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The International Breed Registry of Appaloosa Horses

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Hello ApHC Members,

The ApHC Board of Directors have been hard at work revamping the ApHC Rulebook with two goals in mind.

1. Make the rulebook easier to navigate for our members.
2. Promote rule changes which are member, exhibitor, owner, and equine friendly.

One notable change for the 2025 rulebook is the addition of a fully interactive table of contents. This will allow the reader to click the topic of interest and then automatically be taken to the corresponding location in the rulebook. A link to return the reader to the table of contents is included on the bottom of each page for easy navigation. All patterns have been moved to the back of the rulebook and are listed in the table of contents.

A second notable change for 2025 includes significant changes to Rule 40. Drugs and Medications. The Board of Directors added additional approved medications and significantly reduced the administration time frame for non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs and other commonly utilized therapeutic medications. As members, we know that our feet and legs ache from standing on concrete all day long at our major shows, and our horses are no different. The Board of Directors has voted to allow administration of our approved medications up to two (2) hours before competition. As a result, the maximum and trace allowable levels for these medications must be recalculated and will be included in an addendum to the rulebook once completed by our drug and medication testing and veterinary partners.

New for 2025 also includes a requirement for a Medication Report Form for all medications not explicitly described in Rule 40. This form enables the ApHC to promote proactive and confidential reporting of certain therapeutic medications which would otherwise result in a positive drug test and temporary suspension of the responsible parties and horse. By filing a Medication Report Form in the show office, members can avoid undue stress and worry if their horse's metabolism didn't follow the textbook withdrawal time after a minor procedure such as a therapeutic joint injection. While the Medication Report Form, isn't a get out of jail free card, it does demonstrate a joint effort to improve animal welfare, member trust and transparency, and a level playing field for all competitors at our major events.

Please take a moment to review the enclosed frequently asked questions for the Rule 40 changes and the Medication Report Form. If you have questions or concerns, please send them to show@appaloosa.com and we will happily assist you.

Happy reading!

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