



American Paint Horse Association's Solid Paint-Bred Program

Opportunities abound for solid horses in all APHA programs.

A good horse is a good horse, regardless of its color. And while color can be a major asset, a lack of color does not limit your opportunity for success with the American Paint Horse Association (APHA).

Not all foals will have flashy color patterns, but APHA's wide array of programs are open to all APHA-registered horses. In addition, the registration fee for Paint-Bred horses is minimal. In fact, it can be as little as one-fifth that of a normal registration.

When you register your solid Paint-Bred (formerly referred to as Breeding Stock) horse and join APHA, you not only become a member of the family of American Paint Horse owners, you join an organization dedicated to providing members with excellent programs and services, and you have opportunities to earn points and recognition through competitive and leisure activities.

And while APHA's primary mission is to record pedigrees, the association is dedicated to preserving and promoting the history, breeding, training, racing, showing, sales and enjoyment of all American Paint Horses.

There is a place and a program in APHA for everyone—no matter what your level of interest or riding skill. Whether you are young, or young-at-heart, APHA has designed a special program that reflects your equine interests. From the challenge of com-



So what can I do with a solid Paint-Bred horse?

The opportunities for participating competitively with your solid Paint-Bred horse are listed below. As you will see, solid Paint-Bred horses have many competitive outlets available through APHA programs.

APHA Programs & Incentives Available to	Regular Registry	Paint-Bred	Any restrictions on participation?
Breeders Trust			
Stallion subscription	✓	✓	
Foal nomination	✓	✓	
Gelding Plus			
NCHA — Open & Non-Pro divisions	✓	✓	
NRHA — Open & Non-Pro divisions	✓	✓	
NSBA — Western/Open & Non-Pro divisions	✓	✓	
NSBA — English/Open & Non-Pro divisions	✓	✓	
Paint Alternative Competition (PAC)	✓	✓	
Paint Preferred			
IPRA	✓	✓	
Fort Worth Stock Show Cutting & Reining	✓	✓	
Old Fort Barrel Days Futurity & Derby	✓	✓	
NRHA — Open & Non-Pro divisions	✓	✓	
NSBA — Western/Open & Non-Pro divisions	✓	✓	
NSBA — English/Open & Non-Pro divisions	✓	✓	
NSBA Year-End Awards	✓	✓	
2-Year-Old Open Western Pleasure	✓	✓	
2-Year-Old Non-Pro Western Pleasure	✓	✓	
2-Year-Old Open Hunter Under Saddle	✓	✓	
2-Year-Old Non-Pro Hunter Under Saddle	✓	✓	
3-Year-Old Open Western Pleasure	✓	✓	
3-Year-Old Non-Pro Western Pleasure	✓	✓	
3-Year-Old Open Hunter Under Saddle	✓	✓	
3-Year-Old Non-Pro Hunter Under Saddle	✓	✓	
Open Western Pleasure Maturity	✓	✓	
Non-Pro Western Pleasure Maturity	✓	✓	
Open Hunter Under Saddle Maturity	✓	✓	
Non-Pro Hunter Under Saddle Maturity	✓	✓	
USTRC National Finals	✓	✓	
NRHA Futurity & Derby	✓	✓	
NRHA Year-End Awards	✓	✓	
Open Year-End	✓	✓	
Intermediate Open	✓	✓	
Limited Open	✓	✓	
Non-Pro	✓	✓	
Intermediate Non-Pro	✓	✓	
Limited Non-Pro	✓	✓	
Novice Horse Open	✓	✓	
Novice Horse Non-Pro	✓	✓	
Rookie Professional	✓	✓	
Racing	✓	✓	Solid Paint-Bred must have one Regular Registry Paint parent in Stakes races
Ride America®	✓	✓	
Competition			
Regional/Local	✓	✓	Classes available for solid Paint-Bred horses at all APHA-approved shows
World Show			
APHA Futurities			
Paint Vegas	✓	✓	
Regional Non APHA-approved futurities	✓	✓	
Ranch Horse Roundup	✓	✓	
Recreational Riding (trail rides)	✓	✓	

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petition to leisure riding, we encourage you to take advantage of the programs we offer for solid Paint-Bred horses.

Breeders Trust

To help offset the cost of showing Paints, and make them more marketable, the American Paint Horse Association created the American Paint Horse Breeders Trust. The Breeders Trust is a program that provides added incentives for Paint enthusiasts who exhibit their horses in the show ring.

The Breeders Trust incentive funds are based on a point value system, with each point being worth a specific amount of money. Yearly dividends are paid to subscribed stallion owners, foal nominators and recorded owners of horses enrolled in the program.

Solid Paint-Bred stallions, as well as foals, are eligible for this program.

Gelding Plus

Without a doubt, APHA's Gelding Plus program presents one of the most unique opportunities in the horse industry. Geldings age 2 years and younger that are currently registered or newly registered are automatically enrolled in the Gelding Plus program—no fees, no forms, no hassles.

