

Summary of Motions
December 19th, 2023
ApHC Board of Directors
Regular Board ZOOM meeting

These motions are in draft form (unapproved) and will be finalized, published, and distributed in accordance with Article IV, Section 9 of the Bylaws of the Appaloosa Horse Club and ApHC Rule 70. Those Board members in attendance for all or part of the 2023 Board of Directors regular meeting on December 19th, 2023 were Alison Phillips, Dave Parlier, Daylene Williams, Deb Dyer, Dennis Dean, Jordan Kelly, Kama Urton, Ken Johnson, Lori Wunderlich, Ray Burchett, Sean Schembri, Steve Bennet. ApHC officers and staff present in person for all or part of this meeting were Executive Secretary, Kristopher Byrd; ApHC Show Department, Keri LeForce; ApHC IT Department Dave O'Keefe.

The meeting was called to order by President, Lori Wunderlich at 4:03pm PT.

Motion 01-12-23

The 2023 ApHC Board of Directors moves to accept Race Rule changes in Attachment 1 (page 4 to end); and to allow a housekeeping change to include "Identifiers" to tattoo description.

Motion made by Ken Johnson, seconded by Dave Parlier.
Motion passed.

Motion 02-12-23

The 2023 ApHC Board of Directors moves to rule 70 Motion **01-12-23**.

Motion made by Deb Dyer, seconded by Dave Parlier.
Motion passed.

Motion 03-12-23

The 2023 Board of Directors moves to pass **Motion SC12-01-23** (page 6).

Motion made by Steve Bennett. Seconded by Dave Parlier.
Motion passed.

Motion 04-12-23

The 2023 ApHC Board of Directors moves to rule 70 motion **03-12-23**.

Motion made by Alison Philips, seconded by Steve Bennett.
Motion passed.

Motion 05-12-23

The 2023 ApHC Board of Directors moves to pass motion **SC12-02-23** (page 6).

Motion made by Steve Bennett, seconded by Dave Parlier.

Motion passed.

Motion 06-12-23

The 2023 ApHC Board of Directors moves to rule 70 motion 05-12-23.

Motion made by Alison Philips, seconded by Daylene Williams.
Motion passed.

Motion 07-12-23

The 2023 ApHC Board of Directors moves to pass rule 703.2 (page 6).

Motion made by Alison Philips, seconded by Steve Bennett
Motion passes.

Motion 08-12-23

The 2023 Board of Directors moves to rule 70 motion **07-12-23**.

Motion made by Alison Philips, seconded by Steve Bennett.
Motion passed.

Motion 09-12-23

The 2023 Board of Directors moves to approve rule 500(H) (pages 6-7).

Motion made by Steve Bennett, seconded by Alison Philips.
Motion passed.

Motion 10-12-23

The 2023 ApHC Board of Directors moves to rule 70 motion **9-12-23**.

Motion made by Steve Bennett, seconded by Alison Philips.
Motion passed.

Motion 11-12-23

The 2023 ApHC Board of Directors moves to Accept rule 20 change in attachment 1 (page 7) which proposes returning rule 20 to the previous version – removing the words on “but are not required to” investigate and add that judges issues get sent to the judges committee.

Motion made by Deb Dyer, seconded by Sean Schembri
Motion passed.

Motion 12-12-23

The 2023 ApHC Board of Directors moves to rule 70 motion **11-12-23**.

Motion made by Deb Dyer, seconded by Jordan Kelly.

Motion passed.

Motion 13-12-23

The 2023 ApHC Board of Directors moves to vote that any 7-year-old that showed in lunge line or in-hand trail in the prior year at an appaloosa event may show performance halter until the May deadline and then must show in a performance.

Motion made by Sean Schembri, seconded by Deb Dyer.
Motion required a roll call vote.

Allison Phillips	ABSENT	Ken Johnson	NO
Dave Parlier	YES	Lori Wunderlich	NO
Daylene Williams	YES	Ray Burchett	NO
Deb Dyer	YES	Sean Schembri	YES
Dennis Dean	YES	Steve Bennet	YES
Jordan Kelly	NO	Francesco Auriemma	ABSENT
Kama Urton	YES		

Yes	7
No	4
Abstain	0
Absent	2

Motion passed.

Motion 14-12-23

The 2023 ApHC Board of Directors moves to rule 70.D. motion **13-12-23**.

