

# POAC Novice Youth Eligibility Application

## For the show year of: \_\_\_\_\_

Upon submitting this application for the POAC Novice Youth Program, I affirm that the information I have listed is correct. I understand that my POAC Novice Youth status is revocable. By signing this application, I accept responsibility for knowledge of all POAC rules regarding the POAC Novice Youth Program. **Applicants must complete the entire form.**

**Applicant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Daytime Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list Name and Registration # of the current ponies you will be showing:**

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**Relationship of applicant to Owner(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) Have you competed in equine competition/shows at any time? No Yes
- 2) If yes please list all horses/ponies reg. names and #'s, as well as the breed they are registered with. (that are not listed above)

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3) Please circle/list all associations you have competed/shown in at any time.  
APHA AQHA POAC PTHA ApHC IBHA PHBA AHA AMHA ABRA ARHA NCHA ARHA NRCHA NSBA USEF  
Open Shows 4-H List Others Assn. Here: \_\_\_\_\_

4) Have you ever won an International or National Congress Champion, Regional, World or Classic Champion Title in any equine association? No Yes

5) If you answered yes please list the association(s), class title(s) and year the award was earned:

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6) Have you earned 1000 points (age 10-18), 1500 points (age 9&Under) or more in the POAC in classes excluding Leadline, Hunter In Hand, Longe Line, In Hand Trail, Timed Events, Youth Driving, Costume, Most Colorful, and Halter? No Yes

**Please note:** Per Rule 86 A-1 in the POAC Handbook any Novice rider can qualify only for Novice High Point Awards. He or she cannot qualify for any other high point.

**Return completed form to:** Pony Of the Americas Club Inc.  
3828 S Emerson Ave  
Indianapolis, IN 46203

## POA Novice Youth Program

### I. Purpose

- a. The purpose of the POA Novice Youth Program, also referred to as NYP, is to provide youth having minimal or no show experience the opportunity to exhibit their POAs in a fitting environment that promotes growth, development of horsemanship skills, and confidence.
- b. The NYP is open to any POAC youth member who meets program eligibility requirements.

### II. NYP Eligibility Requirements

- a. The total number of POA points earned in any Equitation or Performance classes on any and all ponies exhibited by a program applicant must meet the following requirements:
  - i. less than 1500 points if applying for a card for the 9 & Under age division.
  - ii. less than 1000 points if applying for the 10-18 age division.
  - iii. less than 20 points earned total from AQHA, APHC, APHA, PTHA, etc. Points earned in any Small Fry program will not count towards the 20 points.
  - iv. Leadline, Hunter in Hand, Longe Line, In-Hand Trail, Timed Events, Youth Driving, Costume, Most Colorful, and Halter will not count toward eligibility requirements.
- b. A program applicant must not have won a Non-Novice Congress Championship in any Performance or Equitation classes for any breed.
- c. Program applicants must be 18 years and under as of January 1 of the current calendar year and be a national member in good standing.
- d. Program applicants will complete and submit the Novice Youth Status Agreement annually to the POAC National Office, and be approved prior to exhibiting for points in any NYP class.
  - i. A parent/guardian signature is required on all applications.
- e. The POAC Novice Youth Membership Card will denote Novice Youth status and will indicate the classes the youth is no longer eligible to compete in. This card may be required for status verification by any show management at any time. Allow two weeks processing from the time the application is received in the National Office until the time the card is mailed back from the office. Applications will not be processed at any shows; they must go through the POAC Office to verify status.
- f. NYP class eligibility requirements pertain to each NYP class.
  - i. All approved NYP classes will be offered at national shows.
  - ii. Exhibitors participating in NYP classes may exhibit in Non-NYP classes at the same show, with the exception that if an exhibitor enters Novice walk/jog (walk/trot) classes, they cannot enter any class that requires walk/jog/lope (walk/trot/canter) in the same riding discipline (i.e., Western or English).
  - iii. Exhibitors may not cross enter classes. If exhibiting in a Novice w/t or w/j class, they cannot enter the corresponding Novice w/t/l or w/t/c class. Example: an exhibitor that enters Novice Western Pleasure w/j cannot enter Novice Western Pleasure w/j/l, but this does not preclude them from entering the Novice Hunter Under Saddle w/t/c class.
  - iv. NYP participants who earn 400 points per individual NYP class will not be eligible to show in that NYP class the following calendar year or in subsequent years. Novice Youth eligibility status the second year and beyond is based on 400 points per NYP class. To be eligible at the time of annual application, a youth cannot have earned more than 400 points per NYP class.

