

New England Paint Horse Club Show End and Year End Award Rules

It is the exhibitor's responsibility to know and comply with the New England Paint Horse Club's show-end and year-end award rules.

1. **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.
2. Any member of the NEPHC is eligible to compete for Year End awards providing membership dues have been paid. No points will be accumulated until said membership is paid and no points will accumulate retroactively once membership dues are paid. Dues may be paid at any NEPHC sponsored show or to the NEPHC Club Secretary.
3. An NEPHC member must own or lease the horse at the time it is being shown with the exception of youth(s) members.
4. 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, 2 year old western pleasure horses and weanlings are exempt from the minimum judge requirements.
5. Showmanship, Longeline, and Yearling In-Hand Trail are considered performance classes for purposes of NEPHC year-end points.
6. Pointing: NEPHC points will be earned in accordance with the following table:

NUMBER OF RIDERS OR EXHIBITORS										
	1	2	3	4	5	6 - 8	9 - 11	12 - 14	15 - 17	18+
FIRST	1	2	4	5	6	8	9	10	11	12
SECOND		1	2	3	4	6	7	8	9	10
THIRD			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
FOURTH				1	2	3	3	4	5	6
FIFTH					1	2	2	2	3	4
SIXTH						1	1	1	1	2
SEVENTH	NO POINTS AWARDED FOR SEVENTH PLACE									

Grand and Reserve: For the purposes of determining year-end award(s) Grand earns 2 points and Reserve earns 1 point.

6. **Tiebreaker** for show-end award will be a) the horse that beats the other the most times in head to head competition, and if still tied, b) the horse that competed in the least amount of classes. For Year-end award there will be awards of equal value to each competitor.
7. **Governing body:** In the event of an inconsistency, or should an interpretation of these rules be necessary, the NEPHC Board of Directors shall interpret and make specific, these rules. The Board's determination shall be final. The selection and dollar amount of awards will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors with a maximum dollar amount allotted for year-end awards. The NEPHC Board of Directors reserves the right to adjust the amount of the Awards budget.

OPEN DIVISION

1. Points are based on horse regardless of the rider. If there is a change in ownership during the year any qualifying points will be retained with the horse provided the new owner has a current membership. A lessee will be considered as the owner of a leased horse for the purposes of year-end awards providing a copy of the APHA lease agreement is provided to the NEPHC point secretary prior to entering the first eligible class.
2. All Junior horses are 5 and under, all Senior horses are 6 years or older. If a class is combined Jr/Sr horse, then points will be tallied for the total number of horses in the class and then be divided in to their respective divisions by the Points Secretary.
3. Any open show-end all around award must include halter and two (2) performance classes to be eligible.
4. Year-End Junior & Senior Open Horse High Point award must compete in at least one (1) junior or senior class to be eligible and must meet the minimum yearly judge requirement (8) judges.

5. **Walk-Trot 10 – 18 years and Walk-Trot 19 & Over:** These classes are for **riders not** ready to canter/lope, **not** for schooling green horses. *This class is open to Solid Paint Bred.*
6. **Walk-Trot Green Horse:** This class is for a rider of any ability wishing to show a **green horse not** ready for a canter or lope. No year-end award is offered for this class. *This class is open to Solid Paint Bred.*
7. Year end High Point awards in addition to the individual classes in the Open division will include:
 - **Shoni Metoxen** – Awarded to the High Point mare based upon total accumulation of points in halter, performance or both. No minimum show requirements.
 - **JJ Adare** – Awarded to the High Point stallion based upon total accumulation of points in halter, performance or both. No minimum show requirements.
 - **Adare Devil** – Awarded to the High Point gelding based upon total accumulation of points in halter, performance or both. No minimum show requirements.
 - **Katie O'Dell** – Awarded to the High Point Hunter Hack winner, no minimum show requirements.
 - **All Around Mare, Stallion, and Gelding Award** – In order to be eligible, horse must meet minimum judge requirements (open division) and compete in Open Halter and three (3) performance classes.

YOUTH DIVISION

1. Youth members do not need to own the horse they are showing in order to receive NEPHC points, however, they must meet eligibility requirements as outlined in **YP-015** of the APHA Rulebook to be eligible to earn APHA points/titles, etc. *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.*
2. Points are based on horse/rider combinations (except lead line and walk-trot exhibitors).
3. A youth must be 18 years or under as of January 1 of the current show season. Youth members must have a paid membership in the NEYPHC in order to receive year-end awards. No points will be accumulated until said membership is paid. Dues may be paid at any NEPHC sponsored show or to the NEPHC Club Secretary. Owner of the horse being shown by the youth need not be a member of NEPHC for the youth to earn NEPHC points.
4. If at a show there is offered one age division in Youth, the points secretary shall divide the points into their respective divisions (13 & under/14-18) for the purposes of tallying day and year-end awards.
5. All lead line and walk-trot exhibitors need not own their own horses. However, in order to be eligible for the year-end awards, all such exhibitors **must** be NEPHC Youth members. A lead line or walk-trot exhibitor may change horses during the year and points will continue to accumulate.
6. Any Walk-Trot show-end and/or year-end High-Point awards must include Youth Halter and two (2) walk-trot performance classes one of which can include Youth Showmanship. Year-end All-Around or High Point award must meet minimum yearly judge requirement.
7. Any Youth show-end or year-end High Point award must include Youth Halter and three (3) performance classes. Year-end All-Around or High Point award must meet minimum yearly judge (12) requirements.

