

# GULF COAST PAINT HORSE CLUB

## SHOW AND AWARD RULES

2026 – AS AMENDED 1/12/2026

### I - MEMBERSHIP & OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

1. Membership – An annual fee of \$20 will be paid by each INDIVIDUAL, YOUTH, FAMILY, or a RANCH or FIRM. This membership will allow for awarding of OPEN, WALK TROT YOUTH, WALK TROT AMATEUR, NOVICE YOUTH, YOUTH, NOVICE AMATEUR, and/or AMATEUR points for year end awards. A Lifetime membership is also available for \$125.

The GCPHC membership year is January 1 through December 31. Fees are due and payable on January 1 of each year. Dues must be paid before club points will be awarded. POINTS EARNED BEFORE PAYMENT OF DUES WILL BE LOST.

Each membership is entitled to one vote on any item brought before the membership.

- INDIVIDUAL (for membership) – any one individual, 19 years of age or older, as of January 1st.
- YOUTH (for membership) – any one individual, under the age of 19, as of January 1st
- FAMILY (for membership) – Husband, wife, children (18 years and younger). If horses are registered to various **immediate** family members, separate memberships are not required. If horses are registered in the name of children who are married or are no longer minors, they cannot receive points on their horses as part of their parent's family membership; therefore, separate memberships will be required.
- RANCH or FIRM (for membership) – If horses are registered in a ranch name owned by the family, separate memberships are not required. Children who are no longer minors, or any part owners of a ranch who are not immediate family members, cannot receive points on a horse unless the horse is registered in the name of the ranch.

#### 2. Ownership

- OPEN – Ownership may be family, individual or a ranch/ firm; or jointly; provided there is membership for each entity.
- YOUTH, NOVICE YOUTH – to receive points in the club, horses must be registered in the name of the youth and/or youth's family: mother, father, stepparent, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, half-brother, half-sister, aunt, uncle, nephew, niece, in-law (brother, sister), legal guardian, grandparent or step-grandparent, family-owned ranch or firm. Horses owned in partnership or jointly with any person other than those listed above do not qualify for club points. EXCEPTIONS: WALK TROT AND YOUTH LEAD LINE
- NOVICE AMATEUR, AMATEUR – to receive points in the club, horses must be registered in the name of the family members; spouse, mother, father, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandchild/parent, legal ward, in-laws (father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter) stepchild, stepparent, half-brother, half-sister, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew or solely owned ranch or firm.

Horses owned in partnership or jointly with any person other than those listed above do not qualify for club points.

II - YEAR END AWARDS (Walk Trot Youth, Walk Trot Amateur, Youth, Novice Youth, Novice Amateur, Amateur, Open):

1. Awards will be given depending upon the financial status of the club as determined by the Board of Directors.
2. To qualify for year end awards, the horse's owner (or representative) must either attend two GCPHC or GCJrPHC general membership meetings, attend two BOD meetings, work two hours at GCPHC sponsored shows, or acquire class sponsorships of \$100 by the month of the last general membership meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in November). If an individual works for someone, the GCPHC member's name must be designated on the sign-up sheet. (i.e., Jane Doe working for Tommy Tune – 2:00 to 4:00 for 2 hours). The sign-up sheet will be available at the entry desk at each GCPHC sponsored show.

3. The following point system will be used in figuring club points:

<u># Horses In Class</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup></u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup></u>	<u>3<sup>rd</sup></u>	<u>4<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>5<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>6<sup>th</sup></u>
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					

4. All qualifying judges and points will be used to determine individual class champions/reserves as well as the HIGH POINT OVERALL winners in the following divisions: Youth Walk-Trot, Amateur Walk Trot, Novice Youth, Youth 13 & Under, Youth 14-18, Novice Amateur, Classic Amateur, Masters Amateur, and Open.
  - To qualify for a Year-End Award, a membership must be on file and paid for before any points or qualifying will accumulate, and a member must show at the GCPHC Spring / Wildflower and May ZOR shows. For example, if a member is competing in Showmanship at Halter and does not show at both the Wildflower and Zone show, they will not qualify for a year-end award in this class.
  - The total number of judges showed to and total accumulated points will be used to determine the Year-End Award winners.

EXCEPTIONS: Weanling Halter (S/M/G), Yearling Longe Line, Two Yr Old Western Pleasure, Two Yr Old Hunter Under Saddle, must show at Sept POR show. Roping and working cow horse events must show to a minimum of one half or 50% of the approved judges available in the show year.

