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American Miniature Horse Association

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## FOREWORD

The American Miniature Horse Association, Inc., was incorporated in July 1978 to provide an organization to promote the breed and to maintain a permanent registry devoted wholly to the interests of the Miniature Horse. The AMHA is chartered under the laws of the State of Texas as a nonprofit corporation. The Association is an exempt organization under Section 501 (c)

(5) of the Internal Revenue Code.

As defined by AMHA, any horse that exceeds thirty-four (34) inches in height is NOT a Miniature Horse and is not eligible for registration. Temporary papers are issued to Miniatures whose parents are both registered with AMHA. If after three (3) years of age the horse is thirty-four (34) inches or under, application may be made for permanent registration.

Membership in AMHA is available to all persons who subscribe to the objectives of The American Miniature Horse Association, agree to abide by its rules and regulations, and who apply for membership. Regular members are those persons who have registered with AMHA one or more horses and who have paid their membership fee. Associate members are persons who do not have horses registered with AMHA. Youth members are those persons under age nineteen (19) who are interested in the objects and purposes of the Association but who may or may not own a Miniature at the time of application for membership. All regular members are entitled to vote on any Association matters, whereas Associate and Youth members do not have voting privileges.

*THE MINIATURE HORSE WORLD, published periodically by AMHA, and the AMHA website - [www.amha.org](http://www.amha.org) - are the best sources of information concerning Miniature Horses. This outstanding publication provides articles by experts in all fields of the horse world, a show calendar, advertisements and articles by breeders, and much, much more. A free breeders list is also available upon request.*

*Miniature Horse shows give breeders and exhibitors opportunities to compete for awards. These competitions enable the public to see the various types and uses of the versatile Miniatures at their best.*

*This handbook presents the current Bylaws, Show Rules, Standard of Perfection, Rules and Regulations, and fees for our membership. Changes have been indicated by **bold print**. Any other questions should be addressed to:*



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## THE AMERICAN MINIATURE HORSE STANDARD OF PERFECTION

(Amended 02-12, effective 1-13)

**BREED OBJECTIVE:** To produce the smallest possible perfect horse.

**GENERAL IMPRESSION:** The American Miniature Horse is a beautiful, small well balanced horse that if all reference to size were eliminated, would have the same conformational proportions of other full sized light breeds. The mares demonstrate refinement and feminine qualities. The mature stallions show boldness and masculinity. The general impression is to be a balanced individual regardless of size with symmetry, strength, agility and alertness. Movement is strong, natural and athletic. In motion the horse will exude athleticism as demonstrated by suppleness of the shoulders and engaged hocks. In judging when characteristics are almost equal, preference must be given to the smaller horse.

**TEMPERAMENT:** Temperament is reflected in its personality. The American Miniature Horse is intelligent, curious, gentle, sensible, willing to cooperate and easy to train.

**SIZE:** Measuring at base of the last hair of the mane (Art XI, Sec 4), the mature animal must not exceed 34 inches. Horses two years old or younger conform to the height for age requirements as stated in the show rules (GR-020- Height verification) and (CL-005).

**COLOR:** Any coat color, pattern, white markings and eye color are equally acceptable.

**HEAD:** The head is beautiful, triangular in shape and comparatively small in proportion to the length of neck and body. The forehead is broad with large, prominent eyes. The eyes are set well apart and are placed approximately 1/3 the distance from the poll to muzzle. The distance between the muzzle and eyes is comparatively short. A profile may be straight or slightly dished below the eyes, blending into large nostrils on a small, refined muzzle.

**BITE:** When viewed from the side, the meeting point of the center incisor teeth should be equal and even. A slight deviation no more than half the width of the tooth's surface is permissible without fault. The accuracy of the bite may vary according to age. As the premolars and molars move into location, the alignment of the jaw could vary during this process.

**EARS:** The ears are set on top of the head and carried alertly. They are medium in size, well shaped with pointed tips curving slightly inward.

**NECK:** The neck is set on the top of a well-angulated shoulder, departing well above the point of the shoulder and blending into the withers, giving the impression of the neck sitting on top of the withers rather than in front of them. The slender neck is slightly arched forming a gentle curve from the poll to the back. Its length is in proportion to body with the top line being considerably longer than the bottom line. The throatlatch is clean and well defined, allowing flexion at the poll and normal respiration.

**SHOULDERS:** The shoulders are muscular, long, sloping, well angulated (45-50 degrees), allowing for a free swinging stride and alert head/neck carriage.

**BODY:** The body is compact with a short back, close coupling, broad loins, deep flank and well sprung ribs. The back has a long, level, well muscled croup and is smoothly rounding at the hip. The tail is well set. The underline of the body should be long but not tucked up at the flank. At maturity, the top of the hip must not be higher than the withers. The chest is medium width with defined muscular development.

**LEGS:** The legs appear longer than the body is deep. They possess flat bone, and an appearance of over-all substance with refinement. Legs are structurally straight and parallel when viewed from the front and back with hooves pointing directly ahead. The pasterns have sufficient length and angulations to provide a light, springy step. The front legs possess a well muscled forearm, relatively long in proportion to a short cannon. Front pasterns slope 45 to 48 degrees and blend smoothly with no change of angle from the hooves to the ground.

The rear leg structure must demonstrate good angulations and proper flexion of the hocks for athletic movement; have the stifle placed well forward and low in the flank area with thighs and gaskins well muscled. The gaskin is relatively long in relation to the cannon. The rear cannons are perpendicular to the ground when points of hocks and buttocks are in the same vertical lines. Back pasterns slope 40 to 50 degrees and blend smoothly with no change of angle from the hooves to the ground. The hooves are trimmed to a practical length and have sufficient toe length and angle with spread of the heels for the size and proportions of the animal.

**MOVEMENT:** The walk is a natural free flowing, four beat gait with length of stride proportional to the height and length of leg. The trot is a natural forward, free flowing two beat diagonal gait where the knee and hock are synchronized in their elevated, flexed and extension movement. When viewed at a walk and trot from the front, the horse will replicate the structural correctness of its stance. The American Miniature Horses' conformation allows them to trot willingly and freely at liberty or pulling a pleasure cart.

**JUVENILE CONSIDERATIONS:** The body of the junior horse demonstrates stretch and frame to be filled in with muscling appropriate for its age. A mature adult look is not desirable.



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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF THE AMERICAN MINIATURE  
HORSE ASSOCIATION, INC.**

We, the undersigned natural persons above the age of twenty-one (21) years, all of whom are citizens and residents of the State of Texas, acting as Incorporators or a corporation under the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act, do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

**ARTICLE I**

The name of the corporation is THE AMERICAN MINIATURE HORSE ASSOCIATION, INC.

**ARTICLE II**

(A) The corporation is a NON-PROFIT CORPORATION.

(B) The corporation shall be organized and operated exclusively for educational, scientific, and animal husbandry purposes. No part of its net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any officer, director, or private individual, nor shall it ever declare or make to any of such persons any dividend or other distribution.

(C) Nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment of reasonable compensation for services rendered or the reimbursement of reasonable expenses incurred in connection with the corporation's affairs.

**ARTICLE III**

The period of the duration of the corporation is PERPETUAL.

**ARTICLE IV**

The purpose for which this corporation is formed are exclusively educational, scientific, and animal husbandry, defined as follows:

(A) Aid and encourage the breeding, exhibiting, use and perpetuation of Miniature Horses; promote and coordinate Miniature Horse show activities; promote and encourage exhibiting of Miniature Horses in open classes; coordinate and cooperate with the US Equestrian Federation in providing qualified judges for Miniature Horse shows; and in devising and adopting Miniature Horse show rules, regulations and standards.

(B) Cooperate with other organizations with similar interest in Miniature Horses.

(C) Formulate publicity and educational programs and other activities in the interest of Miniature Horse owners, Miniature Horse associations, clubs, and enthusiasts, for the purpose of stimulating popular interest in the Miniature Horse.

- (D) Own, operate, and maintain a registry and stud book for Miniature Horses, either solely or in cooperation with other organizations.
- (E) Do any and all things necessary or appropriate to accomplish objects and purposes as stated herein and as set forth in the articles of incorporation.
- (F) To encourage in any manner of business to raise money for the purposes above recited.
- (G) To encourage in any and all forms of business transactions or enterprises a natural person might do, except as limited by law.
- (H) To receive donations, bequests, and devises of property, both real and personal.
- (I) To own, hold, purchase, trade, sell, exchange and deal in, and otherwise dispose of, all kinds of real and personal property.

#### **ARTICLE V**

The corporation shall have no capital stock or shares.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

- (A) The authorized members and qualifications of the members, the different classes of membership, if any, and other rights and privileges of each class of members and the liability of each and all classes to dues and the methods of collection thereof, shall be provided in the Bylaws of this corporation duly adopted.
- (B) The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors, whose number, term and qualifications, except as otherwise may be provided for in these articles or by Texas law, shall be prescribed in the Bylaws, but in no event shall the number of Directors be less than three (3).

#### **ARTICLE VII**

- (A) The corporation shall not carry on political propaganda or otherwise try to influence legislation.
- (B) The corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for office.
- (C) The corporation shall not carry on any activity not permitted a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(C) (5) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States (or the corresponding provisions of any such subsequent law).

**ARTICLE VIII**

Upon dissolution or liquidation, whether voluntary or involuntary, the net assets of the corporation shall be distributed to one or more educational, or charitable organizations exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States (or the corresponding provisions of any such future law).

**ARTICLE IX**

The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 1139, Arlington, Texas 76011, and the name of the initial registered agent at such address is Leon B. Blair.

**ARTICLE X**

The number of Directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the corporation is four, and the names and residence address of the persons who are to serve as the initial Directors are:

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| Leon B. Blair      | 3604 Kimberly Lane<br>Fort Worth, TX 76133    |
| B.V. Thompson, Jr. | 4041 Shadow Drive<br>Fort Worth, TX 76116     |
| Michelle Jones     | 1048 Old Cardinal Road<br>Kennedale, TX 76060 |
| Charles Palmer     | 6610 Lazy Ridge<br>San Antonio, TX 78229      |

**ARTICLE XI**

The name and street address of each Incorporator is:

|                    |   |
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**OF THE AMERICAN MINIATURE HORSE ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**ARTICLE I - NAME**

Pursuant to its Articles of Incorporation under the laws of the State of Texas, the name of this organization shall be The American Miniature Horse Association, Inc., and it shall be a non-profit corporation.

**ARTICLE II - PURPOSES**

The objects of The American Miniature Horse Association, Inc., shall be those stated in Article IV of its Articles of Incorporation.

**ARTICLE III - LOCATION**

The principal place of business of the Association shall be determined by the Board of Directors subject to approval of the membership at the next annual meeting other than in case of emergency. Its members, Officers or Directors may be residents of any state, territory, or country. Business may be conducted or carried on at any place convenient to such members or officials, as may be participating.

**ARTICLE IV - MEMBERS**

**Section 1, Membership**

Membership in AMHA is open to all persons who subscribe to the objectives of the AMHA, and who agree to abide by its rules and regulations. Applications for new membership may be refused by majority vote of the Board of Directors. Involuntary termination of membership must be approved by a 2/3 vote at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors and must be ratified by a majority vote of the members at the next annual meeting. Members of the Association shall be admitted, retained, reprimanded, fined, suspended or expelled in accordance with such rules and regulations as the membership may, from time to time adopt. In all matters of elections governed by a vote of the members, each regular and lifetime member in good standing who has attained the age of eighteen (18) years shall be entitled to one vote. Associate and Youth members shall not be entitled to vote. To do business with AMHA one must be a regular, associate or lifetime member with the exceptions of the following business transactions:

Applying for a Permanent Measurement Card or Duplicate Measurement Card.

- Purchasing a non-member Amateur card or to opt out of AOTE.
- Updating any AMHA registration papers from temporary to permanent.
- Transferring ownership of an AMHA horse.
- Leasing an AMHA horse.
- Requesting a duplicate registration certificate.
- Miniature Horse World advertising.
- Separate non-member fees are listed in the AMHA Rule Book for these items.

(Amended 02-06, effective 01-09)

(Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)

(Amended 02-12, effective 01-13)

(Amended 02-17, effective 01-18)

(Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)

## **Section 2, Classes of Membership**

### **(A) Regular Members**

Regular Members are those persons who own an undivided or community property interest in and have registered with the Association one or more American Miniature Horses, who have applied for and been accepted to membership in the Association, by the Board of Directors or their designee and who are not in arrears in payment of their annual dues. Up to four (4) directors of a Canadian Provincial Corporation, who have paid for regular membership, and whose corporation owns one or more Miniature Horses, may vote in lieu of such corporation.

### **(B) Lifetime Members**

Lifetime Members are those persons who own an undivided or community property interest in and have registered with the Association one or more American Miniature Horses, who have applied for and been accepted to membership in the Association, by the Board of Directors or their designee and who have paid their lifetime fee. Lifetime members shall pay no annual dues. For purposes of these Bylaws the term "Regular Member" shall be deemed to include "Lifetime Member," except where otherwise specified.

### **(C) Associate Members**

Associate Members are those persons who are interested in the objects and purposes of the Association but who do not own a Miniature Horse at the time of application for membership, who have applied for and been accepted to membership in the Association, by the Board of Directors or their designee and who are not in arrears in payment of their annual dues.

