

# **CHARTER AND BY-LAWS AND RULES OF THE MICHIGAN APPALOOSA HORSE ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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**Article 1  
Name**

**SECTION 1.1** The name of the Association shall be the "Michigan Appaloosa Horse Association, Incorporated".

**Article 2  
Purpose**

**SECTION 2.1** The purpose of this Association shall be:

- A. To cooperate and aid, in every way possible, the programs and functions of the Appaloosa Horse Club, Incorporated;
- B. To promote the interest and improvement in the breed in the State of Michigan;
- C. To approve year-end awards and to regulate all Michigan Appaloosa shows and events;
- D. To provide the support necessary to the youth members of the Association so as to make them better able to handle the responsibilities of adulthood.

**Article 3  
Registered Agent**

**SECTION 3.1** The Registered Agent and address of the Association shall be the Executive Secretary and his/her residence.

**Article 4  
Membership**

**SECTION 4.1** The active membership of the Association shall be divided into two categories and shall include:

- A. Adult members-those who are nineteen (19) years of age by January 1 of said year.
- B. Youth members-those members who are eighteen (18) years of age or under on January 1 of said year.

**SECTION 4.2** Adult members shall have the right to cast one vote on all issues presented to the membership for decision.

**SECTION 4.3** By unanimous vote of the Board of Directors, a member may be designated as an "Honorary Member" of the Association. Such classification shall apply to said member for the remainder of his/her life, and said member shall be entitled to all the rights of an adult member without being required to pay an annual dues.

**SECTION 4.4** The Michigan Appaloosa Horse Association then acting directors determine whether membership shall be denied, revoked and/or suspended for just cause, including, but not limited to, a violation of these by-laws, a violation of the rules of the Appaloosa Horse Association, lewd, fraudulent or unsportsmanlike conduct with respect to the ownership, exhibition, or handling of Appaloosa horses, or any activity related thereto, or any other conduct which is determined by the Board to reflect unfavorable upon the MApHA or its membership.

**SECTION 4.5** Any member(s) of the Michigan Appaloosa Horse Association may initiate Board consideration of the denial, revocation and/or suspension of an individual's membership by submitting a written request to the Board to consider such action, setting forth in detail the basis therefore. Upon receipt of such request, the Board, within sixty (60) days, shall convene at a regular or special meeting to consider such action, setting authority to consider any and all facts relevant to the complaint. After its initial consideration, the Board may, at its option, dismiss the cause summarily or proceed as follows, to determine whether the denial, revocation and/or suspension of membership shall be effected; provided, however, no membership shall be denied, revoked, and/or suspended unless and until after the Board has:

A. Notified the alleged offending member in writing that the denial, revocation and/or suspension of such member will be considered at a hearing conducted by the Board, the reasons therefore, and the date, time and place of such hearing. The written notice shall further inform the member that he/she will have the opportunity to appear at the hearing and present any and all relevant information on his/her behalf;

B. Conducted the hearing described in section 4.4 above, and then acting directors that membership shall be denied, revoked and/or suspended;

C. If the Board votes to deny, revoke, and/or suspend any individual's membership, it will notify such member in writing of its determination and the reasons therefor. The Board may, at its option, impose conditions, restrictions or limitations upon denial, revocation or suspension as the Board determines is in the best interest of the MAPHHA or its membership.

## **Article 5 Fiscal Year**

**SECTION 5.1** The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on January 1 of each year and on December 31 of that year.

## **Article 6 Dues**

**SECTION 6.1** Annual dues for adult members shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per year. Husband and wife combination shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00) per year.

A. Lifetime memberships may be paid with the dues as follows:

1. Single Adult – One hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00)
2. Couple (Husband & Wife) – Two hundred dollars (\$200.00)
3. Family (Husband, Wife & Children through age 18) – Two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00)

**SECTION 6.2** Annual dues for a youth member shall be five dollars (\$5.00) per year.

**SECTION 6.3** The membership may, by a majority vote at the January General Membership Meeting, increase the annual dues for the succeeding year by an amount not to exceed five dollars (\$5.00). Such an increase shall be effective for at least two years before the membership can again raise such dues.

**SECTION 6.4** If the annual dues are not paid by January 1 of each fiscal year, said members rights as a member in this Association shall terminate.

