

BYLAWS OF MICHIGAN PAINT HORSE CLUB

Effective January 1, 2022

ARTICLE I

Title, Objective, Locations, Corporate Seal

SECTION

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Title: This association shall be known as the Michigan Paint Horse Club and it shall at all times be operated and conducted as a non-profit association in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan, providing for such organizations and by which it will require all such rights as granted to associations of this kind. The official abbreviation shall be MPHC-

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Objective: The purpose of the MPHC shall be to promote and stimulate interest in the American Paint Horse by encouraging American Paint Horse breeding for conformation, ability and color; by promoting interest in the Paint Horse as a breed; by sponsoring Paint Horse Shows; encouraging Paint Horse classes in all horse shows, pleasure and trail riding, racing and in all related activities in every way possible; and to promote good sportsmanship and good horsemanship. .

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Location: The MPHC shall cover the State of Michigan, but its members may be residents of any state, territory, or country.

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Place of Business: The principal place of business shall be the address of the current President. Business may be carried out at any place convenient to participating members or officers. The business and property of the Club shall be managed and controlled by the Board of Directors.

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Corporate Seal: The Secretary shall be in charge of the seal of the Club.

ARTICLE II

Members

SECTION

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There shall be no shares of stock and only one class of members. Membership shall be open to all persons who subscribe to the aims of the MPHC, abide by its Bylaws and rules and regulations, and assist in furthering the MPHC's purposes and objectives.

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Members of the MPHC shall be admitted, retained, and expelled in accordance with these Bylaws, and such rules and regulations as the Board of Directors may from time-to-time adopt. Membership may include individuals, firms, corporations, executors, trustees, and institutions of learning. Memberships are not transferable. Persons who have been expelled or suspended from the APHA are not eligible for membership in the MPHC during expulsion or suspension. Memberships are available in single or multi-year but will expire December 31 of the paid-thru year.

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All members in good standing shall have equal rights, interests and responsibilities with respect to the MPHC and its property; shall have the right to vote in person or virtually at all membership meetings, and to hold office and committee assignments, except as otherwise limited herein. Any MPHC member elected to office will pay current dues before taking office. Whenever in the Bylaws the term member or members shall be used, unless otherwise specified, it shall mean a member or members having the right to vote. Each adult membership entitles the member or members to one vote, but no more than two votes per household shall be allowed even if a household has more than one membership (e.g., partnerships, corporations, etc.). Minor children (18 and under) of a household are non-voting members. Membership rules are to be determined by the Board of Directors on a year-by-year basis. Proper receipts and certificates of membership cards shall be issued.

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To have annual meeting voting rights, MPHC members must have been a member sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting, or August 1, whichever is longer.

ARTICLE III

DIRECTORS

SECTION

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The business and property of the MPHC shall be managed and controlled by the Board of Directors hereinafter created and empowered. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS Four (4) directors shall serve on the Board. In addition to the four (4) directors, the Board of Directors shall include the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer for a total of eight (8) members on the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall be elected by the MPHC membership. Each director will serve for two (2) years, the directors will be elected on alternating years. The President and Vice-President shall serve as chairperson and vice-chairperson of the Board of Directors, respectively. No more than one (1) member of any immediate family or firm may sit on the Board of Directors. No member shall be eligible to be elected to the Board of Directors unless he/she is an active member of the American Paint Horse Association. If any officer or director fails to properly discharge his/her duties, he/she may be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the Board of Directors. No member shall serve as the President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer for more than two consecutive two-year terms.

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Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held whenever called by direction of the President, or by two-thirds (2/3) of the Directors for the time being in office. The secretary and/or President shall give notice of each special meeting by mail, email, text message or telephoning the same to each Director before the meeting; but such notice may be waived by any Director. Unless otherwise indicated in the notice thereof any and all business may be transacted at a special meeting.

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In case of any vacancy on the Board of Directors, the remaining directors by affirmative vote of a majority thereof may elect a successor for the unexpired term of such director.

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The written contracts of the MPHC shall be executed on behalf of MPHC by any member of the Board of Directors providing the approval has been given by the Board of Directors.

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The Board of Directors may create and empower other committees, general or special.