### **(D) Youth Members**

Youth Members are those persons eighteen (18) and under who are interested in the objects and purposes of the Association but who may or may not have a Miniature at the time of application for membership. For AMHA show purposes, the age of an individual on January 1 shall be maintained throughout the entire calendar year.

(Amended 02-06, effective 01-07)

### **(E) Syndicates and Corporations**

Syndicates and corporations shall have no voting rights.

(Amended 12-09, effective 01-10)

### **(F) Non-Transferable**

Membership shall not be transferable.

## **Section 3, Dues**

Each Regular and Associate Member shall pay annual dues and each Lifetime Member shall pay a lifetime fee to the Association, in such amounts as the Annual Meeting may prescribe. Annual



dues shall not be prorated (Proviso: except for in the year of conversion from fiscal year to calendar year.). Renewals of annual membership fees are due on January 1st and will expire on December 31st of each calendar year. If not renewed the member shall be automatically dropped from membership in the Association, and thereafter membership may be restored as provided by Section 4 of this Article. Membership for spouses of Regular and Lifetime Members shall be allowed by payment of a single fee, but not more than two (2) memberships per fee shall be allowed. Any person (owner or owners, amateurs, youth, trainers) who is showing at an AMHA Championship or World Show must be an AMHA member in good standing. You must be an AMHA member for your horse to earn AMHA points.

(Amended 02-02, effective 01-03)

(Amended 02-06, effective 01-07)

(Amended 02-07, effective 01-08)

(Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)

(Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)

#### **Section 4, Application**

All Applications for membership in the Association shall promptly be referred to the Board of Directors or their designee for the class of membership applied for, and applicant will promptly be notified of action taken. Application shall be made on completed forms and include payment of a membership fee as may be prescribed from time to time at the Annual Meeting.

Application may be approved by the Board of Directors or their designee, but only the Board of Directors, at a regular meeting, shall have the power to reject said application. Should a change in class of membership be desired, one must file a new application for that class, and be approved for that class.

(Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)

Whenever in these Bylaws the term member or members shall be used, unless otherwise specified, it shall mean a member(s) in good standing having the right to vote. A member in good standing is one whose dues are fully paid and whose rights are not suspended or revoked by disciplinary action.

#### **Section 5, Liability**

No member shall be personally liable for debts, liabilities or obligations of the Association, except as provided by law.

### **ARTICLE V - CORPORATE POWER**

#### **Section 1, Division of Power**

The corporate powers of The American Miniature Horse Association shall be those provided by the law and the Articles of Incorporation and shall be administered as provided in this Article.

#### **Section 2, Powers of the Members**

##### **(A) Exclusive Powers**

The Regular Members shall have exclusive powers to amend the Bylaws; amend the Articles of Incorporation; and dissolve

the corporation, as provided herein, in Article XIX.  
(Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)

### **SECTION 3, Powers of the Board of Directors**

(A) Enumeration

The Board of Directors shall have the power and authority to make, amend, repeal, and enforce such rules and regulations, not contrary to law, the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws, as they may deem expedient and necessary concerning the conduct, management and activities of the Association, including but not limited to the setting and collection of dues and fees, (excepting registration fees) regulations regarding stud book, registration, the expenditures of money, the auditing of books and records, the awarding of championships, the conducting of shows, contests, exhibitions, sales, social functions and other details relating to the general purposes of the Association. All of the foregoing are subject to revision or amendment by a majority of the registered Regular Members in good standing at the Annual Meeting or any special meeting **whether in person or by electronic attendance**, provided that written notice of any intention to revise or amend said rule(s) has been published on the AMHA website, E-News or official correspondence at least sixty (60) days in advance of that meeting.

(Amended 06-03, effective 01-04)

(Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)

(Amended 02-14, effective 01-15)

**(Amended 11-23. Effective 01-24)**

(B) Committees

The Board of Directors shall have the power to create and empower all committees both standing and special, from time to time, and to appoint their members, except electing the Show Rules and Licensed Officials Committees which shall be done by the membership, in accordance with Show Rule GR-000 and LO-042 at the Annual Membership Meeting. All Committees both standing and special will be subordinate to the Board of Directors.

(Amended 02-07, effective 01-08)

(C) Executive Director

The Board of Directors shall have the power to employ or appoint a salaried or non-salaried staff head who shall have the title of Executive Director. The Executive Director shall perform such duties as are assigned to him/her by the President and Board of Directors.

(Amended 07-02, effective 01-03)

(D) Hearing Board Chairman

The Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint a Hearing Board Chairman to serve as the presiding officer in all hearings conducted by the Hearing Board pursuant to the rules of the Association.

(Amended 02-04, effective 01-05)

#### **Section 4, Powers of Officers**

The Officers of the Association shall have those powers delegated to them by these Bylaws and such additional powers as may be delegated by the members at the Annual Meeting or by the Board of Directors.

(Amended 02-14, effective 01-15)

#### **Section 5, Indemnity**

The Directors, Officers, and employees of The American Miniature Horse Association, Inc. shall be indemnified and insured in accordance with Article 1396-2.22A of the Texas Non Profit Corporation Act.

No director of the AMHA shall be liable to the AMHA or its members for monetary damages for an act or omission in such director's capacity as a director of the AMHA, except that this Article shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director of the AMHA for: A. A breach of such director's duty of loyalty to the AMHA or its members; B. An act or omission not in good faith or that involves intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of the law or these Bylaws; C. A transaction from which a director received an improper benefit, whether or not the benefit resulted from an action taken within the scope of the director's office; or D. An act or omission for which the liability of a director is expressly provided for by statute.

Any repeal or amendment of this Article by the members of the AMHA shall be prospective only and shall not adversely affect any limitation on the personal liability of a director of the AMHA existing at the time of such repeal or amendment. Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, if the Texas Business Organizations Code is amended after approval by the members of this Article to authorize corporate action further eliminating or limiting the personal liability of directors, then the liability of a director of the AMHA shall be eliminated or limited to the fullest extent permitted by the Texas Business Organizations Code, as so amended from time to time.

(Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)

#### **Section 6, Surety Bonds**

The Executive Director, Controller, and the Treasurer and all other Officers or employees of the Association who may handle funds of the Association shall give a surety bond to be furnished at the expense of the Association for the faithful discharge of his or her duties, if so required by the Board of Directors.

(Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)

### **ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS**

#### **Section 1, Annual Meeting**

The next Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held at such time and in such a manner as shall be determined at the Annual Meeting. Members may participate in the Annual Meeting in person or by electronic means, approved by the Board of Directors, as long as all members can hear each other simultaneously. If no time and

place are set for the next Annual Meeting of the Association, the Annual meeting shall be set on the first business day of the calendar year at the AMHA headquarters in Alvarado, Texas.

(Amended 2-03, effective 01-04)

(Amended 11-18, effective 01-19)

(Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)

## Section 2, Special Meetings

Special Meetings of the members may be held at such time and place as may be designated in the notice thereof, whenever such notice shall be electronically emailed or published in the E-magazine by direction of a majority of the Board of Directors or by notice signed by no less than twenty (20) percent of the regular members as of immediately preceding such notice.

### (A) Notice

Notice of a special meeting shall be given by publishing such notice **by AMHA e-newsletter or by email blast to each member with an email address on file with the AMHA, or published on the AMHA website**, at least sixty (60) days prior to such meeting, stating the time and place of such meeting. Notice of such meeting will indicate briefly the subject or objects thereof which shall be given in the same manner as provided with respect to notice of annual meetings.

(Amended 12-09, effective 01-10)

**(Amended 12-22, effective 01-23)**

### (B) Business Only items specified in the notice of the special meeting can be transacted at such meetings.

(Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)

## Section 3, Attendance

All members in good standing of The American Miniature Horse Association Inc., whether Regular, Lifetime, Associate, or Youth shall be entitled to attend any Annual or Special Meeting of the Association, and shall have floor privileges.

## Section 4, Voting

### (A) Regular Members

All Regular Members who have attained the age of nineteen (19) years as of thirty (30) days preceding such meeting and who have been Regular Members for at least six (6) months are entitled to vote on any matter before the Annual Meeting or any special meeting. Whenever in these bylaws the term member or members shall be used unless otherwise specified, it shall mean a member(s) in good standing having the right to vote.

### (B) Associate Members

All Associate and Youth Members are entitled to speak concerning any matter before the Annual or any special meeting but are not entitled to vote.

### (C) Quorum

At any meeting of the members of the Association a quorum

to do business shall consist of the majority of the largest number of Regular Members in good standing that have registered for such meeting.

- (D) Proxies  
Voting by proxy shall not be permitted. All regular members, voting on any measure must be present, at the meeting, to vote.  
(Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)
- (E) Special Measures  
An affirmative vote of two thirds of the registered Regular Members present and voting at any Annual or special meeting shall be required to: amend a Bylaw; amend the Articles of Incorporation; or dissolve the corporation. Proposals to amend a Bylaw must follow the procedures contained in Article XIX. Proposals to amend the Articles of Incorporation, or dissolve the corporation may be proposed at an Annual Meeting and voted upon at the next Annual Meeting. Proposals to amend the Articles of Incorporation, or dissolve the corporation may be made by a petition signed by at least five (5) percent of the voting members as of the April 1st preceding the meeting, or by a majority of the Board of Directors, and notice of such proposals shall be published in official AMHA correspondence, at least sixty (60) days prior to the next Annual Meeting or special meeting. Requirement for due notice of intent to amend the Articles of Incorporation or dissolve the corporation shall thus be deemed satisfied and at the next Annual Meeting or special meeting may proceed to take final action.  
(Amended 02-02, effective 01-03)  
(Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)  
(Amended 11-18, effective 01-19)
- (F) Ordinary Measures  
Except as otherwise specified in these Bylaws, a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary for the election of an Officer or for the adoption of any other measure.  
(Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)
- (G) Presiding Officer  
The presiding Officer of the Annual or any special meeting may exercise his/her right as a voting member on all secret balloted voting issues. The presiding Officer in all other voting issues will only vote either to create or break a tie.  
(Amended 02-17, effective 01-18)  
(Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)

## ARTICLE VII - DIRECTORS

### Section 1, Enumeration

- (A) Number of Directors  
A region with less than 400 members shall have one (1) Director; a region with over 400 members shall have two (2) Directors.

- (Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)  
(Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)
- (B) **Composition of Executive Committee**  
The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and either the immediate Past President or Director at Large.  
(Amended 02-07, effective 01-08)
- (C) **Responsibility of Board**  
The Board of Directors shall manage the affairs and assets of the Association. No employee or member of the Association shall ever be denied access to any member of the Board of Directors.  
(Amended 02-07, effective 01-08)  
(Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)
- (D) **Proportional Representation**  
There shall be thirteen (13) Regions as defined in this subsection and the number of Directors, elected from each of those Regions shall be equitably proportioned to the number of Regular Members in such region, provided that at least one (1) Director shall be elected from each Region.

**Region 1**

Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont

**Region 2**

Michigan, Ohio, and Pennsylvania

**Region 3**

Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia

**Region 4**

Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee

**Region 5**

Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, and Wisconsin

**Region 6**

Texas

**Region 7**

Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming

**Region 8**

Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington

**Region 9**

Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, and Utah

**Region 10**

Western one-half of Canada

**Region 11**  
Eastern one-half of Canada

**Region 12**  
Oklahoma and Arkansas

**Region 13**  
Colorado, Kansas, and New Mexico

(E) Modification of Board

The number of Directors for each region shall be equitably proportioned to the highest number of Regular Members listed in the preceding year (July 31 - July 31) membership roll of such region as outlined in Article VII 1(A). When the number of Directors is to be increased or decreased, such changes shall be made at the next scheduled election for those regions.

(Amended 11-08, effective 01-09)

Section 2, Qualifications

(A) Prerequisite

Each person prior to being nominated for Director shall be a qualified Regular or Lifetime Member and shall reside in the region which he/she is nominated. Each Director shall at all times during his/her term in office be a qualified Regular or Lifetime Member and shall reside in the region which he or she represents.

(B) Condition of Office

Any Director who does not attend a minimum of fifty (50) percent of the regular and special Board of Director's meetings (including conference calls) from Annual Meeting to Annual Meeting or a Director who fails to maintain their membership in good standing shall be subject to removal from office by a majority vote of the Board of Directors

(Amended 02-03, effective 01-04)

Section 3, Terms

(A) Duration of Term

Directors shall be elected to office for a term of three (3) years, or until their successors are elected and qualified, to take office immediately after the next Annual Meeting.

(B) Limitation of Terms

No person shall serve more than six (6) consecutive years as a director. Service for any part of a year shall be considered service for that year. No director, currently in office, may be re-elected to the same office more than once. Upon serving two (2) consecutive full or partial terms, or six (6) years whichever is the lesser, a person is ineligible to be a director for three (3) years thereafter. The immediate Past President, if he is not otherwise a director, may serve one additional year only.

Exception 1: If there are insufficient candidates to fill available Board positions from a given region, current directors may run for additional terms by making written request to the AMHA office, postmarked no more than seven (7) business days after the close of nominations, and be included on the ballot for re-election regardless of the number of terms served.

(C) Schedule of Elections

Elections will hereafter be held in each region as follows:

Regions 5, 6, and 7 in 1987 and every three years thereafter.

Regions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 12 in 1988 and every three years thereafter.

Regions 8, 9, 10, 11, and 13 in 1989 and every three years thereafter.