## **Article 7 Board of Directors**

**SECTION 7.1** The Board of Directors shall consist of twelve (12) persons elected from the adult members of the Association.

**SECTION 7.2** Four (4) directors shall be elected each year for a period of three (3) years. The three (3) year term shall begin in October of the year elected.

**SECTION 7.3** Each director shall own or shall have owned an Appaloosa horse, or shall have actively manage such an animal.

**SECTION 7.4** No more than two (2) shall be from a single farm.

**SECTION 7.5** Each director shall be an adult member one (1) full year prior to being eligible to be elected to a directorship.

A. Each Director shall be a member in good standing when nominated/elected to a directorship and shall remain a member in good standing throughout their term.

**SECTION 7.6** The Board of Directors shall meet for regular scheduled meetings monthly during the months of October through April. Such meetings shall be held on the second Saturday of each month.

A. Unscheduled meetings for the Board of Directors shall be considered regular meetings, when called by the President, providing the President gives written notice to all Board of Directors at least one week in advance.

B. In order to vote on an issue there must be a majority of the seated board members present.

C. Special events i.e. Expo, world show, or other national events may allow the regular meeting of the Board of Directors to be moved with the vote of the directors.

D. If any issues arise between regular scheduled meetings the Board of Directors will be expected to be available for communication through e-mail. If a member of the Board of Directors has not been responding to e-mails regarding an issue, the President shall call them for their input. Any issues that require a vote may either be tabled for voting at a meeting if time allows or a vote will be conducted through e-mail and carried by a majority.

**SECTION 7.7** A director who has three (3) absences from regular Board of Director meetings during a one year period, beginning each October and ending the following September, shall automatically cease to hold a directorship unless one or more of those absences are directly related to the APHC National Show, the APHC World Show, the APHC National Convention, or a death in their immediate family. In such cases, these absences will be automatically excused.

**SECTION 7.8** The Board of Directors shall manage the affairs of the Association, and shall institute or approve all events necessary to undertake and advance the purposes of the Association. The Board of Directors shall make, amend, or interpret the Charter and By-Laws of the Association by votes of the majority of its members provided the adult membership is notified within thirty (30) days of said creation, amendment, or interpretation, and further provided said creation, amendment, or interpretation is placed on the floor of the next designated January General Membership Meeting for approval or disapproval by the adult membership.

**SECTION 7.9** On motions involving rule changes or major issues, the Board will be required to vote by roll call. The minutes shall reflect how each Board of Director voted on all roll call votes.

**SECTION 7.10** Any vacancy in the directorship may be filled by the Board of Directors as follows:

A. Vacancies that occur in October or November immediately following the election will be filled using the results of the election..

B. Vacancies that occur in December or later will be filled for the remaining fiscal year only and be subject to the next election.

C. Vacancies occurring after April will be filled at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

**SECTION 7.11** Should the President of the immediately preceding elected year have his term expire as a member of the Board of Directors after termination of the particular year, he/she shall be a member of the Board of Directors for the then current elected year which immediately succeeds his term of office. The

number of members of the Board of Directors as determined under Section 7.1, shall be increased for that year to thirteen (13).

**SECTION 7.12** Any Board of Director who becomes a burden or a detriment to the Board, may be removed and replaced by the Board by a unanimous decision of the unaffected Board members.

**SECTION 7.13** Disbursements of Association funds in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per year which are not directly related to MAPHHA business, functions or activities must be approved by a majority vote of the general membership.

## **Article 8 Officers**

**SECTION 8.1** The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, Vice President, and Executive Secretary and/or Treasurer.

**SECTION 8.2** The President and Vice-President shall be elected by the Board of Directors from the then Directors of the Board by a vote of at least eight (8) Directors, at the October Board of Directors Meeting.

**SECTION 8.3** The Executive Secretary and/or Treasurer may be filled through contracted services. Contractors will be approved by the Board of Directors and contracts signed by the contractor and the Association President.

**SECTION 8.4** The term of an officer shall be for one (1) year.

**SECTION 8.5** For a member to be elected President or Vice President by the board, said person shall have been a member of the Board of Directors for at least one (1) full fiscal year.

**SECTION 8.6** Duties of officers. The duties and powers of the officers of the Association shall be as follows and will hereafter be set by resolve of the Board of Directors.

