

The Appaloosa Horse Club (UK) Ltd

Regional Show Rules / Conditions of Entry

Conditions and Rules of Entry of APHC (UK) Regional Shows - Please read very carefully.

Health & Safety: The APHC UK and the Show organisers will take all reasonable steps to ensure the health and safety of spectators, competitors and everyone else present. However, the APHC UK, the Show organisers, and the Show Venue shall NOT be held responsible for any accident, injury, loss, damage or expense incurred to any person or horse at the showground, or while entering or leaving the showground, from whatever cause. Attendance shall be at the sole risk of the spectator, competitor, owner, groom or helper and entry onto the showground signifies acceptance of this provision. Horse riding and showing is a dangerous activity. Please be responsible.

1. All horses entered for the APHC UK/USA classes must be registered in the regular register of the APHC UK/USA and must be owned by a current fully paid up member of the APHC UK and USA (if entering USA classes). EXHIBITORS must also be APHC UK and USA members unless entering open classes (eg western or dressage classes). Part bred horses must be registered in the APHC UK part bred register and C register horses must be registered on the C Register.
2. Entries will not be accepted unless accompanied by the correct fees and a correctly filled in entry form noting all registration and membership numbers where requested.
3. Photographer: If there is an official show photographer. Entry to the show by exhibitors and competitors shall be deemed to signify the consent of all the exhibitors and competitors to be photographed at this APHC UK Show.
4. The Show organisers reserve the right to reschedule, combine, cancel or amend classes or rings, depending on entry numbers, time available, venue facilities, weather conditions etc.
5. All APHC UK colts/stallions 36 months old and over must have a stallion licence and veterinary certificate as issued by APHC UK. Colts/stallions over 36 months MUST be handled by a competent adult (18yrs or over).
6. **Equine Influenza:** ALL horses using stable facilities are advised to be vaccinated against equine influenza unless the venue requires they must be **vaccinated**. Please refer to relevant show schedule for confirmation on the venue's requirements.
7. **Remember: ALL horses must be accompanied by their passport.**
8. Disease: No animal shall be accepted on the Showground with any sign of disease condition as confirmed by an appointed Veterinary Surgeon. Offending animals must be withdrawn from the Showground immediately without the return of any entry fees or other incidental expenses.
9. Horses may be shown in either English tack or American Show Halter, provided adequate control over the animal is maintained. No "be nice/Dually halters" to be allowed. Lack of required appointments (personal attire or tack) may be cause for disqualification at the judge's discretion. **Please read the relevant rules for any USA classes.**
10. Multiple horse entries: Exhibitors must have enough handlers for the number of horses they are exhibiting. Classes/Championships will not be held up unduly and once judging has commenced late entries will be allowed only at the judge's/organisers discretion. You may be refused entry to class. Failure by exhibitor to display the correct number and in a visible manner while being judged may result in disqualification. No refunds will be given.
11. Any exhibitor striking a horse on the head with anything, including the hands, will be subject to disqualification and asked to leave the show ground immediately. No refunds will be given.
12. Colouring of the hooves that would cover and/or hide the natural characteristics of the hooves shall be disqualified. Clear hoof dressing will be allowed.
13. The Show Manager and/or the Judge may, at their discretion, disqualify horses that appear sullen, dull, lethargic, emaciated, drawn or overly tired. Such disqualification shall be reported to the APHC UK Show Manager and will result in the horse not being allowed to compete in any further APHC UK/USA Classes. No refunds will be given.
14. Obvious lameness shall be cause for disqualification. A judge's decision as to the lameness of a horse is not protestable.
15. Fall of horse and/or exhibitor shall result in disqualification except in halter classes where disqualification/removal from the class is at the judge's discretion.
16. Any horse or exhibitor behaving in an unruly manner will be requested to leave the ring and the organisers reserve the right to refuse entry to the showground to any horse which they do not consider suitable, so as to safeguard the public and other competitors against accident. Everyone must take all reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents occurring and must follow any instructions given by the judge, steward, secretary or any show official. Any entry fees and incidental costs will not be refunded.
17. All persons when mounted must be correctly dressed to ride and must wear a properly fitted and secured hard hat which must conform to the latest British Horse Society requirements and EU legislation. Junior/Youth participants must wear a hard hat at all times when handling horses and when mounted. In the case of **Western Style** (non- protective) hats being worn, a **DISCLAIMER MUST BE SIGNED** by the competitor BEFORE the event and competitor's do so at their own risk.
18. All exhibitors taking part in halter/in-hand showing classes are also advised to wear a properly fitted and secured hard hat otherwise they participate **at their own risk** as they may not be covered by the show's insurance.

19. Youth members under 4 years of age must be led on their ponies and have another person alongside to steady them. If participating in halter or in-hand classes they must be assisted by an adult. They must wear a **properly fitted and secured hard hat at all times** whilst participating in any ridden or halter/in-hand classes.
20. Protests: Any exhibitors wishing to lodge a protest must do so in writing to the Secretary (within one hour of completion of the judging) on the show day together with a sum of £25.00. All protests to be investigated by a committee consisting of at least two officials whose decision shall be binding and final.
21. **All competitors must have adequate insurance to cover any incident that may be caused by them or their charges. This is a condition of entry.**
22. **STABLES:** All stables used must be thoroughly mucked out before the end of the period and any clean bedding left piled against the stables walls. All stables will be checked and photographic evidence taken if the bed proves unsatisfactory. The occupier may be fined and also may not be welcome at future ApHC UK events.
23. **DOGS:** Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times and must not be a nuisance/ left alone in any vehicle. Dogs must not be left in hot vehicles – The show organisers reserve the right to enter any vehicle (forcibly or otherwise) in the event any dog is found to be in distress for whatever reason. The APHC UK shall not be held liable for any damage caused by such entry.
24. **Welfare:** The welfare of the horse is a primary consideration in all activities. Horses shall be treated with kindness, respect and compassion at all times. Cruel, abusive or inhumane treatment will not be tolerated. Responsible care will be used by all parties in handling, treatment and transportation of horses.
25. **Transport:** All animals must be transported in accordance with the Welfare of Animals During Transit Regulation (EC) no. 1/2005. No animal shall be transported unless it is fit for the intended journey.
26. **Refunds:** A full refund of show fees including stabling will be given if we receive a vet's certificate. If we receive cancellation for any other reason we will refund stabling and half the class fees if notification of cancellation is received **ten** days before the show. If cancellation is received after this time we will refund stabling but **not** the class fees. Classes cancelled on the day of the show will not be refunded but can be swapped to another class. Please can we ask you not to cancel cheques as we will incur bank charges. A cheque for the appropriate refund will be sent to you.
27. **VENUE:** Please abide by any rules of the venue. We try to list all we know about but please check the particular venue website.
28. Postponement or abandonment: Exhibitors shall not have any claim against the show organisers or any Director/Member of the APHC(UK)Ltd in respect of any loss or damage whatsoever consequent upon the show failing (for whatever reason) to be held.

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