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Board of Directors meetings will be held every month via conference call or at a named location or at a minimum, one in-person meeting at a MPHC show the current year. There shall be an Annual Meeting of the membership to be held in conjunction with the Year End Awards Banquet no later than April 1st, if finances are available, either virtually or in-person. All members in good standing shall receive written notice of the meeting, to include date, time, place and agenda, a minimum of 3 (three) weeks in advance of the meeting, if annual meeting is scheduled. The Roberts' Rules of Order shall govern

membership meetings.

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Any officer of the Club may call a meeting of the members, but in his absence the Directors may appoint any person to act as Secretary of the meeting.

ARTICLE IV

Officers & Duties

SECTION

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OFFICERS. The elected MPHC officers shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer and such other officers as may be authorized from time-to-time by the Board of Directors.

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PRESIDENT: The President shall be the chief officer of the MPHC and shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors. He/She shall see that the Bylaws and rules and regulations of the MPHC are enforced and shall perform all other duties that may be prescribed from time-to-time by the Board of Directors. The president shall be allowed to vote in Board of Directors meetings only to break a tie. The retiring President shall remain a voting advisor one (1) year following his/her term of office.

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VICE-PRESIDENT. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall have the power and shall perform the duties of the President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors. The Vice President must have previous MPHC board experience to be selected. The Vice President shall vote as any other Board member. In the event the Vice-President is serving as President, the Vice-President shall retain his voting privileges.

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SECRETARY. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all membership and directors meetings. This person shall be the custodian of all documents and records of the MPHC. This person shall make a report of this office to the Board of Directors when requested and to the membership in annual meetings, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time-to-time. The Secretary shall have one (1) vote in the Board of Directors meetings.

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TREASURER. The Treasurer shall collect all monies due the MPHC. This person shall make a report of this office to the Board of Directors when requested and to the membership at annual meetings. An annual financial report is to be distributed to all MPHC members. This person shall perform other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time-to-time. This person shall disperse the monies of the MPHC upon

order of the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall have one (1) vote in the Board of Directors meetings.

SECTION

6

SURETY BONDS. The President, the Treasurer, and any other officers and employees of the MPHC shall give a surety bond to be furnished at the expense of MPHC for faithful discharge of their duties, if so required by the Board of Directors.

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VACANCIES. All vacancies in MPHC offices may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired term, and those so succeeding or appointed shall serve until the election and acceptance of their duly qualified successors (See Article III. Section 3.)

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There is hereby created a Board of Directors consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and four (4) additional members, plus the immediate Past President.

ARTICLE V

ELECTIONS

SECTION

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All officers and directors shall be elected by written ballot. These ballots shall be kept by the Secretary for one (1) year via received online or mail.

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Election of Directors and Officers. The President shall appoint a nominating committee at least sixty (60) days prior to the annual membership meeting. The committee shall consist of no less than two (2) nor more than five (5) members. The current President shall serve as chairman, or shall designate the chairman of this committee. The nominating committee will prepare a recommended slate for election of the members of the Board of Directors and Officers. (See Article III, Section 1). The election shall be held at the annual membership meeting or via email or mail ballots if an annual membership meeting is not held. Additional nominations shall be accepted from the voting members that are present or written in. Each Officer and Director, shall be voted upon individually by written or virtual ballot, and the election completed for each office before nominations be accepted for the next office. New directors and officers shall be installed as of January 1 following their election. All officers shall be elected for a term of two years and for no more than two consecutive two year terms. Directors may succeed themselves in office. Each Officer and Director must be elected and re-elected individually.

ARTICLE VI

DEFINING RULES & REGULATIONS

SECTION

1

The Board of Directors shall have the power and authority to amend, repeal, and enforce such rules and regulations not contrary to the Bylaws and APHA Rules as it may deem necessary concerning the MPHC conduct, management, and activities; membership criteria and requirements; removal of officers; collection of dues and fees; auditing requirements; the conduct of shows, contests, exhibitions, races, sales, championships, social functions and all other details relating to the general purposes of the MPHC. However, any such rules and regulations established shall be reviewed annually by the Board of Directors, subject to revision or amendment by the General Membership at a General Membership meeting.

