



APHA Point Show Rules

SC-305. Mounted Shooting

A. GENERAL RULES. This APHA-approved special event is a fast-action, timed event over specific courses with a high degree of speed and agility from the horse and skilled shooting from the rider.

B. Competitions may be held by any recognized mounted shooting organization and/or event that is approved by APHA as a special event.

1. Organizations or individuals wishing to stage or sponsor an APHA-approved mounted shooting must obtain approval of the APHA if the results of such events are to be recognized and points are to be awarded to the horses which place sufficiently high in that event. Approval does not carry over from year to year, but must be obtained for each individual event. All rules, regulations and fees pertaining to APHA shows will be followed in APHA Special Events. See Rule SC-096 for complete rules for special event approval.

C. Classes may be offered in all divisions (Open, Amateur, Novice Amateur, Youth and Novice Youth) and in both the Regular Registry and Solid Paint-Bred divisions.

D. All APHA Youth and Amateur program rules regarding eligibility and ownership apply.

E. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION:

1. Current APHA point system will apply.
2. Horses earning Mounted Shooting points are eligible for APHA Register of Merit, Superior Event, APHA Champion, Performance Versatility, and Honor Roll awards only. Points in this class will not count towards any other awards including Breeders' Trust payouts. (World Show points do not count toward year-end awards.)

F. Specific rules governing mounted shooting associations or mounted shooting events are available at each event. If the classes are being held by an affiliate organization, the classes will be judged by the affiliate organization's rules. However, all equipment rules will be in accordance with APHA Rule SC-270.

Point System – p. 82

1. Point Tabulation. Points given for show and contest classes:

Horses in Class	Placing 1st	Placing 2nd	Placing 3rd	Placing 4th	Placing 5th	Placing 6th
2	½					
3-5	1	½				
6-8	2	1				
9-11	3	2	1			
12-14	4	3	2	1		
15-17	5	4	3	2	1	
18 & Over	6	5	4	3	2	1

Approved Divisions/Class Codes

Mounted Shooting

Mounted Shooting is allowed only as a special event and must be held at existing events hosted by any recognized mounted shooting organization and/or event that is approved by APHA as a special event.

Open Division

MSO Open Mounted Shooting

Solid Paint-Bred Division

MSB SPB Mounted Shooting

Amateur Division

MSA1 Amateur Mounted Shooting All Ages

MSA6 Amateur Masters Mounted Shooting
45 & Over

Solid Paint-Bred Amateur Division

MSD1 SPB Amateur Mounted Shooting All Ages

MSD6 SPB Amateur Masters Mounted Shooting
45 & Over

Novice Amateur Division

MSNA Novice Amateur Mounted Shooting

Youth Division

MSY1 Youth Mounted Shooting 18 & Under

MSY2 Youth Mounted Shooting 13 & Under

Novice Youth Division

MSV1 Novice Youth Mounted Shooting 18 & Under

Solid Paint-Bred Youth Division

MSX1 SPB Youth Mounted Shooting 18 & Under

MSX2 SPB Youth Mounted Shooting 13 & Under

Exhibiting Multiple Horses

Open Division – SC-185.F.

- An exhibitor may exhibit a maximum of five (5) horses, with no maximum restriction on the number of Junior or Senior horses up to a total of five (5).

Amateur Division – AM-085.F.

- An exhibitor may exhibit a maximum of three (3) horses.
 - A Masters exhibitor, in individual working events, may show any combination in Masters and Amateur as long as a maximum of 3 different horses are exhibited and that horse is only shown one time by any exhibitor in that event. For example, a Masters exhibitor in individual working events may exhibit all 3 horses in the Amateur, all 3 horses in the Masters, 2 horses in Masters and one in Amateur or one in Masters and two in Amateur. The same horse cannot be shown in both the Amateur and Masters divisions in the same event.

Youth Division – YP-080.H

- An exhibitor may exhibit a maximum of two (2) horses.
 - A 13 & Under exhibitor, in individual working events, may show any combination in 13 & Under and 18 & Under as long as a maximum of 2 different horses are exhibited and that horse is only shown one time by any exhibitor in that event. For example, a 13 & Under exhibitor in individual working events may exhibit both horses in the 18 & Under, both horses in the 13 & Under, 1 horse in 13 & Under and 1 horse in 18 & Under. The same horse cannot be shown in both the 13 & Under and 18 & Under divisions in the same event.

