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SHOW RULES AND POINT SYSTEM  
ALL-BREED OPEN DIVISION

I. QUALIFICATIONS

A. Open to any breed of horse, registered or not. Any registered Appaloosa horse, registered with the Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc. (ApHC) in the Foundation, Permanent, Tentative, Performance Permit, or CPO registry, are eligible to participate for the Appaloosa awards.

B. The horse earning points must be owned or leased by a member of the Green Mt. Appaloosa Horse Club (GMtApHC), and that person shall be in good standing with the year's dues and any outstanding debts paid.

C. In all cases of a leased horse, a copy of the lease agreement shall be filed with the point secretary at the time of registration for points.

D. All youth/adult horses competing for points shall be registered with the point secretary at least 3 days before the horse can start earning points at its first show. A registration fee of \$5.00 per horse must be sent to the secretary with the registration form.

E. All youth/adults must pay \$5.00 in order to register for points as a youth/adult for the awards. The youth/adult must list his/her horses and register the list with the point keeper at least 3 days before the youth can start earning points. The youth/adult shall be in good standing with year's dues paid. Youth must state age and in which group he/she is competing: Leadline, Walk/Trot, Junior, Senior. Points are good for the calendar year.

F. Official points are those that are received by the GMtApHC Point Keeper, Debbie Danforth, 6310 Monument Hill Rd, Castleton, VT 05735, submitted by the competitor. Discrepancies will be verified by the point keeper, with the show secretary. **ALL POINTS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 15 DAYS OF EACH SHOW ATTENDED AND INCLUDE A COPY OF THE SHOW PROGRAM, HIGHLIGHTING THE CLASSES BEING REPORTED. All points are due by October 15<sup>th</sup> for the qualifying year.**

G. To be eligible to win a year-end award a horse/youth/adult must have placed in that class, or combined class under at least 3 judges. A minimum of 3 and maximum of 8, judges/shows will be used to calculate the highest scores earned in each class, combined class, or category, to tally the year end score for a horse/youth/adult. If a show is double, triple or quad judged, all judge's placings must be used and it will count as 2, 3 or 4 shows respectively. **You must show at the club's Vermont Maple Classic show in the all-breed classes to qualify for awards.**

H. Total points for the Year End Awards must be accumulated in either All-Breed Open Division (Open-All breed shows) or the Regional Division (ApHC approved Appaloosa only shows) and may not be a combination of both.

I. All award winners, or their representative, for any division must attend the banquet to receive their award, or appeal in writing to the Board of Directors within 15 days. No mailing of awards.

J. In order to receive a year-end award, if qualified, the member/owner must attend at least one of the two General Membership meetings in the Spring or Fall, either in person or via a remote video link. Youth aged 10 and over must attend, youth under 10 must be represented by a parent or guardian at the meeting. **The member should also participate (compete) or volunteer (perform a job or task) in at least one other club event.**

K. Total points for the Year End Awards must be accumulated in the All-Breed Open Division.

L. A copy of the Registration Certificate of any horse must be shown upon the request of the show manager or point secretary.

II. POINT SYSTEM

A. Points will be awarded according to the number of placings in the class, in accordance with the schedule. A disqualification counts as an entry, even if excused from the ring.

B. At least six places to be presented at all pointed shows. Here is the manner on which points are to be awarded:

PIN	Number of entries											Cont.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10-19	20-29	
1 <sup>st</sup>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	9+1	9+2	.....
2 <sup>nd</sup>	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	8+1	8+2	.....
3 <sup>rd</sup>	0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7+1	7+2	.....
4 <sup>th</sup>	0	0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	6+1	6+2	.....
5 <sup>th</sup>	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	4	5	5+1	5+2	.....
6 <sup>th</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	4	4+1	4+2	.....
7 <sup>th</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	3+1	3+2	.....
8 <sup>th</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2+1	2+2	.....
9 <sup>th</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1+1	1+2	.....
10 <sup>th</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	.....

C. All points earned will be published in the newsletter as they are totaled at the end of the show season, and prior to the Awards Banquet. Any disputes over year-end totals shall be submitted in writing to the point keeper and will be handled by the Officers and Board of Directors.

D. Any open show is eligible to count for points for the open division regardless of the state where it is held.

E. All proposed changes to the show rules and point system shall be published and mailed to the membership 30 days prior to the first pointed show, to be voted on at the spring membership meeting.