SECTION

2

In consideration for the opportunity to exhibit and participate in horse shows and other activities sponsored by the MPHC, each member, exhibitor, and participant (hereinafter collectively referred to as 'participant'), agrees to abide by all rules under which the horse shows and other activities will be conducted. Participant further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Michigan Paint Horse Club, its officers, directors, and employees from and against all claims, demands, and cause of action whatsoever that the participant may have for any and all loss, damage or injury sustained by the participant, the animals being exhibited by the participant, and participant's equipment; or by the minor for whom a participant may represent, by the animals he or she is exhibiting, or by his or her equipment before, during and after said horse shows or activities. Participant further agrees that if he or she is unsuccessful in an attempt to overturn the Michigan Paint Horse Club decisions, actions, rules, or regulations, to reimburse the Michigan Paint Horse Club for its reasonable attorney fees, court costs, and other reasonable expenses incurred in defense of such suit, and that no action will be commenced whether in law or equity against the Michigan Paint Horse Club in any court other than the county in which the current MPHC President resides.

ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS

SECTION

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: The regular annual membership meeting shall be held at such time and place as may be fixed by resolution of the Board of Directors during the period from November 1 to April 1 of the following year. Said annual membership meeting shall be for the purpose of electing and installing officers and directors, and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before the meeting. Notice of the General Membership meeting shall be given by mail or electronically, stating the time and place of such meeting whether held in-person or virtually, to the last known address or email address of each member in good standing, not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of such meeting. If special topics are to be discussed and/or voted upon, members shall be notified of any such topics.

SECTION

2

Any Officer of the MPHC may call the membership meeting to order and may act as chairman of such meeting, precedence given in the following order: President, Vice-President, Secretary. In absence of all such officers, members present may elect a chairman of the meeting. The Secretary shall act as Secretary of all membership meetings. In the absence of the Secretary, the Directors may appoint any person from the Board of Directors to act as Secretary of the meeting. This person cannot use the Secretary's voting privilege.

SECTION

3

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS: Special meetings of the members may be called on written notice to all members. The notice shall state the time and place of the meeting and a brief description of all topics to be discussed. The notice shall be sent by mail or email to the last known address or e-mail address of all members at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting. Special meetings may be called by the President, a majority of the Board of Directors, or by a notice signed by at least twenty per cent (20%) of the membership. .

SECTION

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At any membership meeting the members in attendance shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS

SECTION

1

The Board of Directors shall make, amend and repeal the By-Laws of the MPHC only when written notice of intention of specified amendments of any By-Laws shall have been mailed or emailed to all voting members at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual membership meeting. These specified amendments must be voted on by the General Membership.

ARTICLE IX

SPECIAL INTEREST CLUBS

SECTION

1

The MPHC may from time-to-time, upon application, sponsor special interest Clubs (Amateur, Trail, Youth, etc.). Such sponsorship shall be governed by the American Paint Horse Association rules and regulations and MPHC By-Laws, together with such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the MPHC Board of Directors. Officer of any such special interest Clubs shall be elected at an annual meeting of such special Clubs. Monthly Secretary and Treasurer's reports and monthly activity reports of special interest Clubs shall be regularly submitted to the MPHC Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X

INDEMNIFICATION

SECTION

1

This Club shall indemnify a director of this Club, and each director of this Club who is serving or has served at the request of this Club as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee or agent of another Club, partnership, joint venture, trust, other enterprise or employee benefit plan to the fullest extent possible against expenses, including attorney's fees, judgments, penalties, fines, settlements and reasonable expenses actually incurred by such director or person relating to his/her conduct as a director of this Club or as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee or agent of another Club, partnership, joint venture, trust, other enterprise or employee benefit plan, except that the mandatory indemnification required by this sentence shall not apply (1) to a breach of a director's duty of loyalty to the Club or its members, (2) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or knowing violation of the law, or (3) for a transaction from which a director derived an improper personal benefit.

ARTICLE XI

DISSOLUTION

SECTION

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Upon the dissolution of the MPHC, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the MPHC, dispose of all the assets of the MPHC exclusively for the purpose of the MPHC, or to such organization or organizations operated exclusively for agricultural purposes as shall at the time qualify as exempt organizations under the Internal Revenue Code, as the Board of Directors shall determine. The American Paint Horse Association, Fort Worth, Texas, is to be given first consideration for the receipt of funds upon dissolution of the MPHC.