Novice Youth/Amateur Eligibility

YP-205. Novice Youth Eligibility

A. QUALIFICATIONS. Same as Youth. See Rule YP-010. In addition:

1. Point Limitation. Novice Youth eligibility will be determined on a per-category basis (see Rule YP-250.A.) at the time application for status is made. The APHA reserves the right to check all equine associations/ registries for points and/or money earned.
2. Points earned in other associations will be re-valued using the other association's "Superior Award" value compared to APHA's (50 points) before being compiled for APHA Novice eligibility. Money earned will count as-is.
 - a. To be eligible for Novice Youth status in a category the applicant cannot have earned forty (40) revalued performance points (Open and/or Youth combined, excluding walk-trot and leadline) in that category in any recognized equine association including, but not limited to APHA, AQHA, ApHC, IBHA, PHBA, PtHA, AHA, AMHA and ABRA. Points earned by individuals showing horses not owned as described in YP-015.A., will be

recorded by the APHA and will count only for the purpose of determining Novice Youth eligibility.

b. Exception: Zone 12, 13, and 14. To be eligible for Novice Youth status in a category the applicant cannot have earned twenty (20) revalued performance points (Open and/or Youth combined, excluding walk-trot and leadline) in that category in any recognized equine association including, but not limited to APHA, AQHA, ApHC, IBHA, PHBA, PtHA, AHA, AMHA and ABRA. Points earned by individuals showing horses not owned as described in YP-015.A., will be recorded by the APHA and will count only for the purpose of determining Novice Youth eligibility.

c. To be eligible for Novice Youth status in a category the applicant cannot have earned fifty (50) revalued Novice Youth points combined in that category in any recognized equine association including, but not limited to APHA, AQHA, ApHC, IBHA, PHBA, PtHA, AHA, AMHA and ABRA.

d. To be eligible for Novice Youth status in a category the applicant cannot have earned \$2,500 in prize money in classes included in that category in any recognized association, including but not limited to NSBA, NRHA, NCHA, NBHA, WPRA and PRCA.

e. To be eligible for Novice Youth status in a category, the applicant cannot have won a World Champion or Reserve World Champion title (excluding walk-trot and leadline) in any recognized equine association, including but not limited to APHA, AQHA, ApHC, IBHA, PHBA, PtHA, AHA, AMHA and ABRA.

f. Youth who have received remuneration for training horses or soliciting for training will not be eligible for a Novice Youth Card.

3. Year Long Eligibility. If an individual is considered a Novice upon application they will be considered a Novice for that calendar year regardless of points and/or money earned.

B. Ownership Requirements. Same as Youth. See Rule YP-015.

AM-205. Novice Amateur Eligibility

A. QUALIFICATIONS. Novice Amateur Eligibility requirements include all restrictions as included in Rule AM-010 (Amateur Eligibility) in addition to the restrictions listed below:

1. Point Limitation. Novice Amateur eligibility will be determined on a per-category basis (see Rule AM-250.A.) at the time application for status is made. The APHA reserves the right to check all equine associations/registries for points and/or money earned.

2. Points earned in other associations will be re-valued using the other association's "Superior Award" value compared to APHA's (50 points) before being compiled for APHA Novice eligibility. Money earned will count as-is.

a. To be eligible for Novice Amateur status in a category the applicant cannot have earned forty (40) revalued performance points (Open, Amateur and/or Youth combined, excluding walk-trot) in that category in any recognized equine association including, but not limited to APHA, AQHA, ApHC, IBHA, PHBA, PtHA, AHA, AMHA and ABRA.

b. Exception: Zone 12, 13, and 14. To be eligible for Novice Amateur status in a category the applicant cannot have earned twenty (20) revalued performance points (Open, Amateur and/or Youth combined) in that category in any recognized equine association including, but not limited to APHA, AQHA, ApHC, IBHA, PHBA, PtHA, AHA, AMHA and ABRA.

c. To be eligible for Novice Amateur status in a category the applicant cannot have earned fifty (50) revalued Novice Amateur or Novice Youth points combined in that category in any recognized equine association including, but not limited to APHA, AQHA, ApHC, IBHA, PHBA, PtHA, AHA, AMHA and ABRA.

d. To be eligible for Novice Amateur status in a category the applicant cannot have earned \$2,500 in prize money in classes included in that category in any recognized association, including but not limited to NSBA, NRHA, NCHA NBHA, WPRA and PRCA.

e. To be eligible for Novice Amateur status in a category, the applicant cannot have won a World Champion or Reserve World title in any recognized equine association, including but not limited to APHA, AQHA, ApHC, IBHA, PHBA, PtHA, AHA, AMHA and ABRA.

