



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:

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: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

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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
-
- English: Rail Pattern Classes Driving Over Fences
-
- 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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