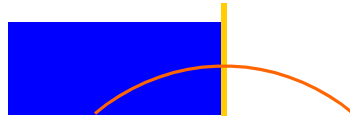


TEXAS APPALOOSA HORSE CLUB, INC.



OFFICIAL HANDBOOK



A Non Profit Organization

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The Texas Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc., organized in 1954 is a regional affiliate of the Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc., which is the official registering body.

This handbook is not intended to replace or change the Show and Contest Rules of the Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc. The procedures, rules and systems set out herein have been adopted in order that the Texas Appaloosa Horse Club may conduct its shows, contests and other functions under standards understood by all members and which are compatible with the National procedures.

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Articles of Incorporation

We, the undersigned natural persons of the age of twenty-one (21) years or more, acting as incorporators of a corporation under the Texas Non Profit Corporation Act, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation.

I

The name of the corporation is Texas Appaloosa Horse Club.

II

The corporation is a non-profit corporation.

III

The period of its duration is perpetual.

IV

The purposes for which the corporation is organized are to engage in all activities necessary, useful or expedient to promote and further the Appaloosa horse breed.

V

The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 716 Commerce, Refugio, Texas, and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is Jim Wales.

VI

The number of Directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the corporation is thirteen (13) and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial Directors are:

Clarence Barnes, Simonton, TX, T.J. Elkins, Jr., Ft. Worth, TX

David Feagin, Colmesneil, TX, Eugene Fuhrman, Wichita Fall, TX

James Hay, El Paso, TX, Charles Herndon, Cleburne, TX

Frank P. Horlock Jr., Houston, TX, Don Marshall, San Antonio, TX

L.W. Powell, Dallas, TX, Jack Ryan, Corpus Christi, TX

Dr. G.W. Taylor, Houston, TX, Harold G. Weil, Dallas, TX

Dudley White, Midland, TX

VII

The name and address of each incorporator is:

Jim Wales, Refugio, TX, Jack Ryan, Corpus Christie, TX,

T. J. Elkins, Jr., Ft. Worth, TX

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BY-LAWS As Amended to 1993

**I
TITLE, LOCATION, AND PURPOSE**

- A. **TITLE:** The name of the Association shall be “TEXAS APPALOOSA HORSE CLUB”, herein referred to as the “TAHC”, a non-profit organization.
 - 1. The TAHC is affiliated with the “Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc., herein referred to as the “ApHC”, which is the official registration body.
- B. **LOCATION:** The headquarters location of the TAHC shall be the address of the Executive Secretary of the Club.
- C. **PURPOSE:** The purpose of the TAHC shall be:
 - 1. To promote the interest of the breed from a Regional standpoint in cooperation with the programs and functions of the “ApHC” the parent organization that files records and issues certificates of registration for such animals thought to be fit for foundation stock, tentative registry, or other types of registration.
 - 2. To gain proper publicity through the mediums of radio, television, newspapers, magazines, etc.
 - 3. To gain breeding classes for Appaloosa horses registered in the ApHC in local, county, district and state horse shows and fairs.
 - 4. To forward historical data, bloodlines, records and general information, etc. to the Executive Secretary of the ApHC when it would be requested.
 - 5. To promote and stimulate interest in regional, all Appaloosa shows for Appaloosa horses registered in the ApHC.
 - 6. To furnish information to the ApHC as requested.
- D. Upon dissolution of the Texas Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc. by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present at the meeting for such action, all assets on hand, if any, will be distributed to the Appaloosa Youth Association Foundation, a Non-profit organization.