APHA's one-of-a-kind Gelding Plus program gives Paint Horse breeders and owners the chance to increase the value of their Regular and solid Paint-Bred geldings. Offering cash awards to qualified Paint geldings com-

peting at designated limited-age events during their 3-year-old year, the program is open to all Paint geldings that were:

- foaled in 1997 or later and
- registered with APHA as a gelding prior to December 31 of their 2-year-old year.

Each year, APHA offers \$40,000 in cash incentives to the highest-advancing qualified Paint gelding in both the Open and Non-Pro divisions at four designated events. The owner of each division's highest-advancing gelding receives a \$5,000 cash award. These designated events are:

- National Reining Horse Association Futurity
- National Cutting Horse Association Futurity
- National Snaffle Bit Association's designated Western event
- National Snaffle Bit Association's designated English event

These events were selected for the Gelding Plus program because they are the proving ground for some of the nation's top young horses. They are also among the most-watched equine events in the world.

These events help APHA accomplish two goals. First, they provide an attractive arena in which to compete and earn money for Paint Horse owners who wish to geld their male horses. Second, they increase the visibility and value of the American Paint Horse gelding in Open equine competition, therefore increasing the value of all Paint Horse geldings.

Enrollment in the Gelding Plus program is automatic. However, you must also be an APHA member.

Paint Alternative Competition

At the American Paint Horse Association, we know that your riding and driving activities are as diverse as the color patterns on the horses we register. Through the Paint Alternative Competition (PAC) program, you can get recognition for accomplishments in the competitive events you enjoy.

APHA approves more than 1,200 horse shows and races, hosts trail rides, and produces a World Championship Show each year. But even with this diverse menu of activities, the association doesn't always have an approved or sponsored event in your hometown.

Your community probably offers plenty of competitive events for horses and riders, such as 4-H shows, team pennings, ropings, horse trials, and other activities that fall outside the category of "APHA-approved show."

Even though APHA is not officially associated with these events, the association does want to recognize your efforts on your American Paint Horse. As a result, your accomplishments can be recorded on your registered horse's official lifetime performance record through PAC.

PAC is open to almost any type of activity as long as the competition is sponsored by an organization that keeps official records on the performance of all horses entered in the event.



rent APHA member at the time of the competition to receive incentive money.

International Professional Rodeo Association (IPRA) International Finals Rodeo

A \$5,000 bonus to the owners of Paint Horses winning the average in tie-down roping, barrel racing, steer wrestling, team roping heading and team roping heeling for a potential total of \$25,000.

Fort Worth Stock Show Cutting and Reining Competition

APHA designates a \$5,000 bonus for Cutting classes during the Paint Horse competition and a \$2,000 bonus for Reining classes. The Fort Worth Stock Show matches these totals, increasing the incentive to \$14,000.

Old Fort Barrel Days Futurity and Derby

The owner of the highest-placing Paint Horse in the finals of the Futurity and the finals of the Derby each receive a bonus of \$1,000.

National Snaffle Bit Association (NSBA)

At the National Snaffle Bit Association Breeders Championship Futurity, APHA will pay \$2,500 to the owner of the highest-advancing Paint Horse in the Open and Non-Pro 3-year-old Western Pleasure and Hunter Under Saddle classes. Paint Horse year-end high-point winners in 12 NSBA divisions receive \$2,500 as the highest point winner, \$1,500 as the second highest and \$500 to Top 10 point-earners. The divisions are:

- 2-Year-Old Open Western Pleasure
- 2-Year-Old Non-Pro Western Pleasure
- 2-Year-Old Open Hunter Under Saddle
- 2-Year-Old Non-Pro Hunter Under Saddle
- 3-Year-Old Open Western Pleasure
- 3-Year-Old Non-Pro Western Pleasure
- 3-Year-Old Open Hunter Under Saddle
- 3-Year-Old Non-Pro Hunter Under Saddle
- Open Western Pleasure Maturity
- Non-Pro Western Pleasure Maturity
- Open Hunter Under Saddle Maturity
- Non-Pro Hunter Under Saddle Maturity

United States Team Roping Championships (USTRC) National Finals

“Catch For Cash” will award owners of registered Paint Horses placing the highest at the USTRC National Finals. With a payout of \$1,500 in the Professional (Open and No. 15), Amateur (No. 13, 12 and 11) and Novice (No. 10, 9 and 8) divisions, and a \$500 bonus for the All-Girl Championship, APHA pays a total of \$5,000.

National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) Futurity and Derby

The incentive includes \$2,500 paid to the owners of the highest-advancing Paint Horse in



Some of these include barrel racing, dressage, endurance and competitive trail riding, roping, working cow horse and 4-H events.

Keep in mind that for APHA to include the event in PAC, the competition must be sponsored by an association, organization or affiliate that has an established record-keeping, governing body, as well as a representative who will sign a verification form. Also, remember that this program is designed for events outside the approved show ring. You cannot earn PAC credits at APHA-approved shows or at any show approved by another breed registry.

