse Championship?

A: This new program is intended to: (1) increase local show participation and provide recognition to another group of exhibitors who might not currently have the opportunity to achieve success in the current show format; and (2) offer a series of classes called the Paint Horse Championships to be held in conjunction with APHA-approved Zone Shows with awards sponsored by the APHA. PLEASE NOTE: the Championship classes are not APHA point earning classes and will not impact Novice Youth or Novice Amateur status. In addition, there are no qualification requirements for the Midwest Paint Horse Championship classes, only the eligibility criteria explained below.

Q: Which classes will be offered?

A: The following 15 classes will be offered (See Zone 5 show bill for scheduling): Open Halter Mares, Open Halter Geldings, Open Hunter Under Saddle, Open Western Pleasure, Open Trail, Youth Mares, Youth Geldings, Youth Showmanship, Youth Hunter Under Saddle, Youth Western Pleasure, Amateur Mares, Amateur Geldings, Amateur Showmanship, Amateur Hunter Under Saddle, Amateur Western Pleasure.

Q: When and where will the Midwest Championship classes be held?

A: The Midwest Paint Horse Championship classes will be held during the Zone 5 Show, September 26-27, 2015 at the Iowa Equestrian Center, at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The Midwest Paint Horse Championship classes will run prior to their respective APHA class. See the Zone 5 show bill for exact class placement.

Q: What is the exhibitor eligibility criteria:

A: Exhibitor must reside in Zone 5 per APHA records and be a current member of the 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 3 YEARS (2012, 2013, OR 2014)** is **NOT** eligible to compete in the Paint Horse Championship halter class in any division with a horse of the same sex. Example: Susie placed 5th at the 2014 APHA World Championship Show in Youth Geldings. Susie is **NOT** eligible to compete in the Paint Horse Championship Open, Amateur, or Youth Gelding 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 3 YEARS (2012, 2013, OR 2014)** is **NOT** eligible to compete in any Paint Horse Championship performance class in any division involving the same class. Example: John was the Reserve World Champion at the 2012 APHA World Champion Show in Amateur Western Pleasure. John is **NOT** eligible to compete in any Paint Horse Championship Western Pleasure class on any horse. **EXCEPTIONS:** Amateur/Youth Walk-Trot, Novice Amateur/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/Youth World Show placings **do** count towards exhibitor eligibility criteria in Novice Amateur/Youth Paint Horse Championship classes.

Q: What is the horse eligibility criteria?

A: 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 3 YEARS (2012, 2013, OR 2014)** is **NOT** eligible to compete in any Paint Horse Championship halter class (Open, Youth, or Amateur). Example: Zip placed 3rd in Open Geldings at the 2013 APHA World Champion Show. Zip is NOT eligible to compete in any Paint Horse Championship Gelding Halter classes with any exhibitor. **Performance classes:** A horse that has placed in the the **Top 10** in a performance class at an APHA World Championship Show in the **PAST 3 YEARS (2012, 2013, OR 2014)** is **NOT** eligible to compete in any Paint Horse Championship performance class in any division involving the same class. 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 Western Pleasure 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 3 YEARS (2012, 2013, OR 2014)** is **NOT** eligible to compete in any Paint Horse Championship performance class in any division involving the same class. Amateur/Youth Walk-Trot, Novice Amateur/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/Youth and Amateur/Youth Walk-Trot championship classes are exempt from horse eligibility requirements, except that they must be owned by a resident of the Zone per APHA records.

Q: Is there any other eligibility criteria?

A: 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 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. Horses must be registered with the APHA and shown in their respective breed registry class – Regular Registry or Solid Paint-Bred.

Q: What prizes will be awarded?

A: The winner will receive a Championship buckle and medallions will be awarded for 2nd through 10th place.

Q: How will the Midwest Paint Horse Championship classes be judged?

A: Three of the 6 APHA judges contracted to judge the Zone 5 Show will judge the Midwest Paint Horse Championship classes and results will be calculated in the same manner as the circuit award for each class (by combining totals of the 3 placings). Judges will be rotated between classes so that all 6 judges will be utilized as equally as possible. Judges will be picked just prior to the Midwest Paint Horse Championship class they will be asked to judge.

Q: How do I enter?

A: Complete a Midwest Paint Horse Championship entry form at the show. The entry fee will be \$20 per Midwest Paint Horse Championship class entered plus office fees (if you are competing in other APHA classes at the Zone 5 Show you will only need to pay one set of office fees). If you are only competing in the Midwest Paint Horse Championship classes you must present your horse's APHA Registration papers and any applicable APHA membership cards.

Further Questions?

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