**II
MEMBERSHIP AND FEES**

- A. Members shall be of four classes: Annual Members, Couple Membership, Life Members, and Couple Life Members.
 - 1. Annual Members: Membership fee, which includes current year’s dues shall be set by the Board of Directors. The Membership Fee shall be paid on application for membership. Annual dues shall become due on January 1 of each year and will be considered delinquent if not paid within thirty (30) days thereafter and all points will be lost. Any Annual Member whose annual membership becomes delinquent, can be reinstated by paying the current year’s dues. There is no penalty for reinstatement.
 - 2. Couple Membership: Membership fee, which includes current year’s dues shall be set by the Board of Directors. This membership will include spouse. The Membership Fee shall be paid on Application for membership. Couple dues shall become due on January 1 of each year, and shall be considered delinquent if not paid within thirty (30) days thereafter and all points will be lost. Any Couple Membership that becomes delinquent, can be reinstated by paying the current year’s dues. There is no penalty for reinstatement.
 - 3. Life Members: Each Life Member shall pay a fee of \$200 (for an individual) or \$300 (for a couple) and shall not be required to pay an annual fee.
 - 4. Neither class or membership is transferable.
- B. Members shall be admitted to the TAHC on written application and accompanied by initial membership fee. Membership shall not be limited to individual, but may include corporations, firms, partnerships, institutions, executors and trustees.
- C. Proper receipts and membership cards shall be issued upon payment of fees. Notice of membership fees payable shall be sent to members at their last known address not less than thirty (30) days prior to the end of the fiscal year.
- D. All money received from membership fees and annual dues will be used for Breed advertisements, monthly publication, expenses of the regional shows, breed promotional work and other work in connection with purposes of the TAHC.

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- E. Each member shall have the privilege of one vote in election of Directors unless the membership is a couple or a lifetime couple membership at which time they will receive only one vote per membership.
- F. All members, while in good standing, shall have equal rights, interests and responsibilities with respect to the TAHC and its property; shall have the right to vote at all membership meetings and by mail, and to hold office and committee assignments except as otherwise limited.
- G. Those members abusing or misusing their privileges of membership shall have their membership revoked by the Board of Directors, or may otherwise be disciplined in accordance with current disciplinary policies as established by the Board.
- H. Minor children are eligible for membership, if otherwise qualified, only if at least one of their parents or guardian is a member in good standing.

III

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A. Property, funds and affairs of the TAHC shall be directed collectively by the Officers and Directors of the TAHC.
- B. Any official of the Appaloosa Horse Club may be present at a Board of Directors meeting and join in discussion.
- C. The Board of Directors shall take whatever action is deemed necessary to carry out the primary purposes of the TAHC.
- D. There shall be a minimum of six (6) Directors present to constitute a quorum.
- E. Directors shall be elected from the membership for a term of two (2) years; approximately one-half being elected in the odd numbered years.
- F. No member can be elected to the Board of Directors unless he or she is a bonafide owner of at least one registered Appaloosa horse.
- G. In addition to the elected Directors, the retiring President shall remain on the Board for two (2) years following the term of his office and each national Director residing in Texas, who is a TAHC member in good standing shall be a TAHC Director during his term and so long thereafter as he wishes to serve.
- H. For the purpose of electing Directors, the State of Texas shall be divided into voting districts to coincide with the boundaries of other Regional Appaloosa Horse Clubs in Texas. One or more Directors shall be elected from each voting district based upon TAHC membership within that district. One Director shall be elected for each fifty (50) TAHC members or major fraction thereof. At least one Director shall be elected from each voting district if there are at least five (5) TAHC members within that district. In addition, five (5) additional Directors –at-large shall be appointed by the President for a one year term from the TAHC members in good standing.
- I. Candidates for election to the Board of Directors will be nominated by mail by the members living in the voting district of the nominee. The names of the two candidates receiving the most nominations will be placed on the ballot and mailed to the whole membership. Results of the election will be announced at the annual membership meeting.
- J. Officers of the TAHC shall be elected by and from the Board of Directors and shall consist of: President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer. At the option of the Board in lieu of a Secretary-Treasurer, it may elect an Executive Secretary outside of elected Directors. Duties of these officers shall be those duties common to the respective officers in other organizations and such other duties as shall be assigned by the President of the Board. Directors shall elect officers at the Annual Meeting.
- K. Vacancies on the Board of Directors may occur by reason of resignation death or willful failure to attend the meetings. “Failure to attend two (2) consecutive meetings without submission of a reasonable excuse shall be considered as willful failure to attend.” A vacancy in the Directors-at-large may be filled by appointment by the President, such appointed Director to serve the remaining portion of the one year term. A vacancy in the elected Directors shall be filled by appointment by the Board to run until the end of the current year at which time the membership will nominate and elect a Director in accordance with Paragraph I above.

