



American Paint Horse Association's Solid Paint-Bred Program

Opportunities abound for solid horses in all APHA programs.

A good horse is a good horse, regardless of its color. And while color can be a major asset, a lack of color does not limit your opportunity for success with the American Paint Horse Association (APHA).

Not all foals will have flashy color patterns, but APHA's wide array of programs are open to all APHA-registered horses. In addition, the registration fee for Solid Paint-Bred horses is minimal. In fact, it can be as little as one-fifth that of a normal registration.

When you register your Solid Paint-Bred (formerly referred to as Breeding Stock) horse and join APHA, you not only become a member of the family of American Paint Horse owners, you join an organization dedicated to providing members with excellent programs and services, and you have opportunities to earn points and recognition through competitive and leisure activities.

And while APHA's primary mission is to record pedigrees, the association is dedicated to preserving and promoting the history, breeding, training, racing, showing, sales and enjoyment of all American Paint Horses.

There is a place and a program in APHA for everyone—no matter what your level of interest or riding skill. Whether you are young, or young-at-heart, APHA has designed a special program that reflects your equine interests. From the challenge of competition to leisure riding, we encourage you to take advantage of the programs we offer for Solid Paint-Bred horses.

So what can I do with a Solid Paint-Bred horse?

The opportunities for participating competitively with your Solid Paint-Bred horse are listed below. As you will see, Solid Paint-Bred horses have many competitive outlets available through APHA programs.* The Paint Alternative Competition program even allows you and your Solid Paint-Bred to earn APHA recognition for achievements in events not sanctioned by APHA.

APHA Programs & Incentives Available to	Regular Registry	Solid Paint-Bred	Any restrictions on participation?
Breeders' Trust Stallion subscription Foal nomination	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	
Competition Regional/Local World Show APHA Futurities APHA Fall Show Regional Non-APHA approved futurities Special Events	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	Classes required for Solid Paint-Bred horses at all APHA-approved shows
Gelding Plus 11 APHA-approved Zone shows Select international shows	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	
Paint Alternative Competition (PAC)	✓	✓	
Paint Preferred NSBA Futurity Open 3-Year Old Western Pleasure Open 3-Year Old Hunter Under Saddle NRHA Futurity Open division	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	
Racing	✓	✓	Solid Paint-Bred must have one Regular Registry Paint parent to race in a Stakes race
Recreational Riding (trail rides)	✓	✓	
Ride America®	✓	✓	
USTRC National Finals	✓	✓	
Breeders' Futurity	✓	✓	Foal must be nominated to Breeders' Trust. Dam must be nominated to Breeders' Futurity.

*Programs and fees subject to change without notice. Visit apha.com for the most up-to-date information.



Breeders' Trust

To help offset the cost of showing Paints, and make them more marketable, the American Paint Horse Association created the American Paint Horse Breeders' Trust. The Breeders' Trust is a program that provides added incentives for Paint enthusiasts who exhibit their horses in the show ring and at the racetrack.

The Breeders' Trust incentive funds are based on a point value system, with each point being worth a specific amount of money. Yearly dividends are paid to subscribed stallion owners, foal nominators and recorded owners of horses enrolled in the program.

Solid Paint-Bred stallions, as well as foals, are eligible for this program.

Gelding Plus

The Gelding Plus program promotes aged Paint geldings 4 years old and older by paying out \$42,000 at APHA-approved events in 2007. With automatic enrollment for every APHA gelding who is officially registered as a gelding prior to competition, \$3,000 will be up for grabs at each of this year's 14 approved

APHA shows; 11 zone shows and 3 international shows.

Awarded to the most outstanding gelding or geldings, through APHA's performance show high-point calculation system, this program provides the owners of these horses an opportunity to compete for bonus incentives nationwide.

Horses are eligible for the incentive money in the zone in which their owner resides. The registered owner(s) of the horse must be a current member of APHA, in good standing. In order to benefit a great number of APHA geldings the incentive money will be awarded to the same gelding only once in a three year period. (example: a horse awarded Gelding Plus money and title in 2009 will not be eligible again until 2012.) Horses can only be awarded the Gelding Plus title and cash in one division.

