



The APHA Professional Horsemen is a program consisting of equine professionals who are also members of the American Paint Horse Association. These professionals pledge to encourage professionalism, integrity and fairness throughout the horse industry, and particularly the Paint Horse industry. Potential members of this Professional Horsemen must apply to and be accepted into the program, be APHA members in good standing, provide member references and agree to function as experts at local Paint Horse shows and other equine events, answering questions and promoting the breed and Association. By becoming a member of APHA's Professional Horsemen, the member understands that the equine industry and clients expect a higher standard of conduct.

Membership in APHA's Professional Horsemen is a privilege, not a right, subject to continual review of the Professional Horsemen's Committee. As such, each member understands and agrees that APHA has the right to investigate complaint(s) regarding a member's alleged conduct. Further, each member must cooperate in the investigation and abide by decisions concerning application approval and revocation of membership.

If approved, you will be provided with a certificate and a pin/badge identifying you as a member in good standing. The pin/badge should be worn at any event where you would function as an APHA Professional Horseman.

**To apply:**

1. Read and agree to the *Code of Ethics* by signing below.
2. Complete this 3-page application form, including references and return it with your non-refundable payment.
3. You will be contacted by the APHA Professional Horsemen Committee regarding your application.

### *Mission Statement*

To enhance and promote industry professionals of the American Paint Horse Association as the premier purveyors of equine services. The association serves to foster credibility, proficiency and advocacy, through the endorsement of superior industry standards that will enable professionals to excel in a sustainable career.

### *APHA Professional Horsemen Code of Ethics*

1. I submit myself to the professional standards of the American Paint Horse Association and the Professional Horsemen Code of Ethics and shall work to promote its goals and objectives.
2. I will ensure that the welfare of the horses in my care and ownership is paramount and that each such horse shall be treated humanely.
3. I will conduct all business affairs with integrity and accuracy in an ethical and legal manner.
4. I will not charge more than 10% commission on any purchase/sale transaction without written agreement by all parties. I will not charge, nor be involved in the charging of, more than one (1) commission in a purchase/sale transaction without full disclosure to both the buying and selling party of the additional commission and actual sales price being paid by the end purchaser. Such commissions are known as "dual agency commissions" and are unethical and sometimes illegal.
5. I will fully disclose all veterinary procedures, conditions and medications concerning a horse involved in any sales transaction.
6. I will disclose fully any and all agents involved in any horse sale transaction to all parties.
7. I will act with integrity in financial dealings with clients, other professionals and the public. In this regard, any horse shown by my spouse, client or child will be economically owned as prescribed by APHA rules.
8. I will handle all business, training and professional matters in a manner which promotes confidence in and the image of the APHA and Paint horses.
9. I will take no action attempting to influence a show judge prior to, during or after any horse show.
10. I will avoid any actions that will discredit the APHA, my membership in it or the equine business.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ APHA# \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Application for Membership

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ APHA ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Best Contact): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (To be listed on website): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Website(if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

List all other APHA ID #'s and/or names you have used in the past: \_\_\_\_\_

## Years of Service in the Equine Industry:

Years as a trainer: \_\_\_\_\_ Years as a riding instructor: \_\_\_\_\_ Years as a breeder: \_\_\_\_\_

Years at current location: \_\_\_\_\_ If less than two years, list previous location:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

**Memberships** – Please list memberships you hold with other equine associations, including APHA affiliates:

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**Judges Cards** – Please list all equine associations in which you hold a judges' card:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**References** – References are required from four APHA members. These references will be contacted by members of APHA's Professional Horsemen's Committee.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Services Offered** (check all that apply):

- Conditioning for sales       Boarding       Breeders' Trust Participant:
- Frozen/Cooled semen       Mare Care/Foaling      \_\_\_\_\_Stallions      \_\_\_\_\_Foals
- Farrier       Horse Auctions       Other\_\_\_\_\_

**Training:**

- Show:       Youth       Amateur       Open
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- Western:       Rail       Pattern Classes       Halter       Reining       Cutting
- Roping       Cow Horse       Working Ranch Horse       Speed
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- English:       Rail       Pattern Classes       Driving       Over Fences
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- Lessons:       Beginning       Intermediate       Advanced       Therapeutic Riding
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Do you have lesson horses available?  Yes       No  
 Are you a member of a Trainer/Instructor Certification Program?  Yes       No

If yes, please list the programs:\_\_\_\_\_

Other Services (please specify):\_\_\_\_\_

**Professional Horsemen members must maintain a current APHA membership.**

Are you a current APHA member?      \_\_\_Yes      \_\_\_No      List your membership ID #:\_\_\_\_\_

If not, please indicate the APHA membership you wish to obtain (these rates will increase January 1, 2010):

- \_\_\_1-year.....\$35      \_\_\_5-year.....\$125
- \_\_\_3-year.....\$75      \_\_\_Life.....\$400

Please indicate the Professional Horsemen membership you wish to obtain: \_\_\_1-year...\$25      \_\_\_5-year...\$100

*The membership fee is non-refundable. If approved, this membership will automatically renew each year, as long as you have a current APHA membership, unless you instruct APHA that you wish to discontinue your involvement.*

Total amount enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Payment method: \_\_\_Check enclosed      \_\_\_Visa      \_\_\_MasterCard      \_\_\_American Express

Name on Credit Card:\_\_\_\_\_

Card #:\_\_\_\_\_ CVV\_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date:\_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's Daytime Phone:\_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's Signature:\_\_\_\_\_

Please return with payment to:



**American Paint Horse Association Professional Horsemen**

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