IV

APPALOOSA BREED CHARACTERISTICS

- A. The characteristics desired, promoted and advocated in the Appaloosa Breed shall be those adopted by the Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc.

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V

TEXAS APPALOOSA YOUTH HORSE CLUB

- A. The Texas Appaloosa Youth Horse Club, herein after referred to as the "TAYHC" shall be under the direct auspices of the TAHC and shall operate as a non-profit organization.
- B. A youth director shall be appointed by the President and approved by a vote of the TAHC board of directors. All expenditures of the TAYHC shall be approved by the TAHC board of directors and the youth director shall on a regular quarterly basis furnish a financial statement to the TAHC office and the TAHC board of directors.
- C. The youth director shall submit for approval by the TAHC Board of Directors a program for each year's youth activities, within 45 days of appointment' such program shall include show schedules, annual awards, clinics, National team competitions and any other activities to further youth development.
- D. All activities and programs of the TAYHC shall always be consistent with the Youth Program of the Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc.
- E. The TAYHC shall be responsible for the election of its own officers and Board of Directors, promotion and implementation of its own projects and activities, subject to the approval of the TAHC Board of Directors.

VI

AMENDMENTS

- A. These By-laws may be amended at any official annual meeting by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present at the meeting.
- B. Proposed amendments shall be sent to the Secretary so that they may appear on the notice of the Annual Meeting.

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SHOW & CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS SHOW APPROVAL AND SPONSORS

1. Organizations, clubs and (individuals) desiring to stage or sponsor shows or contests which will be recognized by the Texas Appaloosa Horse Club and which will include the awarding of points to the top horses entered, will obtain the approval of the TAHC.
2. The office of the Secretary of the TAHC will be available for information and guidance in all matters relating to the planning and conducting of official shows and contests. A sample show brochure is available from the Secretary.
3. In order to obtain approval, an application for approval form, properly completed, shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the TAHC at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of the proposed show or contest. Blank forms may be obtained free of charge from the Secretary. A telephone call or letter of request may serve as application.
4. If such application is satisfactory, the Secretary will issue a statement of approval of the proposed show or contest. The Secretary will further publicize the show in the "Coming Events" section of the quarterly publication and website and will request publication of the show in other horse and livestock magazines.
5. A show must be open to all registered Appaloosa horse owners, in good standing, to gain approval. All fees must be the same to all open exhibitors.
6. No show may be approved on the same date as another, with the exception of state, regional or county fairs which may be on the same date despite proximity.
7. The rules, as set out in the Official Handbook of the ApHC shall be used at all approved shows unless modified by these rules to the TAHC.
8. The minimum requirements for a show to be approved are as follows:
 - a) For a show to be approved and TAHC points awarded, a minimum of five halter classes for stallions, mares and geldings must be offered. These to include weanlings, yearlings, two-year olds, three-year olds and four-years old and older. EXCEPTION: Weanling classes will not be required until June 1st of each year.
 - b) For show approval, the following performance "Point" classes for registered Appaloosa horses are required and shall be open to riders of either sex and any age: Junior and Senior Western Pleasure, Hunter Under Saddle, Reining, Nez Perce Stake Race (or timed), Camas Prairie Stump Race (or timed).
 - c) For show approval, non-pro classes must be offered. ApHC rules apply. NOTE: It is recommended that novice classes also be offered.
 - d) The TAHC requires four (4) classes for Youth in all approved shows. A Showmanship at Halter class and three other classes from the approved list is required for the show to be approved by the TAHC. It is recommended the classes be broken down into age divisions as suggested or requested by the ApHC to provide more equal competition. The Show Sponsor may offer as many additional classes for Youth as it wishes. It is strongly recommended that entry fees be at a reduced rate, and as low as possible. The offering of money prizes or awards is strictly forbidden.
 - e) Additional performance classes, halter classes and youth classes may be added. Should a show sponsor add one or more classes after the premium list has been distributed to exhibitors then points earned in these classes will not count toward any TAHC award.
EXCEPTION: Classes may be added provided a notice of such change can be mailed to reach all recipients of original premium list at least five (5) days before the date of the show.
9. The list of results of any approved show or contest must be completed in its entirety on official forms furnished by the TAHC, listing the first six horses in each class, unless fewer than that number competed, and should be forwarded to the Secretary of the TAHC within ten (10) days after completion of the show or contest. Names of youth winners must be shown on Youth Class results. To compete for TAHC Annual High Point a youth must be riding a horse owned by the youth or an immediate member of his or her family, except for leadline.
10. All show sponsors are required to remit to the Secretary of the TAHC at its headquarters, fifty cents (\$.50) per horse for each class, including the performance classes. EXCEPTION: The TAHC, however, waives this requirement on the following classes only: (a) group classes for which no entry fee is charged, (b) High Point Awards for which a reduced entry fee is charged.
11. Failure to mail the completed results on approved forms and \$.50 per entry to the TAHC within thirty (30) days following the last show date will result in subsequent approval being denied. If reports from shows are incomplete, competing horse will be deprived of points won, and may result in subsequent approval being denied.

