

SHOW RULES

Admission to the Arena

No person will be permitted to enter the arena, except participants in the class, judges and their assistants. In classes where attendants are allowed, they will not be permitted in the arena until summoned by the judge.

Arena Gate Calls

Barn calls are a courtesy and will be made for each class. Regardless of the circumstances, it is the exhibitor's ultimate responsibility to report to their class on time.

Attire

All attendants must be neatly and suitably attired for a World Championship, long sleeves or a lab coat and appropriate footwear are required. Shorts, tank tops, sandals, etc., are not considered proper. Hats are optional, but ball caps are not permitted. The management may, at their discretion, bar any entry or person from entering the arena if deemed not suitable to appear before an audience.

Breaks

PtHA reserves the right to reschedule any published breaks as necessary. Additional breaks will be announced as deemed proper according to the progression of the show.

Class Placings

During the Pinto World Championship, the announcer will announce the placings under each judge, as well as the average placings in all classes. Average placings only will line up for awards. Ribbons for individual placings will be available for pick up in the Hospitality Room in the Oklahoma Ford Dealers Barn.

Results of classes are considered final upon receipt of the judge's cards, unless an error in tabulation has occurred. PtHA reserves the right to correct obvious errors on judges' cards when detected.

Commercial Exhibits/Vendors

If an individual wishes to sell, display, or advertise tack, clothing, jewelry, furniture or any miscellaneous merchandise, a signed vendor contract must be on file with PtHA. In addition, the merchandise must be sold in designated vendor areas only. No items may be displayed or sold out of the barns or parking lots. Anyone found in violation of this rule will be issued a written warning on the first offense. The second and all subsequent offenses will yield a \$500 fine each.

Disqualification

Abuse – Any Pinto that shows evidence of fresh blood in the mouth, nose, chin, shoulder, barrel, flank or hip area will be considered to be abused and may be excused from the arena.

Dishonesty – Any exhibitor that has made or caused to be made any false statement in regard to any animal or article exhibited, or if any exhibitor shall attempt to interfere with the judges in the performance of their duties, he or she shall be excluded from exhibiting.

General – In all individual work classes, simple majority opinion of the judges shall prevail, such as on pattern and lameness.

Lameness – A Pinto will be excused from the arena if a simple majority of judges disqualify the entry due to lameness.

Loose Pinto – Any equine that becomes separated from its handler, rider or driver and cannot be caught by the original exhibitor or is beyond the exhibitors control may be disqualified and excused from the arena.

Drug Declaration

A Pinto that has received medication that contains a prohibited substance may be shown if all requirements listed in PtHA rule G16 are met and a drug declaration form has been completed and returned to the Show Office.

Drug Testing

See PtHA rule G16. Drug Testing at the Pinto World Championship will be at random. Cooperation is mandatory.

Electronic Devices

Any exhibitor using an electronic device in the show arena will be immediately disqualified. (Exception: Reasonable Accommodation certificate has been issued.)

Equipment Failure/Time Outs

Unless specific class rules apply, any tack/attire infraction is to be considered a penalty, not a disqualification and the judges may penalize at their discretion. See PtHA rule G10 for Time Out rules in English classes.

Exhibitor Back Numbers

It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to verify, prior to entry into the ring, the correctness of their exhibitor number. Any exhibitor not displaying a number or displaying a wrong number will not receive credit for placing in that class. All exhibitors must have all numbers stamped by a show staff member. (See also: ID Station) If laminating exhibitor numbers, the number must be ID stamped prior to lamination.

In-Hand and Saddle Seat Classes – Exhibitor numbers should be worn on the exhibitor's back, between the neck and the waist. Hunt and Stock Seat Classes – One number must be on EACH side of the saddle pad/blanket.

Driving Classes – Number must be displayed on both sides of the vehicle shafts.

Lost Back Numbers

In the event of a lost back number, a fee of \$20 will be assessed for a replacement. The exhibitor will also be required to go back to the I.D. Station and have new back numbers stamped.

