

# ***ApCHA World Show Rules and Regulations***

## **General:**

**1.** Horse owners and riders must be current members of the ApHC, ApCHA, and a regional club to show. All horses shown must be registered with the Appaloosa Horse Club. Exhibitors must wear a long sleeve collared shirt, jeans, chaps, boots and cowboy hat. Horses shown may not enter a class without a stamped number (numbers are stamped at the inspection station).

**2.** Classes will be held in accordance with the National Cutting Horse Association rules for judging and scoring. Horses regardless of equipment must be shown one handed (RANCH cutting is the exception) in accordance with NCHA judging rule 8:

While working, a horse will be penalized one (1) point each time the reins are used to control or direct (to rein) the horse. (A) one (1) point penalty shall also be charged whenever a horse is visibly cued in any manner. If the reins are tight enough that the bits are bumped at any time, they shall be penalized one (1) penalty point (B) per occurrence per cow in the 1-point penalty column, even though the hand of the rider does not move. In addition, put a minus in the loose reins column per cow and take off at the end of the run to increase the severity of this rule in fraction.

> A horse must be released as soon as the desired animal is clear of the other cattle. Additional reining, cueing, or positioning will result in a one (1) point penalty for each occurrence.

> The rider shall hold the bridle reins in one hand. A three (3) point penalty shall be charged if the second hand touches the reins for any purpose except to straighten them...

**3.** ApHC EQUIPMENT RULES (ApHC Rule 715.A) are enforced. Senior horses (6 years and older) may only be shown in a curb bit, half-breed or spade bit. JR horses (5 and younger) may be shown in a snaffle bit, hackamore, curb bit, half breed or spade bit. Reins must be spit, the use of romals is prohibited except in ApCHA ranch cutting

## **Classes**

**3-Year-Old-Futurity:** Open class, for 3-Year-Old Appaloosas. The futurity will consist of two goes, with the winner and placings being determined by composite score of both runs.

**4-Year-Old-Derby:** Open class, for 4-Year-Old Appaloosas. One run with the combined judges scores determining the winner and placings.

**5/6-Year-Old Classic:** Open class, for 5- or 6-year-old Appaloosas. One run with the combined judges scores determining the winner and placings.

**7 & Up:** Open Class, for appaloosa horses 7 years and older. One run with the combined judges scores determining the winner and placings.

**Jane Norman Memorial (Masters Non-Pro Cutting):** This class is for Non-Pro riders determined by ApHC rules for non-pro, 50 years of age and older. Any age horse, one run with the combined judges scores determining the winner and placings.

**Non-Pro Bonanza:** This class is for non-pro riders determined by ApHC rules for non-pro. Any aged horse. One run, combined judges scores determining winner and placings.

**\$1,000 Limited Rider:** Open class. Rider must have earned less than \$1,000 according to Equi-stat cutting earnings. The rider does not have to own horse shown. Limited rider classes will be run concurrently and placed separately. Riders may enter both divisions if eligible (additional entry fee applies).

**\$15,000 Limited Rider:** Open class. Rider must have earned less than \$15,000 according to Equi-Stat cutting earnings. The rider does not have to own horse shown. Limited rider classes will be run concurrently and placed separately. Riders may enter both divisions if eligible (additional entry fee applies).

**Ranch Cutting:** Open class for horses of any age. Riders do not have to own horse shown. Judged using a modified version of NCHA rules. The modifications will only pertain to scoring as it relates to reining the horse. Horses shown in ranch cutting may be shown 1 OR 2 handed regardless of bit used (ApHC equipment rules still apply). This is the only cutting class where the use of romal reins is allowed. A participant shall not be penalized for guiding or reining the horse, one point reining penalties and second hand on rein penalties will not be charged by judge. A participant excessively reining a horse or using direct force by jerking or pulling a horse around may be penalized. This rule may be subject to each individual judge's interpretation. All horses should be judged based on run content regardless of showing one of two handed. Riders must show the class as they enter the pen, i.e.: if rider chooses to show 2 handed, they must stay 2 handed for the entirety of the class, same goes for 1 handed.