ARTICLE XII

DISCIPLINE

SECTION

1

Section I. The Association, through its Board of Directors, may impose such fines or penalties upon any member who violates its rules, regulations, or bylaws. The Board of Directors shall use the APHA Rule Book as a guide, but all disciplinary actions are at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors. A member may be suspended for a period or expelled for violation of any of the bylaws, regulations, or rules of the Association, or for conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the Association or the Paint Horse breed. Suspension or expulsion shall be by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership of the Board of Directors, provided that a statement of the charges shall have been mailed by registered mail to the member under charges at his last recorded address at least fifteen (15) days before final action is taken thereon. Such statement shall be accompanied by a notice of the time, when, and place where the Board of Directors is to take action on the matter. The member shall be given an opportunity to present a defense at the time and place mentioned in such notice.

SECTION

2

Anyone suspended by the APHA is automatically suspended by the Association.

ARTICLE XIII

RULES OF ORDER

SECTION

1

All meetings of the Board and committees appointed by the Board shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order (revised) unless said rules are contrary to the Articles of Inc., or the by-laws of this Association in which case the Articles of Inc. or by-laws shall govern.

These by-laws were last amended on 03-01-2022.

Signatures of MPHC officers at the time of this revision:

President: Drew Kooiker

Vice President: Norma Hamilton

Secretary: Brianna Slager

Treasurer: Amber Fritcher-Tippet

MICHIGAN PAINT HORSE CLUB'S SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS

APHA AND MPHC CLASSES APPROVED FOR MPHC YEAR-END AWARDS

The following classes are required for every MPHC approved show unless special arrangements are made with the MPHC Board of Directors:

Novice Amateur Showmanship	SPB Mares – all ages
Amateur SPB Showmanship	SPB Performance Mares
Amateur Showmanship	Yearling Mares
Masters Amateur Showmanship	2-year-old Mares
Amateur W-T Showmanship	3-year-old Mares
Amateur SPB W-T Showmanship	Aged Mares
Youth W-T Showmanship 10 & under	Performance Mares
Youth W-T Showmanship 11-18	Amateur SPB Stallions - All Ages
Youth SPB W-T Showmanship 10 & under	Amateur Performance SPB Stallions
Youth SPB W-T Showmanship 11-18	Amateur Stallions - All Ages
Novice Youth Showmanship	Amateur Performance Stallions
Youth Showmanship 13 & under	Yearling Stallions
Youth Showmanship 18 & under	2-year-old Stallions
Youth SPB Showmanship	3-year-old Stallions
Amateur SPB Geldings - All Ages	Aged Stallions
Amateur Performance SPB Geldings	Performance Stallions
Amateur Geldings	Overo Halter
Amateur Performance Geldings	Youth Overo Halter
Youth SPB Geldings - All Ages	Amateur Overo Halter
Youth Performance SPB Geldings	Tobiano Halter
Youth Geldings	Youth Tobiano Halter
Youth Performance Geldings	Amateur Tobiano Halter
SPB Geldings – all ages	Amateur Yearling Longe Line
SPB Performance Geldings	Amateur SPB Yearling Longe Line
Yearling Geldings	Open Yearling Longe Line
2-year-old Geldings	SPB Open Yearling Longe Line
3-year-old Geldings	Lead Line 8 & under
Aged Geldings	SPB Lead Line 8 & under
Performance Geldings	Amateur Pleasure Driving
Amateur SPB Mares	Open Pleasure Driving
Amateur Performance SPB Mares	Amateur W-T Hunter Under Saddle
Amateur Mares	Amateur W-T Hunt Seat Equitation
Amateur Performance Mares	Amateur SPB W-T Hunter Under Saddle
Youth SPB Mares - All Ages	Amateur SPB W-T Equitation
Youth Performance SPB Mares	Youth SPB Hunter Under Saddle 18 & U
Youth Mares	Youth SPB Hunt Seat Equitation 18 & U
Youth Performance Mares	Youth W-T HUS 10 & under