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12. All show sponsors are required to secure and pay for a judge whose name is on the current list of approved judges as published by the ApHC. However, the TAHC Board of Directors reserves the right to withhold TAHC approval from shows which use a judge who, after investigation, has been proven incompetent or undesirable and has been disapproved by the TAHC Board of Directors.
 - a) No judge may judge two (2) shows within two hundred (200) miles of each other within thirty (30) days.
 - b) The judges ethics rules of the ApHC will apply.
13. FOR A SHOW TO MEET MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS, THERE MUST BE AT LEAST TWENTY FOUR (24) HORSES ENTERED AND EXHIBITED AT HALTER AND PERFORMANCE COMBINED.
14. Premium lists and entry forms are to be prepared by the Show Sponsor and may be copied or printed. The TAHC will furnish a sample premium list if requested to do so.
 - a) The premium list shall contain the name of the sponsor, a list of officers of the show and names of Appaloosa Horse officials, the exact location of the show, date or dates to be held, dates for entries, release time, exact time and date of judging and name of judge.
 - b) If money prizes are offered the fixed amount of each prize shall be stated in the premium list; special prizes enhance the attractiveness of the show or contest.

TAHC AWARDS SYSTEM

15. For a horse to become eligible to receive TAHC awards, the following rules apply:
 - a) The horse must be registered for show purposes with the ApHC and shown under its full and correct registered name.
 - b) The owner must be a current member in good standing of the TAHC, such membership to be in the same name as that shown as the owner of the horse.
 - c) If a horse is sold to a current member in good standing of the TAHC, any points which may have been accumulated during the point year will follow the horse to the new owner.
 - d) If such a horse is sold to a non-member of the TAHC, such new owner has thirty (30) days in which to become a member of the TAHC in order for earned points to follow the horse to the new owner. After thirty (30) days, all earned points will be dropped from the roster.
 - e) Should a horse which has been shown as a stallion during part of the show season be gelded and continued to show, the points earned as a stallion shall follow the horse as a gelding
 - f) Should a member fail to renew his membership under Rules prescribed in the By-Laws, all show records on horses owned by that member will be removed, and points on those horses will be lost forever.