A. President

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors.
2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the members.
3. He/She shall present at each annual meeting of members and directors a report of the condition of the business of the Association.
4. He/She shall cause to be called regular and special meetings.
5. He/She shall sign and execute all contracts in the name of the Association.
6. He/She shall cause all books, reports, statements and certificates to be properly kept as required by law.
7. He/She shall enforce these by-laws and perform all the duties incident to his/her office and which are required by law, and general, he/she shall supervise and control the business affairs of the Corporation.

B. Vice-President

1. During the absence or incapacity of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting, he/she shall have all the powers and be subject to all the responsibilities of the office of President and shall perform such duties and functions as the Board may prescribe.

C. Executive Secretary

1. He/She shall be custodian of the records.
2. He/She shall keep at the principal office of the Association a book or record containing the names, alphabetically arranged, of all persons who are members of the Association, showing their places of residence and the dates when they respectively became members. He/She shall keep such book or record and the minutes of the proceedings of its members.

3. He/She shall sign all certificates representing membership.
4. He/She shall attend all correspondence and present to the Board of Directors at its meetings all official communications received by him/her.
5. He/She shall perform all the duties incident to the office of Secretary of the Association.

**D. Treasurer**

1. He/She shall have the care and custody of and be responsible for all the funds/securities of the Association, and shall deposit such funds/securities in the name of the Association in such banks or safe deposit companies as the Board of Directors may designate.
2. He/She shall make, sign and endorse in the name of the Association all checks, drafts, notes and other orders for the payment of money, and pay, and/or dispose of such under the direction of the President or the Board of Directors.
3. He/She shall keep at the principal office of the Association accurate books of account of its business and transactions and shall at all reasonable hours exhibit books and accounts to any director upon application.
4. He/She shall render a report of the condition of the finances of the Association at each regular meeting of the Board of Directors and at such other times as shall be required of him/her, and he/she shall make full financial report at the annual meeting of the membership.
5. He/She shall further perform all duties incident to the office of Treasurer of the Corporation.
6. If required by the Board of Directors, he/she shall give such bond as it shall determine appropriate for the faithful performance of his/her duties.
7. The treasurer will receive all memberships, dues, and point nominations. The treasurer will then forward this information to the point keeper for record keeping and for show points.

**E. Other Officers**

1. Other officers shall perform such duties and have such power as may be assigned to them by the Board of Directors.
  - a. Recording Secretary
    1. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of the Board of Directors and of the members in appropriate books.
    2. He shall attend to the giving of notice of special meetings of the Board of Directors and of all meetings of the members of the Association.
  - b. Breeders' Futurity Secretary
    1. The Breeders' Futurity Secretary position shall be filled through contracted services. Contractors will be approved by the Board of Directors and contracts signed by the Contractor and the Association President.

**SECTION 8.7 Vacancies**

- A. All vacancies in any office shall be filled promptly by the Board of Directors, either at regular meetings or at a meeting especially called for that purpose.

**Article 9  
Committees**

**SECTION 9.1 Names of Committees**

- A. There shall be appointed each year from the Board of Directors a Director To coordinate the activities of the following committees;

1. Youth
2. Non-Pro
3. Spring Show
4. Sizzler Show
5. Classic Show
6. Judges Committee
7. Point Keeper

8. Show Approval
9. Promotion & Special Events
10. Member Services
11. Awards Banquet
12. Rules & By-Laws
13. Games
14. Web Site

B. The Director assigned to a particular committee shall be responsible for appointing members of the Association to the committee. The members shall elect a chairman of the committee. The chairman and the members shall have the responsibilities assigned to that committee by the Board of Directors. The Director assigned to that committee shall be the liaison between the Board of Directors and the committee.

1. Indemnification of Directors, Officers, Employees and Agents.

- a. **OBLIGATION TO INDEMNIFY AND RIGHT OF INDEMNIFICATION.**

This corporation shall indemnify each of its directors and officers, and each such person who hereafter becomes a director and/or officer of the corporation, and each such personnel shall be entitled to such indemnification without further action on his/her part, against all expense, liability, and loss, arising in any manner by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director and/or officer of the corporation, or by reason of any acts of such person, or omissions of such person to act, as a Director and/or officer of the corporation, to the fullest extent permitted by any present or future provision of law, including without limitation the indemnification and advancement of expenses.

