SOUTH TEXAS PAINT HORSE CLUB

SHOW AND AWARD RULES

2026 – AS AMENDED 1/12/2026

I MEMBERSHIP & OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

1. Membership – An annual fee of $20 will be paid by each INDIVIDUAL, FAMILY, or a RANCH or FIRM. This membership will allow for awarding of OPEN, NOVICE YOUTH, YOUTH, NOVICE AMATEUR, and/or AMATEUR points for year end awards. A LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP is also available for $150.

   The STPHC membership year is January 1 through December 31. Fees are due and payable on January 1 of each year. Dues must be paid before club points will be awarded. POINTS EARNED BEFORE PAYMENT OF DUES WILL BE LOST.

   Each membership is entitled to one vote on any item brought before the membership.

   - INDIVIDUAL (for membership) – any one individual, 19 years of age or older, as of January1st.

   - FAMILY (for membership) – Husband, wife, children (18 years and younger). If horses are registered to various **immediate** family members, separate memberships are not required. If horses are registered in the name of children who are married or are no longer minors, they cannot receive points on their horses as part of their parent's family membership; therefore, separate memberships will be required.

   - RANCH or FIRM (for membership) – If horses are registered in a ranch name owned by the family, separate memberships are not required. Children who are no longer minors, or any part owners of a ranch who are not immediate family members, cannot receive points on a horse unless the horse is registered in the name of the ranch.

2. Ownership

   - OPEN – Ownership may be in the name of a ranch or firm if membership in the club is in the name of the ranch or firm; or, if held jointly each family must have a separate membership.

   - YOUTH, NOVICE YOUTH, NOVICE AMATEUR, and/or AMATEUR – To receive points in the club, horses must be registered in the name of the family members; spouse, mother, father, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandchild/parent, legal ward, in-laws (father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter), stepchild, stepparent, half brother, half sister, aunt, uncle, niece,

nephew, or solely owned corporation, ranch or farm. For YOUTH: mother, father, stepparent, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, half-brother, half-sister, aunt, uncle, nephew, niece, legal guardian or grandparent, family-owned corporation, ranch or farm. (Ref. APHA Rulebook AM-020,A. & YP-015.A). Horses owned in partnership or jointly with any person other that those listed above do not qualify for club points**. Exception; youth lead line.**

II YEAR END AWARDS (YOUTH/NOVICE YOUTH/NOVICE AMATEUR/ AMATEUR/OPEN):

1. Awards will be given depending upon the financial status of the club as determined by the Board of Directors.

2. To qualify for year end awards, the horse's owner (or representative) must, work two hours at STPHC sponsored shows, and must show at the GCPHC Fall Classic and the STPHC Margarita Classic. If an individual works for someone, the STPHC member's name must be designated on the sign-up sheet. (i.e., Jane Doe working for Tommy Tune – 2:00 to 4:00 for 2 hours). The sign-up sheet will be available at the entry desk at each STPHC sponsored show.

3. The following point system will be used in figuring club points:

# Horses In Class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
6 or More	6	5	4	3	2	1
5	5	4	3	2	1	
4	4	3	2	1		
3	3	2	1			
2	2	1				
1	1					

4. All qualifying judges will be used to determine individual class champions/reserves as well as the HIGH POINT OVERALL winners in the following divisions: Youth Walk-Trot, Novice Youth, Youth 13 & Under, Youth 14-18, Novice Amateur, Amateur, and Open.

- During the year STPHC members have the opportunity to show to a total of **18** approved judges. To qualify for a Year-End Awards a Youth and Amateur member must show at the Zone 4 ZOR and the STPHC Margarita Classic show, Open horses / members must show at Zone 4 ZOR and STPHC Margarita Classic shows. For example, if a walk trot, youth or Amateur member is competing in Showmanship at Halter and does not show at the Margarita Classic show, they will not qualify for a year-end award in this class. Similarly, if an Open exhibitor does not show at both Zone 4 ZOR and STPHC Margarita Classic in Halter they will not qualify.

EXCEPTIONS: Weanling Halter (S/M/G), Yearling Longe Line, Two Yr Old Western Pleasure, and Two Yr Old Hunter Under Saddle show at Fall Classic show and Margarita Classic (as and when classes are offered) and meet a 8 Judge and 10 point minimum for Champion & 8 point minimum for Reserve.

The qualifying rules may be adjusted by the Board of Directors.

- Overall Youth, Novice Youth, Novice Amateur, and Amateur High Point awards will be determined by totaling the points from all qualifying judges (all classes counted under each judge). APHA Top Twenty Rule (SC-045) will be used except using the club's "six point" system of calculating points.