ANNUAL AWARDS

16. The TAHC shall present certain Annual Awards.
 - a) Yearly HIGH POINT award to horses that meet these requirements:
 - 1) The current show season shall start on September 1st and end on August 31st of each year.
 - 2) For registration and ownership requirements, etc. paragraph 15 a-f will apply; Point System paragraph 18 a-g will apply.
 - 3) To be eligible for this award, the horse must have earned not less than thirty (30) points in the TAHC approved class or classes required. Certificates will be awarded to high point horses who earned less than thirty (30) points.
 - 4) Points toward TAHC awards in cutting and all other events will be awarded only if earned in TAHC approved shows and contests.
 - 5) In the event of complaint on interpretation of rules or tabulation of points for Annual Awards, the President shall appoint a committee to investigate the complaint and the decision of the committee shall be final.
 - 6) In the event of a tie in points, the horse which has earned its points in the fewest number of shows shall be declared the winner.
 - b) The TAHC shall present a yearly CHAMPION AWARD to horses that meet these requirements:
 - 1) Horses having won the most points throughout the entire show season of each year beginning on September 1st, and ending on August 31st of the year following, will be recognized as "Champion" horses of the various categories and will be given suitable awards as determined by the Board which will be publicized early in the point year. The awards will be presented at the Annual Membership meeting of the following year.

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- 2) Champions will be awarded in eight (8) categories as indicated below:
 - a) **Halter:** all classes except non-pro
 - b) **Western:** horses worked on the rail - to include all pleasure and snaffle bit classes except non-pro.
 - c) **English:** horses worked on the rail - to include all pleasure, hunter hack classes except non-pro.
 - d) **Cutting:** all classes except non-pro
 - e) **Cattle:** all cattle classes except cutting and non-pro - to include stock horse worked on cattle, steer daubing, timed calf roping, judged calf roping and team roping, judged heading, and judge heeling.
 - f) **Games:** these include Camas Prairie Stump Race (barrels), Nez Perce Stake Race (poles), Keyhole, Figure 8 Stake Race, and Rope Race, etc. except non-pro.
 - g) **Working:** horses not worked on the rail and judged individually - to include trail, reining and western riding, except non-pro.
 - h) **Non-Pro:** these include all classes offered to non-pro, except 35 & over non-pro and Novice non-pro.
- 3) Tie breaker will be the horse with the most first places.
17. There is currently in effect a program set up and conducted by the ApHC in which each Regional affiliate selects its Champion Halter and Performance horses within its own area and by its own methods. These champions then become eligible to compete in the WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP APPALOOSA HALTER AND PERFORMANCE SHOW which is held at a date and time selected by the ApHC usually in November of each year.
 - a) Any rules under this division are subject to modification as necessary to conform with requirements or rules which may be promulgated by the parent organization.
 - b) Under present rules of the rules ApHC, each Regional Club may select and qualify the horses to represent it at the World Championship Show each year in the classes designated by the ApHC.
 - 1) In the event a horse who is qualified becomes incapacitated or dies, said horse will receive all awards earned during Show Season immediately past, but the next horse high in points will receive the entry for the World Championship Show.
 - c) For the purpose of selecting the horses to represent the TAHC at the World Championship Show points will be tabulated only at shows approved by the TAHC.

CONTEST POINT SYSTEM

18. General Rules of the CONTEST POINT SYSTEM are:
 - a) To be eligible to compete in Performance events a horse need not be shown or have an entry fee paid in the Halter classes.
 - b) The current show season shall start on September 1st and end on August 31st of each year.
 - c) Points will be tabulated on horses placing sixth or higher in TAHC approved shows and classes only, provided there are at least twenty four (24) entries at the show.
 - d) Should a show sponsor add one or more performance classes after the premium list has been distributed to exhibitors the points earned in these added classes will not count toward any TAHC awards.
EXCEPTION: Classes may be added provided a notice of such change can be mailed to reach all recipients of the original premium list at least five (5) days before date of show.
 - e) To count for points all classes must be open to all horses registered for show purposes with the ApHC (except for age limit restrictions), and shall be open to riders of any age and either sex.
 - f) Only junior horses may be entered in a junior class. Junior horses are 5 years old and younger. Senior horses are 6 years old and older.
 - g) For ownership and registration requirements, see paragraph 15 a-f.
 - h) The owner or exhibitor is responsible for errors on the entry blank.
 - i) In the event of complaint on interpretation of rules or on tabulation of points, a committee shall be appointed by the President of the TAHC who will investigate, and the decision of the committee shall be final.
 - j) Point System: Points will be tabulated (subject to exceptions enumerated below as follows:

Win.....	6 points
2nd	5 points
3rd	4 points
4th	3 points
5th	2 points
6th	1 point

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- 1) EXCEPTIONS: If only five (5) horses compete in a class the points will be Win - 5, 2nd -4, 3rd - 3, 4th - 2, 5th - 1. If only four (4) horses compete the points will be 4,3,2,1. If only three (3) horses compete the points will be 3,2,1. If only two (2) horses compete the points will be 2,1. If only one (1) is in the class it will receive 1 point and must show. If a class is eliminated no points will be awarded.
- 2) TIES: In awarding points when two or more horses tie for position, each will be given full points for highest position for which he ties. Example: 3 horse tie for 3rd, 4th, and 5th each of the three horses will be given points applicable for 3rd place.
- 3) Ties for ribbons or trophies may be settled by toss of a coin and any monies won may be split.
- 4) Bonus Points: The Grand Champion of each halter division (stallion, mare or gelding) shall receive two (2) more points than any animal of the same division. The Reserve Grand Champion of each halter division (stallion, mare or gelding) shall receive one (1) more point than any animal of its division.
- 5) In Steer Roping Contests, either when judged or by time, only one will be the official entry and the rider may choose a partner. All points will be awarded to the designated horse.
- 6) Monies: It is recommended that when disqualification reduces eligible contestants below the number of monies advertised in premium list that the purse be split between qualifying contestants. Examples: Paying 4 places in purse, 8 entries in Stake Race. If 5 riders disqualify by knocking over a stake or other infraction then purse is to be divided between the 3 eligible entries. It is further recommended that should total entries be the same number or less than monies paid that purse be split in 2 less numbers than number of entries. Example: Paying 4 monies as advertised with only 3 entries in a class. The purse is to be divided in 1 monies. The reasoning here is that the last two horses in a class have earned no money.

DISCIPLINE AND PROTESTS

19. Discipline of, and grievances against TAHC members, and member protests against TAHC approved judges and TAHC approved show sponsors shall be administered by the Grievance Committee under supervision of the Board of Directors.
 - a) GRIEVANCES may be filed by other members, officials and directors of the TAHC, show sponsors, and show judges and must adhere to the following procedure:
 - 1) Any such grievance must be in writing and filed with the TAHC Executive Secretary and be delivered or postmarked no later than seven (7) days after the alleged offense.
 - 2) If the grievance is filed by another member a \$25.00 check or money order payable to the TAHC must accompany the grievance. If the grievance is sustained the fee will be refunded. If the grievance is overruled, this fee will be forfeited. The \$25.00 filing will not be required of judges or show sponsors filing a grievance.
 - 3) The grievance must be fully stated and list names of any witnesses to the alleged offense.
 - 4) The TAHC Executive Secretary will refer the grievance to the Grievance Committee and a date, time and place will be set for a hearing.
 - 5) The alleged offender will be given at least fifteen (15) days notice of such hearing.
 - 6) At the hearing, the Grievance Committee will hear both sides of the grievance and give the alleged offender opportunity to be present, to be heard, to present evidence in his own behalf and to refute evidence presented against him.
 - 7) The Grievance Committee after due consideration of the evidence, will determine the validity or invalidity of the grievance and make its recommendation to the Board of Directors as to whether the grievance should be sustained or overruled. The Grievance Committee will also recommend appropriate disciplinary action to the Board in the event it recommends that the grievance be sustained. The Board's decision will be final and binding on all parties.
 - 8) Membership and participation in the functions and shows approved by the TAHC is a privilege and violation of the rules and unsportsmanlike conduct is not to be condoned and will not be permitted. The following offenses are subject to the filing of a grievance and an affirmative recommendation from the Grievance Committee will result in disciplinary action.
 - a) The use of drugs, chemicals, compounds, material or preparations for the purpose of stimulating or depressing the horse or the deadening of the sense of smell or hearing is prohibited.
 - b) Misrepresentation of ownership or registration status of a horse.