**Section 4, Regional Elections**

(A) Nominations

The Regular Members of each region shall submit the names of those they wish to nominate for a Director to the President or to his designee on form and by date requested. The appropriate Nomination Form will be distributed by official AMHA correspondence. An AMHA director candidate questionnaire shall be sent to each person who agrees to run as a Director and a copy of that completed questionnaire shall accompany the ballots for the appropriate region.

(Amended 02-10, effective 01-11)

(Amended 02-12, effective 01-13)

(Amended 11-18, effective 01-19)

(Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)

(B) Balloting

The President will then cause ballots to be sent electronically to the Regular Members of each region, which ballot shall contain the names of the nominees of their region and the date by which the ballot must be submitted to the Association or its designee in order to be counted. A written ballot may be requested by phone. Write in votes shall be allowed.

(Amended 11-18, effective 01-19)

(C) Counting Procedure

The nominee in each region receiving the highest number of votes cast in the region shall be elected. If a region has more than one directorship open in any election, the nominee receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected and so on until all directorships are filled. If a tie occurs between two or more nominees where only one directorship is available, a run-off shall be held and the nominee receiving the most votes cast shall be elected.

(D) Recall

To recall a Director elected from a region, a petition signed by twenty (20) percent of the Regular Members residing in that



region, shall be addressed to the President who shall cause a secret ballot to be mailed to each voting member residing in that region. The incumbent Director shall be notified upon receipt of the petition, and shall be notified of the result of the ballot.

### **Section 5, Vacancies**

A vacancy created for any Regional Director because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise may be filled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of term.

(Amended 02-03, effective 01-04)

### **Section 6, Meetings**

#### **(A) Annual Board Meeting**

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held immediately following the Annual Meeting of the members. No notice shall be required for such meeting. The Board of Directors may provide for other regular meetings at stated times and places.

#### **(B) Special Meetings**

Special Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held whenever called at the direction of the President or by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors.

#### **(C) Electronic Meetings**

The Board of Directors may conduct any meeting of the Board of Directors by electronic means as long as everyone can hear each other simultaneously.

(Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)

#### **(D) Notice**

Notice of each meeting of the Board of Directors, other than the regular Annual Board Meeting, shall be given by mail, telephone or other verifiable means to each Director at least three (3) days before the meeting.

#### **(E) Quorum**

At any meeting of the Board of Directors, for which notice has been given, the presence of a majority of Directors then in office shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

#### **(F) Proxy - Voting by proxy shall not be permitted.**

#### **(G) Report of Meetings**

**A written report of each Board of Director's meeting, which at the least shall contain all actions taken by the Board and how each Director voted on each issue, including the votes cast by the President or Chairman. This report shall be or posted to the AMHA website within 60 days. Any current AMHA member may receive a written copy of this report by contacting the AMHA Office.**

(Amended 02-06, effective 01-07)

**(Amended 12-22, effective 01-23)**

(H) Open Meetings

Meetings of the Board of Directors **are** open to all persons wishing to attend. **All attendees must identify themselves upon request. Failure to do so may result in the attendee being removed from the meeting.** The Board may close its meeting on matters relating to personnel and pending legal or disciplinary matters except to a member bringing such matters before the Board as provided herein or any members the subject of such matters.

(Amended 11-23, effective 01-24)

## ARTICLE VIII - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### Section 1, Enumeration

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Immediate Past President (one year only and be eligible per Article IX, Section 2(A) and (B), 3, 4 and 5), Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer. In the event that the Immediate Past President is elected to the Executive Committee, one Committee Member-At-Large will be elected from the existing Board of Directors. The Committee Member-At-Large qualifications, term, election, and vacancy in office shall be the same as for Officers as per Article IX, Section 2(A) and (B), 3, 4, and 5.

(Amended 02-16, effective 01-17)

### Section 2, Duties

The duties of the Executive Committee shall be to act for the Board on matters requiring resolution between Board meetings, personnel matters and on disciplinary matters as provided in the General Rules and Regulations and other duties as directed by the Board.

(A) The Executive Committee shall meet whenever called by direction of the President or three (3) members of the Committee acting jointly. The Executive Director or designee shall give three (3) days written notice of said meeting, but such notice may be waived by any member. Absentee or vote by proxy is not allowed in any meeting of the Executive Committee.

(Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)

(B) The Committee may meet by electronic means as long as all members can hear each other simultaneously or may act (without conversing in meeting) by written resolution signed by all the members thereof and duly entered in the Association's records. At all meetings of the Committee, four (4) members shall constitute a quorum.

(Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)

(C) All actions of the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Board of Directors within fourteen (14) days of such action. The report can be either written or verbal. All actions of the Executive Committee are subject to ratification, revision or amendment by the directors at any regular or special meeting of the directors.

## ARTICLE IX - OFFICERS

### Section 1, Enumeration

The Officers of The American Miniature Horse Association, Inc., shall consist of a President, a Vice President, the immediate Past President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, (and a Director-At-Large when dictated by circumstances described in Article VIII, Section 1) selected in accordance with this Article.

### Section 2, Qualifications

#### (A) Prerequisite

Each Officer shall at all times during his/her term in office be a qualified Regional Director in good standing.

#### (B) Restriction of Office

Officers shall be elected from those Regional Directors whose term has not expired and who have served at least one year as Director on the AMHA Board and **newly elected Directors that have had previous AMHA Board experience**. No officer or member of the Executive Committee may serve more than three (3) consecutive years in the same office nor on the Executive Committee for more than five (5) consecutive years. After a year's break, the Director can run for the same office or the Executive Committee again. **In the event none of the current Board members want to serve on the Executive Committee the membership shall nominate a past Regional Director from the floor to fill any office on the Executive Committee until all offices are filled. All officers voted to the committee as a past Regional Director will have the voting rights on the Executive Committee and on Board meetings as well.**

(Amended 02-07, effective 01-08)

**(Amended 12-22, effective 01-23)**

#### (C) Treasurer

Due to the nature of the duties of the Treasurer, if no individual of suitable qualifications is willing to serve, the membership shall elect a Treasurer from the General Membership.

(Amended 02-08, effective 01-09)

**(Amended 11-23, Effective 01-24)**

### Section 3, Terms

Officers shall be elected to office for a term of one (1) year, or until their successors are elected and qualified, to take office immediately after the Annual Meeting.

### Section 4, Elections

By two months prior to the Annual Meeting each year, any eligible Director (including those to be seated) who wish to run for an office should submit a standardized biographical sketch to the AMHA National office. Such information will be placed on the AMHA website and a copy placed in each member's packet at the Annual Meeting. Additionally, candidates may be nominated from the floor but will be required to present the biography (printed

at their time and expense) at the meeting. All candidates should be prepared to answer questions from the floor regarding their qualifications. The officers will be elected by a majority of the votes cast at the Annual Meeting of the members, by ballot, provided however, that in the event but one person is nominated for an office the election may be by voice vote. In the event there are three (3) or more candidates for any office, and no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, the nominee receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped from each ballot and there shall be run-offs until one nominee receives a majority of the votes cast. (Amended 02-08, effective 01-09)  
(Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)

### **Section 5, Vacancies**

Any vacancy occurring between the Annual Meetings shall be filled by the Board of Directors. Should a vacancy occur in the office of President, then, the Vice President shall automatically become the President for the unexpired term so that the vacancy then to be filled would be the office of Vice President. **If a vacancy in the office of the Treasurer occurs and there is not a suitable replacement on the Board, the Board of Directors shall have the authority to appoint a Treasurer from the general membership. If the Treasurer is selected in this manner, he/she will not have voting rights as a Director.**

Amended 02-06, effective 01-01&  
(Amended 02-14, effective 01-16)  
(Amended 11-23, effective 01-24)

### **Section 6, Duties General**

These Officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these Bylaws, and by parliamentary authority adopted by the Association, and any special rule of the voting members or the Board of Directors.

### **Section 7, Duties of the President**

- (A) The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Association.
- (B) The President shall preside at all meetings of the members, the Board of Directors, and the Executive Committee.
- (C) The President shall enforce these Bylaws and other rules and regulations of the Association, and perform all the duties incident to the position and office, and which are required by law, and shall perform all other duties that may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors.
- (D) The President and the Secretary shall prepare all agendas.
- (E) The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. The President will not chair any committees other than the Executive Committee.  
(Amended 02-08, effective 01-09)
- (F) Travel Reimbursement Requests: All staff/director travel reimbursement requests will be reviewed and signed off as approved/disapproved by the AMHA President prior to any payment. This will be conducted on a monthly basis. The only exception will be travel reimbursement for the President; this reimbursement request will be reviewed and signed off as approved/disapproved by the AMHA Treasurer prior to

any payment. The AMHA Secretary or Board Designee will audit all travel reimbursements bi-annually, once during the Board of Directors meeting and once during the General Membership Meeting. The Secretary will report to the Board of Directors the results of the audit.  
(Amended 02-06, effective 01-07)  
(Amended 02-14, effective 01-16)

### **Section 8, Duties of the Vice President**

The Vice-President shall serve as chairperson of the Hub Committee, assume the duties of the President in the event of absence, or inability to act, of the President, and such other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors. The Vice President will review all Standing Rules **and Policies** prior to each Annual Meeting and solicit input from Committee chairs regarding whether the Standing Rule **and/or Policy** should be retained, eliminated, or presented as a Rule Change proposal through proper channels. A copy of the current Standing Rules will be published on the AMHA website and made available at the Annual Meeting **to all participating members.**

(Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)  
(Amended 12-22, effective 01-23)

### **Section 9, Duties of the Secretary**

- (A) The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept a full and complete record of the proceedings of all Executive Committee meetings and closed sessions of the Board of Directors.
- (B) The Secretary shall handle or cause to be handled all correspondence and communications and generally do and perform all duties incident to the office of the Secretary.
- (C) The President and the Secretary shall prepare all agendas.
- (D) The Secretary shall cause to be published notice of the date and place of all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors.
- (E) The Secretary shall, in the absence of the President and Vice President at any meeting, call the meeting to order and preside until the election of a chairman pro-tem, which should take place immediately.

### **Section 10, Duties of the Treasurer**

- (A) The Treasurer shall cause to be received all monies belonging to or paid into The American Miniature Horse Association, Inc., and shall have the same deposited in the Association's bank account in a timely manner.
- (B) The Treasurer shall cause to be disbursed funds only upon itemized demands or upon the order of the Board of Directors.
- (C) The Treasurer shall cause to be kept complete books of account and shall issue an itemized statement and report at the Annual Meeting and such interim reports as may be

ordered by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer will also provide the Finance Committee members and Board of Directors with a monthly financial report which includes a balance sheet and profit/loss statement.  
(Amended 02-06, effective 01-07)

- (D) The Treasurer shall cause to be submitted to the Board of Directors, at the first regular meeting of the Board after the Annual Meeting of the Board, a detailed budget of the proposed and anticipated expenditures for the current calendar year of the Association for their approval. Upon approval of the budget, or its modification, it shall become binding upon the Officers of the Association and shall not be exceeded in each item set forth by more than ten (10) percent without prior approval by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
- (E) Check and Balance Procedure for Accounts Payable/Accounts Receivable: All Accounts Payable and Accounts Receivable will be reviewed by the generating Department Head. The Department Head will review for accuracy, initial the document, notate the AP/AR in the Department Records, and forward the AP/AR to the Finance Controller for appropriate action. Accounts Receivable will be processed on the day of receipt with notification to the sending Department when receivables are cleared for deposit. This will assist the effected Department in proper record management, allow that Department to continue service with the client of record, and close the Departments balance sheet on that item. Accounts Payable will be received and reviewed by the generating Department Head, reviewed for accuracy, logged in the Departments Records, initialed, and forwarded to the Accounting Department for disposition. All Accounts Payable checks will require two signatures, one required signature will be the Accounting Manager, second signature designees will be another Staff Director or Supervisor. The Accounts Payable will be documented following AMHA's standard procedure. The generating Department will be notified when complete to insure proper Department Record Management. Exception to the above stated Accounts Payable procedure: when a single Accounts Payable exceeds one thousand dollars, (\$1,000), the signature requirement will be the AMHA Accounting Manager, AND another Staff Director. (The only exception to this will be payroll.) Vendors and Outside Contractor invoices will require these two signatures when the total of the invoices reach or exceed the one thousand dollar (\$1,000) limit for the billing month. Any expenditure or combination of expenditures exceeding \$1000 must require pre-approval by the Treasurer, or President.  
(Amended 02-06, effective 01-07)  
(Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)
- (F) Year End Auditing  
The Association shall conduct all of its affairs and accounts on the calendar year basis. An annual commercial compilation

of the Association shall be made by an independent Certified Public Accountant at the close of each calendar year with such compilation to be posted on the Official American Miniature Horse Association Website as of April 1st. Such accountant shall be a disinterested person and not a member of the Association. A copy of the compilation may be requested by calling the AMHA office.

(Amended 2-13, effective 01-14)

(Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)

- (G) The Treasurer shall serve as chairman of the Finance Committee.

### **Section 11, Written Contracts**

The written contracts of the Association shall, after being approved by the Executive Committee, be executed on behalf of the Association by the President or other parties delegated by the Executive Committee and attested by the Executive Director or Board Designee and the corporate seal.

(Amended 02-14, effective 01-15)

(Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)

## **ARTICLE X - COMMITTEES**

### **Section 1, Committees**

Such committees, standing or special, shall be appointed in accordance with Article V Section 3(B), by the Board of Directors as the Association or the Board shall from time to time deem necessary to carry on the work of the Association. All committee members must be regular or lifetime members of the Association in good standing.

(Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)

### **Section 2, Term**

With the exception of the Show Rules and Licensed Officials Committees, all committees shall be appointed by the newly seated Board of Directors each year.

### **Section 3, Ex-Officio Member**

The President shall be an ex-officio, non-voting, member of all committees.

(Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)

### **Section 4, Quorum**

At any Committee meeting, for which notice has been given, the presence of a majority of committee members then appointed by the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

(Amended 02-06, effective 01-07)

### **Section 5, Committee Reports**

Each committee chairman will provide a written report of each Committee meeting to the Board of Directors which at least shall contain all actions taken by the Committee regarding whether the committee recommended, did not recommend or had no

recommendation regarding proposed rule or Bylaw amendments. This report shall be presented orally or in writing to the Board by the committee chairman for discussion and/or amendment (if allowed) and shall be included in the minutes of that meeting.  
(Amended 02-07, effective 01-08)

## **ARTICLE XI - REGISTRY AND STUD BOOK**

### **Section 1, Establishment**

The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the registry and stud book of The American Miniature Horse Association, Inc. The Registrar of the Association shall be elected by the Board of Directors and hired or appointed by the Board of Directors. The registry, stud book, and Registrar shall be under the supervision of the Executive Director or Board Designee.  
(Amended 02-14, effective 01-15)

### **Section 2, Closed Registry**

The registry and stud book of The American Miniature Horse Association shall be closed effective January 1, 2017, after which all newly registered horses shall consist only of those horses with previously registered AMHA sires and dams, with the exception that any Miniature Horse (over **thirty-six (36)** months of age), which has been officially measured to be 34" or under, and has been duly processed and accepted as an American Miniature Horse in accordance with all the associated rules and regulations as set forth and accepted by Hardshipping process, per the guidelines and restrictions of the most current Official Rule Book of The American Miniature Horse Association.

(Amended 02-08, effective 01-09)

(Amended 02-16, effective 01-17)

(Amended 11-18, effective 01-19)

**(Amended 12-22, effective 01-23)**

### **Section 3, Temporary Registration**

Qualified Miniature Horses shall be issued temporary certificates of registration from birth until they have attained the actual age of three (3) years.

(Amended 02-09, effective 01-10)

### **Section 4, Permanent Registration**

Permanent certificates of registration shall be issued to qualified Miniature Horses who have attained the actual age of three (3) years, and measure thirty-four (34) inches or less in height, measured at the base of the last hairs of the mane while standing



squarely on a level surface, and have met all the requirements of the Association.

### **Section 5, Registration Fees**

The Board of Directors shall recommend a schedule of fees at the Annual Meeting, and the membership shall determine, from time to time, the fees and charges for registration, issuance of certificates of registration, and the furnishing of any other instruments or documents of the Association pertaining to the Registry.

### **Section 6, Breed Name and Size**

Horses registered by The American Miniature Horse Association, Inc., shall be a breed of horses known as the American Miniature Horse. Only those horses born in North America or proven to be out of AMHA registered sire and dam or horses hardshipped and meeting all AMHA registration criteria shall be granted a registration certificate. The American Miniature Horse shall not exceed thirty-four (34) inches in height when measured according to Article XI, Sec. 4 of these Bylaws. The registration of any horse exceeding thirty-four (34) inches shall be void and such horse shall not be considered or designated as an American Miniature Horse. All new certificates issued by The American Miniature Horse Association, Inc. shall bear a prominent legend reflecting the content of this Bylaw. Foundation stock registered pursuant to General Rule 184I shall be exempt from this Bylaw.

(Amended 02-08, effective 01-09)

(Amended 02-09, effective 01-10)

(Amended 11-18, effective 01-19)

## **ARTICLE XII - OFFICIAL PUBLICATION**

### **Section 1, Name**

The name of the official publication of The American Miniature Horse Association, Inc., shall be the "Miniature Horse World."

### **Section 2, Policies**

The editorial policies and the policies of the "Miniature Horse World" shall be set by the Board of Directors. A current list of policies is available online at [www.amha.org](http://www.amha.org) or upon request.

(Amended 02-07, effective 01-08)

### **Section 3, Rates**

Subscription and advertising rates shall be recommended by the Treasurer and the Executive Director, and shall be approved by the Board of Directors. A current rate list is available online at [www.amha.org](http://www.amha.org) or upon request.

(Amended 02-02, effective 01-03)

(Amended 02-07, effective 01-08)

### **Section 4, Logos**

The American Miniature Horse Association reserves exclusive rights to all REGISTERED AMHA logos. No AMHA logo may be used or reproduced in any way for any reason without the express permission of the AMHA National Office.

(Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)

**ARTICLE XIII - OFFICIAL RULE BOOK**

There shall be published a rule book, which shall be entitled the "Official Rule Book of The American Miniature Horse Association, Inc.," and shall be made available to every member, digitally or in print, free of charge and shall be arranged in the following order: a Foreword, a Table of Contents, the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws, General Rules and Regulations, Registration Rules and Regulations, Show Rules, complete list of fees, and any other rules, regulations, or information of the Association.  
(Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)

**ARTICLE XIV - HORSE SHOWS**

The members at the Annual Meeting shall ratify the criteria for approving and the policies for approved American Miniature Horse Shows, and shall approve show rules, of which shall not be made a part of the Bylaws, but shall be published in the Official Rule Book of The American Miniature Horse Association, Inc. When deemed necessary, the Board of Directors shall exercise their power, upon any of the above rules and policies, as per Article V, Section 3(A).  
(Amended 02-17, effective 01-18)  
**(Amended 11-23, effective 01-24)**

**ARTICLE XV - GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The Annual Meeting shall approve general rules and regulations, which shall govern the members and the Association, on all matters not contained in these Bylaws, but shall be published in the Official Rule Book of The American Miniature Horse Association, Inc. When deemed necessary, the Board of Directors shall exercise their power, upon any of the above rules and regulations, as per Article V, Section 3A.

**ARTICLE XVI - AMENDMENT OF RULES**

All AMHA rules and regulations, excluding any Bylaw or Article of Incorporation, and including but not limited to general, show, amateur, youth activities, may be amended by a majority vote of the registered Regular Members in good standing present and voting at the Annual Meeting but only after specific proposal or amendment shall have met the criteria of prior notice and approval by the appropriate standing committee(s), and majority vote of the Board of Directors.  
(Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)  
(Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)

- (A) Requirement of prior notice:
  1. Anyone submitting an AMHA Rule Change Proposal must be a current AMHA member in good standing for the proposal to be forwarded on to the proper committee. AMHA Staff may submit Rule Change Proposals. To be eligible for consideration by a standing committee a rule change proposal or amendment must be presented to the AMHA office, in writing and signed by the originator within 30 days after the adjournment of the AMHA Annual Meeting. All proposed Show Rule amendments must be presented with five (5) original co-signatures of AMHA members in good standing. All proposed amendments will be reviewed by staff, Executive

Director (if applies), and then passed on with an impact statement to the appropriate committee(s) for evaluation. The affected committees will then review the proposed changes and word them in the appropriate legal terms. The committees cannot change the intent of the rule as it was received from its original source. The change will then be presented for consideration on the agenda of the appropriate committee at the mid-year Board of Directors Meeting. If the rule change proposal is adopted by the committee it will then be voted on and approved by a majority of the Board of Directors. (Refer to the AMHA Rule Change Flow Chart for specific time limits).

(Amended 02-02, effective 01-03)

(Amended 02-04, effective 01-05)

(Amended 02-06, effective 01-07)

(Amended 02-09, effective 01-10)

(Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)

(Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)

The Board of Directors may amend the rule proposal at the midyear meeting, however the amendment must be closely related to or have a direct bearing on the rule. The presiding officer may choose to accept or refuse an amendment if he or she deems it inappropriate. The amendment must be voted on and accepted by a majority of the Board of Directors prior to being included in the rule. The rule and amendment are then returned to the appropriate committee for rewrites. The committee cannot change the intent of the rule as amended. The proposal will then be placed on the agenda for approval at the Annual Meeting.

If the committee does not approve the proposal it can be considered at the Annual Meeting provided that the supporters can garner a petition with no changes to the original proposal signed by a minimum of one-third (1/3) of the members of the Board of Directors and meet the timeliness requirements for publishing the proposal in the Miniature Horse World or official correspondence.

(Amended 06-03, effective 01-04)

(Amended 02-14, effective 01-16)

(Amended 02-16, effective 01-17)

All rule proposals or amendments to be considered for approval at the AMHA Annual Meeting must be published in their finished form on the AMHA website or official correspondence no less than sixty (60) days prior to the AMHA Annual Meeting.

(Amended 06-03, effective 01-04)

(Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)

(B) At the Annual Meeting Committee Chairpersons will explain each rule and the members in attendance will vote “yes” or “no” with no changes permitted at that time.

(C) Implementation:

Those rules or amendments that have been ratified by the membership at the Annual Meeting will go into effect on January 1 in the proceeding year and the Rule Book will be

published not less than annually.  
(Amended 02-02, effective 01-03)  
(Amended 02-04, effective 01-05)  
(Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)

- (D) Period of Non-Amendment: A rule or regulation is not subject to amendment by change, addition or repeal, until it has been in force for at least two (2) calendar years, which limitation can be waived by the Board of Directors upon finding of exceptional circumstances which (1) concern the safety, health, or well-being of the horse and/or exhibitor, (2) materially benefits AMHAs programs or its financial stability, or (3) involves other compelling circumstances.

#### **ARTICLE XVII - FEES**

The Board of Directors shall determine the fees and charges for all items not expressly stated in these Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE XVIII - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, and any special rules of order the Association may adopt.

#### **ARTICLE XIX - AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

All AMHA Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the registered Regular Members in good standing present and voting at the Annual Meeting or Membership Special Meeting, but only after specific proposal or amendment shall have met the criteria of prior notice.

(Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)

- (A) Requirement of prior notice:

Anyone submitting an AMHA Bylaw Change Proposal must be a current AMHA member in good standing for the proposal to be forwarded on to the Bylaws Committee. All proposed Bylaw changes must be presented with ten (10) co-signatures of AMHA members in good standing or have been submitted and recommended by the Bylaws Committee. AMHA staff may present proposed changes to the Bylaws Committee without (10) co-signatures. To be eligible for consideration by the Bylaws Committee, a proposal or amendment must be presented to the AMHA office in writing and signed by the originator within 30 days after the adjournment of the AMHA Annual Convention. All proposed amendments shall be reviewed by staff, Executive Director (if applies) and then passed on with an impact statement to the Bylaws Committee. The Committee will then review the proposed changes and word them in the appropriate legal terms. The Committee cannot change the intent of the Bylaw as it was received from its original source. Only the submitter may make changes to the original proposal prior to or at the mid-year Bylaws Committee meeting. All Bylaw proposals or amendments to be considered for approval at the AMHA Annual Meeting

must be published in their finished form on the AMHA website or official correspondence no less than sixty (60) days prior to the AMHA Annual meeting. The amendment will then be placed on the agenda at the proceeding Annual Meeting.

(Amended 02-08, effective 01-09)

(Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)

(Amended 02-13, effective 01-14)

(Amended 11-18, effective 01-19)

(Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)

- (B) Any disputes that are a result of interpretation of the content, intent, or implication of a bylaw contained in the current AMHA Rule Book shall be forwarded to the AMHA Attorney for resolution. The AMHA's Attorney's written opinion will be accepted as the final decision.
- (C) At the Annual Meeting the Bylaws Committee Chairperson will explain each proposed Bylaw amendment, and the members in attendance will vote "yes" or "no" An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Regular Members present and voting at any Annual or Special Meeting shall be required to amend a Bylaw.
- (D) Implementation  
Those amendments that have been ratified by the membership at the Annual Meeting or special meeting will go into effect on January 1st in the proceeding year and the Rulebook will be printed annually.  
(Amended 02-06, effective 01-07)  
(Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)

These Bylaws of The American Miniature Horse Association, Inc., were approved and adopted on November 14, 1999.

## ARTICLE XX – INTERNATIONAL

### Section 1, Enumeration

International refers to all geographic locations outside of the current AMHA recognized regions (see Article VII, Section 1-D)

### Section 2, Honorary Director

- (A) Each AMHA Approved International Club shall be responsible for elections to select a recommended appointee to be confirmed by the AMHA Board of Directors. The name of the recommended appointee must be received in the AMHA Office on or before January 15th of the calendar year. Honorary Directors will be confirmed by the Board of Directors at their next meeting.
- (B) Additional honorary directors may be appointed if necessary due to large geographic areas or the absence of an AMHA recognized club at the AMHA Board of Directors discretion.