Motion made by Sean Schembri, seconded by Deb Dyer.
Motion required a roll call vote.

Allison Phillips	ABSENT	Ken Johnson	NO
Dave Parlier	YES	Lori Wunderlich	NO
Daylene Williams	NO	Ray Burchett	NO
Deb Dyer	YES	Sean Schembri	YES
Dennis Dean	YES	Steve Bennet	YES
Jordan Kelly	NO	Francesco Auriemma	ABSENT
Kama Urton	NO		

Yes	5
No	6

Abstain	0
Absent	2

Motion failed.

Motion 15-12-23

The 2023 ApHC Board of Directors moves to direct Kris to ApHC office to look into the plausibility of providing two (2) youth scholarships for ApHC youth in Idaho.

Motion made by Ken Johnson, seconded by Dave Parlier.

Motion passed.

Motion 15-12-23

The 2023 ApHC Board of Directors moves to adjourn the meeting at 5:54pm.

Motion made by Deb Dyer, seconded by Daylene Williams.

Motion passed.

ATTACHMENT 1

Motion 04-8-2023

The 2023 ApHC Board of Directors moves to approve a Non-Pro to ride a two-year-old in a maximum of 3 classes at the World Appaloosa Show.

After discussion, **Ray moved to recommend to the Board to add novice non-pro ranch trail, ranch riding and ranch rail to National and World shows and to make these available to be held at regional shows. Seconded by Carol. Motion passed unanimously. Motion SC12-01-23.**

Wendy moved to recommend to the Board to create walk/trot ranch rail pleasure, ranch trait and ranch riding and to make those available only at the regional level on a trial basis. They will be 18 & under classes but may be split into 10&under and 11-18 depending upon entries. ApHC will collect at least one year's worth of data to determine the interest level in these classes before considering them for inclusion at the National Show. Data collection will include tracking of the age of exhibitors participating. Seconded by Ken. Motion SC12-02-23

703.2

Current Rule:

Under the regional club/international partner system, a regional organization or international partner officially recognized as an affiliate in good standing with the ApHC may qualify up to its top five (5) horses for the World Championship Appaloosa Show in each class. In order for a regional club or international partner to be eligible to nominate horses for the World Championship Appaloosa Show under this system, that club/partner must have sponsored or co-sponsored at least one ApHC-approved show in the qualifying year which is judged by at least one ApHC-approved judge and that regional club or international partner may only nominate horses in classes in which such horses exhibited...

Proposed Rule:

Under the regional club/international partner system, a regional organization or international partner officially recognized as an affiliate in good standing with the ApHC may qualify up to its top five (5) horses for the World Championship Appaloosa Show in each class, except for cattle classes (roping, steer daubing, working cowhorse, ranch cow work, etc.) where there is no limit on the number of horses that may be qualified— In order for a regional club or international partner to be eligible to nominate horses for the World Championship Appaloosa Show under this system, that club/partner must have sponsored or co-sponsored at least one ApHC-approved show in the qualifying year which is judged by at least one

ApHC-approved judge and that regional club or international partner may only nominate horses in classes in which such horses exhibited...

500(H)

Current Rule:

A judge shall not commit the following acts:

1. A judge shall not discuss with an exhibitor the purchase, sale or lease of any horse during a show or multi-judge show at which he/ she is officiating.
2. No judge shall judge two shows or multi-judge shows within two hundred airmiles (321.87 km) of each other within 30 days.

Proposed Rule:

A judge shall not commit the following acts:

1. A judge shall not discuss with an exhibitor the purchase, sale or lease of any horse during a show or multi-judge show at which he/ she is officiating.
2. No judge shall judge two shows or multi-judge shows ~~within two hundred airmiles (321.87 km) of each other~~ at the same facility within 30 days.

