APHA Mounted Shooting

2023 APHA World Championship Show
Will Rogers Coliseum – Fort Worth, Texas
July 8, 2023

$7,000 Added

60% PAYBACK PER STAGE

APHA World Championships – 3-Stage Matches
Open Mounted Shooting (Regular Registry) - $1,000 Added + Junior Horse Sidepot - $500 Added
Open Solid Paint-Bred Mounted Shooting - $1,000 Added
Amateur Mounted Shooting (Regular Registry) - $1,000 Added
Novice Amateur Mounted Shooting (Regular Registry) - $1,000 Added
Amateur Solid Paint-Bred Mounted Shooting - $1,000 Added
Youth Mounted Shooting (Regular Registry) - $1,275 Scholarships Awarded *(All Stages Overall)*
Youth Solid Paint-Bred Mounted Shooting - $1,275 Scholarships Awarded *(All Stages Overall)*

World Championship awards to the Top 15 in each class!
Plus, every exhibitor receives a complimentary digital video of each of their runs.

Clean Shooter Pot (Overall in 3-Stage Matches) – 100% Payback
Plus, Fastest Time in Clean Shooter Pot – BONUS PRIZE!
(Must complete all stages penalty free under 60 seconds per stage to be eligible for Clean Shooter Pot)

2-Stage Matches
Open Shotgun (Regular Registry & Solid Paint-Bred) - $1,000 Added (World Championship)
Paint Horse Open Rifle Jackpot (Regular Registry & Solid Paint-Bred) - $500 Added (Jackpot Only)

Certified ammunition provided to all entries.

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ENTRY FEES & DEADLINES
World Championship Classes (Open, Amateur, Youth):
$150 entry fee/class ($90 jackpotted) – Entered by June 15
- Junior Horse Sidepot - $50 entry fee ($30 jackpotted)

$200 entry fee/class ($90 jackpotted) – Entered June 16 until 5 p.m. the day before class
- Junior Horse Sidepot - $75 entry fee ($30 jackpotted)

Clean Shooter Pot (all 3-stage matches) - $25/class (100% payback)

Rifle Jackpot:
$50 entry fee/run ($30 jackpotted) – Entered by June 15
$75 entry fee/run ($30 jackpotted) – Entered June 16 until 5 p.m. the day before class

Administrative Fee - $75 one-time fee per horse
(Includes complimentary digital video of each run, drug testing fees and office fees.)
Stall/Grounds Fee – All horses must pay a Grounds Fee or be stalled.
Grounds Fee - $25/horse per day OR $75/stall per day.

Pre-Entry Deadline – June 15, 2023
Entries will be accepted after June 15, 2023 up until 5 p.m. the day before the class. Late fees will apply. No entries accepted after 5 p.m. the day before the class.

Health Requirements – papers will be checked by event staff upon arrival.

- Health certificates **within 30 days are required for ALL horses – dated no earlier than June 9, 2023.**
- A negative Coggins test is required **for all horses, dated no earlier than July 9, 2022.**

PAYOUTS
The total purse for each class will be the added money plus 60% of all entry fees (excluding administrative fee and penalty payments). The total purse per class will be split between each stage. Payouts will be awarded to the exhibitor.

- *Exception: Youth classes will be awarded scholarships based on the overall class placings of all 3 stages combined. No additional payouts will be awarded per stage.*
    - *Awarded to 1st through 3rd place plus one randomly drawn exhibitor in all youth world championship classes.*

The top 3 fastest times per stage per class will be paid as follows:

1st	50%
2nd	30%
3rd	20%

ELIGIBILITY

- All horses must be registered American Paint Horses and show in their respective classes according to registry type.
- World Show qualifying is not required.
- All exhibitors must have a current APHA individual membership to be eligible to show. Joint and/or farm/ranch memberships will not satisfy the membership requirement.
- All horse owners/lessees must have a current membership that is an exact match to the horse's ownership/lease on record with the APHA at the time of competing. No other related memberships will be accepted to satisfy the membership requirement.

- For Amateur & Youth classes, exhibitors must be enrolled in the APHA Amateur or Youth programs and meet ownership/lease requirements per Rules AM-020 and YP-015 respectively.
- Open – exhibitors may enter up to 5 horses in the Open division.
- Amateur – exhibitors may enter up to 3 horses in the Amateur division.
- Youth – exhibitors may enter up to 2 horses per division in the Youth division.

Mounted Shooting General Rules

General Rules and Regulations

This show will be run in compliance with the 2023 Official APHA Rule Book and supplements and 2023 APHA World Championship Show Premium Book except as may be otherwise stated on the attached pages.

Penalties

The following violations will result in a **60 second run**:

- Discharge of a round outside the course of fire at any time for the last stage run.
- Engaging the course without the consent of the Range Master.
- If a competitor loads 6 rounds in the same gun during a stage.
- A competitor who becomes dismounted during the course of fire.
- If the competitor crosses the timer before the start of a run and Range Master stops to reset timer there are no penalties.
- If hat comes off rider and breaks the timer while engaging the course.
- Any rider that intentionally knocks their hat off before the timer.