- (C) Each honorary director shall be an AMHA member in good standing.
- (D) International honorary directors must speak, write and read English as well as the language of their country of residence.
- (E) Any member in a geographic region without the representation of an AMHA Approved International Club may make application to the Association, said application stating the applicant's reasons for seeking the position and their desired accomplishments.
- (F) Duties
  - a. International Honorary Director will serve as designated person for communications from their constituents to the AMHA and be responsible for distribution of information from the AMHA to their constituents.
  - b. Submit an Annual Report listing all actions and activities conducted by their club and/or region. Annual Report is to include list of information including shows, number of horses involved, promotional activities, membership statistics and other information relevant to their constituents and the AMHA. Annual Reports must be submitted to the AMHA Office on or before December 31.
  - c. Assist their constituents as needed with the completion of AMHA forms, translation of rules and regulations and other information.
  - d. Provide information, articles and photos for publication in official AMHA material as it is available. The following duties (Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)
  - e. Encourage and support the holding of AMHA Approved Horse Shows within the designated country.
  - f. Encourage the transfer of registration of ALL imported AMHA horses.
  - g. Offer guidance and leadership to the promotion of the breed within their country with collaboration with AMHA
  - h. Support AMHA in the conduct of the Regional Horse Shows.
  - i. Encourage the retention of AMHA members within AMHA Approved Clubs.
- (G) The term of an International Honorary Director shall be three years with a maximum of six years consecutive. If there are insufficient candidates to fill available honorary director positions from a given country, the current honorary director may run for additional terms by making written request to the AMHA Office.
- (H) Vacancies created because of death, resignation, disqualification or otherwise may be filled upon recommendation of the AMHA Approved International Club or the AMHA Board of Directors.  
(Amended 02-10, effective 01-11)

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# GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE AMERICAN MINIATURE HORSE ASSOCIATION, INC.

## MEMBERSHIP

### 100 MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Association shall be as stated in Article IV of the Bylaws of The American Miniature Horse Association, Inc.

### GENERAL PRIVILEGES AND REQUIREMENTS

#### 101 RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

While in good standing, all members shall have equal rights, interest and responsibilities with respect to the Association and its property; shall obey and be bound by all Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the Association, and decisions or actions of the Board of Directors or Hearing Board; shall have the right to attend any membership meeting; shall have floor privileges; and shall have the right to hold committee assignments, except as otherwise limited.

##### 101A Right to Vote

The right to vote and hold office shall be by class of membership held.

#### 102 EMPLOYEE LIMITATIONS

All individuals employed by the Association (and their immediate families) are allowed to own and enjoy all aspects of ownership (show, breed, etc.) registered AMHA horses. The employee must not use their employment position to solicit sales, training or to influence in any way their personal or professional goals regarding AMHA registered horses.

(Amended 12-09, effective 01-10)

(Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)

#### 103 OFFICER LIMITATIONS

No Officer or Director of the Association shall bring any suit or action against the Association while in office. Any Officer or Director of the Association who brings any suit or action against the Association will immediately be removed from office.

#### 104 ANIMAL CRUELTY OR INHUMANE TREATMENT

If at any time a member of the AMHA has been convicted in a criminal court of animal cruelty or inhumane treatment, the AMHA has the right to suspend or cancel said member's membership through actions authorized and carried out under the AMHA Disciplinary procedures including, but not limited to, actions authorized by AMHA Rules 150-176. All registration papers of the horse or horses in question are the sole property of the AMHA and may be revoked. Horses which have been removed by city, county, state, or other government official, as a result of the conviction, and placed up for adoption, shall be considered for reinstatement of the original registration papers for the new owners. Positive identification must be proven in accordance with

AMHA Rules and Bylaws by the new owner. Any horse subject to this rule will be DNA tested in accordance with AMHA Rules, and will be inspected and measured by a certified past or present Director before the issuance of the registration. Normal transfer fees and any other required fees must be paid by the new owner. (Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)

## LITIGATION

### 110 OBLIGATION OF COST

The Association has adopted the following provision for the mutual benefit of members and with the intention of reducing the Association's litigation expenses, which expenses would ultimately be borne by members participating in Association activities. Every member, by joining the Association, filing a registration application or other documents with the Association, or participating in Association-approved events, does thereby agree as follows:

1. If unsuccessful in an attempt to overturn Association decisions, action, rules or regulations, to reimburse the Association for its reasonable attorney's fees, court costs and other expenses in defense of such suit.
2. Any dispute or claim (including but not limited to those violations or fraudulent practices outlined in 130 through 143) not satisfactorily resolved by means of AMHA disciplinary procedures, hearings, or penalties shall first enter into mediation and/or binding arbitration in accordance with AMHA guidelines prior to the initiation of any lawsuit against any member, director, officer or employee of the AMHA. Any agreement signed by the involved parties pursuant to the mediation conference shall be binding. If mediation does not result in a mutual agreement, all such disputes shall be decided by binding arbitration in accordance with AMHA guidelines.

Actual cost of this process will be shared and paid equally by the parties when a mutual agreement is signed or in whole by the unsuccessful party to an arbitrator's decision unless the arbitrator determines otherwise. By virtue of membership, all members agree to be bound by this rule.

(Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)

3. No legal action of any kind, whether in law or equity, will be commenced against the Association in any courts other than those federal and state courts located in Tarrant County, Texas.  
(Amended 02-08, effective 01-09)  
(Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)

## FEES

### 120 CURRENCY

All fees required by the Association are to be paid in U.S. dollars.

All foreign fees shall be in international money order or bank draft in U.S. dollars; all Canadian fees are to be payable in U.S. dollars. All fees may be paid by Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express.

### **121 MEDIATION/ARBITRATION DEPOSIT**

A \$5,000.00 mediation/arbitration deposit must be made at the time the claim is made. The deposit is to cover the Association's legal cost. Any unused portion of the deposit will be returned. (Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)

## **VIOLATIONS**

### **130 REFUSAL TO ASSIST**

No person shall refuse, on reasonable request, to assist the Association, its officers, committees, or agents, in locating, identifying, and inspecting, or to answer promptly and truthfully any inquiry concerning a horse or an ancestor thereof, in his ownership or control, which has been registered, or for which application to register has been made. The above rule shall also apply equally to any issue involving violations, or suspected violations, of the Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of the Association.

### **131 AMHA PROPERTY**

Ownership of any issued AMHA registration certificate remains with the Association. The certificate is issued upon receipt of a written application submitted and attested by the owner at time of foaling with fees paid. The Association has the privilege to correct and/or cancel the certificate for cause under its Rules and Regulations.

#### **131A Refusal to Return**

No person shall refuse an Association request for the return of a registration certificate, either before, after, or pending Hearing to determine registration or participation privilege in Association's approved events. The Association shall retain possession of a certificate until resolution of the matter for which the return of the certificate was requested.

### **132 DISRESPECT OF PERSON**

In the furtherance of their official duties all Association representatives shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect, and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.

### **133 NON-PAYMENT OF OBLIGATION**

No member owing in excess of \$100 beyond ninety (90) days in arrears may conduct any business with AMHA. This includes registration, showing or any other business within the Association. Anyone submitting a third bad check to the AMHA office will be required to submit an approved credit card, a cashier's check, or a money order to obtain credit or make payment for the next two (2) years.

Any member may be suspended and denied privileges of the Association and any non-member may be denied the privileges of the Association by the President for failure to pay when due any obligation owing to the Association or to any entity or person accepting payment on behalf of an AMHA approved show or for giving a worthless check in exchange for any services performed by the Association or on behalf of any approved AMHA show, i.e., registration, transfer, etc., which shall include giving a worthless check or owing funds to the Miniature Horse World, or for entry fees, stall fees or any other fees or charges connected with the exhibition of horses at any AMHA approved show; provided that fifteen (15) days before action by the President, written notice of the account due and the intention of suspend or withhold privileges of the Association shall be mailed to such member or non-member at said member or non-member last address of record with the Association. And suspension and denial of privileges under this section shall terminate upon full payment of the obligation due the Association.

(Amended 12-03, effective 01-04)

(Amended 02-07, effective 01-08)

### **134 INTENT TO VIOLATE**

A member or non-member shall not conspire with any other person to violate intentionally the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the Association, or knowingly to contribute or cooperate with any other person(s), either by affirmative action or inaction, to violate the Bylaws, Rules or Regulations of the Association. Violation of this rule shall subject such member or non-member to disciplinary action, whether or not such member or nonmember has actually signed reports filed with the Association asserted to be true or correct.

#### **134A Influencing an Official**

It shall be illegal to influence a horse show judge by favors, coercion, or monetary gain.

### **135 INTENT TO MALIGN**

No person shall engage in any act adversely affecting the purpose, objectives, or good name of The American Miniature Horse Association, Inc. Any such person involved in such adverse action may be subject to disciplinary action as provided by the Rules & Regulations of the Association governing such procedures.

(Amended 02-03, effective 01-04)

### **136 UNEARNED FUNDS**

All entry and stall fees paid in advance for an Accredited AMHA Show shall be refunded on demand if said show loses its accreditation by the Association or is canceled for any reason. Violation of this rule shall subject such member or non-member to disciplinary action.

## **FRAUDULENT PRACTICES**

### **137 FALSE ENDORSEMENTS**

No person shall represent, by advertisement, claim, or otherwise,

that a horse has earned or is entitled to any official Association designation, honors, or title, prior to actual recording of such designation, honor, or title in the records of the Association.

### **138 FALSE REPRESENTATION**

No person shall represent any horse owned or managed by him to be registered with the Association unless said horse is registered in the official records of the Association.

#### **138A False Representation of Horse**

No person shall represent as an American Miniature Horse any horse other than horses which meet AMHA established definition of a Miniature Horse and for which a certificate of registration was issued.

### **139 FALSE STATEMENTS**

All information furnished the Association as a basis for any action by the Association or any of its officers with respect to any horse must be true and correct.

### **140 FALSE CERTIFICATES**

No person, firm, or corporation shall issue, sell, exchange, give away, or receive, or offer to do any thereof any false or fraudulent certificate, representing the same to be a genuine official certificate issued by the Association.

### **141 FALSE IDENTIFICATION**

No person, firm, or corporation shall sell, give away, exchange, or receive any registration certificates of the Association without the transfer of the same and correct horse.

#### **141A Name of Horse**

No person shall advertise, or enter in any Miniature Horse event or competition, any horse registered with the Association by any name other than its complete registered name.

#### **141B Ringers/Look Alikes**

No person shall represent as a registered American Miniature Horse any horse other than the horse for which the AMHA certificate was issued.

### **142 ALTERATION OF CERTIFICATION**

No change in or alteration of a certificate of registration or identification required by the Association shall be made except by the Association upon proper showing of the necessity for such change or alteration, because of change in color or markings; change in height, or mistake; nor shall any person display or advertise or have in his possession any such certificate that has been changed or altered other than by the Association or on its authority.

### **143 ALTERATION OF MARKINGS**

No person shall alter, change, or attempt to hide or alter the natural markings of a horse, by surgery, dye, or in any other manner.

### 143A Cosmetic Surgery

Members, their employees, and their agents shall not perform surgical procedures, or aid, instruct, or conspire with another to perform surgical procedures, or employ another to perform surgical procedures which conceal genetic defects or undesirable traits, unless such surgery is needed for medical therapeutic reasons as attested to in writing by a qualified veterinarian, in an animal to be shown, used for breeding, or sold as a breeding animal.

(Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)

## DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

### 150 INVESTIGATION

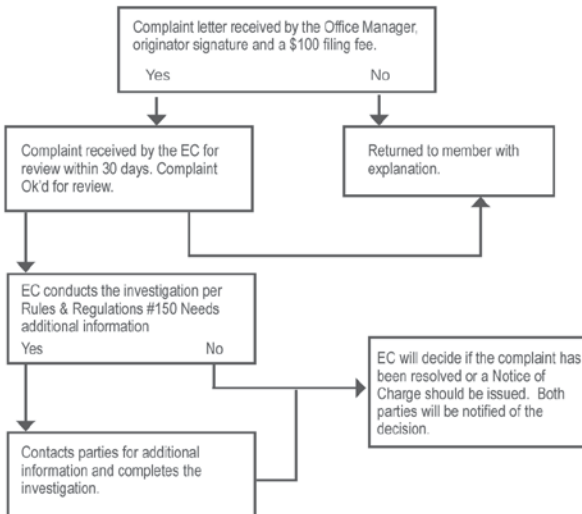
The Executive Committee may investigate circumstances involving possible violation of the Bylaws, Rules, Show Rules, or Regulations. After investigation, the Executive Committee will decide whether possible violations can be satisfactorily resolved by agreement of **the Executive Committee** for corrective action **against** the person involved or whether a Notice of Charge should be issued.

### 150A Policy for complaint filed with the AMHA office against an AMHA member

The following steps will be followed to maintain the protection of all parties concerned and applies to all AMHA members. A flow chart will be used in conjunction with the following guide lines.

1. When a formal complaint is received at the AMHA office, the complaint must be in the form of a letter that is dated, signed and a \$100.00 filing fee attached by the individual filing the complaint. If a telephone, email or faxed complaint is received, the office manager will notify the individual that a dated letter with the original signature of the member filing the complaint must be mailed to the AMHA office with a \$100.00 fee for any action to proceed. Electronic signatures will not be accepted.
2. The office manager will forward the complaint to the President. If the complaint is against the President, it will be forwarded to the Vice President. **Should the complaint be against all members of the EC, the office manager will forward the complaint to the Board of Directors (BOD). The BOD members not involved in the complaint would select a presiding officer to conduct the meeting on the complaint.** The complaint will be handled as sensitive information and will only be discussed with the Executive Committee (EC) during closed meeting, excluding any EC member that the complaint may be against.  
(Amended 11-23, effective 01-24)
3. The President or Vice President will review the complaint with the EC as outlined in #2. If the complaint is found to be a matter that AMHA has no control over or is outside the jurisdiction of the AMHA it will be sent back to the person filing the complaint with an explanation within thirty (30) days and the \$100.00 fee will be returned.
4. During the review, the EC will appoint an EC member to represent the person filing the complaint and another EC member to represent the individual who the complaint was filed against. In the event that there is a conflict of interest with an EC member fulfilling these duties, a member of the Board of Directors (BOD) will be appointed.