Justification:

The number of approved ApHC judges and participation in regional shows has been steadily decreasing while costs of travel and facilities has been on the rise. It's a challenge for regional clubs to afford fly judges in, rent cars, etc. and still host a profitable show. In the Midwest, where the show season is quite short, there is a large cluster of shows within late July / early September that are all within 200 miles of each other. Between WI, IA, and MN there were 4 shows (14 judges) over 5 weekends that were within the 200 mile range. This creates a challenge for clubs to find judges, particularly as we look to more creative means of hosting shows — multi-breed or open shows, where judges are needed that hold multiple cards. The proposed rule change would still limit a club or individual from hosting the same judge repeatedly at a single facility, while giving regional clubs more flexibility in hiring judges. Return rule 20 to previous version- remove words on "but are not required to" investigate and add that judges issues get sent to the judges committee

20. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

D. COMPLAINT

A complaint of possible or alleged violation(s) by a member or non-member of any bylaw, rule or regulation, decision or policy of the ApHC must be processed as follows:

3. The ApHC Executive Director and the ApHC President **are required** ~~will have the authority, but are not required,~~ to investigate the allegations of a complaint. Full disclosure of the complaint will be made to the person(s) charged with such

violation(s) prior to any disciplinary action. In the case of a complaint involving a youth member, either as complainant or person charged, an investigation must take place, and the evidence be reviewed by the ApHC Executive Director, the ApHC President or the ApHC Vice-President.

4. A majority of the Executive Director, ApHC President, and ApHC Vice President, with advice from ApHC legal counsel, shall determine if prima facie evidence has been presented in the complaint sufficient to warrant a hearing before the Disciplinary Committee or **Judges Committee for Judges Complaints**. If such prima facie evidence has not been so presented, the complaint will be dismissed. The Executive Director, the ApHC President, and the ApHC Vice President may agree to assess against the person filing the complaint costs, including attorney fees, incurred by the ApHC in reviewing any frivolous or unfounded complaint. Complainant will be so notified but shall have a right to resubmit the complaint with new or additional evidence up to ninety (90) days from the date of the dismissal of the original complaint otherwise complainant will have no right to resubmit the complaint.
5. If it is determined that sufficient prima facie evidence has been presented, the Executive Director will cause notice of the hearing to be given to the charged member or nonmember as provided in rule 20.E.1. In such cases involving alleged violation(s) of any ApHC rule(s) pertaining to administration of a forbidden substance, notice of hearing shall be given and the hearing shall occur as close to 30 days after notice is given as is possible under the circumstances. Either the Disciplinary Committee, **Judges Committee**, or the Executive Director, upon instruction by the Disciplinary Committee or **Judges Committee**, is authorized to issue the ~~Disciplinary~~ Committee's written decision by notice to the parties.
 - a. If two or more complaints are filed concerning the same incident, prima facie evidence presented by the complaining parties may be reviewed in order to determine the validity of any such complaints and the hearing(s) related to any such complaints may, at the ApHC's discretion, occur simultaneously.

RACING PROGRAM

405. GOVERNANCE AND RECORD KEEPING

A. The Appaloosa racing program exists to promote racing of Appaloosa horses. Appaloosa racing is to be governed by applicable state law and by a duly authorized State Racing Commission or authority in each state where Appaloosas compete. The ApHC does not intend for its rules and regulations to conflict with any state laws in regard to racing and, in the event of any conflict, the state law shall control. B. The ApHC maintains race records on every eligible horse, as defined by ApHC rules, that races in a state with a racing commission or turf governing body and at a track recognized under racing regulations of the American Quarter Horse Association (recognized track).

C. An owner and/or trainer, upon entering an eligible horse at a recognized track, does thereby agree to abide by and be governed by ApHC rules and regulations.

406. IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR RACING ELIGIBILITY

A. Every horse properly registered with the ApHC carrying Regular (#), CPO (CN) or Non-characteristic (N) registration papers which is to be entered in an ApHC-recognized race must be tattoo-branded on the inside of the upper lip with an official identification number corresponding to the horse's registration number, and must be parentage verified through the ApHC by means of DNA genetic testing. (SEE DNA TESTING). ApHC records must contain proof of parentage verification prior to the race date, in order for the ApHC to maintain records on that horse. Horses without a tattoo, or whose Certificates of Registration do not state, "Parentage Verified" shall be ineligible to have records maintained by the ApHC.

B. Any such horse properly registered with the ApHC carrying Regular (#) registration papers, which cannot be parentage verified due to the death or foreign export of the sire and/or dam, may apply to the ApHC Appeals Committee by written application for consideration of a hardship exemption to obtain required parentage verification.

C. The tattooing of properly registered Appaloosa horses must be performed by an official track tattooer (approved tattooer) or ApHC Inspector, upon payment at the time of tattooing. The approved tattooer shall refuse to tattoo a horse if the registration of the horse appears invalid or if the horse does not, for any reason, match its Certificate of Registration. The approved tattooer and/or track identifier, shall refuse to permit any horse to participate in a race if the horse's Certificate of Registration does not state "Parentage Verified," and/or if the horse has an improper Certificate of Registration, and/or if the horse is otherwise ineligible for ApHC registration.