- The qualifying rules may be adjusted by the Board of Directors.
- OVERALL WALK TROT YOUTH, WALK TROT AMATEUR, YOUTH, NOVICE YOUTH, NOVICE AMATEUR, AND AMATEUR HIGH POINT awards will be determined by totaling the points from all judges shown to (all classes counted under each judge). APHA Top Twenty Rule (SC-045) will be used except using the club's "six point" system of calculating points.
  - The same horse/exhibitor combination (one horse one rider rule, see below) must exhibit in halter (respective class), and at least three performance events under each judge and show at the March and Sept POR shows to count.
- OVERALL OPEN ALL-AROUND award will be determined by totaling the points from all qualifying judges (all classes counted under each judge). APHA Top Twenty Rule (SC-045) will be used except using the club's "six point" system of calculating points.

- A horse must exhibit in halter and at least three performance categories under each judge and show at the March and Sept POR to count.
  - **Any disputes that arise will be resolved by the GCPHC Board of Directors.**
5. For a class award to be given, the Champion must have earned at least ten (10) points and the Reserve Champion at least eight (8) points.
  6. For a class award to be given in split age groups, the class must remain split in at least one-half of the GCPHC approved shows, unless split awards are approved by the GCPHC BOD; otherwise, an all ages award will be given (i.e. Amateur Jr & Sr Halter Mares, Youth 13 & Under and 14-18 Trail).
  7. High Point and Reserve High Point awards will be given depending upon the financial status of the clubs as determined by the Board of Directors. Multiple award winners will be contacted on an individual basis and awards given based upon the financial status of the club. All ties will be eliminated by the horse with the most 1<sup>st</sup> places, 2<sup>nd</sup> places, etc.

**Open Points:**

1. Open points will be recorded in the name of the registered owner listed on the horse's registration papers at the time shown. If a non-member purchases a horse from a member, the non-member must purchase a membership in the Gulf Coast Paint Horse Club for points to continue to be counted.
2. At each show the Grand Champion in open halter classes will receive two (2) points more than the highest point earner in its sex division, and the Reserve Champion will receive one (1) point more than the highest point earner in its sex division, excluding the Grand Champion.
3. If a Stallion is gelded during the show year, he would not carry over points to the Gelding category; therefore, his points would re-start as a Gelding.
4. At each show, an Open All-Around award may be given (depending on the financial status of the club). To qualify a horse must show in halter and three performance categories (APHA rule SC-045).

**Walk Trot, Youth, Novice Youth, Novice Amateur, Amateur Points:**

1. To be eligible for Youth/Novice Youth/Novice Amateur/Amateur year end awards the youth exhibitor or exhibitor's family (see ownership requirements) must be a member of the GCPHC (this also includes the Lead Line and Walk-Trot classes).
2. Points will be tallied on each horse/rider team separately, excluding Youth Lead Line.
3. Points in Youth Lead Line will be kept on the rider only, and the horse is not required to be owned by the LL exhibitor's family, but the exhibitor's family must be a member.
4. If an Amateur Stallion is gelded during the show year, he would not carry over points to the Amateur Gelding category; therefore, his points would re-start as an Amateur Gelding.
5. At each show a Youth Walk Trot, Novice Youth, Youth 13 & Under, Youth 14-18, Novice Amateur, and Amateur High Point award may be given (depending on the financial status of the club). To qualify a horse/rider combination must show in three performance events, and respective halter class.

**Shows:**

1. All Gulf Coast Paint Horse Club approved shows will count for Year End Awards. Each judge is considered a show (i.e., two judges = two shows).
2. A copy (hardcopy or electronic) of the Official APHA show results MUST be submitted to the club's point keeper as soon as possible and no later than 20 days following the show.
3. Concerning approval of other Regional Club shows, the Gulf Coast Paint Horse Club must be informed of the classes to be held at the shows and they must at least meet the minimum classes GCPHC offers for year end awards before cross-approval is made.

**GCPHC Sponsored (S) & Approved (A) Shows for 2025**

2/12-15	Waco – Hearts and Flowers	4 judges	A
3/14-16	HLSR – Paint Horse Show	4 judges	S, A
5/28-31	Waco – Zone-O-Rama	4 judges	S, A
11/20-22	Waco – STPHC Margarita POR	4 judges	A

**All qualifying judges will be used to determine individual class champions/reserves.**

**Must show at GCPHC Wildflower and Zone ZOR ( or as this show may be located) shows for each class.**

**EXCEPTIONS:**

Weanling Halter (S/M/G), Yearling Longe Line, Two Yr Old Western Pleasure,  
Two Yr Old Hunter Under Saddle, and Cutting

Must meet the March and Sept POR shows (as and if offered) and 10 point minimum for Champion & 8  
point minimum for Reserve rule.

Roping and working cow horse events must meet a 50% judge minimum  
PLEASE REFER TO SECTION 4 above.

**Work hours for Year End Qualifications will be accumulated at Sponsored (S) Shows only**

## **CLASSES APPROVED FOR 2021 GCPHC SHOWS**

All APHA approved classes are approved for GCPHC shows. Specific shows and show bills will be issued throughout the year with the slate of classes specific to that show.

Additionally, GCPHC may also offer non APHA classes at shows.