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# Appaloosa Non-Pro Program

## Non-Pro Advisory Committee

Enrolling in the non-pro program also means that you have a specific group of individuals who have been selected to represent your wishes to the ApHC Board of Directors. Each member of the ApHC Board of Directors appoints a non-pro to serve in the non-pro advisory committee. This 18 member advisory committee meets twice annually at the National Show and at the World Show to discuss issues relevant to the non-pro program. Members of the non-pro advisory committee then forward suggestions to the ApHC Board of Directors. The ApHC board of Directors also seeks input on non-pro issues from the non-pro advisory committee when faced with making changes to the current non-pro rules, policies and classes.

The names and contact information of the members of the non-pro advisory committee are listed on the Appaloosa Horse Club website. Feel free to contact them with your questions, concerns and ideas.

## Non-Pro Shutterbugs!

The Appaloosa Horse Club and *Appaloosa Journal* are always on the lookout for good quality candid photos of Non-Pros and their Appaloosas in various disciplines and environments. We are always looking for new pictures for promotional use on brochures, display boards, and the ApHC web site. If you have a photo that you think the ApHC can use, please send them to the ApHC, attention Non-Pro Coordinator.

Submitted photos should be clear and of the highest quality. Prints can be no smaller than 5x7 inches, although 8x10-inch is preferred. Photographer's signed release form and other pertinent information must accompany the image. To avoid marring a photo, never write on either side of the print. All photos submitted will become the sole property of the Appaloosa Horse Club unless a self-addressed envelope and appropriate return postage is included.

“Showing appaloosa non pro is like attending a family reunion with people you actually like. In the midst of bettering yourself in the show pen & achieving your equestrian goals, you find yourself building genuine friendships, all thanks to the Appaloosa horse.”

—Stormy Guidry



## APPALOOSA...THE BREED OF CHOICE



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“When I found the ApHC Non-Pro Program I was relieved to be able to get back in to showing after 20 years and be able to do it at a pace I was comfortable with.”

—Kelly Potter



## Joy of Participation

If you're an Appaloosa owner who hasn't joined the ranks of professional trainers, you may enjoy a full range of competition in the non-pro division. At Appaloosa shows you'll find classes custom tailored to your ability and you will compete with other Non-Pro's who share common interests and partnerships with their Appaloosa horses. If you're an amateur and want to earn recognition and awarded for your dedicated hard work and accomplishments, the ApHC non-pro program is the place for you.

## Fun & Friendship

People of all ages and backgrounds come together on the Appaloosa show circuit to share their common interests and partnership with Appaloosa horses. You'll find them to be helpful, friendly people who delight in sharing their riding tips, successes, disappointments and humorous stories. Appaloosa non-pros aren't content to sit in the stands and watch others; they're people who go out and make things happen.

## Lasting Memories

The ApHC non-pro program has been customized to include your particular interest and challenge your competitive spirit. There are halter, showmanship and a variety of performance classes in western pleasure, hunter under saddle, equitation, jumping, reining, roping and trail. You can go as far as your desire takes you.

## Divisions of the Non-Pro Program

The ApHC offers four non-pro divisions allowing you to compete with your peers, based on your ability and experience. Non-pros may compete in any or all of the non-pro divisions if eligible according to age and/or number of points earned.

<i>Non-Pro:</i>	This division is open to individuals 19 years of age or older and would not be considered a professional according to the Official Handbook of the ApHC.
<i>35 &amp; Over Non-Pro:</i>	This division is open to individuals who must be 35 years of age or older on January 1 of the year wishing to compete.
<i>Masters Non-Pro:</i>	This division is open to individuals who must be 50 years of age or older on January 1 of the year wishing to compete.
<i>Novice Non-Pro:</i>	This division is open to individuals who have earned less than 20 points in that class in the ApHC or any other breed organization as of January 1 of the year wishing to compete. Individuals may cross enter with the above classes so long as they are ApHC members and meet their division requirements.

\* See ApHC rulebook for complete rules and regulations

## Who is a Non-Pro

A non-pro must be 19 years of age or older (or married and ineligible for the Appaloosa Youth Association program) as of January 1st of that year. Non-pros cannot have shown or trained a horse for payment or engaged in activities during the last three years that would make them a professional.

A non-pro must be a member of the Appaloosa Horse Club and must have a current non-pro membership with the ApHC.

A non-pro's horse must be wholly owned by and registered to either the non-pro or a member of the non-pro's family as outlined in the *Official Handbook of the ApHC*.

## Awards and Recognition

**What awards can be earned by the Non-Pro exhibitor?**

- Non-Pro Medal
- Western Rider of the Year/English Rider of the Year
- Non-Pro Superior Champion Annual Award
- Annual High Point (Event) Awards
- Award of Merit (Lifetime Award)
- Supreme Champion (Lifetime Award)

**What awards can be earned by the Non-Pro horse?**

- Non-Pro Horse Register of Merit (ROM)
- Non-Pro Champion Horse
- Non-Pro Superior Event Horse
- Non-Pro Versatility Champion Horse
- Non-Pro Supreme Champion Horse