D. An approved tattooer's refusal to tattoo a horse and/or an approved tattooer's and/or track identified s refusal to permit a horse to participate in a race because the horse has an improper

Certificate of Registration or is otherwise ineligible for registration shall constitute a determination that the registration of the horse should be reclassified or canceled. However, the approved tattooer and/or track identifier may make a determination that the Certificate of Registration merely needs correction and so stamp the Certificate of Registration. This correction procedure shall not constitute a determination. If the approved tattooer refuses to tattoo a horse, the approved tattooer and/ or track identifier shall prepare and forward to the Registrar an inspection report and photographs as specified in INSPECTION PROCEDURES.

E. If an approved tattooer refuses to tattoo a horse at the time of a race, the owner shall have the right to appeal such refusal to the Appeal Committee of the ApHC Board of Directors. No such appeal shall be heard unless a written petition signed by the owner together with the appeal fee is received by the ApHC within 20 days from the date of the tattooer's refusal to tattoo the horse. The petition shall set forth (a) the name of the tattooer, (b) the date and place of the refusal, (c) the reasons for the appeal, and (d) the address to which notices from the ApHC may be mailed. If the owner's appeal is upheld the fee will be refunded. If the written appeal and fee are timely filed, the horse may race pending the outcome of the Appeal Committee hearing, but points, awards, or monies earned at that or any subsequent race prior to finalization of the appeal process will be escrowed. The registration status of the subject horse shall automatically be suspended if the owner fails to appeal within such 20day period and, upon written request, the owner shall return the Certificate of Registration of the subject horse to the Chief Executive Officer for revocation, correction or other appropriate action. F. The Appeal Committee of the ApHC Board of Directors shall conduct a formal hearing in accordance

with the procedures set forth in PROTEST APPEAL PROCEDURES OF REGISTRAR'S DECISION as soon as practicable after receipt of any such petition and its decision shall be final and binding on all parties. G. Change from Stallion to Gelding: When a stallion is gelded, the Certificate of Registration must be corrected by an approved tattooer and/or track identifier and the ApHC must be notified, by written verification, of the date the horse was gelded.

407. LEASES

A. For information on correct procedures for a lease of a horse for racing purposes, please see Leases.

408. TRANSFERRED AND/OR CLAIMED HORSES

A. When a horse is properly claimed at a recognized track, the racing secretary at said track shall collect a transfer fee and membership fee, if necessary, from the claimant which shall be forwarded to the attention of the ApHC's Racing Coordinator together with the Certificate of Registration, a written report of the race showing the date of the race and the name and address of the person claiming the horse. Upon receipt of such fee(s), Certificate of Registration, and report, the ApHC will complete the transfer without the report being signed by the record owner. If the notice of claim and supporting documents are received by the ApHC within 14 days of the claim, the transfer will receive a free special handling rush service, as long as "RUSH" is noted on the outside of the envelope.

B. When a horse is sold at a recognized track, the racing secretary at said track shall collect a transfer fee and membership fee, if necessary, from the buyer which shall be forwarded to the attention of the ApHC's Racing Coordinator, together with the Certificate of Registration, and a properly completed transfer report. Upon receipt of such fee(s), Certificate of Registration, and properly completed transfer report, the ApHC will complete the transfer. If said requirements are received by the ApHC within 14 days of the date of sale, the transfer will receive special handling rush service, as long as "RUSH" is noted on the outside of the envelope.

C. Upon completion of a transfer in the ApHC office, the Certificate of Registration shall be returned to the new owner, unless a statement signed by the new owner or the racing secretary of the track at which the change in ownership took place, is submitted along with the transfer report, instructing the ApHC to return the Certificate of Registration to someone other than the new owner.