3. Year Long Eligibility. If an individual is considered a Novice upon application, they will be considered a Novice for that calendar year regardless of points and/or money earned.

4. Individuals that have, AT ANY TIME (not limited to sixty months prior to application), been ineligible for Amateur status according to Rule AM-010.A.2. (Remuneration Restrictions) or AM-010. A.3. (Judges Ineligible), are not eligible for Novice Amateur status.

5. Renewed Eligibility for Novice Amateur status. An individual who previously became ineligible for Novice Amateur status in a category due to the point restriction, World or Reserve World Championship title, or earnings, may have their Novice Amateur status in that category restored if, in the 10 years prior to their re-application, they have not earned ten (10) or more APHA and/or other associations' revalued performance points (ROM), any performance points, money or a World Champion or Reserve World Champion title in any recognized equine association, in that category, including but not limited to APHA, AQHA, ApHC, IBHA, PHBA, PtHA, AHA, AMHA, ABRA, NCHA, NBHA and/or NRHA.

SC-270. Western Attire and Tack, Roping, Speed Events, Team Penning and Ranch Sorting

A. WESTERN ATTIRE. In halter and all western classes, appropriate Western attire is required, which includes pants, ankle length or longer* (slacks, trousers, jeans, etc.); shirt, blouse or showmanship type jacket with long sleeves and a collar (band, standup, tuxedo, etc.). A vest accompanied with a long-sleeve shirt or blouse with a collar, and/or a jacket with a shirt that has a collar, is acceptable. A western hat and cowboy boots are also required. Exhibitors wearing attire that has been deemed inappropriate by the judge will be disqualified. The use of spurs, chaps, belts, and hard hats are optional. *Exception: Religious reasons.

B. WESTERN TACK. Western type equipment must be used. Horses shall be shown with a stock saddle; silver equipment will not count over a good working outfit. Bridle may be either a standard plain or

silver headstall with a brow band, shaped ear or split ear. (See equipment and attire chart in back of rule book.)

1. Bits.

a. Shanks. Shanks may be fixed or loose.

b. Mouthpieces. In regards to mouthpieces, bars must be 5/16 inch (7.9mm) to 3/4 inch (1.9cm) in diameter, measured one inch from the cheek. Nothing, such as extensions or prongs, may protrude below the mouthpiece bar. If it is a three-piece, a connecting ring of 1½ inches (3.81cm) or less in diameter or a connection flat bar of 5/16 inch (7.9mm) to 3/4 inch (1.9cm), measured top to bottom with maximum length of two inches. It must lie flat in horse's mouth.

1. Use of rawhide or mechanical hackamores or other type of bridles is the optional choice of the contestant. However, the diameter of mouthpieces, length of shanks and use of curb straps or chains must comply with APHA rules. The judge or steward may prohibit the use of any bit or equipment they consider inhumane or would tend to give a horse/rider an unfair advantage.

2. Slip, chain or gag bits are permitted.

3. The judge may prohibit the use of bits and equipment he may consider too severe.

4. A bit cannot be physically or mechanically changed to increase the severity of its use and may be eliminated at the discretion of the judge.

2. Required Neck Rope (Tie-Down Roping Only). The rope must be run through a neck rope around the horse's neck, and may, at the discretion of the rider, be run through a "keeper".

a. Optional Keeper shall be defined as a small loop attached to the noseband, approximately 6 inches (15.24cm) in length and ¼ inch (6.3mm) in diameter, consisting of rope. If a keeper is used, it must be attached to the noseband of the tiedown and cannot be attached to the bit or bridle.

3. Optional Equipment.

a. Use of a hackamore, including mechanical hackamore with covered nosepiece or other type of western bridles and bits is the option of the contestant, provided it meets the specifications as listed in B.1. above. However, the judge may prohibit the use of bits or equipment he may consider too severe.

b. Tie-down made entirely of leather, nylon, rope or wrapped metal.

c. Running martingales.

d. Leg wraps and/or boots.

e. The carrying of a rope or reata, other than the roping events.

f. Spurs.

g. Chaps or chinks.

4. Prohibited Equipment:

a. Jerklines.

b. Tack collars.

c. Bicycle chains and mule bits.

d. Any type of tie-down with bare metal in contact with the horse's head.