### III. APPROVED CLASSES

#### A. OPEN DIVISION

1. Halter – 3 awards all ages
  - a. Stallions b. Mares c. Geldings
2. Western Pleasure – 1 award all ages
3. English Pleasure – 1 award all ages
4. Trail – 1 award all ages
5. Leadline, 6 and under – 1 award. Points to be accumulated in open competition. Accumulation of points in any class listed as a Leadline class.
6. Walk-Trot/Beginner – 1 award. Points to be accumulated in open competition. Accumulation of points in any class listed as a Walk-Trot or Beginner class. (Only one showmanship class to count per show –4H or Open- exhibitor’s choice.)
7. Youth, 18 years & under – 1 award. Points to be accumulated in open competition. Accumulation of points in any class listed as a Junior youth, Senior youth or combined 18 & under class. (Only one showmanship class to count per show – 4H or Open- exhibitor’s choice.)
8. Open Performance – 1 award. Points to be accumulated in open competition. Types of Classes to count for award: Western Riding, Reining, Men’s, Ladies’, Owner to Ride Pleasure, Open Western Pleasure (Jr., or Sr., or combined), Open English Pleasure (Jr., or Sr., or combined), Road Hack, Open Trail, and any performance (under saddle) class open to any discipline, breed or combination of breeds.
9. Adult Award – 1 award. Accumulation of points in any class listed as an Adult Class. This will not include any OPEN CLASSES. Adults need to pay a \$5.00 fee same as youth.
10. Adult Walk Trot Award - 1 award. Accumulation of points in any class listed as an Adult Walk/Trot Class. This will not include any OPEN CLASSES. Adults need to pay a \$5.00 fee same as youth.
11. Open Ranch – 1 award all ages, all sexes. Points to be accumulated in open competition. Classes to count for award: Ranch conformation, Ranch Pleasure, Ranch Riding, Ranch Trail, Ranch Reining, any Ranch class open to any breed or rider.

#### B. EXTREME TRAIL

1. GMtApHC will point any open Extreme Trail/Mountain Trail events.
2. Competitor must be a member of the GMtApHC in good standing (dues paid). **You must attend/ride in a minimum of 2 out of 3 Extreme Trail events to qualify for year-end award with total points scored.** All award winners for any division must attend banquet to receive award. No mailings etc.
3. In order to receive a year-end award, if qualified, the member/owner must attend at least one of the two General Membership meetings in the Spring or Fall, either in person or via a remote video link. Youth aged 10 and over must attend,

youth under 10 must be represented by a parent or guardian at the meeting. **The member should also participate (compete) or volunteer (perform a job or task) in at least one other club event.**

4. Registration is for the horse and rider as a team. A horse may be registered with only one rider in each of the three divisions. **Registration is open to Appaloosas.** Youth under 13 must wear ASTM approved helmet.

5. Cost of registration is \$5.00. Competitors must register at least three (3) days prior to the event indicating what horse he/she will use and in which division he/she will be competing: Youth; Novice Adult; Open

6. Year-End awards will be given to Champion and Reserve Champion for each of the three divisions.

#### B. COMPETITIVE/DISTANCE TRAIL RIDES

Approved rides shall have minimum of 25 miles per day length. Horses competing must be 5 years of age or older. To be eligible for awards the same combination of horse and rider must finish three (3) rides and receive a score. The competitors shall request score sheets from the Point Secretary which must be signed by the Trail Ride Secretary, and will include the following information: Name of Ride, date, location, overall placing, number of horses in your division. Awards will be given for: a) Youth b) Adult. Season to run from December 1 to November 30. **Registration is open to Appaloosas.**

#### C. SADDLE LOG RIDING & DRIVING PROGRAM

Riders and drivers must be a member and pay \$5.00 per horse for hours to count. Hours follow the rider/driver. Year runs from September 1<sup>st</sup>-August 31<sup>st</sup>. Year end awards will be presented for total yearly hours in two age divisions and for riders or drivers. **Open to any breed of horse.** Hours are by honor system as recorded on the official log sheet. Award levels are at the following increments: 50 hours, 100 hours, 200 hours, etc. Additional detail on Log Form.

