



High Desert Pinto Horse Association

2026 Show Rules

Work Rule

All exhibitors competing for Year End Awards are required to be members of HDPtHA and work a total of three (3) hours at Club shows or other HDPtHA events in order to be eligible. If you are unable to work your required hours, you may pay twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) or a class sponsorship OR Division Sponsor of \$150 to the Club in lieu of working **Work hours must be completed by October 4, 2026 POINTS DO NOT COUNT UNTIL membership is paid and work hours or sponsorship is complete. It is the horse owner responsibility to be in compliance.**

General Rules and Requirements to Qualify for Year End Awards

1. All exhibitors must possess a current PthA membership and be in good standing to show in PthA approved classes. Exceptions are all breed.
2. PthA Rules shall prevail in both Pinto and All Breed classes. Judges decisions are final.
3. Any disputes not covered by HDPtHA Show Rules will be referred to the PthA Rule Book and reviewed by the HDPtHA Board of Directors for advisement and decision. Decision of the majority of the Board present will be final. Disputes regarding show proceedings must be addressed in writing within 24 hours of said event and accompanied by a \$25 non-refundable fee. Points discrepancies will be addressed the same and to be made within 72 hours of posting.
- 4.. Entries must be made on forms provided by HDPtHA, or online with show secretary by printed deadline.
 - A. Registration papers or photocopies must be shown to the show office **prior** to first class being shown.
 - B. Current Youth or Amateur PthA card must be shown **prior** to first class being shown.
5. Entry fees/check must be submitted to show office and HDPtHA Release of Liability Form must have signature **prior** to receiving entry numbers.
6. **To qualify for year-end awards, both horse owner and exhibitor must be current HDPtHA members in good standing in addition to rules outlined in #20 & 21**
7. The age of a youth on January 1 of the current year remains the age of the youth for the entire calendar year. Proof of age is required for all youth members and those competing in age divided amateur classes.
8. No stallions are allowed to be exhibited by youth in any class
9. Returned checks will be charged a \$50.00 service charge.
10. Exhibitors or owners with outstanding debts to HDPtHA are not eligible to earn club points. Those with history of indebtedness will be placed on a CASH ONLY BASIS. NO exceptions
11. HDPtHA reserves the right to refuse, accept conditionally, or cancel any entries, also to disqualify exhibitors, prohibit exhibition of entries, and cancel awards without claim for damage.
12. Unsportsmanlike exhibitors will not be tolerated. Disruptive or dangerous behavior is grounds for being excused and/or dismissed from the grounds.
13. HDPtHA reserves the right to combine or run concurrent classes if there is less than three (3) horses in a class.
14. Walk Trot and Lead Line Rider may not show in any other riding classes.
15. Exhibitors will be disqualified if assisted by electronic audio aids while showing in a class. Exception: An exhibitor with special needs must present a copy of the approval letter from PthA. Show management shall inform judges of any special accommodations.
16. Two minute gate calls will be enforced. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to be at the entry gate when class is called.
17. Course patterns will be posted on Club Website www.highdesertpinto.com
18. Show management or its designees will the right to determine the working order.
19. HDPtHA will follow the rules and guidelines of the State of California, Department of Food and Agriculture, Division of Animal Industry (Food and Agriculture Code of California, Chapter 8, Division 11, Section 24011) regarding medication given to horses being shown. Drug forms will be provided at the shows as needed, and a list of legal authorized medication is available at the show office. Any horse found to be under the influence of an illegal or undeclared medication will be acted upon by the State of California and HDPtHA as directed by the State of California.
20. **SHOW OVERALL HIGH POINT AWARDS** will be given for classes listed on premium(s)
21. May & October shows for 2026 count towards PthA and HDPtHA points. Horse & Horse/exhibitor combo must show in corresponding halter class and 2 performance classes within said division to be eligible for both daily and year end high point awards.

Youth/Amateur/Non-Pro are based on horse/rider unit as per PTHA rule book. PeeWee & Leadline has no minimum class or horse limitations but must show at both shows.
22. If there is a tie, the exhibitor/horse with the most 1sts will win. If still tied, then the one with the most 2nds will win, etc for daily high point.
23. In the event of a tie for a year end class first place, the exhibitors/horses shall receive equal awards and there will be no second place; in the event of a tie for a year end class second place, the exhibitors/horses shall receive equal awards.
24. Any balance due on upgrades or duplicates for year end awards must be paid in full prior to ordering.
25. Same dayPINTO registrations for PthA call Laura Fowler by appointment only. cell 760-559-6067 or southbendbranch@gmail.com
26. Schooling classes – All Breed classes allowed only NO points or awards given. Exhibitor number turned upside down for Judges

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