Youth W-T HUS 11-18
Youth W-T HS Equitation 10 & under
Youth W-T HS Equitation 11-18
Youth SPB W-T HUS
Youth SPB W-T HUS 10 & under
Youth SPB W-T HUS 11-18
Youth SPB W-T Equitation 10 & under
Youth SPB W-T Equitation 11-18
Green Hunter Under Saddle
Novice Amateur Hunter Under Saddle
Amateur SPB Hunter Under Saddle
Amateur Hunter Under Saddle
Masters Hunter Under Saddle
Junior Hunter Under Saddle
Novice Youth Hunter Under Saddle
Youth Hunter Under Saddle 13 & under
Youth Hunter Under Saddle 18 & under
Sr Hunter Under Saddle
SPB Hunter Under Saddle
Novice Amateur Hunt Seat Equitation
Amateur SPB Hunt Seat Equitation
Amateur Hunt Seat Equitation
Masters Equitation
Novice Youth Hunt Seat Equitation
Youth Hunt Seat Equitation 13 & u
Youth Hunt Seat Equitation 18 & u
Novice Amateur Hunter Hack
Amateur Hunter Hack
Youth Hunter Hack 18 & under
Hunter Hack
Green Western Riding
Amateur Western Riding
Youth Western Riding 18 & u
Western Riding
SPB Western Riding
Amateur Barrel Racing
Amateur SPB Barrel Racing
Youth Barrel Racing 18 & u
Youth SPB Barrel Racing 18 & u
Barrel Racing
SPB Barrel Racing
Amateur Pole Bending
Amateur SPB Pole Bending
Youth Pole Bending 18 & u
Youth SPB Pole Bending 18 & u

Pole Bending
SPB Pole Bending
Amateur Yearling In-Hand Trail
SPB Amateur Yearling In-Hand Trail
Open Yearling In-Hand Trail
SPB Open Yearling In-Hand Trail
Youth W-T Trail 10 & under
Youth W-T Trail 11-18
Youth SPB W-T Trail 10 & under
Youth SPB W-T Trail 11-18
Amateur W-T Trail
Amateur SPB W-T Trail
Green Trail
Novice Amateur Trail
Amateur SPB Trail
Amateur Trail
Masters Trail
Novice Youth Trail u
Youth Trail 13 & u
Youth Trail 18 & u
Youth SPB Trail 18 & u
Trail
SPB Trail
Amateur SPB W-T Western Pleasure
Amateur SPB W-T Horsemanship
Amateur W-T Western Pleasure
Amateur W-T Horsemanship
Youth SPB W-T Western Pleasure 10 &
under
Youth SPB W-T Western Pleasure 11-18
Youth SPB W-T Horsemanship 10 & under
Youth SPB W-T Horsemanship 11-18
Youth W-T Western Pleasure 18 & u
Youth W-T Western Pleasure 10 & under
Youth W-T Western Pleasure 11-18
Youth W-T Horsemanship 10 & under
Youth W-T Horsemanship 11-18
Green Western Pleasure
Novice Amateur Western Pleasure
Amateur SPB Western Pleasure
Amateur Western Pleasure
Masters Amateur Western Pleasure
Junior Western Pleasure
Novice Youth Western Pleasure
Youth Western Pleasure 13 & u

Youth Western Pleasure 18 & u
Senior Western Pleasure
SPB Western Pleasure
Novice Amateur Horsemanship
Amateur SPB Horsemanship
Amateur Horsemanship
Novice Youth Horsemanship
Youth Horsemanship 13 & u
Youth Horsemanship 18 & u
Youth SPB Horsemanship 18 & U

Amateur Reining
Youth Reining 18 & under
Reining
SPB Reining
Amateur Ranch Riding
Amateur SPB Ranch Riding
Youth Ranch Riding
Youth SPB Ranch Riding
Ranch Riding
SPB Ranch Riding

NOVICE YOUTH/YOUTH AND NOVICE AMATEURS/AMATEURS MUST PRESENT CURRENT APHA CARD TO ENTER NOVICE YOUTH AND AMATEUR CLASSES AND FOLLOW APHA RULES OF OWNERSHIP TO QUALIFY FOR AWARDS BY MPHc.