#### D. GYMKHANA

1. Point Keeper: Debbie Danforth, 6310 Monument Hill Rd, Castleton, VT 05735. Official points are those that are received by the GMtApHC Point Keeper, submitted by the competitor, on the Gymkhana results form and signed by the event secretary. Discrepancies will be verified by the point keeper, with the show secretary. **ALL RESULTS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 15 DAYS OF EACH SHOW ATTENDED AND INCLUDE A COPY OF THE SHOW PROGRAM, HIGHLIGHTING THE CLASSES BEING REPORTED. All points are due by October 15<sup>th</sup> for the qualifying year.**

2. GMtApHC will point all events held at any open gymkhana.

3. Competitor must be a member of the GMtApHC in good standing (dues paid).

**4. You must attend/ride in a minimum of 3 gymkhanas to qualify for year-end award with total points scored.**

**\*\*You must place in the category a minimum of 2 out of 3 times to be eligible for an award.\*\*** All award winners for any division must attend banquet to receive award.

5. In order to receive a year-end award, if qualified, the member/owner must attend at least one of the two General Membership meetings in the Spring or Fall, either in person or via a remote video link. Youth aged 10 and over must attend, youth under 10 must be represented by a parent or guardian at the meeting. **The member should also participate (compete) or volunteer (perform a job or task) in at least one other club event.**

6. Members may compete on any horse or pony for the All-Breed Open Awards.

7. Registration is for the horse and rider as a team. A horse may be registered with only one rider in each of the three divisions.

8. Cost of registration is \$5.00. Competitors must register at least three (3) days prior to the event indicating what horse he/she will use and in which division he/she will be competing:

a) Beginner (age 10 & Under)\*    b) Junior (age 11-17)\*    c) Senior (age 18 and over)

**\* Riders 13 & Under Must Wear ASTM Helmet**

9. Year-End awards will be given to Champion and Reserve Champion for the three age divisions in the following categories: (if the exact event is not held, a similar event may be accepted – supply the pattern for approval)

a) Barrels (Cloverleaf pattern)

b) Stakes (Stakes or Pole Bending)

c) Keyhole (Keyhole or Arizona)

d) Hi-Point overall (all events to count)

Ties will be broken in the following manner: 1) most first or highest place finishes in that category. 2) Points are awarded on the traditional 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 system regardless of the number competing.

#### IV. SHOW RULES AND POINT COMMITTEE

A Show Rules and Point Committee shall consist of five (5): three (3) members shall be selected from the membership at each Fall Annual Meeting. The Point Secretary from each division of the club (the Gymkhanas and the Shows) shall automatically comprise the other two (2) members. Duties of this committee shall include:

a. A review of the point system and to propose changes in writing to the membership so they may vote on said changes at least 30 days before the first pointed show of the next year.

## V. DISTRIBUTION

A copy of the Show Rules and Point System will be available online on the club's web site. A copy can be mailed yearly, upon request of any member. Any member wishing to make comments or suggestions, please submit in writing to Deb Danforth, 6310 Monument Hill Rd., Castleton, VT 05735.

GMtApHC will point any open show attended in any state. You must submit your results to the Point Secretary within 15 days of the EACH show attended for that season. Point Secretary is Debbie Danforth, 6310 Monument Hill Rd, Castleton, VT 05735.

## SHOW RULES AND POINT SYSTEM REGIONAL DIVISION

### I. QUALIFICATIONS

A. Any Appaloosa horse registered with the Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc. (ApHC) in the Foundation, Permanent, Tentative, Performance Permit, or CPO registry is eligible to participate. No Breeding Stock (pink papers) horses are eligible.

B. The horse earning points must be owned or leased by a member of the Green Mountain Appaloosa Horse Club, and that person shall be in good standing with the year's dues and any outstanding debts paid.

C. In all cases of a leased horse, a copy of the lease agreement shall be filed with the Point Secretary at the time of registration for points.

D. All youth/Non-Pro horses competing for points shall be registered with the Point Secretary at least three (3) days before the horse can start earning points at its first show. A registration fee of \$5.00 per horse must be sent to the point keeper with the registration.

E. A youth must ride a registered Appaloosa and pay \$5.00 in order to register for points as a youth. The youth must list his/her horses and register the list with the point keeper at least three (3) days before the youth can start earning points. The youth shall be in good standing with the year's dues paid. Youth must state age and in which group he/she is competing: Walk/Trot, Junior, or Senior. Points are good for the calendar year.