- b. **THIRD PARTY ACTIONS.** The corporation shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to a threatened, pending, or completed, action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative and whether formal or informal, other than an action by or in the right of the corporation, by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a Director and/or officer of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, partner, employee, or agency of another foreign or domestic corporation, business corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, whether for profit or not, against expenses, including attorney's fees, judgments, penalties, fines, and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with the action, suit, or proceeding, if the person acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation or its members, and with respect to a criminal action or proceeding, if the person had not reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. The termination of an action, suit, or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, does not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation or its members, and with respect to a criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful.

- c. **ACTIONS BY OR IN THE RIGHT OF THE CORPORATION.**

The corporation shall indemnify any person who was or is a party to or is threatened to be made a party to a threatened, pending, or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a Director and/or officer of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or agent of another foreign or domestic corporation, business corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust

or other enterprise, whether for profit or not, against expenses, including actual and reasonable attorney's fees, and amounts paid in settlement incurred by the person in connection with the action or suit, if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation or its members. However, indemnification shall not be made for a claim, issue, or matter in which the person has been found liable the corporation unless and only to the extent that the court in which the action or suit was brought has determined upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all circumstances of the case.

C. The President shall assign a member of the Board of Directors to each committee on Or before the regular meeting in December of each fiscal year. The Director shall then within thirty (30) days of his appointment a committee composed of himself and at least four (4) other members, three(3) of which are not members of the then Board of Directors. Each committee, so established, shall hold its first meeting before the regular Board meeting in January of the then fiscal year and shall appoint a chairman, vice-chairman, secretary and shall report all activity to the Board of Directors.

## **Article 10 Elections**

### **SECTION 10.1** Voting Privileges

A. Each adult member shall be entitled to one (1) vote on all decisions presented to the membership, including the election of the Board of Directors.

### **SECTION 10.2** Nominations

A. A nominating committee, composed of three (3) Board of Directors not up for re-election, and three (3) adult members not on the Board of Directors and not up for election shall comprise the nominating committee.

1. The nominating committee shall actively recruit applications for the Board of Directors and submit a list of members to the Executive Secretary by July 1 of each fiscal year. Provision is to be made for write-in candidates on each ballot. The Executive Secretary shall certify the persons as being eligible for election and shall submit the names of eligible members to the Board of Directors.

2. The Board of Directors shall direct the Executive Secretary to mail a numbered ballot containing the names, and other information it deems appropriate to every member of the Association by July 20 of each fiscal year.

3. To be counted, the membership must return the ballot to a receptacle by August 20 or, if mailed, the ballot must be postmarked on or before August 20 of each fiscal year.

4. The Board of Directors, as a body, will meet in a special session after August 20 to count the ballots and announce results.

5. The results of the election including the number of votes each candidate receives will be included into the October minutes.

## **Article 11 Calendar of Events**

**SECTION 11.1** The following events shall be held in the following months:

- A. January-Awards Banquet and General Membership Meeting
- B. August or September-Classic Show or Breeders' Futurity
- C. November-General Membership Meeting

**SECTION 11.2** The above calendar of events may be adjusted by the Board of Directors upon a show of good reason. Every effort, however, must be made to comply with the above schedule.

**SECTION 11.3** Notice of the time, date and location of the event shall be published in the month prior to the event.

**SECTION 11.4** At the November General Membership Meeting, the membership shall be asked for suggested Charter, By-Law and rule changes in writing to be discussed at the January General Membership Meeting. Only those Charter and By-Law changes submitted in writing at the November meeting will be discussed at the January meeting.

**SECTION 11.5** At the January General Membership Meeting the Board of Directors shall present to the membership those suggested changes they have considered favorable, and that they wish to be enacted, and the reasons for their position. Each change shall be considered and discussed separately. A simple majority of those adult members present at the meeting are needed to enact the suggested and recommended change. The Board of Directors shall then present to the membership those changes that they do not consider favorable, and the reasons for their position. Each such change shall be considered and discussed separately. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of those adult members present at the meeting are needed to enact the suggested, but not favorable change.

**SECTION 11.6** The Charter and By-Laws of the Association shall be considered as Article 1 through Article 12, Section 12.2 and Article 15.

