

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION

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Pinto Horse Association of America, Inc. (PtHA) respects all members of the Organization and encourages their participation in PtHA activities. A PtHA member whose participation in a sanctioned activity is prevented or impaired by a physical or mental disability may petition for a reasonable accommodation based upon the nature of the disability. If the event is competitive, the accommodation must not provide an unfair advantage for the petitioner over other participants in the activity being addressed. The safety of the individual, as well as the other participants is of the utmost concern when a request for accommodation is reviewed.

The individual or his or her legal guardian must submit requests for accommodation in writing, via Application for Reasonable Accommodation Certificate, to the PtHA office. The request must include: (1) identification of the activity for which the accommodation is sought, (2) reasons that the accommodation is needed, (3) validation (diagnosis) of the disability by the individual's health care provider, and (4) a statement describing the accommodation being sought. The individual's participation records from other equine associations may be examined as part of the review process.

Applications for a Reasonable Accommodation Certificate can be obtained from the PtHA Office. The Certificate will be issued annually and will remain in effect from Jan 1 through Dec 31 of the year. Application must be re-applied for annually. If a certificate is issued it is contingent upon each facility being able to accommodate the special needs of said member. Additionally, the show management must be notified seven (7) days before the date of the show and given a copy of the Reasonable Accommodation Certificate allowing the show management time to make reasonable accommodations for the member. A member who wishes to make changes to his/her Reasonable Accommodation Certificate must notify PtHA in writing. The Reasonable Accommodation Certificate is revocable at any time for cause. A Filing Fee of \$10.00 must accompany the application.

Requests for accommodation are considered by the appropriate PtHA committee and submitted to legal counsel for review before a final decision is made.

Upon approval a reasonable accommodation certificate will be issued and the show management must be notified seven (7) days before the show and given a copy of this certificate along with the member's class entries or list of classes the member will be participating in. A copy will be given to the judge(s), of each PtHA sanctioned event which said member is participating. The Reasonable Accommodation Certificate must list all compensatory aids and adaptive equipment allowed the member while competing. Other compensatory aids or special equipment not specifically listed on the certificate will not be allowed.

Any member whose Reasonable Accommodation Certificate has been denied by PtHA may request a hearing before the PtHA Executive Committee. The request must be in writing and mailed to the Pinto Horse Association National Office to the attention of the Executive Vice President within fifteen (15) days from receipt of the decision sought to be reviewed and accompanied by a fee of \$100.00. The decision of the Hearing Committee is final.

Definitions

"Diagnosed permanent physical disability": Members must submit a completed medical profile from his/her physician with diagnosis attesting to the members disability, physical and mental limitations and any compensatory aids or adaptive equipment required by said member.

"Compensatory Aid": A piece of equipment used to aid in the required performance of the competition. Examples could be the use of whips as a replacement for leg aids, the use of headsets for sight impaired riders.

"Adaptive Equipment": Equipment that is adapted, may not normally be allowed by PtHA rules, to aid the member in performing the requirements of competition.

Please send application & release form with appropriate fees to:

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Application Fee: \$10.00

Reasonable Accommodation Application

Fee