

New England Paint Horse Club General Rules

- **Member in Good Standing:** Current dues are paid and have no outstanding debt with the NEPHC.
- **Membership dues:** Membership will begin upon the receipt of payment of dues until December 31st of that year.
- **Membership:** A youth must join the Youth club to receive NEPHC year-end points.
APHA membership is now required for all exhibitors to show. **ALL EXHIBITORS** must possess a current APHA membership card the day of the show in order to show in APHA-approved classes. Every exhibitor competing in Amateur, Novice Amateur or Novice Youth classes must possess either a current Amateur, Novice Amateur or Novice Youth exhibitor card as well as a current APHA/AjPHA membership card in order to compete in the applicable divisions. Youth must possess an AjPHA card (except Leadline and Youth Walk-Trot). It is the exhibitor's responsibility to ensure that he/she is eligible to enter classes.
- **Stalls:** The stall manager will reserve stalls on a first-come-first-served basis depending upon need and number of horses after March 1st of the current season. If a reservation (s) will not be used, the stall manager must be notified at least 5 days (Monday) before the show or the person who made the reservation will be charged in full. Tack stalls in the area of horse-reserved stalls will be assigned accordingly.
- **Truck-in Fee** of \$15 per horse will be charged to all horses showing at any NEPHC-sponsored shows who are not staying overnight in a paid stall.
- **No Overnight** stabling of horses on any trailer.
- **To enter grounds, a current (within 12 months) proof of negative coggins** and proof of rabies certificate is required on all horses.
- A **TWO-minute** gate call is in effect except for tack changes. You **must** notify the secretary's booth if a hold is needed for a tack change at least 2 classes ahead of time.
- **Entries** must be canceled at least two (2) classes before the class or you will be charged for the class.
- **Classes:** Show management reserves the right to combine or split classes as needed in accordance with APHA rules.
- **Solid Paint-Bred horses** may be shown only in designated solid paint-bred classes or in *NON-APHA pointed classes (Walk-Trot 10 – 18, Walk-Trot 19 & Over, Walk-Trot Green Horse)*
- **Camper Rule:** If parked by water and electricity, whether hooked up or not, or plugged into a receptacle on the show grounds anywhere, you will be charged.
- **Dogs:** For the safety of all exhibitors and horses, dogs must be confined at a show: penned, tied or on a leash. Owner will be warned after the first complaint to an officer of the NEPHC. On second warning the owner may be required to remove the dog from the grounds.
- **Number of shows necessary to receive NEPHC year-end points:** An exhibitor must show under at least 12 judges for the show season except the Open Division which must show under at least 8 judges for the show season in order to receive NEPHC year-end points. Lead Line exhibitors, 2 year old hunter under saddle horses, two year old western pleasure horses and weanlings are exempt from the minimum judge requirements.
- **Contestants exhibiting the same horse:** "A horse may not be shown by more than one contestant in the same event or compete in the same event regardless of the Youth age divisions. (Example: A horse being exhibited in Western Pleasure 13 & Under may not be exhibited in Western Pleasure 14 - 18 by another exhibitor at the same horse show)." (APHA Rule).
- The **Futurity** is run by separate rules (See Futurity Rules).
- **Futurity Entry:** Only death is acceptable, upon receipt of a veterinary certificate, for a refund of a futurity entry. However, another horse may be substituted (See Futurity Rules).
- **Returned checks:** Any returned check will carry a \$25.00 penalty fee, which must be paid by bank check, money order or cash. A person owing money to the NEPHC may not receive NEPHC points until the debt is paid.
- **Banquet Awards:** If an exhibitor will not be attending the annual awards banquet but is expecting an award or ribbon, a person must be designated to receive the award for that exhibitor or plan to pick up the award at the first show of the season. If not picked up by then, the award will be used for other purposes.