5 Second Penalties:

- Missed balloon.
- Knocked barrel.
- Dropped gun.
- Tipped gate cone.
- Entering arena without a cowboy hat/helmet when required. (No penalty if hat comes off before or after the timer.)

10 Second Penalties:

- Anytime a rider does not follow the course description.
- Failure to engage target or skipping targets to speed up the course of fire.
- Rifle & Shotgun - Any discharge before rider rounding more than halfway around the rundown barrel resulting in a premature discharge.
- Rifle & Shotgun – Rider must shoot across their body.

Disqualification:

Match Directors, Show Management, Range Master and Show Stewards have the authority to disqualify any exhibitor for inhumane treatment, presence of blood on the horse and for any condition considered unsafe. All decisions are final.

Equipment

Equipment rules will be in accordance with Rule SC-270 in the current APHA Rule Book.

Attire

Western attire (long-sleeved shirts, jeans/pants, western hat and boots per Rule SC-270) or period clothing required. Chaps/chinks optional.

Safety

APHA has the authority to add reasonable additional safety rules if deemed necessary for the safety of the match. All safety rules must be discussed at the competitors meeting before the match begins. All firearms must be treated as if they are loaded. All firearms must remain unloaded until the competitor arrives in the loading area. No firearm should be cocked prior to engaging a target.

The competitor assumes all responsibility for participation in these events and enters all competitions at their own risk. Competitors are expected to compete safely within their individual capabilities. Use of ear protection and eye protection is recommended. Only 5 blanks may be loaded in any one firearm. Mounted Shooting certified ammunition must be used. Match Directors and Range Masters have the right to inspect any and all firearms for safety reasons. Only the Range Master is permitted to pick up a dropped firearm. Competitors must use the ammunition supplied by the event producer. Live ammunition is not allowed and is an automatic disqualification and the individual will be asked to leave. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in the arena, staging and shooting areas. Abusive language or conduct will not be tolerated.

Final Interpretation of Rules

The FINAL RIGHT to settle all questions or disputes arising during the show is reserved by Show Management/Match Directors and all exhibitors, trainers, riders, or other participants therein, as a condition of admission, give unqualified consent to such methods of settlement and agree in advance to be bound thereby. In the absence of a specific rule and/or conditions not covered by the Premium Book, the final decision will be governed by the Executive Committee, and all decisions are final. Failure to comply with all rules will cause all fees to be forfeited and entry to be disqualified. All rules listed within the Premium Book pertain to every class of the show.

Liability

See APHA Rule GR-045 and GR-050. This release of liability includes the Chamber of Commerce and the Horse Show Facility, the City Government or their officers and directors. Officials and employees will not be responsible for any accident that may occur to, or be caused by, any horse exhibited at the APHA World Show, or for any article of any kind or nature that may be lost or destroyed, or in any way damaged. Each exhibitor is responsible for any injury or illness that may be occasioned to any person or

animal, or damage to any property while on the grounds, by any horse owned or exhibited by or in his or her custody or control, and to indemnify and hold harmless the American Paint Horse Association, Chamber of Commerce, the City Government, the Horse Show Facility, or any other sponsoring organization, if any, from and against all claims, demands, cause of accident, injury, illness, or damage to person or property caused by the ownership, exhibition or custody, or control of any animal exhibited. This expressly includes, but is not limited to, injury or illness resulting from exposure to COVID-19, or any other communicable virus or disease.

Force Majeure

The APHA reserves the right to cancel, re-schedule or rearrange any class or event, or part thereof, when such action is necessitated by an act of God, fire, hurricane, flood, tornado, earthquake, pandemic (including but not limited to COVID-19), government shutdown or other event or circumstance that is beyond the control of show management. The APHA will not be liable to any person or entity for damages of any kind whatsoever, which relate in any manner to, or arise out of, such cancellation or rescheduling.

Any cancellation, rescheduling or rearrangement due to a force majeure event as defined herein shall not result in the termination of this Agreement, and shall not require the return of deposits or other funds paid by Exhibitor to date unless rescheduling or rearrangement is deemed impossible by APHA, in its sole discretion, within one (1) year of the date of the originally scheduled event. Exhibitors will not have grounds to terminate or suspend obligations due hereunder on account of force majeure unless or until APHA notifies Exhibitor of its determination that rescheduling or rearrangement is impossible within one (1) year of the date of the originally scheduled event ("Notice of Impossibility"). In such event, Exhibitors who wish to terminate this Agreement must notify APHA in writing in accordance with the Notice provisions herein within thirty (30) days of receipt of any Notice of Impossibility to obtain a refund. Failure to adhere to this requirement will result in waiver of all rights to return of funds paid to date for the Event.

Notice required here under must be provided in writing and delivered 1) via email, and 2) via certified First-Class U.S. mail or other carrier permitting confirmation of delivery as follows:

If to APHA, to:
122 E. Exchange Ave., Suite 420
Fort Worth, Texas 76164
aphaevents@apha.com

If to Exhibitor, to the address and email address provided by Exhibitor in entry forms.

