

■ Wisconsin Pinto Horse Association

General Rules at WPtHA Shows

■ Introduction

The Wisconsin Pinto Horse Association (WPtHA) is dedicated to providing a safe, fair, and family-friendly environment for all exhibitors, owners, trainers, and spectators. By entering or participating in a WPtHA-sanctioned event, all participants agree to abide by the rules of the Pinto Horse Association of America (PtHA®) and the Wisconsin Pinto Horse Association.

■ Exhibitor Responsibility

It is the responsibility of each exhibitor, owner, trainer, parent, or guardian to read and be familiar with the rules of both National PtHA and WPtHA. WPtHA manages and governs its own year-end and weekend high-point awards; rules and point systems are published annually at www.wisconsinpinto.com. Failure to understand or follow published rules does not exempt any exhibitor from enforcement or disciplinary action.

■ Animal Welfare & Sportsmanship

Every Pinto and all animals on the grounds must be treated humanely, with dignity, respect, and compassion. Inhumane treatment or excessive disciplinary methods will not be tolerated. Unsportsmanlike conduct, intimidation, harassment, threats, profanity, or abusive language directed at show staff, judges, exhibitors, or volunteers is strictly prohibited. The show manager and/or WPtHA Board reserves the right to immediately remove any person engaging in such behavior.

■ Children & Supervision

Children under age 10 must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times. No child may be left unsupervised around horses, stalls, or equipment. Running, screaming, or playing in or near barns, arenas, or show pens is strictly prohibited. Unsafe or disruptive behavior by a child may result in disciplinary action or removal from the premises.

■ Dogs & Pets

No loose dogs are permitted on the show grounds. All dogs must be leashed and under adult supervision at all times. Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their animals. Aggressive, disruptive, or uncontrolled dogs may result in removal of the animal and/or owner.

■ Showgrounds Courtesy

Please keep aisles, barns, and stalls tidy. Dispose of trash and manure in designated areas. Be respectful of others' horses and equipment. Do not handle or feed animals without permission. Golf carts, bicycles, and motorized equipment must be operated safely and responsibly.

■ Conduct & Discipline

Violations of WPtHA or PtHA rules may result in any of the following actions: Verbal or written warning; Immediate removal from showgrounds; Loss of showing privileges; Forfeiture of entry or stall fees; Formal report filed with PtHA and/or law enforcement; Disqualification or loss of points; Fines or PtHA disciplinary action (up to and including suspension or expulsion).

■ Reporting a Concern

If you observe unsafe behavior, animal mistreatment, or any rule violation: Report it immediately to Show Management or a WPtHA Board Member. Concerns will be reviewed under WPtHA's Grievance, Anti-Bullying, and Disciplinary Policies. Anonymous reports will be reviewed at the discretion of the Board.

■ Let's All Play Safe!

By attending or exhibiting at a WPtHA event, you agree to: Treat all people and animals with kindness and respect. Follow posted rules and directions from show staff. Help keep our events safe, welcoming, and enjoyable for everyone.