

Piney Woods Horse Show Association – 2017 Rules

1. AQHA show rules will be followed unless otherwise noted.
2. To qualify for year-end awards exhibitor must be a current member of Piney Woods Horse Show Association in good standing. Points earned prior to joining the Association will not be included for end of year awards.
3. Exhibitors may not miss more than 2 shows to be eligible for year-end awards.
4. Year-end awards will be awarded for Champion Mare, Champion Gelding, and Champion Stallion for halter. The champions must have earned at least 8 points during the season for award to be given.
5. First place annual high-point awards will be given for each division that has a rider earning at least 8 points, among the following divisions: Open, Amateur, Walk/Trot Division, 18 and under Green Rider, 19 and over Green Rider, and 18 and Under. This excludes Walk-Whoa, Leadline, Lungeline, Equestrians with Disabilities, Miniature Horse and Ranch Horse classes which will have their own awards. **Must show in halter and 3 performance classes.**
6. Ribbons/rosettes will be awarded in each class at each show. Exhibitors do not need to be members of the Association to receive these awards.
7. Exhibitors may show more than one (1) horse, but points will be kept separately on each horse and exhibitor combination. Exception to rule for illness or injury of horse, if verified by veterinary certificate.
8. Exhibitors or a designated representative **MUST** work at least 2 classes per show. The exhibitor or representative should sign up on the workbook available at show registration. Volunteers are appreciated!
9. In the case of a tie for annual awards, the exhibitor with the greater number of first place finishes will be named the winner. If it is still a tie, a coin flip will be used to determine the high point exhibitor.
10. Horses shown in Walk/Trot Division Classes **SHALL NOT** be ridden in any class that requires a canter / lope.
11. Green Rider classes are for riders who have not won 5 (five) First Place awards in classes with competition present, in any previous year.
12. Ranch Classes are open to all exhibitors. Riders may show in Ranch + any other division for which they are eligible (except Walk/Trot Division and Green Rider Classes).
13. Safety helmets are encouraged in all classes and recommended for all riders under 18.
14. No entries will be accepted after a class begins. Upcoming classes will be announced at least twice, and **it is the exhibitor's responsibility to be ready when the class is called.** If an exhibitor will be delayed due to a tack change or change of mount, it is their responsibility to make show personnel aware. Show personnel will make every effort to hold the class so the involved exhibitor has time to complete the tack or mount change and exhibit in the class.
15. Show management reserves the right to interpret rules. All decisions are final.
16. All dogs must be on a leash at all times. **NO loose dogs!**
17. Unsportsmanlike conduct by exhibitors, family members, spectators, or show personnel will not be tolerated. In case of unsportsmanlike conduct, the person/people involved will be asked to leave the show grounds.
18. Minors are NOT allowed to show without signature of parent or guardian.
19. Minors are NOT allowed to show stallions!
20. No refunds will be made for scratched entries; entry credit will be given, for use in another class that show date.
21. All Day Fees are "per Division." Exhibitors may participate in any Division for which they are eligible, but must pay either the "per class" fee for each class, or the "per Division" fee for each Division they enter.
22. If a check is returned for any reason, the amount of the check PLUS a **returned check fee of \$25** must be paid in cash, before the club will accept another entry from that exhibitor.