

## **MPtHA Code of Ethics**

**Mission Statement:** We the members of the Minnesota Pinto Horse Association, in carrying out our role of providing service to the Pinto Horse industry, recognize the need to do so in a professional manner, and to deal with the public and our colleagues with the highest degree of integrity. Therefore, we have set forth the following creed, which shall govern our endeavors to fulfill our obligations. The Governing Board shall be the current MPtHA Board of Directors, plus two advisors appointed annually by the current President.

### **Members of MPtHA Shall:**

- Abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Pinto Horse Association of America, Inc. and to work to further its goals and objectives.
  - Consider the horse paramount and that every horse shall at all times be treated humanely and with dignity, respect and compassion.
  - Provide adequate ventilation, feeding, watering and maintain a healthy and safe environment for horses in their case while attending any MPtHA sanctioned horse show or event.
  - Take into account the horse as a living entity and must not include riding or training techniques to be considered by the MPtHA governing board to be abusive.
  - Act with courtesy and respect towards their fellow exhibitors and show personnel. Unsportsmanship like conduct will not be tolerated, and be dealt with according to the rules of MPtHA and PtHA.
- A. No person on show grounds, including but not limited to, barns stalls, parking area and show arena, may treat a horse in an inhumane manner. The standard by which conduct or inhumane treatment will be measured is that which a reasonable person, informed and experienced in generally accepted equine training and exhibition procedures, would determine to be cruel, abusive and inhumane.
- B. Upon discovery by a show official of inhumane treatment, show management shall immediately report the matter to the Association.

### **Disciplinary action in accordance with MPtHA practices for infractions of the MPtHA Code of Ethics**

1. First offense – letter of reprimand.
2. Second offense – two year suspension of membership privileges of MPtHA.
3. Third offense – five year suspension of membership privileges of MPtHA.
4. Fourth offense – permanent suspension from MPtHA.

If for any reason the PtHA suspends a MPtHA member, the MPtHA will adhere to the same disciplinary action as PtHA.

**Competition and Exhibition Rules and Regulations shall be continually reviewed to ensure such welfare is upheld.**