

The APHA Conventon was held in San Diego Ca this year, and I'm pleased to say that CA had 100% attendance by our Directors. My report to a club was made at SPHC. All financial and rule changes can be found in the Journal. Here are a few highlights on the new rules for '09.

SC-191 An exhibitor may show 2 longe line horses and use an additional handler to hold the second horse. If it is an Amateur class, the additional handler must be an amateur and have a current APHA Amateur card.

AM-090 Amateur Halter: The Junior and Senior classes for the horses are changing the age for the split. Junior ages 2 and under. Senior, ages 3 and over. The same will apply to Youth

YP-125 Youth Reining; All youth classes shall use Open/Amateur patterns 1-10. (there will no longer be separate youth patterns)

The remainder of the rule changes are in the Journal.

The Amateur Committee is moving forward on proposing a Performance Horse Halter Class. There are a few other committees working on this as well, and there seems to be a large amount of support for the new class.

There was a long discussion about the Novice Youth program. There was great turn out for those classes at the World Show, but it was not the intent originally to have that as a World Show category. No changes have been made as yet, however, if you have kids showing in this category please check to see if any changes have been made so that you can make informed decisions on which classes your child will be showing in.

Hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season, and thank you for allowing me to represent CA as a director.

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