**SECTION 11.7** Articles 13 and 14 shall be considered as separate from the Charter and By-Laws. These articles shall serve as the Rules for Exhibition and Points and Year End Awards. They can be amended, added to or interpreted by a 2/3 majority of the present Board of Directors. All such amendments, additions, deletions or interpretations will be immediately effective and presented to the General Membership for written addition to the Rules of Exhibition and Points and Year-End Awards.

## **Article 12 Approved Shows**

**SECTION 12.1** The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the complete scheduling of the show schedule for the current year and for the regulation thereof unless overruled by two-thirds (2/3) majority of the current membership and the November General Membership Meeting.

**SECTION 12.2** Unless an exception is authorized by the Board of Directors, all sponsoring individuals and organizations of approved shows shall be subject to and governed by a uniform set of rules and regulations.

## **Article 13 Rules of Exhibition**

**SECTION 13.1** Show schedule can be revised if approved by the Board of Directors upon request by the individual show committees.

**SECTION 13.2** For the hunter and jumper classes, the jump transportation fee will be left up to the individual show committees.

**SECTION 13.3** All show contracts submitted after January 15 to be approved by the Board of Directors.

**SECTION 13.4** Approved Class List

A. Mandatory classes must be held unless any show can document within two (2) years data, a reason for not holding these classes.

B. Mandatory Halter Classes

1. Yearling Fillies
2. Two Year Old Fillies
3. Three Year Old Mares
4. Four Year Old and Older Mares
5. Non-Pro Mares
6. Champion Mare and Reserve
7. Yearling Colts
8. Two Year Old Colts
9. Three Year Old Stallions
10. Four Year Old and Older Stallions
11. Champion Stallion and Reserve
12. Yearling Geldings
13. Two Year Old Geldings
14. Three Year Old Geldings
15. Four Year Old and Older Geldings
16. Non-Pro Geldings
17. Champion Gelding and Reserve

C. Optional Halter Classes

1. Current Year Fillies
2. Current Year Colts
3. Broodmares
4. Color Class

D. Mandatory Performance Classes

1. Jr. Hunter Under Saddle
2. Sr. Hunter Under Saddle
3. Jr. Western Pleasure
4. Sr. Western Pleasure
5. Camas Prairie Stump Race
6. Nez Perce Stake Race
7. 3-Year Old Snaffle Bit Western Pleasure
8. Western Riding or Trail
9. Keyhole
10. Figure 8 Stake Race

E. Optional Performance Classes

1. 2-Year Old Walk Trot
2. Green Hunter
3. Hunter Hack
4. Working Hunter
5. Open Jumper
6. Jr. Reining
7. Sr. Reining
8. Open Reining
9. Hackamore Reining
10. Saddle Seat Pleasure
11. Pleasure Driving
12. Ladies Western Pleasure
13. Men's Western Pleasure
14. Adult Walk Trot
15. Rope Race
16. 3-Year Old Snaffle Bit Hunter Under Saddle
17. 2-Year Old Snaffle Bit Hunter Under Saddle (After May 21)
18. 2 Year old Snaffle Bit Western Pleasure (After May 21)

F. Mandatory Non-Pro Classes

1. Hunter Under Saddle
  2. Western Pleasure
  3. Hunt Seat Equitation
  4. Western Horsemanship
  5. Showmanship
  6. Limited Non-Pro Western Pleasure
  7. Limited Non-Pro Hunter Under Saddle
  8. Novice Non-Pro Western Pleasure
- G. Optional Non-Pro Classes
1. Bareback Equitation
  2. Western Riding
  3. Hunter Hack
  4. Saddle Seat Pleasure
  5. Reining
  6. Limited Non-Pro Western Horsemanship
  7. Limited Non-Pro Hunt Seat Equitation
  8. Figure Eight Stake Race
  9. Keyhole
  10. Trail
  11. 2-Year Old Snaffle Bit Western Pleasure
  12. Novice Western Pleasure
  13. Novice Hunt Seat Pleasure
  14. Camas Prairie Stump Race
  15. Nez Perce Stake Race
  16. Non-Pro Stallions
  17. Non-Pro Geldings
  18. Non-Pro Mares
- H. Mandatory Youth Classes
1. Showmanship 13 & under
  2. Showmanship 14-18
  3. Bareback Equitation 13 & under
  4. Bareback Equitation 14-18
  5. Hunt Seat Equitation 13 & under
  6. Hunt Seat Equitation 14-18
  7. Youth Stumps 18 & under
  8. Youth Stakes 18 & under
  9. Western Horsemanship 13 & under
  10. Western Horsemanship 14-18
  11. Youth Hunter Under Saddle
  12. Youth Western Pleasure
- I. Optional Youth Classes
1. Youth Mares
  2. Youth Geldings
  3. Saddle Seat Equitation
  4. Hunter Hack - Hunt Seat Equitation
  5. Working Hunter
  6. Reining
  7. Trail
  8. Lead Line
  9. Walk-Trot
  10. Jumping
  11. Saddle Seat Pleasure
  12. Key Hole
  13. Figure Eight Stake Race