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- c) Public usage of obscene or vulgar language at a show or Club function.
 - d) Writing a worthless check to a show sponsor or the TAHC and refusing or failing to make it good upon demand.
 - e) "Scratching" a show entry and failing or refusing to pay for same without a valid medical or veterinary excuse.
 - f) Public chastisement of a judge or other show official.
 - g) Publicly degrading the animals of other exhibitors.
 - h) Intentionally or willfully violating any rule of the TAHC.
 - i) Intentionally injuring the animal of another exhibitor.
 - j) Public contempt for the decision of a judge.
 - k) Public physical abuse of animals other than proper training or discipline.
 - l) Any act of dishonesty which affects or attempts to affect results of a class.
 - m) Any act committed at a TAHC approved show or Club function which constitutes a violation of the Criminal Statutes of the State of Texas.
 - n) Failing to pay when due any obligation owing the TAHC.
 - o) Any other act of unsportsmanlike conduct.
- 9) PENALTIES:
- a) In any case where a grievance is sustained, and where it is the offenders first offense, the Grievance Committee may recommend and the Board may assess a reprimand or fine, not to exceed \$100.00, or a suspension not to exceed 1 year, or any combination of said reprimand, fine and suspension.
 - b) In any case where a grievance is sustained, and where it is the offenders' second offense the Grievance Committee shall recommend and the Board shall assess a fine not to exceed \$200.00 or suspension not to exceed 2 years or both such fine and suspension.
 - c) In any case where a grievance is sustained and where it is the offender's third offense, the Grievance Committee shall recommend and the Board shall order permanent expulsion of the offender.
 - d) Should a grievance be sustained as to offenses 19.a.8.i and 19.a.8.k above, the Grievance Committee may recommend and the Board may order permanent expulsion whether it be the offender's first offense or any later offense.
 - e) Should suspension or expulsion be ordered in any case the suspension or expulsion shall include the spouse and minor children of the offender, if any.
 - f) Should suspension or expulsion be ordered in any case, the offending member and his spouse and minor children if any, shall be denied all privileges of the TAHC, and they and their horses will not be permitted to show and accumulate points at any TAHC approved show. All show sponsors shall be advised of any suspension or expulsion that their show will not be approved if the suspended or expelled member is allowed to exhibit.
 - g) Should a member be fined as a result of a filed grievance, he shall be allowed 10 days to pay said fine. Should he fail to pay said fine within 10 days, he will be automatically suspended until the fine is paid.
 - h) The names of suspended and expelled members will be published in the monthly publication of the TAHC while suspension or expulsion is in effect.

SUSPENSION

20. Every person who is suspended or otherwise disciplined by the Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc., United States Equestrian Federation, Inc., the National Cutting Horse Association, the American Quarter Horse Association, the American Paint Horse Association, the National Reining Horse Association, and the National Snaffle Bit Association for unsportsmanlike conduct at a show or contest shall be considered as suspended or disciplined by the Texas Appaloosa Horse Club, upon official notice to this Club from the Appaloosa Horse Club, United States Equestrian Federation, the National Cutting Horse Association, the American Paint Horse Association, the National Reining Horse Association, and the National Snaffle Bit Association, or the American Quarter Horse Association. Every notice required by these rules and regulations may be served by delivering a copy of the notice to the person to be served, or his attorney, either in person or by mail, postage prepaid, to this last known address as it appears on the TAHC's records, and upon mailing, such notice shall be deemed received by such person when it is deposited in the United States mail.