APHA YOUTH MUST ALSO FOLLOW APHA RULES OF OWNERSHIP FOR MPHc AND MPHjC AWARDS.

NOTICE: ALL APHA RULES WILL BE ENFORCED AT ALL MPHc SHOWS. REFER TO APHA RULE BOOK REQUIREMENTS FOR YEAR-END AWARDS

1. Memberships shall be available for purchase in three terms: one-year, two-year and three-year. A one-year membership shall be valid from the date of purchase and expire December 31st of the purchase year. A two-year membership shall be valid from the date of purchase and expire on December 31st of the following year. A three-year membership shall be valid from the date of purchase and expire on December 31st of the second full year following purchase. (Example: if a three-year membership is paid on February 20, 2010, it expires December 31, 2012.) Memberships may be individual, family, syndicate or corporation, but only one vote per membership. Memberships are not transferrable. For Youth Class points to count on Youth Year-End Awards, youth must also belong to the Michigan Paint Horse Youth Club (MjPHC), for which the annual dues are 50% per family membership (regardless of how many youth are in the family).
2. Upon payment of membership fee, member will receive a membership card, and all horses owned by the member become eligible to compete for year-end awards. All owners and all exhibitors must be MPHC members before any MPHC or MPHjC points will be earned by any horse in any class. This includes all owners and all exhibitors in open, amateur, novice amateur, youth, novice youth, walk trot and leadline classes. Placings won prior to payment of dues for the current year will not count towards awards, i.e., payment of dues is not retroactive towards earning awards.
3. If a horse competing for year-end awards is owned by a syndicate or corporation, all members of the syndicate or corporation must be reported to the MPHC Secretary for verification. The syndicate or corporation must purchase a MPHC membership to be eligible for year-end awards.
4. Non-Sufficient Funds Check Policy: All NSF checks will automatically be redeposited. A \$40.00 returned check charge will apply. Participant will not be allowed to show at a Michigan approved show until check is made honorable. If participant does not make check honorable, information may be presented to APHA for disciplinary action.
5. To qualify for weekend/event high-point and reserve high-point awards, exhibitors are required to be current Michigan Paint Horse Club members.
6. To qualify, in each class, you must show in **three separate weekend events** offered for the MPHC-approved shows during the 2022 show season including:
 - a. Zone 8 Show
 - b. MI/IN Breakout Show/Memorial Day Bonanza
 - c. MI/OH Border Bash
 - d. Back 2 Basics
 - e. Fall Color Classicthe number of judges and weekends will be modified to accommodate the cancellation.
7. In addition to individual class awards, there will be awarded High-Point and Reserve High-Point All-Around in the OPEN, GREEN, YEARLING, AMATEUR, AMATEUR 45 & OVER,

AMATEUR SOLID PAINT BRED, YOUTH SOLID PAINT BRED, YOUTH WALK-TROT SOLID PAINT BRED 10 & UNDER, YOUTH WALK-TROT SOLID PAINT BRED 11-18, NOVICE AMATEUR, AMATEUR WALK-TROT, AMATEUR WALK-TROT SOLID PAINT BRED, YOUTH WALK-TROT 5-10, YOUTH WALK-TROT 11-18, NOVICE YOUTH, YOUTH 13 & UNDER, YOUTH 14-18, and one RANCH division. To qualify horse must meet requirements for year-end awards in 4 classes in their respective division, with the exception of the yearling and green division which will require 2 classes in their respective division. A halter class **IS** required to be one of the classes for all divisions. Qualifying points from a halter class can only be used for High-Point tabulations in one division, i.e. the same points cannot count toward Novice Amateur and Amateur. Halter points will be used in the division that most benefits the exhibitors' overall placing. If points other than those from the required 4 classes are to count, the same attendance requirements must be met, i.e., have been shown at least the minimum number of times per class.

