

# 2026 New Mexico Paint Horse Club Circuit (Show) & Year End Award Rules



2026 Shows			
February Training Show	February 15	1 judge	N/A
March All Breed Training Show	March 28	1 judge	N/A
Spring Salsa Sensation	April 18-19	2 judges	1 event
Green Chile Classic	July 18-19	3 judges	1 event
Red Chile Fiesta	August 15-16	2 judges	1 event
NM State Fair*	Sept Dates TBD	Judges TBD	1 event
Fall Color Roundup	October 17-18	TBD	1 event
Please note that additions & changes may be made to above schedule.			
Must show in 50% plus one (rounded down) of classes held to qualify for year end high point class awards and a class must be offered and held three or more times (i.e. at three separate weekends or events) to count towards high point class award tabulation.			
In classes being judged by multiple judges, the placings under all judges to count.			
Training show classes DO NOT COUNT towards year end awards.			
*APHA CLASSES ONLY at the NM State Fair count towards Year End Awards.			

**IMPORTANT NEW APHA RULE (effective January 1, 2025)** – Regular Registry Paint and Solid Paint Bred Registered horses will compete together and be awarded points based on number of APHA horses in a class. This rule applies to all APHA approved classes and allows solid Paint-Bred horses to now compete in divisions like Novice Amateur and Novice Youth which were not options under the rules prior to 2025.

**GENERAL RULES apply to all exhibitors – Paint and All Breed exhibitors and to all NMPHC show and year end titles and awards:**

**G-1.** The board will allocate monies for show and year end awards at their discretion.

**G-2.** The initials NMPHC and/or the NMPHC logo, whenever possible, will be applied to all awards presented by the association.

**G-3.** All entries must be made on approved show entry forms. Please complete entry form in its entirety and sign the liability waiver. Copies of registration papers and membership cards must be presented for entry into any breed sanctioned classes.

**G-4.** NMPHC State Point System will be used to calculate show (circuit) and year end titles and awards:

# of entries	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>
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	-	-	-	-	-

**G-5.** Points will be awarded under each judge.

**G-6.** No points will be awarded to a disqualified entry in a class, but the entry will count toward the total number of entries in the class and the total number of classes entered.

**G-7.** Points will be kept on one (1) horse/one (1) exhibitor for Youth, Novice Youth, Youth Walk/Trot, Novice Amateur, Amateur, and Amateur Walk/Trot and any Rookie divisions.

**G-8.** Open and Green points will be kept on the horse only. Can have multiple exhibitors.

**G-9.** When two (2) classes are combined, the class will be held when the higher class number is scheduled. (Example: if class #5 and class #9 are combined, the class will run in class #9's position). If two different patterns are posted for the class, pattern will be selected by show management.

**G-10.** Show management may cancel a class if there are less than (2) entries, or classes may be combined to make a point class and where APHA rules permit (such as halter classes). When classes are combined, points will be awarded based on total number in class according to NMPHC Point System above.

**G-11.** In the event that halter classes or youth classes are combined, points will be awarded based on total number of horses in the combined class and then allocated to halter class age group or youth age group as offered in class list.

**G-12.** Refund of entry fees will only be made as specified in show rules for each specific show or when a class has been canceled by the show management or due to incapacitation of rider or horse. A doctor's note or veterinarian certificate may be required.

**G-13.** APHA rules shall apply when not covered by NMPHC rules or specific show rules.

**G-14.** In the event of a tie for show or year end titles and awards, the entry with the most firsts will be declared the winner. If a tie remains, the entry with the highest placing over the greatest number of horses will be used to break the tie. If a tie still remains, a flip of coin will be used to determine winner.

**G-15.** A person will be named at each show to act as the "Exhibitor Representative." Exhibitors, owners and spectators will not direct any questions to any Judge on the show grounds. All questions must be addressed through the Exhibitor Representative.

**G-16.** Questions concerning rules as published may be presented to the NMPHC Board of Directors for clarification. Their decision will be final. The NMPHC Board reserves the right to modify or reduce requirements for year end awards due to national, state or local emergencies and disasters.