D. 409. RACE RESULTS

A. Any organization, club, or individual desiring ApHC recognition of the results of its or their Appaloosa races in states or countries without a racing commission or turf governing body must obtain permission from the ApHC to have those results recognized. In cases where races are run under state laws, the rules and regulations of the duly authorized racing commission shall take precedence over ApHC rules and regulations. **ApHC will accept race results that include registered Appaloosa Horse Club horses in their Races. Only results of races from tracks under the supervision of the state, provincial or national racing commission or other recognized turf governing body will be accepted for recognition by ApHC.**

1. **Races will be recognized in which all horses competing are registered with the Appaloosa Horse Club.**

2. **Races will also be recognized in which a registered Appaloosa competes with horses registered with the following breed associations: American Quarter Horse Association,**

American Paint Horse Association, Thoroughbreds registered with The American Jockey Club, The Canadian Jockey Club or The Mexican Jockey Club.

B. Race results shall be filed with the ApHC following each day's racing within 24 hours of the race either by express delivery, fax transmission **or on-line computer transmission**. A hard copy of the chart and complete program for the day may be mailed the next business day following the running of the race. These results must be in the ApHC office within ten (10) days of the race. If race results are not filed within the allotted time, the ApHC shall have the right to waive the filing deadline.

C. Race results include photo-finish film strips of races timed in at least hundredths of a second when available, an official race chart, and an official program for each day's racing which includes conditions of the race, distance, names of the horses in each race, their respective post positions, color, sex, age, breeding, owner, trainer, jockey and weight carried; and names of the officials. **The race results chart should include all of the necessary information to produce past performance lines.**

D. **Unless otherwise specified in the Official Handbook of the ApHC, the ApHC recognizes and requests adoption by Racing Jurisdictions of the "Model Rules for Flat Racing" recommended by the North American Pari-Mutual Regulators Association (NAPRA) and/or the Association of Racing Commissioners International, Inc. (RCI)**

E. **In cases of questionable times reported from tracks where the performance records indicate possible error, issuance of Register of Merit certificates and acceptance of the time and speed index as official is to be withheld until the race is reviewed by ApHC.**

F. **Any commission or breed registry ruling involving horses registered with ApHC or affecting personnel engaged in ApHC racing shall be filed with ApHC unless the fine is less than \$500 or the suspension is less than 90 days.**

G. **If the laboratory report on the chemical analysis of the urine or other specimen taken from a horse indicates the presence of a forbidden drug or medication and the horse is qualified, the horse shall receive no official speed index or racing points for having started in the race.**

H. Any ruling by any State Racing Commission or other racing authority shall be filed with the ApHC. **Changes to placings/earnings as a result of disqualification(s) shall be provided to ApHC and ApHC shall change a horse's race records accordingly.**

I. **ApHC reserves the right to independently direct disciplinary action or sanctions against individuals coming under ApHC recognition by their participating in ApHC Racing conducted under the provisions of the Official Handbook of the ApHC, and regulated by duly authorized state racing commissions, the results of which are accepted by ApHC, in regard to the following matters:**

- 1. Positive lab results involving classified narcotics or drugs restricted from administration to horses entered to race;**
- 2. Possession of electrical devices in the course of a recognized race;**
- 3. Racing a ringer for fraudulent purposes; or**
- 4. Multiple offenses for the same ownership. Such procedure will be conducted according ApHC Disciplinary Rules. Individuals may be suspended from membership and horses owned, trained and/or ridden by such individuals may be suspended from participation privileges in ApHC-approved events.**

410. RACE DESCRIPTIONS

A. **Stakes Races - A stakes race is a race in which stakes of \$50 or more are to be posted by the owners of the horses engaged and is still a stakes when money or other prize is added. Nominations must close more than seventy-two **forty-eight** hours before the first**

race of the day on which such stakes are to be run. A stakes may not be restricted or exclude entries in any way other than age or sex. No race with a purse of less than \$2,500 **\$5,000** will be considered as a stakes. However, an invitational stakes race or an invitational handicap race for which owners do not contribute to the purse, but which is advertised in the regular stakes program, shall also be considered a stakes race, provided it carries a minimum purse of \$2,500 **\$5,000**. **Match races shall not be eligible for stakes recognition.**

B. Restricted Stakes Race - **The results of restricted stakes races including monies earned and speed indexes shall be entered in the horse's permanent race records.** The following types of races will be classified restricted stakes:

1. Races restricted to state of breeding, foaling and/or ownership.
2. Races restricted to those horses sold in a specific sale or sales.
3. Races restricted to the progeny of a restricted stallion or group of stallions so listed by a race.