- 14. Bareback Equitation 13 & under
- 15. Bareback Equitation 14-18

**SECTION 13.5** Any show holding lead line classes will not be permitted to announce the judge(s) results, but only all entries as winners. Judge(s) cards must be turned into the National Club.

**SECTION 13.6** Non-Pro halter classes must be scheduled before each (mare, gelding, stallion) open halter class category.

**Article 14  
Points and Year-End Awards**

**SECTION 14.1** Points will be awarded in the following manner for classes held at all MApHA approved shows  
A. All Classes

# Entries	<b>PLACE</b>					
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
1	1					
2	2	1				
3	3	2	1			
4	4	3	2	1		
5	5	4	3	2	1	
6 – 999	6	5	4	3	2	1

- B. Points in championship classes will be awarded as follows:
1. 3 Points - Grand Champion
  2. 2 Points – Reserve Champion

**SECTION 14.2** For a Youth or Non Pro to accumulate MApHA points, the youth or Non Pro or family member (as defined in the ApHC rule book) must own the horse. They must be a said member of the MApHA and the ApHC, and said horse must be nominated for year end points.

**SECTION 14.3**

- A. Points shall be taken from champion and reserve champion class at each show in each halter division and these points will be added into the High Point Halter Horse and Reserve High Point Halter Horse awards in the respective halter division.  
In the case of ties for High Point, no Reserve High Point will be given.
- B. In the case of a three way or more tie for grand champion the tie will be broken. Criteria for breaking the tie will be the most entries beat for that sex division at shows where grand & reserve grand champion points were awarded

**SECTION 14.4** A state champion, reserve champion and four (4) honorable mention awards for each open and amateur class for a year-end award shall be determined by the total number of points accumulated in the class plus the applicable champion class.

- A. In case of Year-end award ties for champion, no reserve champion will be given.
- B. World Playoff ties are determined by the horse that has defeated the most horses for that particular class will receive the entry.

**SECTION 14.5** State champion, reserve champion and eight (8) honorable mention places for each youth class for year-end awards.

**SECTION 14.6**

- A. To be eligible for year-end awards, exhibitors must have shown in said class a minimum of 50% or ½ of MApHA approved shows (judges) where said class is offered.

1. For year-end awards, if more than 18 shows (judges) are approved for that year's show calendar, only the best 80% of class placings will count for year-end awards.
  2. In addition to membership and nomination requirements, only points accumulated meeting requirements of Rule 14.6 will be counted for overall High Point Year-End award totals.
  3. Any Youth or Non-Pro exhibitor choosing to show more than one horse in classes that are allowed by ApHC rules, will have their points tabulated on an Exhibitor/Horse combination for that class for the entire season. If all other rules are followed, the Exhibitor will be eligible to place with each horse in said class. Only the exhibitors highest point total for either horse will be used for Over-All High Point Year-End awards.
  4. To be eligible for a Youth or Non Pro Year-End High Point or Reserve High Point award, the exhibitor must have points meeting Rule 14.6A in a minimum of two nationally approved Youth or Non Pro classes that are used to tabulate said Year-End High Point.
- B. Mandatory Year-End High Point Award
1. High Point judged Non-Pro
  2. Reserve High Point judged Non-Pro
  3. High Point Judged Performance Horse
    - a. The high point judged performance horse shall be defined as the horse with the highest total points in a minimum of two Nationally approved judged performance classes.
  4. Reserve High Point Judged Performance Horse
    - a. The reserve high point judged performance horse shall be defined as the horse with the second highest total points in a minimum of two Nationally approved judged performance classes.
    - b. The following classes are to be counted towards high point judged performance horse and reserve high point judged performance horse:
      1. Sr. Western Pleasure
      2. Jr. Western Pleasure or 3-Year Old Snaffle Bit Pleasure or 2-Year Old Snaffle Bit Pleasure
      3. Sr. Hunter Under Saddle
      4. Jr. Hunter Under Saddle or 3-Year Old Hunter Under Saddle or 2-Year Old Hunter Under Saddle
      5. Western Riding
      6. Hunter Hack
      7. Open Jumper
      8. Working Hunter (including 1<sup>st</sup> and 2nd Year Green Hunter)
      9. Trail
      10. Saddle Seat Pleasure
      11. Reining
      12. Pleasure Driving
      13. Ladies Side Saddle Pleasure
      14. Ranch Horse Pleasure
  5. High Point Gymkhana
    - a. The high point gymkhana horse shall be defined as the horse with the highest total points in a minimum of two nationally approved gymkhana classes.
  6. Reserve High Point Gymkhana
    - a. The reserve high point gymkhana horse shall be defined as the horse with the second highest total points in a minimum of two nationally approved gymkhana classes.
    - b. The following classes are to be counted towards high point gymkhana and reserve high point gymkhana horse:
      1. Camas Prairie Stump Race
      2. Nez Perce Stake Race
      3. Rope Race
      4. Figure 8 stakes