5. Each appointed EC/BOD member will conduct an investigation to include an interview only with their appointed party. They will take statements concerning the complaint and will report back to the EC with their findings. If one or both parties want to present their side of the complaint to the EC, another meeting will be scheduled. The President or Vice President will determine if both parties may be on the same call.
6. Once the investigation starts and while it is ongoing, the Complainant and the party which the complaint is filed against will be notified to not have any communication with each other until the EC completes its investigative processes.
7. During the final meeting, every attempt will be made to protect individual rights and satisfactorily resolve the complaint between the parties involved. Every attempt will be made to keep this complaint from going forward to a Hearing Board however, all information that has been gathered during the initial investigation will be forwarded to the Hearing Board if one is necessary.
8. The EC will decide if the complaint has been resolved or whether a Notice of Charge should be issued. If a Notice of Charge is issued, the \$100.00 filing fee will be returned to the member filing the complaint. Both parties will be notified of the decision. (Amended 02-15, effective 01-16)





**151 NOTICE OF CHARGE**

After investigation, if the Executive Committee finds reasonable grounds to believe that any person has violated any bylaw, show rule or regulation, or has engaged in any misrepresentation, misconduct, or any other act adversely affecting the purposes or good name of the Association, the President or designee will mail to such person a Notice of Charge stating the wrong doings alleged to have been committed by such a person. The Notice of Charge will be mailed to such person at said member's or nonmember's last address of record with the Association. The charged person shall be given not less than fifteen (15) days notice of time and place for hearing such charge by the Hearing Board.  
(Amended 12-03, effective 01-04)

**152 TEMPORARY SUSPENSION**

After investigation, if the Executive Committee issues a Notice of Charge to a person, the Executive Committee may also suspend that person's use of the Association's privileges pending a Hearing and decision by a Hearing Board, if they find that such suspension is necessary for the protection of third parties or of the Association's purposes and good name. Notice of such temporary suspension will be mailed to the charged person.

**HEARINGS****160 IMPANELING BOARD**

If a Hearing is to be held under these rules, or if a Hearing on any matter is determined by the Executive Committee to be desirable, said Executive Committee shall appoint a Hearing Board. The Hearing Board will consist of not less than three Regular or Lifetime Members of the Association, one of whom shall be a current Director of the Association and one of whom shall be the duly appointed Chairman of the Hearing Board.

**161 TIME AND PLACE**

The Hearing Board will designate the time and place of the Hearing, which may from time to time be continued or rescheduled.

**162 HEARING PROCEDURES**

A person who has been given notice of a Hearing will be afforded the opportunity to appear in person (with counsel if desired) to present evidence in his behalf and to hear and refute evidence offered against him. The common law or statutory rules of evidence will not apply at the Hearing, but the Hearing Board will determine the admissibility of evidence and weight to be given to the evidence submitted.

**163 DECISIONS BY MAJORITY VOTE/EXCEPTIONS**

Any action or decision made by the Hearing Board shall stand on a majority vote, except that suspensions over ninety (90) days and expulsions shall require an unanimous vote of the Hearing Board.

**164 APPEALS**

The decision and action of the Hearing Board shall be final and binding on all parties.

## 165 NOTIFICATION OF DECISION

The Association shall be responsible for notification of the Hearing Board's decision by promptly mailing a copy thereof to the charged person within thirty (30) days of the hearing by certified mail.

### 165A Proof of Mailing

Proof of mailing shall be dated receipt for registered or certified mail.

## PENALTIES

### 170 RIGHT TO TAKE DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Any member shall be suspended or expelled from the Association, and any member or non-member shall be denied any and all privileges of the Association by the Hearing Board whenever it is established by satisfactory evidence that such member or non-member has violated any bylaw, rule, or regulation of the Association. Each violation will be subject to the following 3 Strike Policy guidelines at the Hearing Board's discretion.

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| 1st Offense | \$250 fine<br>Six (6) month suspension from AMHA (business transactions & AMHA Championship & World Shows) from the date of finding. Published in Miniature Horse World.         |
| 2nd offense | \$500 fine<br>Twelve (12) month suspension from AMHA (business transactions & AMHA Championship & World Shows) from the date of finding. Published in the Miniature Horse World. |
| 3rd offense | \$1,000 fine<br>Five (5) years suspension from AMHA (business transactions & AMHA Championship & World Shows) from the date of finding. Published in the Miniature Horse World.  |

In order to be reinstated, all fines must be paid in full.  
(Amended 02-14, effective 01-15)

### 171 SPECIFIC PENALTIES

At such time as any person has been suspended, expelled or denied Association's privileges, in addition to other provisions of these rules or policies of the Association, the following restrictions apply:

#### 171A Participation, Accredited Privileges

Such person shall not participate, and shall be ineligible to participate in any Association approved event, show, or function. Nor shall any such person be eligible to hold any other Association accreditation.

#### 171B Registration and Transfer Privileges

Such person or spouse, or any family member living in same household, or employee, or agent, shall not be eligible to register

any horse with the Association, nor transfer registered horses into his or her name or in the names of any of the above.

#### **171C All Offspring's Eligibility for Registration**

No horse shall be registered which is either sired by a stallion or out of a mare owned by such person or owned by any member of same household during the suspension period or after expulsion from the Association when the breeding date is on or subsequent to the date of disciplinary action. All records of breedings for the twelve (12) months prior to the disciplinary action, under this rule, shall be submitted on proper written and signed forms, within fifteen (15) days after notice of disciplinary action.

#### **171D Horse's Eligibility to Participate in Shows**

No horse which is recorded in the name of such person or spouse, or any member of same household, is eligible to participate in any event approved or recognized by the Association, such as shows and sales.

#### **171E Personal Signature Recognition**

The Association shall not accept the signature of such person or his/her spouse, nor the signature of any member of his/her household on registration applications, breeding certificates, or stallion breeding reports evidencing breeding on or after date of such disciplinary action.

1. Such signatures will be honored on transfers and bills of sale for the purpose of allowing such disciplined person or spouse to transfer horses recorded in his or her ownership at the time of the disciplinary action.
2. Written leases filed with the Association prior to time of disciplinary action and covering horses owned by the disciplined person or spouse shall remain valid and the signature of the lessee shall be accepted during the term of lease, but not for renewal thereof.

#### **172 AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES**

If any person acting as an agent for the owner of a horse, or any person having horses owned by another in his care, custody, or control, is found to have violated these rules and regulations, the Hearing Board may proceed against that person as provided for in these rules. In addition, the Hearing Board may direct the Association to refuse acceptance of any registration, or transfer of certificates of registration, or breeder's certificates, or all three, for horses which are in such person's care, custody or control.

#### **173 FURTHER ACTION**

During the period of expulsion, suspension, or denial of Association's privileges, failure to comply with these restrictions and any other expressed condition or restriction of said disciplinary action, may constitute grounds for further disciplinary action.

**174 PUBLICATION**

When a member is disciplined, suspended, or expelled, or a nonmember is denied membership privileges, notice of the imposition of any penalties against such person, including duration of the action taken will be published in the *Miniature Horse World*. This does not apply in cases of private censure. No publication shall be made for at least thirty (30) days after the decision of the Hearing Board to allow for the expiration of time, of which may be applicable, under Rule 165.

**175 RESTORATION OF PRIVILEGES**

The Association shall restore privileges, including membership, to any person who has been denied privileges pursuant to this rule, upon application and satisfactory proof by such person that restoration of privileges is warranted.

**176 NOTICES**

Any and all notices required or permitted under these rules and regulations will be deemed given on the date such notice is mailed to a person's last known address according to the Association's records.

**RECORDS****180 INDIVIDUAL PERSONAL REQUIREMENTS**

Any person subject to these rules and regulations may be required to supply any information and documents that the Association may determine to be necessary with respect to the registration of horses or the transfer of registration certificates.

**180A Record Keeping**

Complete and accurate records of breeding (hand, pasture, artificial insemination or embryo transfer), foaling, etc., must be kept in permanent form by owner of horses, and these records must be made available to the Association as may be determined necessary with respect to the registration of horses or the transfer of registration certificates.

(Amended 02-07, effective 01-08)

**180B Failure to Keep or Show Records**

If the Association determines that no systematic and satisfactory plan for keeping records is in use, or if no records are made available upon the Association's written request for compliance, the Association may, for up to forty-five (45) days, temporarily refuse registration or transfer of registration certificates from such owner until the records are complete. If during that forty-five (45) day period the owner fails to demonstrate compliance with the Association's request to provide the office with such paperwork or for keeping and maintaining a systematic and satisfactory set of records, the Association may proceed against the owner under the rules of Disciplinary Procedures.

### 180C Annual Stallion Reports

Stallion Breeding Reports (with the exception of stallion breeding reports for embryo transfer that must be submitted at the time of embryo transfer) shall be submitted to the Association office by the following January 15th of each preceding breeding year. A filing fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) per stallion must be submitted with the report. If stallion is co-owned with “and”, signatures of all owners are required to sign the stallion breeding report.  
(Amended 02-07, effective 01-08)  
(Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)

If submitted as a late report (after January 15th) the fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) filing fee plus ten dollars (\$10.00) per mare must be PAID. All fees must be paid before the foaling date of a resulting foal or blood-typing/DNA-testing for parent qualification of the foal will be required for the foal to be considered for registration.  
(Amended 12-03, effective 01-04)

When a stallion owner signs and presents a mare owner with a breeders certificate, but fails to submit a stallion breeding report or include that mare on his annual Stallion Breeding Report, then the stallion owner will be billed the late fee amount(s) and have all future transactions put on a hold status until those fees are paid and a late or amended stallions breeding report is submitted. The mare owner, upon presenting the registry with a signed breeders certificate will be given papers on the foal in question, providing that all other matters are in order (mare and stallion have valid certificates, etc.)  
(Amended 02-04, effective 01-05)

If not submitted and foal is born a report must be filed, a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) late filing fee plus ten dollars (\$10.00) per mare paid and the foal parent qualified by bloodtyping/DNA testing the foal, sire and dam. A corrected late Stallion Breeding Report is not required if the owner of both stallion and mare at the time of breeding was also the owner of the foal at the time of parent qualification.  
(Amended 02-03, effective 01-04)

If a breeding stallion dies during any current breeding year, his Stallion Report is due within thirty (30) days following his death.

Stallion Breeding Reports for the Southern Hemisphere shall be submitted to the Association office by August 1 with no grace period.

If stallion owner does not pay the required fees, and foals are born, the owner of the new foal applying for registration may pay the late stallion fee (to be paid only once) and the late mare fee only on the mare or mares involved. The registration process may then proceed after DNA with parent qualifying.  
(Amended 02-03, effective 01-04)

### **180D Corrections/Additions to Stallion Reports**

Stallion Breeding Reports which require a correction or an addition will result in a twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) fee per horse for each mare omitted or twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) correction fee for incorrect number or name on report.

Correction/additions must be submitted and PAID before foaling date of resulting foal or parentage qualification will be required to verify the correction/addition in order to register the foal.

In addition, the registered owner (or authorized agent) will be required to submit the necessary blood work and/or DNA Testing, at said owner's or agent's expense, to verify the correction or addition. Failure to remit stallion reports will also be handled according to the above procedure.

### **180E Sale or Death of Stallion**

Within thirty (30) days after a stallion is sold, the previous owner or registered agent, must file a stallion breeding report with the Association. If a breeding stallion dies during any current breeding season, the stallion breeding report is due within thirty (30) days following the death.

### **180F Service/Breeder's Certificates**

A service/breeder's certificate (with the exception of service/breeder's certificate for embryo transfer) signed by the owner of the stallion (and the owner of the mare at time of breeding if not same owner at the time of foaling) must be submitted with the application of registration of a foal. If stallion is co-owned with "and", signatures of all owners are required to sign the service breeder's certificate. The dates must correspond with the stallion breeding report. This is not required if the owner of the sire and dam at the time of breeding is the same as at the time of foaling. A service/ breeders certificate with alterations or changes will not be accepted.

(Amended 02-07, effective 01-08)

### **181 RIGHT TO REFUSE, DENY, OR CANCEL REGISTRATION**

The Association shall accept only Miniature Horses that qualify for registration, and deny requests for registration, transfer, or cancel existing registration certificates under the bylaws, rules and regulations of the Association. Should the Association take any such action, the Association will send written notice to the person(s) involved, who may then request a Hearing to determine the validity of action taken.

Any letter of complaint regarding registration of an AMHA horse must be accompanied by a complaint filing fee of \$100.00. This deposit shall be returned to the complainant in the event the complaint is sustained.

(Amended 02-03, effective 01-04)

**181A Request for Hearing**

The request must: be in writing, state all grounds and reasons upon which the applicant relies for determining valid registration, and be received by the Association within thirty (30) days after receipt of the Notice of Denial or Cancellation.

**181B Burden of Proof**

If a request for a Hearing is received in accordance with this rule, a Hearing will be held as provided in rules 160-165 on Hearings. In all disciplinary matters the burden of proof lies with the charged person. The applicant or person(s) seeking registration or to retain or change status of registration of a horse will have the burden of proving that the horse qualifies for registration in the Association. In all proceedings concerned with or affecting the registration and records of the Association, the burden of resolving any doubt as to the true parentage or identification of a horse shall be upon the applicant, owner, lessee, or other member(s) involved. If no request for a Hearing is received within the required time period the decision of the Association stands as final.