Exhibitor Agreement

Presentation of a signed entry form shall be deemed acceptance of the rules of and all other rules pertaining to this show. In the event of failure to sign an entry form, then first entry of horse or an exhibitor into the show ring shall be deemed to be acceptance of the show rules and current APHA Rule Book. I agree as an APHA member or trainer that I will be honest, fair and friendly. I will have respect for myself and others as well as respect for authority. I will be helpful, caring and considerate to others. I understand that I will be responsible for what I say and do; and that I am subject to disciplinary action if I am found guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct. Horses are entered at your own risk & are subject to APHA

rules, under which these classes will be conducted. In case of death, accident, injury or theft, to the exhibitor, their family, horses or property, no claims will be honored against the American Paint Horse Association and all those associated.

The management reserves the right to decline any entry before or during the show without liability for compensation for reasons such as checks written with nonsufficient funds, stopped payment on check, poor sportsmanship, inhumane treatment of horses, harassment of judges, officials, secretaries, ring stewards, employees, and/or any other authorized representative of the show.

Exhibitor/Spectator Cooperation

All individuals are required to cooperate with Show Officials at all times. Any individual who is delinquent in his responsibility in this area may be, along with his horse(s) or exhibit(s), excused from further competition and/or removed from the grounds. That individual will forfeit all previous winnings, entry fee(s) and other fees. See rules SC-070, GR-040.C, GR-060.D, YP-080.L.1.

Inhumane Treatment

The APHA is committed to the humane and proper treatment of all animals. The welfare of the animal is the primary consideration in all activities. Animals will be treated with kindness, respect and compassion at all times. Owners, exhibitors, trainers and all responsible parties must ensure the health and well-being of animals in their care at all times including, but not limited to, handling, transportation, training, treatment and stalling. Per Rule SC-075 of the Official APHA Rule Book, no person on show grounds, including but not limited to, barns, stalls, parking area and show arena may treat any animal in an inhumane manner, which includes but is not limited to:

1. Placing an object in a horse's mouth so as to cause undue discomfort or distress;
2. Tying a horse in a manner as to cause undue discomfort or distress in a stall, trailer or when longeing or riding;
3. Letting blood from a horse;
4. Use of inhumane training techniques or methods; poling or striking horse's legs with objects (i.e. tack poles, jump poles, etc.);
5. Any item or appliance that restricts the movement or circulation of the tail;
6. Intentional inhumane treatment that causes a horse to bleed;
7. Failure to maintain an appropriate environment for horses' well-being.
8. Use of prohibited equipment, including, but not limited to: saw tooth bits; hock hobbles; tack collars; or tack hackamores; whips used for showmanship; war bridles or like devices; riding in a curb bit without a curb strap; wire or solid metal curb straps no matter how padded; wire cavesson; wire or cable tie-downs; bumper bits; metal bosals (no matter how padded); chambons; headstalls made of metal (no matter how wrapped or padded), twisted rawhide, or rope may not be used on a horse's head (3/8 inch rope may be used with a slip/gag bit); running martingales used with curb bits used without rein stops (running martingales may be used with legal curb bits as long as the reins have rein stops);
9. Excessive spurring or whipping;
10. Excessive jerking of reins;
11. Excessive fencing;
12. Excessive spinning (defined as no more than eight (8) consecutive turns in either direction);

13. Schooling over ramped oxers in reverse order (i.e., from highest to lowest instead of lowest to highest);
14. Schooling using rails higher than four (4) feet;
15. Exhibiting a horse which appears to be sullen, dull, lethargic, emaciated, drawn or overly tired;
16. If fresh blood is found on any mouth and/or body areas of a horse, (i.e. including but not limited to: barrel, flanks, belly, sides, shoulders) at any time the horse must be excused from the competition;
17. Applying excessive pressure on or excessively jerking of a halter lead shank or an allowed lip chain;
18. Any other treatment or conduct deemed by a show official to be inhumane or abusive.

The standard by which conduct or treatment will be measured is that which a reasonable person, informed and experienced in generally accepted animal husbandry standards, equine training and exhibition procedures, would determine to be cruel, abusive and inhumane. The exhibition of a horse that has a cut or abrasion, showing clear evidence of fresh blood in the mouth, nose, chin, shoulder, barrel, flank or hip area, must be considered abuse regardless of how the injury was caused. Upon discovery by any show official of inhumane treatment, show management reserves the right to immediately disqualify the horse and exhibitor for the remainder of the show and/or remove them from the grounds and shall immediately report the matter to the APHA for further disciplinary action. This prohibition against inhumane treatment applies to APHA members and non-members. APHA members may be held responsible for the actions of their trainers, agents, representatives and/or employees. For violation of this rule, an individual may be disciplined, suspended, fined, denied APHA privileges, disqualified, expelled from show grounds and/ or expelled from APHA.

Protests of Range Master's Decisions

Prior to an event, the Match Director should form an Appeals Board made up of a minimum of three experienced mounted shooters. To file a protest, a competitor shall file the protest with a $50 cash protest fee directly to the Match Director before the end of the stage in question and before the course is broken down. If an appeal is granted the $50 shall be returned to the contestant that filed the protest and the call corrected. If the appeal is rejected, the protest fee shall be retained by APHA.