Equipment Judges

Equipment Judges shall be responsible for attire and equipment rule interpretations. Final interpretations are the responsibility of show management. All bits, tack, appointments and attire shall be checked by the equipment judge prior to entering the arena. Any equipment considered to be inhumane or illegal by the official equipment judge must be removed or entry into the arena will be denied. The equipment judge may disqualify an entry for the presence of blood on the horse. The equipment judge (s) may serve as an official alternate judge at the discretion of show management.

Exercise/Longeing

Exhibitors will receive a schedule of available practice times for some specific disciplines and age groups in their show packets. No longeing will be allowed in the arenas. Longeing areas will be designated and should be closely followed.

Health Requirements

No equine will be allowed on the show grounds without the following:

- 30 day Health Certificate must be printed on paper
- Negative Coggins

Make sure the veterinarian uses PtHA registered names on the health certificate and Coggins papers. If current Health and negative Coggins are not available upon arrival at the show, the horse will be quarantined until released by the Show Veterinarian. All tests will be at the owner's expense.

Inhumane Treatment

No person shall treat any equine in an inhumane manner. This prohibition against inhumane treatment applies to PtHA members and non-members. Inhumane treatment shall include, but not be limited to, the prohibited conduct specified below. Inhumane treatment to horses other than Pintos and other animals used in competition is included in this prohibition as it indicates a general course of dealing with horses, which is unacceptable to PtHA.

1. For purposes of this rule, a person responsible for the care of an equine is also responsible for and may be disciplined for the inhumane conduct of their trainers, agents, representatives and employees. For violation of this rule, an individual may be disciplined, suspended, ned, denied PtHA privileges, disqualified, expelled from show grounds and/or expelled from PtHA.
2. Inhumane treatment of any horse or any other animal on show grounds is strictly prohibited. Treatment of any horse will be considered inhumane if a person, educated or experienced in accepted equine training techniques, would perceive the conduct of an individual to be inhumane.
3. For purposes of this rule, a fines and penalty system has been established based on the severity of the offense. All offenses below will be assigned a minimum level of offense (level 1 = mild; level 2= moderate; level 3 = severe). Depending on the facts of a situation, the level of offense may be increased.
4. Warning or Show Ground Removal cards will be issued based on the frequency and level of offense.
5. Inhumane treatment includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. placing an object in an equine's mouth so as to cause undue discomfort or distress (min. level 2);
 - b. leaving a bit in an equine's mouth for extended periods of time so as to cause undue discomfort or distress (min. level 1);
 - c. tying an equine up or around in a stall or anywhere at a PtHA event in the manner as to cause undue discomfort or distress (min. level 2);
 - d. longeing or riding an equine in a manner as to cause undue discomfort or distress to the equine (min. level 1);
 - e. tying or fastening any foreign object onto an equine, halter, bridle and/or saddle in order to de-sensitize the horse (min. level 2);
 - f. use of training techniques or methods such as poling or striking an equine's legs with objects (min. level 2);
 - g. excessive spurring or whipping (min. level 1);
 - h. excessive jerking of reins (min. level 1);
 - i. excessive fencing (min. level 1);
 - j. excessive spinning (defined as no more than eight (8) consecutive turns in either direction) (min. level 1);
 - k. schooling over ramped oxers in reverse order (i.e., from highest to lowest instead of lowest to highest) (min. level 1);
 - l. schooling using rails higher than four (4) feet (min. level 1);
 - m. 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; draw reins attached between or around the front legs will not be allowed at PtHA-approved events (min. level 2);
 - n. use of any item or appliance that restricts movement or circulation of the equine's tail (min. level 3);
 - o. exhibiting an equine which appears to be sullen, dull, lethargic, emaciated, drawn or overly tired (min. level 1);
 - p. intentional or negligent treatment which results in any bleeding – intentional (min. level 3); negligent (min. level 1);
 - q. applying excessive pressure on or excessively jerking of a halter lead shank or an allowed lip chain (min. level 2);
 - r. Any other treatment or conduct deemed by a show official to be inhumane or abusive (min. level 1).