APHA has approved three Gelding Plus award options. Each Zone Coordinating Committee may select the option that best reflects the members in their zone. Each zone show will declare what Gelding Plus option they will award and it will be advertised on the zone's show bill.

To find out more information on dates and locations of Zone shows, visit apha.com/geldingplus.

Paint Alternative Competition

At the American Paint Horse Association, we know that your riding and driving activities are as diverse as the color patterns on the horses we register. Through the Paint Alternative Competition (PAC) program, you can get recognition for accomplishments in the competitive events you enjoy.

APHA approves more than 1,200 horse shows and races, hosts trail rides, and produces two World Championship Shows each year. But even with this diverse menu of activities, the association doesn't always have an approved or sponsored event in your hometown.

Your community probably offers plenty of competitive events for horses and riders, such as 4-H shows, team penning, ropings, horse trials, and other activities that fall outside the category of "APHA-approved show."

Even though APHA is not officially associated with these events, the association does want to recognize your efforts on your American Paint Horse. As a result, your accomplishments can be recorded on your registered horse's official lifetime performance record through PAC.

PAC is open to almost any type of activity as long as the competition is sponsored by an organization that keeps official records on the performance of all horses entered in the event. Some of these include barrel racing, dressage, endurance and competitive trail riding, roping, working cow horse and 4-H events.

Keep in mind that for APHA to include the event in PAC, the competition must be sponsored by an association, organization or affiliate that has an established record-keeping, governing body, as well as a representative who will sign a verification form. Also, remember that this program is designed for events outside the approved show ring. You cannot earn PAC credits in APHA-approved classes or at any show approved by another breed registry.

Visit apha.com/pac for a complete list of 31 approved categories, enrollment forms and event approval applications.

Paint Preferred

Beginning in January 2007, the reformatted American Paint Horse Association's Paint Preferred Program will offer up to \$120,000





to Paint Horses competing in the select National competitions.

These include events such as the National Snaffle Bit Association Futurity Open 3-Year Old Western Pleasure and 3-Year Old Hunter Under Saddle class at the World Championship Show and the National Reining Horse Association Futurity in the Open division.

“The new format of the Paint Preferred program gives Paint Horse owners the incentive to campaign their Paint Horses at prestigious competitions and earn extra money from APHA, in addition to the purses offered by our affiliates,” said APHA Special Events Coordinator Jessica McGuirk.

APHA offers cash incentives based upon the event purse for top-placing Paint Horses at these select competitions. APHA pays horses placing in the top three places an additional percentage of the event’s total purse, based on their placing. APHA’s added contributions through the Paint Preferred program could mean an extra check as much as \$25,000.

“We are excited about the changes to our Paint Preferred format,” said McGuirk. “Not only do we encourage Paint owners to aim high in some of the equine industries’ most

prestigious competitions, we also give them the chance to earn more money than ever through the revamped incentive.”

The Paint Preferred program is open to 3-year-old Regular Registry and Solid Paint-Bred Paint Horses. Owners must be APHA members in good standing in order to receive payouts.

To find out more about APHA’s improved Paint Preferred program and partnership with NRHA or NSBA, contact Jessica McGuirk at (817) 834-2742 extension 331, or e-mail paintpreferred@apha.com. Information can also be obtained on-line at apha.com/paintpreferred.

United States Team Roping Championships (USTRC) National Finals

“Catch For Cash” will award owners of registered Paint Horses with the highest money earned at the USTRC National Finals. With a payout of \$1,500 in the Professional (Open and No. 15), Amateur (No. 13, 12 and 11) and Novice (No. 10, 9 and 8) divisions, and a \$500 bonus for the All-Girl Championship, APHA pays a total of \$5,000.

For information call (817) 834-2742 extension 331.

Racing

Horse racing has long been one of America’s favorite spectator sports. With the recent growth of the Paint Horse breed, it’s no wonder that Paints have become one of the hottest tickets in the horse racing industry.

Since 1966, when the American Paint Horse Association (APHA) officially recognized the sport, Paint Racing has made major strides forward. In that inaugural year, 17

starters ran for \$1,290 in just two states—Texas and Oklahoma—that held Paint races. Forty years later, in 2006, more than 600 starters competed in more than 800 APHA-recognized races for record purses totaling more than \$5.3 million.

