



American Paint Horse Association

Membership Requirements

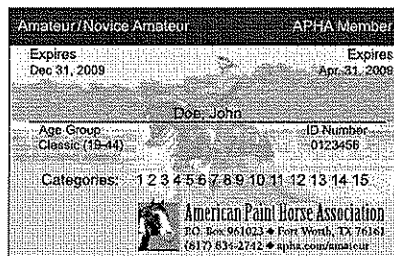
The following information outlines the membership requirements for show purposes. To ensure all eligibility requirements have been met, show results are submitted accurately and to prevent any unnecessary show processing delays it is very important the following guidelines are followed.

Amateur and Novice Amateur Division:

All amateur exhibitors must be current APHA members and have a current amateur/novice amateur status card in order to be eligible to show. In 2008, both of these cards were combined into one.

As in the past, amateurs and novice amateurs must present to you a current amateur status card. Please help the exhibitors be aware that **the amateur status card expires every year on December 31** and a new card must be obtained to begin showing on January 1. **Show secretaries must check that the card is for the current year and that novice amateurs are eligible in the categories in which they have entered classes** (categories and the classes included are listed on the back of the card). Additionally, the amateur's age group will be indicated – Classic (19-44 years old) or Masters (45 years or older). The amateur must enter the correct age division for classes split by age group.

APHA membership will also be indicated on the amateur card. The Amateur card will have two expiration dates on it – one for amateur status and one for APHA membership. **Both dates must be checked and must be current for the amateur to show.**



Check card for:

1. Amateur or Novice Amateur Status
2. Amateur Status expiration date (year)
3. Membership expiration date (Membership is valid through **end of month** indicated)
4. Age Division – Classic (19-44) or Masters (45+)
5. Novice Amateur Category eligibility (15 categories)

If the amateur does not have an amateur card, a **Temporary Amateur Application** must be completed prior to showing. **To prevent show processing delays**, be sure that the amateur has completed the form in full; novice amateurs must complete all sections in their entirety including their prior show experience. Correct fees must accompany the form. If membership is near expiration, please suggest that it be renewed also. The perforated section at the bottom of the form is for the show secretary to complete and give to the exhibitor at the show. The exhibitor will then have proof of amateur status for their next show until their permanent card arrives. **It is important that you complete the date issued on this card** for the next show secretary to verify. If the exhibitor uses one of these cards at your show, you must check that the card has not expired.

If an individual presents an amateur card and their amateur status is current, but their membership is not, they must complete the **APHA Temporary Membership form**. Again, the temporary card must be given to the exhibitor to use until their permanent card arrives. **If either the amateur status or the membership is not current, a temporary card application must be completed.** Anytime a membership is processed in the APHA office, a new Amateur card will be printed which will contain all the current membership and Amateur status on one card.

If you have any discrepancies, please call the APHA Amateur Department at 817-222-6447.