

# HOOFPRINTS

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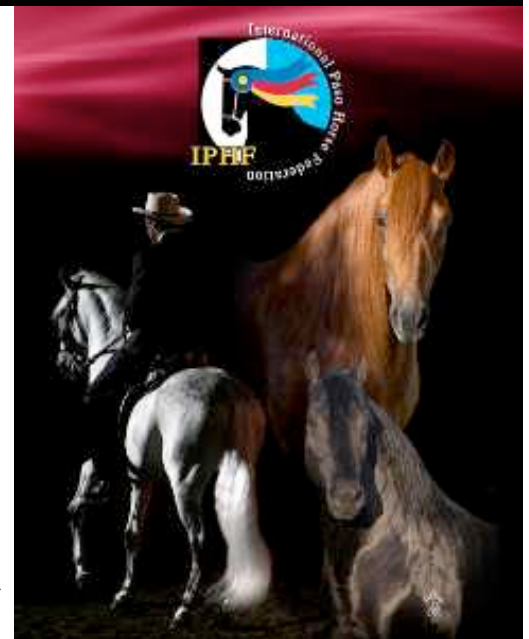
## 2011 IPHF CHAMPIONSHIP CIRCUIT

This year the IPHF is introducing a new concept in showing for the year 2011. It is based on the circuits that many horse competitions employ. The fairness of this system should become obvious to the reader as you contemplate how many shows your horse just had an "off day". Additionally for those horses with an inconvenient birthday (October, November, etc), the classes will be broken into ages that accommodate these horses and allow them to show their potential against like aged horses.

The IPHF show committee headed by Gay Culverhouse is going to have a show in four different cities which will make up the circuit. The scoring will be based on your best three out of four shows or three shows if you choose to attend only three cities. This presents a fair picture of your horses' ability to perform against like horses as your horse will accumulate points at each show. At the end of the season, the horses with the most points in pleasure, performance and fino will be the high point horses for the year. (Points from one division cannot be combined with points from another division.)

There will be a perpetual trophy for amateur and professional riders to immortalize the wins for each season. As quickly as we can obtain a circuit award sponsor we will begin awarding prize money along with the trophies. As memberships and attendance grows we plan to give significant amounts.

This circuit in no way replaces those shows that are held currently. It merely adds to our ability to showcase the paso breed and interest others in these fabulous horses.



## 2011 IPHF Show Circuit Qualifying Shows

Apr. 16-17 Ocala Equestrian Complex\*  
Ocala, FL

May 20-22 Lexington Horse Center  
Lexington, VA

July 8-10 Show Place Arena  
Memphis, TN

Nov. 11-13 Forrest Co. Multipurpose Ctr.  
Hattiesburg, MS

\*In Ocala, only points from the Saturday,  
April 16th show count toward the circuit  
award.

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# The “FAQs” about IPHF

Since we announced the 2011 International Paso Horse Federation, Inc. circuit of shows, we’ve had many questions about IPHF – What’s it all about? Who’s behind it? Why do we think we need it? Here, I answer those questions.

## **Why was IPHF formed?**

IPHF was formed as a non-profit corporation to promote the Paso show horse. We believe that promoting the show horse will raise the value of all Paso horses.

IPHF maintains as a secondary purpose the education about the Paso horse – within the Paso community and to the public at large. The more people know about the horse, the more they will love it as much as we do.

You will note that our name – International Paso Horse Federation, Inc.” does not contain the word “Fino.” We love and embrace our Paso Fino horses. But we think it’s important to encourage the growth and knowledge about Paso Trocha, Trocha y Galope and Trote y Galope horses. That’s why our name refers to the “Paso” horse.

## **Why did you break away from PFHA?**

**We didn’t!** Everyone in IPHF leadership remains members and supporters of PFHA and encourages you to do the same. Organizers of IPHF collectively have over 100 years of tenure and experience with PFHA, much of that in leadership roles. Most IPHF members participate in PFHA shows and activities. There was no break from PFHA – merely the concept that there may be different but still exciting ways to show and promote the Paso horse. We want to plan for the growth of our breed and offer the Paso show enthusiasts more opportunities to exhibit their horses.

## **What does IPHF do that’s different?**

As for show format, IPHF thinks it’s important that exhibitors understand why they placed they way they did in a class – what did the judge see and think about their horse? That is why it is critical that the judge of the show explain the reasons for his/her placements in a way that leaves each exhibitor knowing what qualities of the horse should be preserved and which need additional work. Spectators also will gain a better understanding of the judge’s perspective. The judges’ explanations create a “win win” toward the education goal.

The announcements take time, however, so the show schedule is tailored to allow appropriate age and gender breakdowns of the competitors while allowing sufficient time for the judge to explain the results. The show schedule can also be altered to allow groups to plan a show schedule based upon the demographics of their area and the classes best suited for their membership.

We have instituted strict criteria for IPHF judges. A judge’s performance will be continuously evaluated to insure that fairness, knowledge and integrity are at the forefront.

Another aspect of education is to provide clinics open to exhibitors and members of the public. IPHF recently sponsored a full-day clinic and clinics also will be provided before each of the 2011 circuit shows.

Generally, IPHF shows also allow for age breakdowns in increments of 12 months until the horse reaches age 61 months. We then allow for two divisions of older horses, one for horses from 61-77 months and another for horses 78 months and over. Also, it is the horse’s age on the date of the show that determines for which class the horse is eligible. We think that, this way, the horses more fairly compete against horses of the same size and potential experience.

IPHF is committed to honoring the history and heritage of the Paso Show Horse.

Finally, IPHF encourages strong participation by owners and breeders in the organization. We want involvement by those with a financial interest in seeing our breed grow and prosper.

## **Who’s behind IPHF?**

Most of the leadership is in the north Florida – Ocala – area. Amateur rider Bob Spence is President of IPHF, succeeding Marcia Davis in that job. Tony Coleman is Treasurer. Sheila Spence and Sharon Quinn Dixon hold the offices of Secretary and Vice President. Committee members include Dr. Gay Culverhouse, Carlos Tobon, Sharon Londono, Katreena Haley, Karen Holgate and Lisa Guess. We invite anyone who believes in our ideals and promoting the breed to join and help us – we’re happy to have you!

Sincerely,

*Bob Spence*

# *IPHF Believes Education Is The Key!*

In our quest to further educate our exhibitors and spectators alike, IPHF will be holding two different types of educational sessions at the 2011 La Feria Internacional. First, an exhibitors clinic to be held from 6pm-7pm in the arena on Friday, April 15th. Secondly, two general informational sessions will be conducted in the arena during the lunch break on both Saturday and Sunday. If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about Paso horses, their different gaits and divisions, and how they will be judged at an IPHF show please join us!



Friday, April 15th  
6pm-7pm  
Clinic presented by  
Carlos Tobon

“How To Win  
at an IPHF Show”

During the lunch break on  
Saturday and Sunday  
Alej Ortiz will explain the  
different Paso show divisions  
and the gaits that are required  
in each.



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