F. Official points are those that are received by the GMtApHC Point Keeper, submitted by the competitor. Discrepancies will be verified by the point keeper with the show secretary. **ALL POINTS MUST BE IN WITHIN 15 DAYS OF EACH POINTED/ATTENDED SHOW OF THE SEASON AND INCLUDE A COPY OF THE SHOW PROGRAM, HIGHLIGHTING THE CLASSES BEING REPORTED. All points are due by October 15<sup>th</sup> for the qualifying year.**

G. To be eligible to win a year-end award a horse/youth/adult must have placed in that class, or combined class under at least 3 judges. A minimum of 3 and maximum of 8, shows will be used to calculate the highest scores earned in each class, combined class or category, to tally the year end score awards for a horse/youth/non pro. If a show is double, triple or quad judged, all judge's placings for that show must be used and it will count as 2, 3 or 4 shows respectively.

H. Total points for the Year-End Awards must be accumulated in either In-State Division (Open-All breed shows) or the Regional Division (ApHC approved Appaloosa only shows), and may not be a combined total of both.

I. All award winners, or their representative, for any division must attend the banquet to receive their award, or appeal in writing to the Board of Directors within 15 days. No mailing of awards.

J. In order to receive a year-end award, if qualified, the member/owner must attend at least one of the two General Membership meetings in the Spring or Fall, either in person or via a remote video link. Youth aged 10 and over must attend, youth under 10 must be represented by a parent or guardian at the meeting. **The member should also participate (compete) or volunteer (perform a job or task) in at least one other club event.**

K. A copy of the Registration Certificate of any horse must be shown upon request of the show manager or point secretary.

L. A Non-Pro, in order to be eligible for a year-end award, must pay a \$5.00 registration fee and submit a copy of his/her Non-Pro card to the club secretary. This \$5.00 fee does not include horse registration.

### II. POINT SYSTEM

A. Points will be awarded according to the number of placings in the class, in accordance with the schedule. A disqualification counts as an entry, even if excused from the ring.

B. At least six (6) places to be presented at all pointed shows. Here is the manner in which points are to be awarded:

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9 <sup>th</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1+1	1+2	.....
10 <sup>th</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	.....

C. The Grand Champion and Jr. Grand Champion of each sex division: Stallions, Mares, Geldings, shall receive at least two (2) points more than any horse in its sex division.

D. The Reserve Champion and Jr. Reserve Champion of each sex division: Stallions, Mares, Geldings, shall receive at least one (1) point more than any horse in its sex division.

E. All points earned will be published in the Newsletter as soon as they are totaled at the end of the show season, and prior to the Awards Banquet. Any disputes over year-end totals shall be submitted in writing and received by the Point Keeper and will be handled by the Officers and Board of Directors.

F. Green Mountain Appaloosa Horse Club will point any Regional ApHC approved show including the National Show. We encourage supporting our neighboring regional clubs shows.

### III. APPROVED CLASSES

#### A. REGIONAL DIVISION

1. Appaloosa Halter---four (4) awards (all ages)
  - a. Stallions b. Mares c. Geldings d. Most Colorful
2. Games—one (1) award combining all open games classes.
3. Leadline, 6 and under – 1 award combining all Leadline events.
4. Walk-Trot—one (1) award combining all Walk/Trot or Novice Walk/Trot youth events.
5. Youth 18 & under—one (1) award combining all youth events.
6. Novice Youth 18 & Under – one (1) award combining all Novice youth events.
7. Non-Pro Walk-Trot - one (1) award combining all Walk-Trot Non-Pro events.
8. Non-Pro - one (1) award combining all Non-Pro, Non-Pro 35 & over or Masters Non-Pro (one of the three categories, but not more than one) events.
9. Novice Non-Pro – one (1) award combining all Novice Non-Pro events.
10. English—one (1) award combining all English events.
11. Western—one (1) award combining all Western events.
12. Ranch – one (1) award combining all Ranch events including Ranch Conformation.

All points must be submitted within 15 days of EACH show attended of the season. Official points are those that are received by the point keeper and submitted by the competitor. Point Secretary is Debbie Danforth, 6310 Monument Hill Rd, Castleton, VT 05735. **All points are due by October 15<sup>th</sup> for the qualifying year.**

### IV. SHOW RULES AND POINT COMMITTEE

These are the same as listed (section IV) in the All-Breed Open Division.

### V. DISTRIBUTION

This is the same as listed (section V) in the All-Breed Open Division.