NEPHC NOVICE YOUTH DIVISION

1. Novice Youth members do not need to own the horse they are showing in order to receive NEPHC points, however, they must meet eligibility requirements as outlined in **YP-015** of the APHA Rulebook to be eligible to earn APHA points/titles, etc. *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.*
2. A Novice Youth must be 18 years or under as of January 1 of the current show season. Novice Youth members must have a paid membership in the NEYPHC in order to receive year-end awards. No points will be accumulated until said membership is paid. Dues may be paid at any NEPHC sponsored show or to the NEPHC Club Secretary. Owner of the horse being shown by the novice youth need not be a member of NEPHC for the novice youth to earn NEPHC points.
3. Points are based on horse/rider combination. Novice Youth must possess a current Novice Youth card.
4. Any Novice Youth show-end/year-end High Point/All-Around awards must include at least three (3) Novice Youth performance classes. Year-End All-Around or High Point Award must meet minimum yearly judge (12) requirements.

NEPHC NOVICE AMATEUR DIVISION

1. Any Novice Amateur member of the NEPHC is eligible to compete for Year End awards providing membership dues have been paid. No points will be accumulated until said membership is paid. Dues may be paid at any NEPHC sponsored show or to the NEPHC Club Secretary.
2. Points are based on horse/rider combination. Novice Amateur or Amateur exhibitors must meet APHA Amateur ownership eligibility as outlined in the APHA rulebook under AM-020 and possess current Novice Amateur card. *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). It is the exhibitor's responsibility to ensure that he/she is eligible to enter classes.*
3. Any show-end/year-end High Point/All-Around awards must include at least three (3) Novice Amateur performance classes. Year-End All-Around or High Point Award must meet minimum yearly judge (12) requirements.
4. Novice Amateur exhibitors that enter Novice Amateur or Amateur riding classes may not compete in the Adult Walk-Trot 10 and Over Showmanship class at any given show.

NEPHC AMATEUR DIVISION

1. Any Amateur member of the NEPHC is eligible to compete for Year End awards providing membership dues have been paid. No points will be accumulated until said membership is paid. Dues may be paid at any NEPHC sponsored show or to the NEPHC Club Secretary.
2. Points are based on horse/rider combination. Amateur exhibitors must meet APHA Amateur ownership eligibility as outlined in the APHA rulebook under AM-020 and possess current Amateur card. *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. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to ensure that he/she is eligible to enter classes.*
3. Any show end/year-end High Point/All-Around awards must include Amateur Halter and three (3) Amateur performance classes. Year-end/ All-Around or High Point award must meet minimum yearly judge (12) requirements.
4. Amateur exhibitors that enter Amateur or as applicable, Novice Amateur, riding classes may not compete in the Adult Walk-Trot 10 and Over Showmanship class at any given show.

NEPHC WALK-TROT 10 - 18 Years

1. A Walk-trot 10 – 18 years exhibitor of the NEPHC must be 10 years or older and 18 years or under as of January 1 of the current show season. Any member of the NEPHC is eligible to compete for Year End awards providing membership dues have been paid. No points will be accumulated until said membership is paid. Dues may be paid at any NEPHC sponsored show or to the NEPHC Club Secretary.
2. Points are based on horse/rider combination. *Solid Paint Bred are allowed to show in this division.*
3. Exhibitors may compete in the Walk-Trot 10 – 18 years classes in either discipline (Western or English attire). Year-end High Point or All-Around Award must meet minimum yearly judge (12) requirements.
3. Walk-Trot 10 – 18 years exhibitors have the option of showing in the APHA/NEPHC *pointed Novice Youth or Youth showmanship* classes, or both at any given show but for NEPHC year end/show end point tabulation **only one** showmanship class will be used.
4. Walk-Trot Trail 10 & Over will include both Walk-Trot Trail 10 – 18 years and Walk-Trot Trail 19 & Over.

NEPHC WALK-TROT 19 & OVER

1. A Walk-Trot 19 & Over exhibitor of the NEPHC must be 19 years or older as of January 1 of the current show season. Any member of the NEPHC is eligible to compete for Year End awards providing membership dues have been paid. No points will be accumulated until said membership is paid. Dues may be paid at any NEPHC sponsored show or to the NEPHC Club Secretary.
2. Points are based on horse/rider combination. *Solid Paint Bred are allowed to show in this division.*
3. Exhibitors may compete in the Walk-Trot 19 & Over classes in either discipline (Western or English attire). Year-end High Point or All-Around Award must meet minimum yearly judge (12) requirements.

4. Walk-Trot 19 & Over exhibitors have the option of showing in the APHA/NEPHC pointed Novice Amateur or Amateur showmanship classes, or both at any given show but for NEPHC year end/show end point tabulation **only one** showmanship class will be used.
5. Walk-Trot Trail 10 & Over will include both Walk-Trot Trail 10 – 18 years and Walk-Trot Trail 19 & Over.

NEPHC PAC PROGRAM

NEPHC supports and encourages its members to participate in the Paint Alternative Competition (PAC) program. The Club is pleased to offer awards for the following horseshows/classes and events:

Silver Heels Riding Club: Year End Award for Highest Points for any Paint Horse

Lakes Region Show Series: Year End Award for Highest Points for any Paint Horse; Gymkhana Show

New England Horse & Trail High Point Champion: Year End Award for the Paint Horse who obtains the most trail mileage

South Shore Horseman's Council: sponsor of Color Breed Class