5. Keyhole
  7. High Point Halter Mare
  8. Reserve High Point Halter Mare
  9. High Point Halter Gelding
  10. Reserve High Point Halter Gelding
  11. High Point Halter Stallion
  12. Reserve High Point Halter Stallion
    - A. The following classes are to be counted towards High Point and Reserve High Point Halter Mare, Gelding and Stallion.
      1. Their respective Halter or Color Classes at each show.
      2. Grand & Reserve Champion Classes at each show.
      3. Hunter In Hand Classes at each show.
  13. High Point Youth 13 & Under
  14. Reserve High Point Youth 13 & Under
  15. High Point Youth 14-18
  16. Reserve High Point Youth 14-18
    - a. Classes to be counted toward Youth High Point and Reserve High Point (13- 16 above) are all Youth classes for the applicable age group. Novice classes and Gymkhana classes shall not count toward High Point and Reserve High Point awards for the age divisions.
  17. High Point Novice Youth
  18. Reserve High Point Novice Youth
    - a. Classes to be counted for High Point and Reserve High Point Novice Youth (19-20 above) shall be all Novice Youth classes. Age Division and Gymkhana classes shall not count toward High Point and Reserve High Point Novice Youth Awards.
  19. High Point Youth Gymkhana
  20. Reserve High Point Youth Gymkhana
    - a. Classes to be counted for High Point and Reserve High Point Youth Gymkhana (21-22 above) shall be all Youth Gymkhana classes except Walk Trot Gymkhana.
  21. High Point Walk Trot
  22. Reserve High Point Walk Trot
    - a. Classes to be counted for High Point and Reserve High Point Walk Trot (23-24 above) shall be all Walk Trot classes, including Walk Trot Gymkhana.
  23. High Point Limited Non-Pro
  24. Reserve High Point Limited Non-Pro
  25. High Point Non-Pro Gymkhana
  26. Reserve High Point Non-Pro Gymkhana
  27. High Point Novice Non-Pro
  28. Reserve High Point Novice Non-Pro
  29. High Point Masters
  30. Reserve High Point Masters
- C. Open Show Awards
1. Two Open Show Awards will be given each year – one for Youth and one for Adults.
  2. In order for points to count, the following steps must be completed prior to competing for the Open Show Award:
    - a. Both the owner and exhibitor must be current members of the MAPHHA.
    - b. The horse used to accumulate points must be nominated.
    - c. The exhibitor must submit a copy of the horses ApHC registration papers (both front and back) along with a note that they intend to compete for the MAPHHA Open Show award. (It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to assure that these items are received by the points-keeper.)
  3. To report points for the Open Show Award:

- a. The Exhibitor Report for MApHA Open Show Award must be submitted for each show that the exhibitor wants to count toward points. This form must be completed in its entirety and signed by the show secretary.
  - b. A show bill for each show the exhibitor submits for consideration must also be included. The show bill must include the name, date and location of the show, along with the judge(s) name(s).
  - c. The deadline for submitting Exhibitor reports and show bills will be one week following the close of the MApHA approved show schedule.
4. Points determination for the Open Show Award:
- a. The point schedule of the MApHA will be used
  - b. All points earned will be counted.