**NMPHC SHOW (CIRCUIT) AWARD RULES apply to all exhibitors – Paint and All Breed exhibitors and to all NMPHC shows:**

**Please review General Rules G-1 through G-16.**

**S-1.** NMPHC will publish show award rules for each individual show.

**S-2.** NMPHC membership is not required to be eligible for show awards.

**S-3.** NMPHC Point System will be used to calculate show awards. Points must be earned for an award to be given, i.e. zero points, no award.

**S-4.** APHA rules to prevail for all APHA entries and classes. APHA Rulebook available online at [www.apha.com](http://www.apha.com).

**S-5.** All Breed rules:

- All Breed Dress Code – Boots, long pants and long sleeved shirts are required in all classes. Western hat or English hard hat is required in appropriate classes. (Helmets are encouraged and may be worn in any class). Chaps are optional.
- All Breed Tack – If not prohibited in the show rules for a specific show (check show info and class list for show), humane training devices may be used (including 2 hands on a shank bit without disqualification). The judges will make the final decision on the use of all devices.
- APHA rules to prevail when not covered by NMPHC rules or specific show rules.

**NMPHC YEAR END AWARD RULES apply to all exhibitors\* – Paint and All Breed exhibitors and to NMPHC year end awards:**

**Please review General Rules G-1 through G-16.**

**Y-1.** Paint and All Breed Year End High Point & Reserve High Point Class winners will be recognized for each APHA and All Breed class held at three or more NMPHC approved events (see Y-4 below). Additional awards may also be given at the discretion of the NMPHC Board of Directors.

**Y-2.** Exhibitor must be an NMPHC member to be eligible for year end awards. All Paint and All Breed Exhibitors must complete an NMPHC membership form and pay an individual, youth or family membership fee before any points will be kept for any year end titles or awards.

**Y-3.** To qualify for Paint or All Breed year end class titles and awards, you must show in 50% plus one (rounded down) of classes held to qualify for year end high point class awards. A class held and judged by 1, 2 or 3 judges counts as one class.

**Y-4.** Results from NMPHC sponsored shows plus results from the 2026 NM State Fair APHA approved classes will be used to determine Paint year end awards. Only results from NMPHC sponsored shows will be used to determine the All Breed awards (NM State Fair All Breed classes do NOT count).

**Y-5.** NMPHC Point System will be used to calculate year end awards. Points must be earned for an award to be given, i.e. zero points, no award.

**Y-6.** A class must be offered and held three or more times (i.e. at three separate weekends or events) to count towards high point tabulation.

**Y-7.** Walk/Trot Year End Awards are limited to exhibitors (or horses in open green w/t) showing only in walk/trot classes.

**Y-8.** Training show classes DO NOT COUNT towards year end awards.

**Y-9.** Also, to be eligible for any year end high point titles and awards, members must work accumulate 50 volunteer points over the show season. Points can be earned by working at a show in a variety of duties; assisting with show preparation; actively serving on committees such as awards, banquet, and show committees; or by getting someone (can be friend or family) to work for them. Volunteer points cannot be earned by someone in a paid position at the show. Volunteers will be responsible for submitting points to the volunteer coordinator/recorder to be verified and tracked. Points are not transferable except among immediate family. See volunteer points and rules for more information. Members who earn volunteer points during the show season but fail to meet the 50 volunteer point requirement will be able to pay for additional points at the rate of \$1 per point to meet the 50 points needed. Members can also opt to pay a \$50 before their first approved show in lieu of the volunteer point requirement.

**Y-10.** If NMPHC Board and/or an exhibitor chooses and NMPHC board approves, class award monies may be combined for one award.

\* Please note that the **2026 All Breed Year End Awards Program co-sponsored by the NM Paint, Pinto, Palomino and Appaloosa Clubs** is separate from and in addition to the NMPHC All Breed Awards. Additional information and rules for this Program are available online at [www.nmpainthorse.org/about](http://www.nmpainthorse.org/about).