C. Annually, the ApHC's Executive Race Committee will consider for grading, every stakes and restricted stakes race that has been conducted or may be scheduled to be conducted in the following year. 1. Stakes races may be graded as Grade 1, 2, or 3, with Grade 1 being the highest grade. Restricted stakes may be graded as Restricted (R) 1, 2 or 3 with Restricted (R) 1 being the highest grade.

2. Primary consideration for grading will be the quality of horses attracted to the race and such factors as longevity of the race, competition, conditions, purse and prestige.

411. RACE AWARDS

A. Annually, a starter's fee (see fee schedule) will be assessed for each horse, payable before the first official race start. Late payment of this fee may be made within 30 days subsequent to a horse's first start by paying a late payment penalty. Non-payment of the assessment will not reflect on a horse's past performance as records will be kept on all horses; however, if a horse qualifies for any ApHC award(s) he will be ineligible to receive it if the starter's fee or subsequent late payment penalty has not been paid. Races run prior to the payment of the Annual starter's fee will not be considered in year-end calculations for any award. All racing year-end awards will be awarded to the owner or lessee on record as of December 31 of the qualifying year. **Only races recognized by the ApHC will be considered for Regional High Point Champions, ROM's, Medallions, and ERC Champions.**

B. Registers of Merit

1. Racing Registers of Merit (ROM) can be achieved by obtaining a speed index of 80 or higher or achieving a speed rating of 98 or higher. A speed index or a speed rating will only be awarded for approved **electric** times at recognized official distances **of up to 870 yards (795.5m).**

a. **SPEED INDEX.** A speed index will only be awarded for approved electric times at recognized official distances timed in hundredths of a second. Horses starting at a recognized track may receive a speed index based on the American Quarter Horse Speed Index Chart for that year and track. Speed indexes are based on an average of the three fastest winning electric times run each year for the immediate past three years for each distance at each track. The average of the nine times (to the nearest 1/1000 (.001) of a second) will represent a speed index of 100. No Speed Index will be issued due to a hand-time caused by the malfunction of the electric timer.

i. A speed index point varies according to the distance of the race as follows:

.087 equals one speed index point at 870 yards.

.077 equals one speed index point at 770 yards.

.066 equals one speed index point at 660 yards.

.055 equals one speed index point at 550

yards. .044 equals one speed index point at 440 yards.

.04 equals one speed index point at 400 yards.

.035 equals one speed index point at 350

yards. .033 equals one speed index point at 330 yards.

.03 equals one speed index point at 300 yards.

.025 equals one speed index point at 250

yards. .022 equals one speed index point at 220 yards.

ii. The following times will be used to compile speed indexes at tracks where the average times are slower than the Minimum Standard Time.

OFFICIAL DISTANCE MINIMUM STANDARD

(for 100 Speed Index) TIME

220 yards - straightaway.....11.95

250 yards — straightaway.....13.35

300 yards — straightaway.....15.55

330 yards — straightaway.....16.95

350 yards — straightaway.....17.85

400 yards — straightaway.....20.15

440 yards — straightaway.....22.05

550 yards -straightaway.....27.70

660 yards — straightaway.....33.50

660 yards — around one turn.....34.60

770 yards -around one turn.....40.36 870 yards — around one turn

.....45.60

iii. Should a dead heat occur all horses involved will receive the same speed index based on the place for which they dead-heated. All other horses will receive the speed index based on their actual finish. A disqualified horse will receive the speed index of its final placement.

b. **SPEED RATING.** A speed rating will only be awarded for approved times at recognized official distances timed in fifths of a second. Horses starting for the first time at tracks eligible for recognition by the ApHC or when a new distance is being run will receive a speed rating based on the average of the three fastest Appaloosa times at the track for that distance. The distance must be run three times before an Appaloosa track record will be established or a speed rating given for that distance at that track.

i. The speed rating is a comparison of the horse's final time with the Appaloosa track record established prior to the opening of the race meet. To determine the speed rating of the winning horse the track record is given a rating of 100 points; one point is deducted for each fifth of a second by which the winning horse fails to equal the track record; and one point is added for each fifth of a second by which the winning horse beats the track record. One-half, three-quarters and one length are equal to one point. One-fourth, nose, head and neck are

equal to zero points. To determine the speed rating of the rest of the field one point is subtracted for each length a horse is behind the preceding horse. (If the winning horse had a speed rating of 100 and the second place horse was two lengths behind it, its speed rating would be 98. If the third place horse was two lengths behind the second place horse the speed rating would be 96. If the fourth place horse was a head behind the third place horse the speed rating would be 96. If the fifth place horse was % length behind the fourth place horse its speed

rating would be 95, etc.) One-half (h) and three-quarter (%) lengths are equal to one full length. One-fourth (¼), nose, head and neck equal zero (O) lengths. One length is equal to approximately one-fifth of a second (or one point) and fractions of one-half length or more are figured as one full length (or one full point). Fractions less than one-half length are figured as no lengths (or no points). If any horse is distanced it gets no speed rating.