8. Awards earned will be presented at the Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet.

POINT SYSTEM

1. Awards will be given on the basis of points earned in MPHC-approved classes. Amateur, Masters Amateur, Novice Amateur, Amateur Walk-Trot, Amateur SPB Walk-Trot, Youth 13 & U, Youth 14-18, Novice Youth, Youth Walk-Trot 10 & U, Youth Walk-Trot 11-18, Youth SPB Walk-Trot 10 & U and Youth SPB Walk-Trot 11-18 points will be tabulated as one horse/one rider.
2. Points accumulated during each show season become null and void at the end of each calendar year.
3. Points tabulation shall be as follows: Providing there are 6 or more entries – first place, 6 points; second place, 5 points; third place, 4 points; fourth place, 3 points; fifth place, 2 points; sixth place, 1 points. If there are, for example, only 4 horses in the class, the points will be awarded as follows: first, 4 points; second, 3 points; third, 2 points; fourth, 1 point. Any disqualified entries will not alter the point tabulation for the class.
4. If a horse with MPHC Open or Green points is sold during the show season, the new owner will take over the points previously earned by the horse in Open classes, provided the new owner is an MPHC member or becomes an MPHC member. Youth, Novice Youth, Youth Walk-Trot 10 & U, Youth Walk-Trot 11-18, Youth SPB Walk-Trot 10 & U, Youth SPB Walk-Trot 11-18, Classic Amateur, Masters Amateur, Novice Amateur, Amateur Walk-Trot and Amateur SPB Walk-Trot points remain with the exhibitor if a horse is sold.
5. Points shall be tabulated by the current MPHC Points Secretary from copies of judge's cards, which must be sent to the Points Secretary within 15 days after the show.
6. The Points Secretary's books will be open to all members.

7. Awards will not be given to any member who owes MPHC for any unpaid fees, NSF checks, etc.
8. Any stallion gelded during the show season will NOT carry over halter points to its respective gelding class.
9. Only points on horses and classes that qualify will be tabulated toward high point awards. For clerical efficiency, back numbers must remain with horse throughout show season.

ACCREDITING A NON-MPHC SPONSORED SHOW WITH MPHC

1. Send a copy of completed APHA show approval form with check for \$5.00 for each show to show coordination chairperson at least 90 days before the show. (See attached for required classes.) The name of the judge must be included. Request a copy of suggested order for classes.
2. A draft of the show bill must be sent to the MPHC Secretary no later than 60 days prior to the show. No change of class arrangement will be allowed after this time.
3. Show bills for MPHC approved shows will be carried in the MPHC newsletter and distributed to surrounding clubs' newsletters if possible. At-cost charges for printing and mailing will be assessed to the show management.
4. When the show is completed, a complete set of copies of judge's cards must be sent to the MPHC Points Secretary within 15 days of the show. Failure to comply with result in no accreditation of your future shows with the MPHC.
5. Show management must prove insurance coverage acceptable to MPHC Board and agree to assume the proportionate cost of the MPHC's show insurance before accreditation will be given.
6. Any state bordering the state of Michigan may have their show accredited with MPHC only if there is a back-to-back show being held within the boundaries of Michigan. Points on MPHC member-owned horses will accrue as outlined in the Point System at such accredited shows.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO SHOW CHAIRPERSONS OF MPHC SPONSORED SHOWS

1. Judges for MPHC or MPHjC sponsored shows will be hired by or approved by the MPHC Board of Directors, and MPHC Treasurer or MPHjC Treasurer shall make payment.
2. Insurance for all MPHC sponsored shows will be carried by the MPHC.

3. Entry forms for all MPHC sponsored shows will be provided by MPHC and may be obtained by contacting the MPHC Show Coordinator.

RELEASE

“In consideration of the opportunity to exhibit and participate in horse shows and other activities sponsored by the MPHC, each member, exhibitor and participant (hereinafter collectively referred to as “participant”), agrees to abide by all the rules under which the horse shows and other activities will be conducted. Participant further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Michigan Paint Horse Club, its officers, directors and employees from and against all claims, demands and causes of action whatsoever that the participant may have, for any and all loss, damage or injury sustained by the participant, the animals being exhibited by the participant, and participant’s equipment; or by the minor for whom a participant may sign, by the animals he or she is exhibiting, or by his or her equipment before, during and after said horse shows or activities. Participant further agrees that if he or she is unsuccessful in an attempt to overturn Michigan Paint Horse Club decisions, actions, rules or regulations, to reimburse the Michigan Paint Horse Club for its reasonable attorney fees, court costs and other reasonable expenses incurred in defense of such suit.”

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