

Nebraska Appaloosa Club

What to Know Before You Show

*A guide to the bylaws of the
Nebraska Appaloosa Club*

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Welcome!

The Nebraska Appaloosa Club (NAC) is a fantastic club that is well known for its superb horse shows, welcoming attitude and excellent horses. We would like to welcome you to NAC.

Our goal is for you to become an active member of the club and also for you to see the benefits of being a member of the Nebraska Appaloosa Club. As with any organization, there are certain rules and requirements which are followed. This is a brief overview of the bylaws under which NAC is regulated. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask any of the Club Directors.

Remember....We have a *spot* for you!



General Information:

The Nebraska Appaloosa Club was previously known as MR/NARC (Many Rivers/Nebraska Appaloosa Regional Club). In 2001, the name was changed to NAC.

NAC is required to hold two meetings per year. A NAC family membership allows all dependent members of the family who are of eligible age for youth to ride, show, etc. for points. *Once a youth becomes a non-pro, the non-pro is no longer considered under their parent's family membership.*

The Board of Directors consists of nine (9) members serving three year terms and two (2) members that are appointed for a one year term. Three (3) directors are elected at each annual fall meeting. A director serving a full term must wait a full year before being re-elected to the Board.

NAC also holds an Annual Trail Ride, in addition to the Spring meeting and the Fall Awards Banquet.

Shows and Point System:

NAC adopts the National show and contest rule book, and relevant parts apply to NAC-sponsored shows, unless otherwise indicated herein. Registration papers, or a photocopy, must be shown before receiving an exhibitor number.

To be eligible for any performance or halter points in NAC shows or NAC cross-pointed shows, both the owner and exhibitor need to be members. Points will only be maintained from the time one becomes a member and as long as he/she is in good standing.

All points will be counted in the following manner:

One horse in a class	1pt
Two horses in a class	1 st 2 pts, 2 nd 1pt
Three horses in a class	1 st 3 pts, 2 nd 2 pts, 3 rd 1 pt
Four horses in a class	1 st 4 pts, 2 nd 3 pts, 3 rd 2 pts, 4 th 1 pt
Five horses in a class	1 st 5 pts, 2 nd 4 pts, 3 rd 3 pts, 4 th 2 pts, 5 th 1 pt
Six horses in a class	1 st 6 pts, 2 nd 5 pts, 3 rd 4 pts, 4 th 3 pts, 5 th 2 pts, 6 th 1 pt

The Grand and Reserve Halter Champions will receive at least as many points as any horse they best, plus 2 points for Grand and 1 point for Reserve.

If a stallion is gelded during the show season, his points as a stallion will not be transferred to gelding status for the year end awards.

Year End Awards

In order to be eligible for Year-End awards, a member needs to show under *all* judges at the Grand Island NAC Appaloosa shows. *Points begin to accumulate annually, from the time membership dues are paid.*

Year end awards are given for the high point winner in each class if the class is offered at a NAC sponsored appaloosa show. For example, if a cross-pointed show offers a Women's Sidesaddle class and NAC does not offer the class, a NAC high point award is not presented for that class. There are also several cumulative high point awards presented in addition to the individual class awards.

High Point Awards are presented for the following:

Halter horse,
Cattle Horse,
English Horse
Western Horse,
Games Horse,
Non-Pro Exhibitor (May be more than one horse)
Youth 14-18 Exhibitor (May be more than one horse)
Youth 13 & Under Exhibitor (May be more than one horse)
Novice Youth (May be more than one horse)
Walk-Trot Exhibitor (May be more than one horse)

Only one horse may be used for a Versatility High Point Award. Points must be earned in a minimum of three of five categories: Pleasure, Working, Games, Cattle, and Halter. High Point Versatility Awards are presented for the following:

Overall High Point Horse (open classes only)
Non-Pro Exhibitor
Youth Exhibitor (this does not include novice or walk/trot)

The Categories for Versatility Awards are:

Pleasure

English, Western, Snaffle-bit, Pleasure Driving, Heritage

Working

Reining, Western Riding, Trail, Hunter Hack, Pre-Green Hunter, Green Hunter, Working Hunter, Preliminary Jumping, Jumping

Games

Stumps, Stakes, Figure 8, Keyhole, Rope Race

Cattle

Working Cow Horse, Cutting, Tie-Down roping, Heading, Heeling, Heading and Heeling, Steer Daubing

Halter/Showmanship

Stallion, Mares, Geldings, Most Colorful, Hunter in Hand, Showmanship

Equitation

Western Equitation, English Equitation, Saddle Seat Equitation, Bareback Equitation, Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences

(For the Youth and Non-Pro Versatility Awards, this Equitation Category is added for a total of 6 categories. A youth or non-pro still needs to earn points in a minimum of 3 categories.)

Nebraska Appaloosa Club Youth Lease Agreement

The Nebraska Appaloosa Club (NAC) allows a youth member to lease one and only one horse for competition in NAC pointed shows during a calendar year. This form identifies a youth/leased horse team for the current calendar year. The youth/horse team may compete in any youth classes. However, points earned by the team will count toward NAC year-end awards only if: 1) This completed form is submitted to the **Club Secretary** prior to the date of the show when the points are earned (once annually), and 2) both the youth and owner of the horse are members of NAC. A youth riding a leased horse is ineligible to earn national points (ApHC Rule 801.A.).

Youth Name _____

Address _____

Youth signature _____ Date _____

Leased Horse _____

Registration Number _____

Owner of Horse _____

Owner signature _____ Date _____

NAC Secretary Signature _____ Date _____

Earn Your Spurs

NAC promotes a special "Earn Your Spurs" award for the youth of the club. In order to Earn Your Spurs you must:

- 1) Be a member of NAC while earning all parts of the award.
- 2) Volunteer for 10 hours at NAC sponsored functions. Hours need to be verified by an adult NAC member. The form for recording volunteer hours is included on the website.
- 3) Earn at least 100 National Points in youth classes at NAC pointed or cross-pointed shows. Twenty-Five (25) points come from showmanship and at least twenty (20) points in three different categories. The remaining fifteen (15) points are elective and may be earned in any youth class. (Novice, lead-line, and walk-Trot classes may be elective points only.) You may use multiple horses to win this award.
- 4) Earn you Certificate of Recognition from the National Club.

Categories

Category 1

Western Equitation, Hunt Seat Equitation, Saddle Seat Equitation, Bareback Equitation, Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences.

Category 2

Camas Prairie Stump Race, Nez Perce Stake Race, Jumping, Figure 8 Stake Race, Keyhole Race.

Category 3

Trail, Western Riding, Western Pleasure, Saddle Seat Pleasure, Hunter Hack, Working Hunter, Hunter Under Saddle, Heritage.

Category 4

Reining, Tie-Down Roping, Breakaway Roping, Cutting, Heading and Heeling, Steer Daubing.

Category 5

Halter Mares, Halter Geldings, Hunter-in-Hand Mares, Hunter-in-Hand Geldings.

The points acquired through a NAC Club Lease are not eligible towards the Earn Your Spurs award, because those points do not count as National Points. NAC Club Lease points only count towards year end high point awards.

Every year, the Nebraska Appaloosa Club publishes a directory which is distributed across the nation. The colored pages for this directory are auctioned at the Awards Banquet. Black and White pages are available for purchase. Please watch the website for deadline information.

The NAC show held in June has consistently been the largest show west of the Mississippi for many years, and has recently been in the top 10 largest show in the nation. The shows are big, fun, and well run.

We hope that your experience with the Nebraska Appaloosa Club is great.

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