

## **NEPthA Show Rules 2025**

## **PLEASE BE AWARE WE HAVE NEW SHOW RULES IN PLACE FOR 2025 !**

1. **ANY EXHIBITOR LEAVING THE SHOW GROUNDS WITHOUT PAVING THEIR SHOW DEBT WILL BE PUT ON A PRE-PAY ONLY BASIS.** NEPHA ByLaws Article II, Section c.
2. All returned checks shall be assessed a bank charge of \$50.00. In the event more than one check has been returned NEPHA reserves the right to demand cash or credit card payments plus 4%. **Payment MUST be received within 5 business days or a surcharge of \$100.00 shall be applied to your bill.**
3. Exhibitors/Owners/Lesseees must be a member of Pinto Horse Association of America in order to show in any PHA classes. PtHA Rules GI, a&b National Rule Book.
4. **Reservations for Stall and Campers must be submitted on the forms supplied by NEPHA in order to have a reserved stalls) and camper spot(s), all stall and camper reservations are first come first serve basis.**
5. **PRE ENTRIES CLOSE the SATURDAY PRIOR TO the date of the show,** after this date all entries MUST BE SUBMITTED at the show office and will be subject to a \$25.00 processing fee.
6. **PRE ENTRY DISCOUNT SHALL BE WAIVED if you have not checked in PRIOR TO YOUR FIRST CLASS.**
7. **ANY GRIEVANCES MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SHOW OFFICE AND SHOW MANAGER NO LATER THAN 30 MINUTES AFTER THE LAST CLASS OF THE DAY HAS COMPLETED. THE SHOW OFFICE SHALL REMAIN OPEN 30 MINUTES PAST THE LAST CLASS OF THE DAY** to assure there are no grievances for that day.
8. **ALL VENDOR FORMS must be submitted the SATURDAY before the date of the show,** any forms submitted at the show will be subject to a \$25.00 processing fee.
9. NEPthA shall assess a \$10.00/show fee for **ALL NON NEPthA Members**, this fee shall allow the exhibitor to be eligible to win NEPthA weekend high point awards.
10. **In Order to qualify for Weekend High Point Awards you must show in one more than half the classes in the division.**  
To qualify for NEPthA year end awards, **You MUST be a PAID member PRIOR to the start of the show to have your points be counted for year end awards and MUST HAVE NO OUTSTANDING DEBT.** Ex: if you join as a member in June and have not paid for your membership and you showed at the May show your May points SHALL NOT count for your year end awards.
11. **PtHA and NEPthA membership numbers MUST be on all entry forms.**
12. **Exhibitor back number MUST be on all documents submitted to the show office,** this is our means of tracking each exhibitor.
13. **It is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor to COMPLETELY FILL OUT YOUR ENTRY FORM.** Any missing information may cause the rejection of your entry form and may cause loss of all National points.
14. **Exhibitors canceling stalls MUST also notify the Show Secretary** of entry cancellation or you will be subject to a \$25.00 office fee. NO EXCEPTIONS.
15. **All Miniature/Pony Entries in PtHA Classes MUST be measured PRIOR TO CHECK IN AT THE SHOW OFFICE** or provide proof of permanent 2021 measurement card or current year card. a. Pinto Minis/Ponies MUST be registered according to PtHA National Rules. b. Ponies up to 14.2 hands shall ONLY be eligible to show in All Breed Mini/Pony Classes only.
16. **ALL EXHIBITORS MUST CHECK IN AT THE SHOW OFFICE PRIOR TO ENTERING THE SHOW ARENA,** at this time you will be required to leave a method of payment.
17. Copies of Registration paperwork, Coggins and Rabies Certificate and your National membership cards **MUST BE ATTACHED** to your entry form.  
**Legible copies** may be given but originals must be produced if deemed necessary.
18. All exhibitors shall be assessed a \$5.00 obstacle fee.
19. All PtHA classes will run in accordance with current PtHA Rule Book, It is your responsibility as a member/owner/exhibitor to know the National Show Rules.
20. **PtHA Entries MAY cross into All Breed Ranch Classes BUT MAY NOT cross into PtHA Ranch Classes per National Rules.**
21. All entries shall be assigned an exhibitor number for EACH HORSE entered in the show. Each entry MUST have a number on each side of your entry being shown. In hand classes the exhibitor must have the number attached to their back. Driving classes numbers must be attached to the cart.
22. **NUMBERS MUST BE VISIBLE AT ALL TIMES FOR THE JUDGES**, when mounted, showing in hand or driving per National Rule page 73, G8 section B.
23. **It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to make sure they are wearing the correct exhibitor number for the horse being shown,** it will be the Judges discretion as to disqualification for wearing the incorrect exhibitor number.