ii. Only races recognized by the ApHC will be considered for Regional High Point Champions, ROM's, Medallions, and ERC Champions. (Note: moved to A above)

C. Champion Year-End Horses

Annually, by written ballot of the ApHC's Executive **Race** Committee (ten (10) votes) and the Oklahoma Appaloosa Racing Association (OAR) (four (4) votes) and the Western Regional Appaloosa Racing Council (WRARC) (four (4) votes), champion running horses in each of **ten** thirteen categories may be named. The two regional associations must each designate four (4) individual voting members. Designated members must reside in different states, must be ApHC members in good standing, and may not be current voting ERC members. To be eligible for the ERC year-end awards, a horse must earn a minimum of \$10,000 in purse monies or have at least one graded stakes win, place or show in a race where results are recognized by the ApHC.

1. The following awards may be given in each of three age divisions: Champion two-year-old sprint colt, champion two-year-old distance colt, champion two-year-old sprint filly, champion two-year-old distance filly, champion two-year-old sprint gelding, champion two-year-old distance gelding, champion three-year-old colt, champion three-year-old filly, champion three-year-old gelding, champion four and older stallion, champion four and older mare, champion four and older gelding, champion claiming horse. Only claiming races will be considered for champion claiming horses.

2. A Supreme Champion Two-year-Old and a Horse of the Year will be named from those thirteen categories.

D. Medallions

Racing medallions will be issued to the top three eligible horses in each age and sex category. Medallion points will be figured using a formula of the number of wins times the amount of money earned, as officially recorded by the ApHC, for the qualifying year. Place and show in a stakes race will be counted as a win for purposes of tallying medallion points. Non-characteristic (N) registered Appaloosas must purchase either a Race Medallion Permit or a Performance Permit prior to becoming eligible to earn medallion points. A late fee of \$100 in addition to either the Race Medallion Permit fee or the Performance Permit fee must be paid on or before December 31 of the qualifying year in order to be eligible to earn medallion points. Upon payment of said late fee and the Race Medallion Permit or Performance Permit fee, medallion points will be figured from the beginning of the qualifying year and will count toward a medallion. Racing medallions are awarded to the first listed owner or lessee on record as of December 31 of the qualifying year. **Horses placing below the top three are not eligible to earn a medallion in cases where a**

horse(s) in the top three is ineligible to earn a medallion as a result of registration status and/or non-payment of the medallion permit fee or the performance permit fee.
(clarification of current process)

E. Regional High-Point Champions

1. Annually, forty-five high-point champions may be named, based on a point system which places emphasis on horses demonstrating consistency and durability in their performance within a specific region. Points will be awarded according to conditions of the race and order of finish for all races recognized by the ApHC which will include unofficial and hand-timed races, and additional conditions, as follows:

- a. Starter allowance and optional claiming races are considered in the same category as claiming races, based on claiming and optional claiming price.
- b. Should a dead-heat occur, all horses involved will receive the same points based on the place for which they dead-heated; all other horses will receive points based on their actual finish.
- c. A disqualified horse will receive points according to its final placement.
- d. Horses participating in match races or races with less than five (5) horses on the race card will receive no race points.
- e. The final decision as to which category a race shall be placed will be made by the ApHC's Racing Department.

2. The regions are:

East-Central: Kansas, Michigan, Kentucky and Florida

South-Central: Oklahoma, Texas

West-Southwest: New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, and Nevada

Western-California

Northwest: Montana, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.

3. The following categories in each of the five regions may receive a certificate of recognition: regional champion two-year-old colt, regional champion two year-old filly, regional champion two-year-old gelding, regional champion three-year-old colt, regional champion three-year-old filly, regional champion three-year-old gelding, regional champion four-and-older stallion, regional chamoion fourand-older mare, regional champion four-and-older gelding.



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