“Purses have continued to climb upward, along with the number of starters and races offered for Paint Horses,” said APHA’s Racing Director Karen Utecht.

A total of 17 states now feature Paint racing. Paints race on tracks in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Michigan, Montana, North Dakota, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. Paint racing has even spread into Canada.

For information visit paintracing.com or call (817) 222-6444.

Ride America®

Few things in life can rejuvenate the soul like a leisurely horseback ride on your American Paint Horse.

Recreational riding provides time to reflect on the day’s activities and plan for tomorrow. It allows you to relax your mind and body and escape from the hassles of day-to-day life. Riding can provide quality time with family and friends, or private time for yourself. It helps develop personal character and promotes physical fitness.

If you enjoy riding or driving your American Paint Horse for recreation, the APHA Ride America Saddle Log Program is for you.

By enrolling in Ride America, you can strengthen your body and mind while exploring the great outdoors with your favorite Paint Horse—all while earning rewards for the time you spend riding and driving.



With Ride America, you set your own goals and measure your own success. Ride at your own pace and earn rewards for simply doing what comes naturally—riding an American Paint Horse.

When you enroll in the program, you receive an official time log and Ride America patch. Simply record each hour you spend riding or driving your Regular Registry or Solid Paint-Bred horse, then send your log to APHA or log your hours on-line at apha.com/rideamerica. As you move up through the 14 achievement levels—from 100 to 10,000 hours—your horse builds a performance record and you could earn credit toward great prizes including tack, trail gear, Gist belt buckles and much more.

In addition, each hour award you and your Paint Horse achieve is permanently recorded on your horse's official lifetime performance record. All you have to do is enjoy the ride and record your progress—we'll reward your achievements. So get out there and saddle up! It's time to Ride America!

Competition

Every year, APHA approves over 1,200 shows, which draw in excess of 440,000 entries. These shows offer classes for amateur, youth and open competitors in a host of disciplines. Some shows last just one day, while others last up to a week. Whether you are new to showing competition or you are a seasoned veteran, you can find an APHA-approved show for you.

Or, you may want to have classes approved at your local level as a special event. You can



accomplish this by applying, or having show managers apply, to have your favorite Solid Paint-Bred classes offered at your local show as a special event.

Beginning in 2008, all APHA-approved shows are required to offer at least six halter classes and three performance classes for Solid Paint-Bred horses.

To find an approved Paint Horse show in your area, visit aphaonline.com and visit the Calendar of Events section.

Recreational Riding

Saddle up for the ride of a lifetime with APHA. If you're looking for the perfect

opportunity to see some of America's most beautiful countryside from the back of your horse, you'll want to consider an adventure with the American Paint Horse Association. APHA has outstanding rides planned across the country, and the experience is sure to be one that you will cherish for a lifetime.

APHA welcomes everyone to ride along on any of its outings, and they may participate on any breed of horse. Visit apha.com/trailrides for a full list of rides.

So, sign up today for a once-in-a-lifetime experience and see America the way it should be seen—with your horse and a fine group of friends from APHA.



Breeders' Futurity

The Breeders' Futurity is a new feature of APHA's Breeders' Trust program. Commencing in 2009, the Breeders' Futurity is a prestigious competition featuring the finest American Paint Horses and exhibitors in the world competing in a select slate of classes designed to showcase the offspring of APHA Breeders' Trust—subscribed stallions and the mares bred to these stallions.

The Breeders' Futurity will be held in conjunction with the APHA Fall Championship Show in Fort Worth, Texas. Its purpose is to drive support of the Breeders' Trust program by increasing the value of Breeders' Trust foals.

The Breeders' Futurity will not award APHA points; instead, it will payback 95% of the purse to the foal owner/lessee and 5% to the mare nominator.

The Futurity will be divided into four levels of competition:

- Gold—For the Regular Registry offspring of stallions whose breeding fees are at or above the Breeders' Trust Private Treaty fee.
- Silver—For the Regular Registry offspring of stallions whose breeding fees are lower than the Breeders' Trust Private Treaty fee.
- Bronze—The Solid Paint-Bred offspring of all Gold and Silver stallions, regardless of stud fee.

Contact APHA to learn more about the opportunities available for Solid Paint-Breds through the Breeders' Futurity program by calling (817) 834-2742, ext. 441.

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