**SECTION 14.7** If a class is held at one-half (1/2) of the shows, these classes will be eligible for year-end awards.

**SECTION 14.8** A horse must be nominated to receive MApHA points. Cost is \$5.00 per horse per year. Points start to accumulate the date of acceptance of nominations. Owners and exhibitors must be a member of the ApHC and the MApHA in order for points to accumulate. All moneys from said nominations are to be applied to the yearend awards only.

**SECTION 14.9** Champion of Champions and Reserve Champion of Champions award shall be given to a horse:

- A. Placing in halter at five (5) approved shows under five different judges (does not include youth or non-pro halter);
- B. Placing in each of two (2) of the following classes at five (5) approved shows under five (5) different judges:
  - 1. Jr. Western Pleasure or 3-Yr Old Snaffle Bit Western Pleasure
  - 2. Jr. Hunter Under Saddle or 3-Yr Old Snaffle Bit Hunter Under Saddle
  - 3. Sr. Western Pleasure
  - 4. Sr. Hunter Under Saddle
  - 5. Saddle Seat Pleasure
  - 6. Hunter Hack
- C. Placing in each of two (2) of the following classes at five (5) approved shows under five (5) different judges:
  - 1. Reining
  - 2. Working Hunter
  - 3. Pleasure Driving
  - 4. Trail
  - 5. Open Jumper
  - 6. Nez Perce Stake Race
  - 7. Camas Prairie Stump Race
  - 8. Western Riding
  - 9. Rope Race
- D. Those horses and owners that want to compete for this award must declare so, in writing, and submit such to the points keeper.
- E. Such horses that meet the above described conditions shall be awarded the Champion of Champions and Reserve Champion of Champions based upon the following formula:
  - 1. Sixty percent (60%) of the highest number of the points accumulated in halter, performance and gymkhana, and forty percent (40%) of the lowest number of points accumulated in either halter, performance and gymkhana.

**SECTION 14.10** No horse or exhibitor shall be awarded for a position higher than his or its placings solely because another horse or exhibitor being declared ineligible for points or being disqualified.

**SECTION 14.11** Rules for Michigan Appaloosa Horse Association Year-End Awards Program for Distance Riding.

- A. Horse must be five (5) years of age or older, and registered with the Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc.
- B. Rider and owner must be members of the Michigan Appaloosa Horse Association prior to date of first ride.
- C. Riders must be approved by the Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc. Appaloosa Horse Club rules will apply. Out of state rides will count. Year-end awards will be offered in competitive trail riding and endurance riding divisions.
- D. Awards will be based on highest accumulated points. No more than four (4) rides to count. Competitors to designate which rides they wish counted. Points will be awarded for completing the ride as well as placing.
- E. Competitive Trail Ride Points Ride Days Placings

	<b>Placing</b>						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	<b>Completion</b>
1	6	5	4	3	2	1	3
2	12	10	8	6	4	2	6
3	18	15	12	9	6	3	9

- 1. This award will double completion points – grand champion and reserve grand champion.

F. Endurance Trail Ride Points Distance Placings

	<b>Placing</b>						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	<b>Completion</b>
0-40 miles	6	5	4	3	2	1	Official
41-70miles	12	10	8	6	4	2	Mile - by
71 & over	18	15	12	9	6	3	ten (10)

- 1. This Award will double completion points - first over line and best conditioned.

**SECTION 14.12** Special awards such as Best Appaloosa, Horsemanship, Best Trail Horse and Merit Awards should be noted. Completion, placings and awards for each ride must be recorded in the Saddle Log books available from the National Appaloosa Horse Club Headquarters, Moscow, Idaho 83843. The books will be completed according to their directions and the original, or photocopy, mailed to the Trail Committee chairman for tabulation of points by the November Board meeting.

**ARTICLE 15  
Dissolution**

Upon dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, after payment or provision for payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, the remaining assets of the corporation shall be distributed to such tax exempt organization or organizations selected by the Board of Directors which are related to or share the purposes of this corporation and are exempt from Federal income taxation pursuant to Section 501 (c)(3) or Section 501 (c)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any future Federal Tax Laws.