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PROTESTS BY TAHC MEMBER EXHIBITORS

21. Any TAHC member who wishes to file a complaint as to the judging of a particular class or classes at an approved TAHC show or a complaint as to the management of any (TAHC) approved show by the show sponsor and (or) show personnel must do so in the form of protest in accord with the following procedure.
 - a) The protest must be in writing and mailed or delivered to the show secretary or TAHC Executive Secretary within 72 hours after the close of the show. If protest is mailed the letter transmitting same shall be post marked within 72 hours after the close of the show. All protests must be fully stated and set forth the violation complained of.
 - b) Each protest shall be accompanied by a check or money order for \$25.00 payable to the Texas Appaloosa Horse Club, which fee is returnable only if the protest is sustained.
 - c) If a protest is filed with the show secretary it shall be mailed to the Executive Secretary with the report of the show.
 - d) Upon receipt of a protest timely filed with the proper fee, the Executive Secretary shall refer the protest to the Grievance Committee and a date, time and place will be set for a hearing on the protest.
 - e) All parties concerned shall be given at least fifteen (15) days notice of any hearing on a protest.
 - f) At the hearing, the Grievance Committee shall hear both sides of the controversy and give both sides opportunity to present evidence and to refute evidence by the opposing side.
 - g) The Grievance Committee, after due consideration of the evidence, will determine the validity or invalidity of the protest and make its recommendation to the Board of Directors as to whether the protest should be sustained or overruled. The Grievance Committee will also recommend appropriate action by the Board in the event it recommends that the protest be sustained. The Board's decision will be final and binding on all parties.
 - h) A protest may be filed for any specific violation of the TAHC show sponsor or personnel.
 - i) A protest may also be filed against a judge for any of the following:
 - Undue favoritism
 - Unsportsmanlike conduct
 - Unprofessional conduct
 - Incompetence
 - j) When a protest is sustained, the Grievance Committee may recommend and the Board of Directors may take any or all the following actions:
 - 1) Reprimand and warning to the judge involved.
 - 2) Warning to the superintendent of the show involved.
 - 3) Probation of the judge involved for any period of time set by the Board of Directors.
 - 4) Temporary withdrawal of TAHC show approval for any period of time set by the Board of Directors.
 - 5) Permanent removal or suspension of the judge involved.
 - 6) Permanent withdrawal of TAHC show approval for the show involved.
 - k) In determining which of the actions specified in the foregoing paragraph to take, the Grievance Committee and the Board of Directors may consider the nature of the conduct, previous offenses, and the intent of the judge or show officials involved.
 - l) In cases of extreme and flagrant misconduct of clearly defined dishonesty on the part of a show judge the Grievance Committee may recommend and the Board of Directors may remove approval of the show involved or any class or classes thereof and points earned therein will be removed from the records of the horses placing in those classes.

YOUTH ACTIVITY RULES AND REGULATIONS

22.
 - a) No horse is eligible to participate in Youth Classes unless it is registered in either the ApHC, or the ApHC of Canada. Horse registered in the ApHC of Canada must be owned by a resident of Canada. Horses must be registered for show purposes with the ApHC to be eligible to show.
 - b) No Stallion (entire male horse), regardless of age, will be permitted in any youth class.
 - c) A horse may be entered in any or all age divisions, but not more than once in each class. The exhibitor does not have to use the same horse in every event. A horse may be used more than once in a class only if it is used in a separate age division. No rider may show two horses in the same class.

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- d) For a youth to compete for High Point of a show or for Year End Awards, the horse or horses ridden by the Youth must be owned by the youth, his or her parents, grandparents, brother or sister or legal guardian.
- e) The maximum age limit for Youth Classes will be 18 year of age with the January 1 rule used for computing age. For horse show purposes, the age of an individual on January 1st shall assume the greater age of that date.
- f) Youth contestants shall be permitted to participate in both the Youth Appaloosa Class Division as well as Open Appaloosa Class Divisions if they so desire. An Open Appaloosa Class is one which is open to all eligible Appaloosa horses of any age or sex irrespective of the ribbons previously won, and in which there is no qualification of the rider or driver.
- g) All horses in any youth class must be entered under their registered name and number.
- h) Events will be judged in accordance with the current edition the "Official Handbook" of the ApHC.