

The Performance Permit

The Performance Permit becomes effective on January 1, 2007 putting an end to the CPO program. The Permit Proposal differs from the original CPO program in three critical ways. First of all, it is a show rule change instead of a registration rule change; second, it offers incentives for the production of colored foals; and third, it places a higher valuation on Appaloosa-to-Appaloosa breeding than it does on approved Appaloosa-to-crossbreeding.

The PERFORMANCE PERMIT spelled out

To begin with, Permit is *not* a registration rule change. Under Permit, the registration rules that are currently in effect will remain in effect. There will continue to be only two types of registered horses:

those with characteristics (regular) and those without (noncharacteristic).

Non-characteristic horses will continue to be required to breed back to a regularly registered Appaloosas. Furthermore, the registration fees schedule will remain unchanged.

What *will* change is the way that Appaloosa-bred, noncharacteristic horses will be granted access to ApHC-sponsored events.

To begin with, the entire CPO program will be eliminated. In order to compete in ApHC-approved events, all non-characteristic horses will have to be DNA parentage-verified. Under Permit, the owner of any non-characteristic horse that wishes to compete in any ApHC approved event will have to purchase a "performance permit." There will be a one-time fee assessed that will remain in effect throughout the horse's life, unaffected by ownership changes.

The basic essence of the Performance Permit is as follows:

1. There are no changes to current registration rules.
2. Those horses receiving non-characteristic (N) certificates of registration are eligible to purchase a show/performance permit in order to compete in their chosen discipline. This does not change their N registration status thereby mandating adherence to current registration rules that require N horses to be bred to regularly (#) registered horse.

3. This does not change current rules regarding horses that race. If horses are crossbred and receive N papers, they can currently race. However, if those horses want to be eligible to earn medallions, they would have to purchase the performance permit prior to running in races that count toward medallion earnings.

4. The permit is valid for the lifetime of the horse and is retained with the horse regardless of ownership changes. It is non-transferrable.

5. In order to receive a performance permit, the horse must be DNA'd along with both the sire and dam of that horse.

6. This program eliminates the current CPO program.

7. This program eliminates the process of "double-DNA-ing" transported semen foals - once when they're registered and once when they're CPO'd.

8. A portion of the permit fee would be retained by ApHC to cover office/staff/administrative costs and to replace CPO revenue. The rest would be placed in an incentive fund that would be paid back to regularly registered (#) horses in an as-yet-to-be-determined manner.

9. This program is less expensive to breeders who get a solid foal from an App x App breeding and then must CPO the foals. It is more expensive for those who crossbreed and get a solid foal.

10. This program would allow horses that are currently N registered to be shown upon issuance of a permit, as long as they meet DNA requirements.

11. This program is solidly in line with our mission to provide programs that support the Appaloosa breed; a breed we've defined by bloodlines but with preferred characteristics. It allows crossbreeding in order for horses to be more competitive in disciplines open to all breeds, but rewards breeders and horses that tailor their programs to breed for colored offspring.