24. **The Judges decision is final.** Under no circumstances may the show manager question the decision of the Judges. Lameness IS NOT disputable per National rule 11.s.
25. The Show Manager will/may automatically combine any classes not considered Nationally pointed, less than 3 entries, if an exhibitor declines/disputes the combination they must immediately notify the Show Manager when the announcement is made. Once a class has been combined twice it shall remain combined for the remainder of the season.
26. **NEPtHA reserves the right to run classes concurrently**, these classes shall be Color PtHA and Solid PtHA, Amateur, Youth and Open Classes and shall be marked on the class list with "V" hash marks to allow the exhibitors notice of concurrent classes. IN THE EVENT OF ANY CONFLICT of Classes exhibitor MUST notify Show Secretary when entries are submitted.
27. **Tack changes MUST be reported to the gatekeeper** and per National Regulations shall not exceed 2 minutes.
28. **Solid Registry may not show in PtHA Color Classes.**
29. **PtHA Colored/Solid Bred Ranch Horses MAY** cross enter into any All Breed Classes, Classic Classes and/or Charity Walk Trot Classes
30. **All Breed Walk Trot Green Horse classes are for horses being shown for the first or second year showing under saddle and may not cross enter in any other riding classes at the show.**
31. **NEPtHA asks that Green Riders not show Green Horses for safety reasons.**
32. NEPtHA suggests that all exhibitors under the age of eighteen (18) years of age wear suitable safety helmets while mounted on a horse.
33. **All Breed Classes are open to all equines registered or not registered** and may cross enter into all appropriate classes and shall run in accordance to NEPtHA Club Rules.
34. **All Breed entries MAY cross enter into all NEPtHA sponsored classes that are not Nationally approved or pointed.**
35. **Cross Over Discount - Any Exhibitor that shows in A FULL PtHA Division shall receive ONE (1) cross over discount per FULL PtHA DIVISION entered. This discount may be applied to either a PtA Division OR an All Breed Division. (YOU MUST SHOW IN ONE PtHA DIVISION TO RECEIVE A CROSSOVER DISCOUNT)**
36. Exhibitor Behavior - Anyone on the show grounds displaying unsportsmanship behavior or commits an act of cruelty against any animal (in the opinion of the Show Manager/Show Committee or Show Officials) or is found to be fraternizing or disrespectful with/to the Judges, Show Manager, Show Staff or exhibitors prior/during or at the completion of the show shall be immediately removed from the show grounds and shall forfeit all points and awards earned and will be required to compensate NEPtHA for all stalls, bedding, camper fees and classes shown in prior to removal. Said person shall be subject to review by the Grievance Committee and Board of Directors and could receive disciplinary action.
37. All Dogs must be leashed per Northampton City regulations and should not be in any arena where horses are being exercised or shown. NO DOGS shall be left in vehicles that do not have suitable ventilation and shade as not to cause health issues.
38. **THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO SMOKING 15 FEET FROM ANY BARN OR ARENA.** Please distinguish and discard all cigarettes properly.
39. Per Northampton Fire Marshall **ABSOLUTELY NO OPEN FIRES OF ANY KIND ARE PERMITTED ON THE GROUNDS.** Violators may be subject to a fine from The Town of Northampton or Three County Fairgrounds.
40. It is the responsibility of all exhibitors to read and understand all show and stalling rules AND show rules, NEPtH will not be held responsible for any fines for not followed resulting in fines from Three County Fairgrounds or The City of Northampton, Massachusetts.
41. **Yearling Showcase Classes** will be \$75.00 for the three classes or \$28.00 for individual Classes. The points will be tabulated and the High Point and Reserve High Point earling. If there is a tie it shall be broken by means of 1st. Trail Scores and 2nd. Lunge Line Scores.
- These rules are put in place to protect NEPtHA, Three County Fairgrounds and the City of Northampton and we appreciate your understanding.