



American Paint Horse Association's Paint Alternative Competition Program

Receive the recognition you deserve.

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 Program, you can get recognition for accomplishments in the competitive events you enjoy.

What is the Paint Alternative Competition (PAC) program?

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.

A variety of competition

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.

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.

Easy to enroll and report

Although APHA membership is not required to enroll in PAC, you must be a member to receive any awards you earn from the association. Even though you don't have to own the horse you compete on, annual enrollment of the horse in PAC is required.

Once we have your enrollment form in the office you may begin earning credits. You will receive your PAC card and several report forms two to three weeks after your application is processed.

When you go to your next Paint Alternative Competition, have fun and do your best. When you place in the event, see the event secretary

or manager and present them with your official exhibitor report form.

Ask the official to inspect your horse's registration papers to verify your participation on a registered American Paint Horse. Next, ask the official to sign the report form, which tells APHA how you finished in the event and how many horses were entered. Then, return the report form, along with a show bill or schedule, to APHA within 30 days of the event.

You will then receive APHA credits based upon your placing and the number of horses you competed against, using the same formula the association uses to award points to exhibitors at APHA-approved shows. (Point tabulation is outlined in the current *Official APHA Rule Book*.)

PAC categories

Following are the 29 categories and a description of the events that have been pre-approved by APHA for inclusion in PAC. If you compete in an event not covered by one of these categories, you may request that your event be included by writing to the APHA Performance Department. (Please refer to the current-year *Official APHA Rule Book* for complete rules.)

- Barrel Racing—Restricted to cloverleaf.
- Color Class
- Combined Training—Includes USEA-approved events.
- Cutting—Includes NCHA-, ACHA-, and CCHA-approved events.
- Dressage—Includes USDF-approved events.
- Driving—Includes pleasure driving and ADS-approved events.
- Endurance and Competitive Trail Riding—Includes NATRC- and AERC-approved rides.
- English Pleasure—Includes all non-breed registry-sponsored competition, including NSBA-approved events, bridle path hack, hunter under saddle and English pleasure.
- Equitation—Includes both Western- and English-style equitation, horsemanship and hunt seat.
- Games—Includes pole bending, stakes races, flag picking, speed barrels, key hole and other games. (Cloverleaf barrels do not count in the Games category.)
- Halter - not to include color classes.
- Handicap Competitions—Competitions approved by a nationally recognized organization, such as NARHA.
- Over Fences—Includes hunter hack, working hunter, all variations of jumping.
- Reining—Includes snaffle bit, hackamore, open and NRHA-approved events.
- Roping—Includes team roping, heading, heeling, tie-down roping, steer stopping

and breakaway roping, as well as USTRC and USCRA-approved events.

- Showmanship at Halter
- Team Penning—Includes all non-breed association-sponsored competition.
- Trail—Includes all non-breed association-sponsored competition.
- Walk/Trot—includes western pleasure, english pleasure, equitation and other walk trot classes.
- Western Pleasure—Includes all non-breed registry-sponsored competition, including NSBA-approved events.
- Western Riding—Includes all non-breed registry-sponsored competition.
- Working Cow Horse
- Working Ranch Horse
- Yearling Longe Line
- 4-H—English performance
- 4-H—Western performance
- 4-H—English showmanship
- 4-H—Western showmanship
- 4-H—Timed events

Official performance record

Through PAC, APHA records the performance of your registered American Paint Horse—Regular Registry or Solid Paint-Bred—when it performs in an activity outside of breed-approved shows. For your victories in any PAC category, you earn credits that are recorded on your horse's official lifetime performance record. PAC leaders in each category are listed in the *Paint Horse Journal* monthly.

Recognition for your success

A Certificate of Recognition is awarded to your registered Paint Horse when it earns at least 20 credits in any one approved category. A Certificate of Achievement is awarded when that horse earns 60 or more credits in any one approved category.

PAC Year-End Leaders who earn the most points in one category will receive a Gist belt buckle, and recognition in the *Paint Horse Journal*.

Six PAC Top Five awards go to the top five horses earning the most credits in at least six different categories. The title of Six PAC Champion is awarded to any horse that wins at least six different categories on the PAC Leader's List in a single year. A Gist belt buckle is awarded along with other prizes to the Six PAC Champion. PAC is co-sponsored by Gist Silversmiths and Pro Orthopedics.

For more information on joining PAC, call (817) 834-2742 ext. 249, or e-mail PAC@apha.com.