- A horse/exhibitor combination must exhibit in at least three performance events, and respective halter class under each judge and show at the Fall Classic show and the Margarita Classic to qualify for high point awards.

- Overall Open All-Around award will be determined by totaling the points from all qualifying judges (all classes counted under each judge), and show at GCPHC Fall Classic show and STPHC Margarita Classic Show. Open horses must show in at least three performance events and respective halter class to qualify. APHA Top Twenty Rule (SC-045) will be used except using the club's "six point" system of calculating points.

- Any disputes that arise will be resolved by the STPHC Board of Directors.

5. For a class award to be given, the Champion must have earned at least ten (10) points and the Reserve at least eight (8) points.

6. For a class award to be given in split age groups, the class must remain split in at least one-half of the STPHC approved shows, unless split awards are approved by the STPHC BOD; otherwise, an all ages award will be given (i.e., Amateur Jr & Sr Halter Mares, Youth 13 & Under and 14-18 Trail). Any deviation from this rule is at the sole discretion of the STPHC board of directors.

7. High Point and Reserve High Point awards will be given depending upon the financial status of the clubs as determined by the Board of Directors. Multiple award winners will be contacted on an individual basis and awards given based upon the financial status of the club. All ties will be eliminated by the horse with the most 1st places, 2nd places, etc.

<u>Open Points</u>:

1. Open points will be recorded in the name of the registered owner listed on the horse's registration papers at the time shown. If a non-member purchases a horse from a member, the non-member must purchase a membership in the SOUTH TEXAS PAINT HORSE CLUB for points to continue to be counted.

2. At each show the Grand Champion in open halter classes will receive two (2) points more than the highest point earner in its sex division; and the Reserve Champion will receive one (1) point more than the highest point earner in its sex division, excluding the Grand Champion.

3. If a Stallion is gelded during the show year, he would not carry over points to the Gelding category; therefore, his points would re-start as a Gelding.

4. At each show an Open All-Around award may be given (depending on the financial status of the club). To qualify a horse must show in halter and three performance categories. (APHA rule SC-045) except using the club's "six point" system of calculating points.

Youth/Novice Youth/Novice Amateur/Amateur Points:

1. To be eligible for Youth/Novice Youth/Novice Amateur/Amateur year end awards the exhibitor or exhibitor's family (see ownership requirements) must be a member of the STPHC (this also includes the Lead Line and Walk-Trot classes).

2. Points will be tallied on each horse/rider team separately, excluding Lead Line.

3. Points in Lead Line will be kept on the rider only, and the horse is not required to be owned by the Lead Line exhibitor's family, but the exhibitor's family must be a member.

4. If an Amateur Stallion is gelded during the show year, he would not carry over points to the Amateur Gelding category; therefore, his points would re-start as an Amateur Gelding.

5. At each show a Youth Walk Trot, Adult Walk Trot, Novice Youth, Youth 13 & Under, Youth 14-18, Novice Amateur, and Amateur High Point award may be given (depending on the financial status of the club). To qualify a horse/rider combination must show in three performance events, and respective halter class.

Shows:

1. All South Texas Paint Horse Club approved shows will count for Year End Awards. Each judge is considered a show (i.e., two judges = two shows).

2. A copy (hardcopy or electronic) of the Official APHA show results MUST be submitted to the club's point keeper as soon as possible and no later than 20 days following the show.

3. Concerning approval of other Regional Club shows, the South Texas Paint Horse Club must be informed of the classes to be held at the shows and they must at least meet the minimum classes STPHC offers for yearend awards before cross-approval is made.

STPHC Sponsored (S) & Approved (A) Shows for 2025

5/28-31	Waco – Zone-O-Rama	4 judges S, A
11/20-22	Waco – Margarita Classic (STPHC)	4 judges S, A

Show dates are subject to change.

Youth/AM judges
Total of 10 judges Approved **** Total of 10 Judges Sponsored

Open judges

10 Approved

All qualifying judges will be used to determine individual class champions/reserves.

Amateur and Youth must show at STPHC Margarita show to qualify for year end awards in each class. Open horses / classes must show at Zone 4 ZOR and STPHC Margarita Classic to qualify for awards.

EXCEPTIONS:

Weanling Halter (S/M/G), Yearling Longe Line,
Two Yr Old Western Pleasure, and Two Yr Old Hunter Under Saddle,

Must meet the Labor Day and Margarita Classic shows and 10 point minimum for Champion & 8 point minimum for Reserve rule.

PLEASE REFER TO SECTION 4 above.

Work hours for Year End Qualifications will be accumulated at Sponsored (S) Shows only

CLASSES POTENTIALLY OFFERED FOR 2021 STPHC SHOWS

Any classes approved by APHA may be offered at STPHC Shows.