



American Paint Horse Association

Dear Show Managers & Secretaries:

In an effort to continue to improve our shows, APHA has several new and exciting changes for 2008. However, with these new changes come new policies and procedures for show management. The new rule change that will likely affect you the most is **APHA membership is now required for all exhibitors**. We would appreciate you taking a moment to review the below information regarding requirements for membership to show.

Amateur and Novice Amateur Division:

All amateur exhibitors must be current APHA members and have a current amateur/novice amateur status card in order to be eligible to show. Beginning in 2008, both of these cards have been combined into one.

As in the past, amateurs and novice amateurs must present to you a current amateur status card. The **amateur status card expires every year on December 31** and a new card must be obtained to begin showing on January 1. Show secretaries should check that the card is current and that novice amateurs are eligible in the categories in which they have entered classes (categories and the classes included are listed on the back of the card). Additionally, the amateur's age group will be indicated – Classic (19-44 years old) or Masters (45 years or older). The amateur must enter the correct age division for classes split by exhibitor's age.

APHA membership will now also be indicated on the amateur card. The card will have two expiration dates on it – one for amateur status and one for APHA membership. **Both dates must be checked and must be current for the amateur to show.**



Check card for:

1. Amateur or Novice Amateur Status
2. Amateur Status expiration date
3. Membership expiration date
4. Age Division – Classic (19-44) or Masters (45+)
5. Novice Amateur Category eligibility (15 categories)

If the amateur does not have an amateur card, a **Temporary Amateur Application** must be completed prior to showing. **To prevent show processing delays**, be sure that the amateur has completed the form in full; novice amateurs must complete all sections in their entirety including their prior show experience. Correct fees must accompany the form. The perforated section at the bottom is for the show secretary to complete and give to the exhibitor at the show. The exhibitor will then have proof of amateur status at their next show until their permanent card arrives. **It is important that you complete the date issued on this card** for the next show secretary to verify. If the exhibitor uses one of these cards at your show, you must check that the card has not expired.

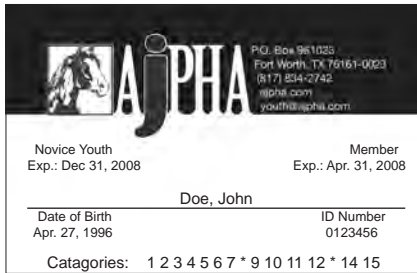
If an individual presents an amateur card and their amateur status is current, but their membership is not, they must complete the **APHA Temporary Membership form**. Again, the temporary card must be given to the exhibitor to use until their permanent card arrives. **If either the amateur status or the membership is not current, a temporary card application must be completed.** Anytime a membership is processed in the APHA office, a new Amateur card will be printed which will contain all the current membership and Amateur status on one card.

Youth and Novice Youth Division:

All youth exhibitors must be current AjPHA members and, if eligible, have a current novice youth status card in order to show. Beginning in 2008, both of these cards have been combined into one card.

As in the past, novice youth must present to you a current novice youth status card. The novice youth status expires every year on December 31 and a new card must be obtained to begin showing on January 1. **Show secretaries should check that the youth card is current and that novice youth are eligible in the categories in which they have entered classes** (categories and the classes included are listed on the back of the card). Additionally, the youth's birthdate will be indicated. The youth must enter the correct age division for classes split by exhibitor's age.

Similar to the amateur card, AjPHA membership will be indicated on the youth card. If the exhibitor is a novice, the card will have two expiration dates – one for novice youth status and one for AjPHA membership. **Both dates must be verified and must be current for the youth to show.** If the exhibitor is not novice, the AjPHA membership must be checked.



Check card for:

1. AjPHA Membership expiration date
2. Novice Youth status
3. Novice Youth status expiration date
4. Novice Youth Category eligibility (15 categories)

If the youth does not have a youth card, a **Temporary Youth Application** must be completed. **To prevent show processing delays**, be sure that the youth has completed the form in full; novice youth must complete all sections in their entirety including their prior show experience. Correct fees must accompany the form. The perforated section at the bottom is for the show secretary to complete and give to the exhibitor at the show. The exhibitor will then have proof of their membership and/or novice youth status at their next show until their permanent card arrives. **It is important that you complete the date issued on this card** for the next show secretary to verify. If the exhibitor uses one of these cards at your show, **you must check that the card has not expired.**

If either the AjPHA membership or the novice youth status is not current, a Temporary Youth Application must be completed. **If they present a youth card and their novice status is current but their membership is not, or vice versa, they must complete the form.**

Open Division:

All open exhibitors must be current APHA members in order to be eligible to show.

Proof of individual membership or an APHA exhibitor card is required at time of showing. **There are five cards that are acceptable to meet this requirement:**

1. Current APHA membership card with a single individual's name
2. APHA exhibitor card
3. Temporary membership card that has not expired
4. APHA amateur card (or temporary amateur card) with current membership indicated
5. AjPHA youth card (or temporary youth card) with current membership indicated

For all cards, show secretaries should check that the membership on the card is current. The card must also list a single individual's name. **If the membership is a joint or farm/ranch membership, an APHA Exhibitor Card is required** so that each individual exhibitor is assigned their own identification number and can be recorded properly in the show results.

If the exhibitor does not possess a card with a current membership, he or she must complete a **Temporary Membership Application**. Correct fees must accompany the form. The perforated section at the bottom is for the show secretary to complete and give to the exhibitor at the show. This temporary card will serve as proof of their membership until their permanent card arrives. **It is important that you complete the date issued on this card** for the next show secretary to verify. If you are presented with a temporary card at your show, be sure to check that it has not expired.

APHA Exhibitor Cards:

Exhibitors possessing a membership in a joint or farm/ranch name must apply for an **exhibitor card as proof that they are eligible under that membership**, and to provide show management with the correct individual APHA identification number to record.



Check card for:

1. Name
2. Identification number (to be used in recording results for that exhibitor)
3. APHA membership expiration date

If the exhibitor presents you with a **current membership card**, but it is in a joint or farm/ranch name, he or she **must complete an Exhibitor Declaration Form**. This form requires that all eligible exhibitors under that membership be listed **(for a farm/ranch/business-must be only principal owners)**. Once processed, all of those exhibitors will receive a permanent exhibitor card to use as proof of membership in the future. These cards will contain unique APHA ID numbers for each individual in order to ensure accurate show records and to be able to better track show participation. Please complete the temporary cards at the bottom of the form for those exhibitors to use until their permanent cards arrive. **No fee is required for an exhibitor card if the APHA membership is current.**

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the APHA Performance Department at 817-834-2742, ext. 773 or showing@apha.com. Wishing you a successful show season!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lex Smurthwaite".

Lex Smurthwaite
APHA Executive Director