**181C Blood Typing and/or DNA Testing**

Blood typing and/or DNA testing may be required at the discretion of the Hearing Board to resolve any question or doubt as to the parentage or identification of the horse. In consideration of such tests and other information as may be available, the Hearing Board may authorize such corrections on the records of the Association. The recorded owner of a horse must agree to permit such tests which will be at the expense of the owner. Refusal by an owner to permit blood typing and/or DNA testing under this rule may result in cancellation of registration and penalties under rules of Disciplinary Procedures.

**181D Blood Typing/DNA Laboratory Reports**

DNA samples and results are the property of AMHA. Effective May 17, 1997, AMHA will not require owner permission to parent qualify a horse born after January 1, 1996 which is already registered with AMHA. Permission must be obtained from the owner for parent qualification of horses born before January 1, 1996 which are registered with AMHA.

**182 PROCEDURE FOR DENIAL OR CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION**

The Association may propose to deny or cancel the registration of a horse if it finds that there are reasonable grounds to believe:

1. That the horse does not meet the requirements for registration; or
2. That the horse identified as the subject of registration is not the same horse the certificate is issued to or requested for or;
3. That any information on the application or registration certificate is determined false or incorrect.

The Association will advise the recorded owner in writing of any proposal to deny or cancel the registration and the reason supporting this proposal. The recorded owner shall have thirty (30) days to provide the Association's Registrar with information preventing the denial or cancellation. If such information does not resolve the difficulty the decision of the Registrar stands. If desired, the recorded owner may then request a Hearing as per rule #181. If no hearing is requested, the recorded owner shall relinquish the original registration certificate within thirty (30) days to the AMHA office for cancellation.

(Amended 02-04, effective 01-05)

### **183 PUBLICATION**

Notice of any cancellation of certificates of registration may be published in the Miniature Horse World.

### **184 REGISTRATION PROCEDURE**

Applicant must complete, sign and submit proper AMHA registration application forms, with four color unaltered photographs of the horse taken in accordance with requirements on the form, to the Association's Registrar. Beginning January 1, 2014 only offspring of two (2) AMHA registered horses shall be eligible for registration. The AMHA shall have the right to require parent qualification by DNA of any horse whose parentage is in question.

(Amended 02-08, effective 01-09)

#### **184A Responsibility**

1. All stallions bred to five (5) or more mares in a calendar year must be blood typed and/or DNA tested before any resulting foals or foals from future breeding will be considered for registration. No foals born after December 31, 1994, will be registered until this requirement is met. After the blood typing or DNA test results are on file with AMHA, the stallion is not required to be tested again.
2. All foals born after December 31, 1995, must be DNA tested or blood typed prior to registration of their offspring.
3. Any horse born after 2005 that is DNA tested shall be Parent Qualified if both parents have been DNA tested.
4. The owner of record or lessee of record of the dam at time of foaling is responsible for registration of the foal with the exception of embryo transfer. (See 192C Embryo Transfer). If a foal is to be listed in an individual's name other than the owner or lessee of the dam at time of foaling, then a transfer report and fee shall be required. If the owner/lessee of the dam at time of foaling fails to take responsibility for registering the foal, the owner/ lessee forfeits the right to name the offspring.

(Amended 06-03, effective 01-04)

(Amended 02-05, effective 01-06)

(Amended 02-07, effective 01-08)



**184B Naming of Horse**

The owner or lessee of record of the dam at time of foaling has a right to name the offspring. The name of the horse cannot be a duplication of any other name and cannot be deceptively similar to any other name recorded on the records of the Association. The name of the horse may be distinguished by a prefix or suffix which is not a duplication of or deceptively similar to a prefix and suffix which has been previously reserved by written request and payment of the required fee to the Association. The filing of such a reservation does not override any rights that another member or nonmember may have to the exclusive use of a prefix, suffix or horse name pursuant to federal trademark or trade name laws or other laws similar thereto including, but not limited to, common law surrounding rights in trademarks and trade names. The Board of Directors of the Association may adopt procedures and guidelines for the implementation of the prefix and suffix reservation process and for determining when and if a prefix and suffix or horse name is deceptively similar to a previously recorded horse name or previously reserved prefix and suffix and published in *The Miniature Horse World*, or elsewhere as required by copyright or trademark laws, for 60 days. Names of horses may not be changed after registration; however if blood typing and/or DNA testing results in a change of sire and/or dam and the registered horse's name includes the name of either sire or dam, only that portion of the name must be deleted or changed. When it is determined by the Registrar that a name is offensive to any race, creed, color or national origin, the Registrar has the right to refuse the registration. The name of a horse may not be changed after registration unless it is offensive to any race, creed, color or national origin, in which case, the Registrar has the right to require a change in the offensive part of the name only. (Amended 02-09, effective 01-10)

**184C Breeder**

The owner or lessee of record of the dam at time of service or embryo transfer shall be listed as the breeder. (Amended 12-03, effective 01-04)  
(Amended 02-07, effective 01-08)

**184D Temporary Registration**

1. Any horse applying for temporary registration shall not be eligible for permanent registration until three (3) years of age (thirty- six months). Permanent status must be applied for by December 31st after becoming eligible. If not brought to permanent status, temporary papers will be revoked. (Amended 02-09, effective 01-10)  
(Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)

**184E Term of Temporary Registration**

Temporary certificates shall contain the following phrase on the front of the certificate:

This certificate is valid until three (3) years of age (thirty-six months) unless horse exceeds thirty-four (34) inches in height. Registration will be revoked on January 1st after said date if application is not made for permanent status.  
(Amended 11-21, effective 01/22)

#### **184F Reinstatement**

Revoked registration papers may be reinstated, provided the horse is thirty-four (34) inches or less in height, by paying two (2) times the normal cost of applying for permanent status per the fee schedule.

#### **184G Foals of Temporary Registered Parents**

1. No foals for which an application for registration has been submitted to the AMHA office shall be accepted into the registry while either parent's registration certificate is revoked.
2. Foals will be registered only if both parents registration certificates are valid (valid date on certificate) as of the postmark date of the application.
3. The height of the temporary registered sire and or dam is required on the foal's certificate along with the word "temporary."
4. If the height of the temporary registered sire or dam exceeds thirty-four (34) inches no further foals from such parentage will be eligible for registration. Foals previously registered shall not be affected.

#### **184H Foals of Permanent Registered Parents**

If the height of the permanent registered sire or dam exceeds thirty-four (34) inches the registration will be VOID with AMHA and no further foals from such parentage will be eligible for registration. Foals previously registered shall not be affected.

(Amended 02-07, effective 01-08)

#### **184I Foals Over Two Years of Age**

Any horse (excluding geldings) over two (2) years of age (24 months) that has never been registered with the Association but has AMHA-registered parents, must be blood typed and/or DNA tested along with the sire and dam for parent qualification of foal before registration can be completed. All other registration requirements must also be met.

(Amended 02-04, effective 01-05)

(Amended 02-14, effective 01-15)

#### **185 REGISTRATION NUMBERS**

The Association will issue registration numbers in consecutive order, based upon the order in which the applications are processed by the Association.

(Amended 06-09, effective 01-10)

## **186 CERTIFICATES**

The Association shall issue a Certificate of Registration based upon information submitted on proper form attesting to the qualification for registration.

### **186A Documents Without Signature of Recorded Owner**

Whenever legal title to a registered horse passes to another by reason of death of the recorded owner, by reason of foreclosure of any liens, or by any order or decree of court, or otherwise by operation of law, the Association may transfer the registration of such horse to the new owner upon:

1. Order of a court of jurisdiction or other satisfactory proof of authority for transfer;
2. Payment of the transfer fee and any reasonable cost and expenses of investigation and;
3. Satisfaction of such other requirements as may be adopted by the Association.
4. If by any order or decree of court, or otherwise by operation of law, a person is ordered or has legally agreed to comply with any request for information or signature(s) from AMHA and that person does not comply, then AMHA may proceed without the signature(s) of that person. AMHA must have backup documentation that every effort has been made to obtain the information or signature(s).  
(Amended 02-03, effective 01-04)

### **186B Sale Without Certificate of Registration**

If a registered horse is sold without the certificate of registration, the certificate must be surrendered by the recorded owner to the Association for cancellation.

### **186C Duplicate Certificates**

To obtain a duplicate certificate of registration, the recorded owner must file with the Association a completed affidavit satisfactorily explaining the loss of the original certificate, and pay the appropriate fee. Upon approval by the Association, a duplicate certificate, so marked, will be issued to the recorded owner.

### **186D Replacement Certificates**

To obtain a replacement for a certificate which has been torn, mutilated, soiled, or otherwise defaced, but which is identifiable, the recorded owner must submit the original certificate to the Association for identification and pay the replacement certificate fee.

### **186E Certificate Correction**

A recorded owner may request a change in a horse's height, markings, or color as shown on the certificate by submitting the certificate of registration to the Association accompanied

by a signed affidavit of height or statements attesting to the correction or changes, and submit any additional information that may be required by the Association. There shall be no charge for an amended or corrected certificate.

#### **186F Castration**

After a stallion is castrated the certificate of registration and a "Gelding Certificate" form (provided by the Association) must be submitted to the Association by the recorded owner.

#### **186G Cancellation Upon Death of Horse**

Upon the death of a registered horse, its certificate of registration and a statement signed by the recorded owner showing the date of death must be submitted to the Association for recording. Upon request the Association will mark the cancellation on the back of the certificate and return it to the recorded owner.

#### **186H New Pictures Required**

Under all sections of Rule 186 (except 186B, 186F and 186G) new color unaltered photographs may be required.

(Amended 12-03, effective 01-04)

(Amended 06-04, effective 01-05)

### **187 LEASES**

For a lease of a horse to be recognized by the Association, for breeding and/or showing purposes, written notice of existence of said lease shall be filed with the Association office, signed by both lessor (or authorized agent) and lessee (or authorized agent) and accompanied by the fee in the fee schedule. Only the lessee name will be listed on all show programs and awards until such lease is terminated. The notice shall provide the effective date of the lease, the name and registration number of the horse, and may provide a termination date.

Otherwise it may be terminated by written notice, giving termination date signed by both lessor and lessee; or by a properly executed transfer report which shows a change of ownership from lessor to lessee and which is signed by lessor. No additional fee shall be charged for termination, whether automatic or by subsequent notice thereof. The effective date will be determined by the date of postmark or date hand delivered to the AMHA office. A backdated lease will not be accepted.

(Amended 12-03, effective 01-04)

AMHA will recognize leases if submitted for show purposes only, with a 12 month automated termination of the lease. If submitted for breeding purposes, the lease would be accepted without an ending date or with an extended time period of 18 months. If a lease is submitted without an ending date and AMHA receives a transfer of ownership to someone other than the lessee and AMHA is unable to locate the lessee for a signature to terminate the lease, the AMHA Executive Committee would decide if the lease should be terminated.

(Amended 02-03, effective 01-04)

(Amended 02-09, effective 01-10)

**187A Recognition**

For show purposes only, multiple lessees will only be allowed if they are members of the same household. The lessee will be considered the owner of the horse for the period of the lease, for show purposes only.

(Amended 06-04, effective 01-05)

**187B Recordation**

Recording of Notice of Lease with the Association authorizes a lessee to execute all documents pertaining to the recognized activities of breeding or showing. Any limitation on use of the horse is solely the responsibility of the lessor.

**187C Transfer of Ownership**

During the effective term of the lease, the Association will not record subsequent changes in ownership until the lease is terminated; and only the lessee (or authorized agent) is authorized to sign breeder's certificate, stallion breeding reports or registration applications pertaining to the leased horse.

**188 SYNDICATES/CORPORATIONS**

In order for a syndicate/corporation to be recognized by the Association as owner of one or more horses, the horse(s) must be transferred into the name of the syndicate/corporation with the following items:

1. A written report of the transfer to the syndicate/corporation name must be completed and signed by the last recorded owner. This transfer must be received by the Association office accompanied by the certificate of registration, the proper transfer fee, and completed official AMHA syndicate/corporation form to include signatures of all members.  
(Amended 02-06, effective 01-07)  
(Amended 02-08, effective 01-09)
2. Written authorization shall be filed with the Association office (forms available upon request), accompanied by the fee in the fee schedule, appointing the syndicate/corporation manager and signed by the syndicate/corporation manager. The syndicate/corporation manager(s) will be recognized by AMHA as responsible for signing all documents as a representative of the syndicate/corporation. AMHA assumes no responsibility for the action of the managers.  
(Amended 02-06, effective 01-07)  
(Amended 02-08, effective 01-09)
3. When or if changes are made in the syndicate/corporation manager or syndicate/corporation members, written notice must be provided to the Association office indicating the change. No cancellation of the outgoing manager or syndicate/corporation members will be made unless written notice to this effect is received by the Association.  
(Amended 02-08, effective 01-09)

## BREEDING REQUIREMENTS

### 190 FORTY-TWO DAY RULE

After a mare has been exposed or bred to one stallion, either by hand or pasture breeding, with the exception of embryo transfer, at least forty-two (42) days must elapse before exposing the mare to a different stallion.

(Amended 02-06, effective 01-07)

(Amended 02-07, effective 01-08)

### 191 PASTURE BREEDING

Only one stallion may run with a mare or group of mares in a pasture, and they must be enclosed by permanent fencing maintained in such manner that no other stallion can cover a mare in said group.