- v. To point out of a Novice class, an exhibitor must earn 400 points (in that individual class) AND/OR have placed in that class at a Regional, Classic, Congress, or Specialty Show level for two years, whichever comes first. (The Reichert Show is a specialty show.) State level shows are not affected by time limit, only by points.
- vi. An NYP class winner at the POA National Congress will not be eligible to participate in that NYP class at any show after December 31 of the current calendar year, even if fewer than 400 points have been accumulated through the end of the year.
- g. At state level shows, any exhibitor deemed a Novice by the show committee may enter a Novice class. Only those exhibitors that hold a Novice Youth Membership Card will be awarded national points. A novice card is required to participate at Specialty Shows, Regional Shows, and any nationally-sponsored show. State clubs are encouraged to have written guidelines specifying the criteria used to determine the novice status for their state club shows.

### III. NYP Points

- a. National NYP points are restricted for use within the Novice Youth Program and may not be combined or considered when determining:
  - i. POA National Congress or Classic show awards, high points not specific to the NYP.
  - ii. National Year-End Awards or high points not specific to the NYP. A Novice Youth Participant is eligible for a National Year End Award and/or Show High Point award that does not involve the 8 classes that are included in the NYP. The following classes can be entered by a Novice card holder and receive National Year End Awards and/or show High Point Awards: Halter, Trail, In Hand Trail, Longe Line, Driving, Costume, Showmanship, Most Colorful, Hunter In Hand and the Timed Events. Example for a Show High Point Award; a Novice Youth Participant can be eligible for a Timed High Point Award if offered. A Novice Youth Participant would not be eligible to receive a One Pony/ One Rider High Point Award, a Non Timed High Point Award or an Equitation High Point Award.
  - iii. National Top Ten Awards, ROM, or Lifetime Pony Points not specific to the NYP.
- b. Only National NYP points will be used when determining:
  - i. NYP National Year-End Awards or high points.
- c. Regional/state clubs are not obligated, but are encouraged to offer some or all of the POA Novice Youth Program classes.
- d. If a Novice rider participates in any Novice Non-Timed class, they are eligible only for a Novice Non-Timed High Point award; they are not eligible for any Non-Novice Non-Timed High Point award at that show/event. If a Novice rider participates in any Novice Equitation class, they are eligible only for Novice Equitation awards; they are not eligible for any Non-Novice Equitation awards at that show or event. If a Novice competes in a Novice class and the corresponding age group class, the age group class will not count toward any overall high point awards.
- e. A point designation form must be filled out if the pony is ridden by a Novice and by another rider in the same class but different division. It must be specified on a POAC point designation form before the show begins from which division the pony will receive points, or all points will be forfeited. The designation form must include the pony's name, the riders' names and the name of each class entered. Only one set of points will count on the pony toward high point or toward national points when the pony is exhibited in the same class, but in different divisions (i.e., Novice, 9 & Under, 10-13, 14-18, 19 & Over). Example: If the pony is ridden in Novice Western Pleasure and 19 & Over Western Pleasure at the same show, the exhibitor must

designate (prior to the start of the show) which points will count on the pony or no points will count.

IV. POA Novice Youth Program Performance ROM

- a. NYP exhibitors who achieve a combined total of 400 NYP performance points are eligible to receive an NYP Performance ROM.
- b. 25% of performance points earned (100 points) must be earned at a Regional Show, Classic Show, and/or the POA National Congress Show.

V. Nationally Approved POA Novice Youth Program Classes

- a. Novice Youth Hunter Under Saddle w/t/c
- b. Novice Youth Hunt Seat Equitation w/t/c
- c. Novice Youth Hunter Under Saddle w/t
- d. Novice Youth Hunt Seat Equitation w/t
- e. Novice Youth Western Pleasure w/j/l
- f. Novice Youth Western Horsemanship w/j/l
- g. Novice Youth Western Pleasure w/j
- h. Novice Youth Western Horsemanship w/j

VI. The rules for the corresponding classes in the current version of the POAC Official Handbook will be followed for the NYP classes.