Visit apha.com/pac for a complete list of 27 approved categories, enrollment forms and event approval applications.

Paint Preferred

The Paint Preferred programs will offer \$280,000 in payouts for competitors eager to show that their American Paint Horses can compete with the best of any breed outside of the APHA-approved show arena. Both Regular Registry and solid Paint-Bred horses are eligible to participate in APHA's Paint Preferred program. The owner must be a cur-

both the Open division and the Non-Pro division at the NRHA Futurity as well as the NRHA Derby. APHA pays incentive money in nine NRHA divisions as year-end awards. A Paint Horse that is named a division World Champion will receive \$2,500, a Reserve World Champion will receive \$1,500 and Top 10 finishers will receive \$500. The NRHA divisions are:

- Open
- Intermediate Open
- Limited Open
- Non-Pro
- Intermediate Non-Pro
- Limited Non-Pro
- Novice Horse Open
- Novice Horse Non-Pro
- Rookie Professional

Racing

Horse racing has long been one of America's favorite spectator sports. With the recent growth of the Paint Horse breed, it's no wonder that Paints have become one of the hottest tickets in the horse racing industry.

Since 1966, when the American Paint Horse Association (APHA) officially recognized the sport, Paint Racing has made major strides forward. In that inaugural year, 17 starters ran for \$1,290 in just two states—Texas and Oklahoma—that held Paint races. Thirty-eight years later, in 2004, 639 starters competed in 785 APHA-recognized races for purses totaling more than \$4.8 million.

"Purses have continued to climb upward, along with the number of starters and races offered for Paint Horses," said APHA's Racing Director Karen Utecht.

A total of 18 states now feature Paint racing. Paints race on tracks in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Montana, North Dakota, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. Paint racing has even spread into Canada.

Ride America®

Few things in life can rejuvenate the soul like a leisurely horseback ride on your American Paint Horse.

Recreational riding provides time to reflect on the day's activities and plan for tomorrow. It allows you to relax your mind and body and escape from the hassles of day-to-day life.

Riding can provide quality time with family and friends, or private time for yourself. It helps develop personal character and promotes physical fitness.

If you enjoy riding or driving your American Paint Horse for recreation, the APHA Ride America Saddle Log Program is for you.

By enrolling in Ride America, you can



strengthen your body and mind while exploring the great outdoors with your favorite Paint Horse—all while earning rewards for the time you spend riding and driving.

With Ride America, you set your own goals and measure your own success. Ride at your own pace and earn rewards for simply doing what comes naturally—riding an American Paint Horse.

When you enroll in the program, you receive an official time log and Ride America patch. Simply record each hour you spend riding or driving your Regular Registry or solid Paint-Bred horse, then send your log to APHA or log your hours on-line. As you move up through the 14 achievement levels—from 100 to 10,000 hours—APHA records your accomplishments and you earn patches, watches, compasses, blankets, and other awards. In addition, each hour award you and your Paint Horse achieve is permanently recorded on your horse's official lifetime performance record.

All you have to do is enjoy the ride and record your progress—we'll reward your achievements. So get out there and saddle up! It's time to Ride America!

Competition

Every year, APHA approves over 1,200 shows, which draw in excess of 440,000 entries. These shows offer classes for amateur, novice amateur, youth, and open competitors in a host of disciplines. Some shows last just one day, while others last up to a week. Whether you are new to showing competition or you are a seasoned veteran, you can find an APHA-approved show.

New in 2006, all APHA-approved shows will be required to offer at least six halter classes and two performance classes for solid Paint-Bred horses.

To find an approved Paint Horse show sponsored by a regional club in your area, visit aphaonline.com and visit the Calendar of Events section.

Ranch Horse Roundup

Are you ready for a different take on roping, riding and sliding action? Then you should enter the next APHA-sponsored Paint Ranch Horse Roundup!

This is a great opportunity to earn recognition for you and your horse outside of the traditional show ring. Ranch Horse competition puts the practical, working abilities of you and your Paint Horse to the test in a fun, friendly atmosphere.

All horse-and-rider teams will compete in four classes: Stock Horse Pleasure, Stock Horse Versatility, Working Stock Horse and Stock Horse Reining. Both Regular Registry and solid Paint-Bred divisions will be offered, with Amateur and Open divisions in each.

Recreational Riding

Saddle up for the ride of a lifetime with APHA.

If you're looking for the perfect opportunity to see some of America's most beautiful countryside from the back of your horse, you'll want to consider an adventure with the American Paint Horse Association. APHA has outstanding rides planned across the country, and the experience is sure to be one that you will cherish for a lifetime.

APHA welcomes everyone to register to ride along on any of its outings, and they may participate on any breed of horse.

So, sign up today for a once-in-a-lifetime experience and see America the way it should be seen — with your horse and a fine group of friends from APHA.