### 192 ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION & EMBRYO TRANSFER

(Complete section amended 02-07, effective 01-08)

#### 192A On Premise Artificial Insemination

A foal shall be considered eligible for registration which is conceived by on premises artificial insemination involving the use of semen that is used immediately following collection (time lapse not to exceed 24 hours) and at the place or premises of collection.

#### 192B Cooled or Frozen Transported Semen

1. Cooled or frozen transported semen may be used for artificial insemination (AI) and resulting foals will be eligible for registration if the following conditions are met:
  - a. A completed stallion breeding report must be filed with the AMHA office listing all mares artificially inseminated. All mares must be included on the report whether or not a mare conceives.
  - b. A completed breeder's certificate must be issued to the owner of the artificially inseminated mare.
  - c. Resulting foal must be DNA tested and pedigree proven.
  - d. All other requirements of the AMHA, in addition to these rules, must be followed in order for the resultant foal to be eligible for registration.
2. Before semen may be transported from the location of collection, the stallion owner, lessee of record or authorized agent (all hereafter shall be referred to as stallion owner) at the time of permit application, shall apply and pay the yearly fee for the transported semen permit (see fee schedule).

This permit is effective for the calendar year (January 1 – December 31) during which the semen must be collected and used. The permit fee is non-refundable or transferable. In addition to hand or pasture breeding mares, a stallion will be limited to twenty (20) mares exposed to transported semen during any one calendar year.

- a. This permit will:
  - (1) Be issued to the stallion owner upon receipt of the above fee and the blood/DNA genetic testing of the stallion on record with AMHA
  - (2) Identify the stallion from which the collection is to be taken.
3. Once a permit has been issued, a collection insemination report must be completed and sent with each insemination by the stallion owner. This report requires a portion to be completed and mailed to the AMHA by the mare owner. This report will certify the identity of the collected stallion and date as well as the inseminated mare and date. The collection and insemination shall be overseen/conducted by licensed veterinarians/technicians as attested by their signatures certifying that the appropriate stallion and mare have been correctly identified from the horses' original registration certificates.
4. The mare owner shall contact the stallion owner to arrange for the transportation of semen. Any fees charged by the stallion owner in connection with providing the transported semen are between the mare owner and the stallion owner.
5. If using cooled semen the mare must be inseminated within seventy-two (72) hours of collection.
6. Should the mare for which a collection insemination certificate was issued not conceive within the calendar year, the stallion owner must apply for a new permit and fee paid before insemination with transported semen is attempted in the subsequent calendar year.
7. Prior to the completion of the registration application for a foal conceived through the use of transported semen, the applicant shall have the blood/DNA genetic testing of the dam and the foal on record with AMHA, and the foal's parentage must be verified.
8. There will be a \$500 penalty fee per incident for transporting semen without a permit.
9. The AMHA has the right to deny registration of any foal conceived by transported semen if all AMHA rules and regulations are not adhered to.
10. If a stallion changes ownership, use of the frozen semen is limited to the current, recorded owner. The new owner must re-apply for a new transported semen permit.
11. Ownership of semen already frozen by the previous owner/ lessee must be resolved between the seller and buyer.

12. If a stallion is leased, the use of the frozen semen by the lessee is restricted to the time period (beginning to ending date) of the lease only.
13. Gelding of the stallion will preclude the use of the frozen semen as of the date of gelding.
14. Disputes arising between current or previous owners of stallions and/or mare and stallion owners will not involve AMHA. The Association may not be used to protect, defend or enforce the use of the semen. Any dispute must be resolved by the individuals.

### **192C EMBRYO TRANSFER**

The offspring foaled by a mare that is not its genetic dam but transferred to her by embryo transfer shall be eligible for registration if, in addition to all other Association registration rules, the following conditions are met.

1. Notification must be submitted to AMHA ten (10) days prior to the intent to perform transfer by the recorded owner or authorized agent of the donor mare. The notification must include:
  - a. The registered name and number of the donor mare, the breeding stallion and the name and location where the intended transfer is to take place.
  - b. The sire and donor mare must be DNA tested prior to embryo transfer and the results on file at AMHA.
  - c. The non-refundable fee for the embryo permit must be paid each year that a transfer is to be performed. A substitution cannot be made. Fee—See Fee Schedule

Notice of intention to transport the embryo with notice of intended collection shall be given to the Association for eligibility for such embryo transportation as specified above.

2. A form must be submitted to AMHA at the time of transplant signed by the licensed veterinarian noting the registration information on the stallion, the donor mare and the recipient mare and the place, date and time of insemination.
3. The application for registration and the breeder's certificate for a foal resulting from an embryo transfer must be signed by the owner of the dam at time of transfer.
4. The pedigree of the foal must be verified by genetic testing of foal, sire and donor mare as well as any other testing AMHA may deem necessary. All expenses will be the responsibility of the registration applicant.
5. A licensed veterinarian that meets all state requirements must conduct the collection and embryo transfer.



6. A donor mare may produce multiple embryos in a calendar year.
  - a. The fact that a foal is the result of an embryo transfer will be noted on the registration certificate.
7. If a mare is designated with the Association for embryo transfer, but the transfer is not done, the Association must be notified by December 1 of the designated year. If this is not done any naturally bred and produced foal of the following year must have the pedigree verified by DNA testing.
8. The transfer of frozen embryo will not be allowed, and any person or breeding establishment found in violation shall be barred for not less than five years from showing and/or registering their horses.
9. The premises and practices of any party using embryo transplant procedures may be inspected by the Association. The burden of verifying true parentage of a foal is the registration applicant's. Any questions regarding the parentage shall be resolved against registration of a horse carried by a recipient mare through embryo transplant.
10. The enrollment application and registration application must be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to preserve for the record owner or lessee of the donor mare or foal, the only acceptable proof to AMHA of timely compliance.

### **193 HARDSHIP**

The following procedure outlines the steps and guidelines which must be followed for the hardship registration of a qualifying horse into the American Miniature Horse Association (AMHA) Registry.

#### **193A Qualifications**

The Horse must:

1. Measure 34" or under in height at the current measuring location according to AMHA Show Rules for Height Verification; - (Currently Show Rules GR-020- Height Verification)
2. Be 36 months of age or greater by its actual date of birth prior to hardship measuring.  
(Amended 11-18, Effective 01-19)

The owner must:

1. Be a current AMHA member in good standing.
2. Provide the completed Hardship Application form.
3. Submit and pay the appropriate Fee for Hardship Registration and any other applicable fees.
4. Submit with the application , a request and payment for

an AMHA approved DNA test kit (with the exception of geldings).

### 193B Application

1. Complete the AMHA Hardship Application Form.
2. Applicant must be the owner of record of the horse.
3. Hardship Application Form must be signed by the owner of record of the horse.
4. Submit with the AMHA Hardship Application Form four (4) current unaltered color photographs taken per the guidelines set forth in the most current AMHA rulebook for natural registration.
5. Hardship Measurement Card and Hardship Inspection Report shall be submitted directly to the AMHA Home Office, Registration Department after completion and signed by the appropriate persons.  
(Amended 11-18, effective 01-19)

### 193C Measuring

1. Measurement for Hardship Application must be performed at a designated time as set forth by the appropriate Show/Special Event Representative with advance notification by the applicant for such type measurement, to the respective Show/Special Event Manager. Time and date to be provided in the respective show's premium book at one of these public locations:
  - a. AMHA Sanctioned/Approved Show
  - b. AMHA Championship Show
  - c. AMHA World Show
  - d. AMHR Sanctioned/Approved Show
  - e. AMHA Recognized Special Event
    1. It must be held by an approved AMHA club
    2. It can be an approved AMHA Amateur Clinic or AMHA Certified Measuring Clinic
    3. Any fees charged by the Judge and Director are privately agreed upon by the horse owner(s)
    4. Both Judge and Director must be appointed by the AMHA Office, not selected by the club. But the club can give recommendations.  
(Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)
2. Measuring shall be done by a current or former AMHA Director who holds a current measuring card or a current AMHA steward and witnessed by an AMHA judge. The measurer must be a different person than the witnessing AMHA judge.  
(Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)
3. A definite set time for hardship measurement shall be specified in the show premium.
4. Measurement shall be performed on the body location of the horse in accordance set forth in the current AMHA Rulebook by the official show measurer and witnessed by a designated measuring observer/witness. (Reference: GR 020 A,B,C & E) **(Amended 11-23, Effective 01-24)**
5. Measurement of horse applying for hardship must take place in direct view of the measuring witness and the

owner or duly assigned agent of the animal. Anyone may guest observe the measurement.

6. The current or former AMHA director or current AMHA steward conducting the measurement, the observing AMHA judge and the owner or duly assigned agent of the animal all must sign the Hardship Measurement Card to be valid

### **193D Inspection**

1. Inspection shall be performed by any AMHA current judge. Inspections shall be pre-arranged by the applicant with show management.
2. Inspector shall inspect the horse, noting in his/her report major conformation faults, if any, using the AMHA Standard of Perfection as guide and any other items that could disqualify a horse from an AMHA approved show.
3. Inspector is required to personally pull hair from the horse being measured and inspected and send the sample directly to the lab.
4. Inspector will take four (4) photos of the horse being inspected to insure that the horse being inspected matches the application photos.

### **193E Fees**

Appropriate fees must accompany completed Hardship Application Form to begin processing. Fees are listed on page F-1.

### **193F Appeal**

1. A horse rejected for hardship registration may appeal one time.
2. An appeal shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee who will provide to allow a second/different than the first Measurer or Inspector, qualified (as described in 193C-D above) to re-measure or inspect the animal, whichever event applies to the rejection of hardship.
3. Any fees charged or incurred will be at the expense of the owner of the harshipping horse
4. Decision of the second Measurer or Inspector respectively shall be final.

### **193G Qualifying Offspring**

Only offspring BORN AFTER postmark of application for Hardship shall be eligible for registration under normal registration fee structure. The foal in utero at the time of Hardship Application will be required to be DNA parentage qualified.

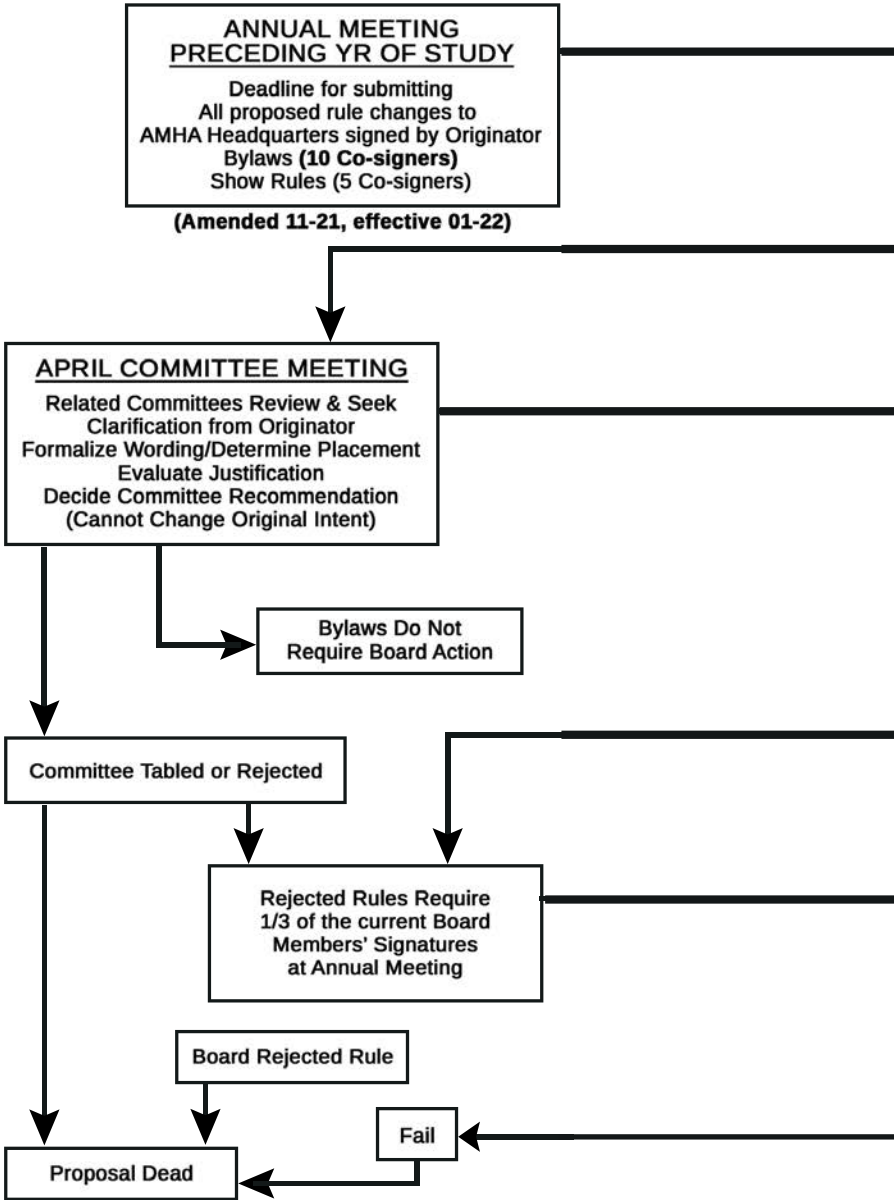
### **193H Progeny Hardship**

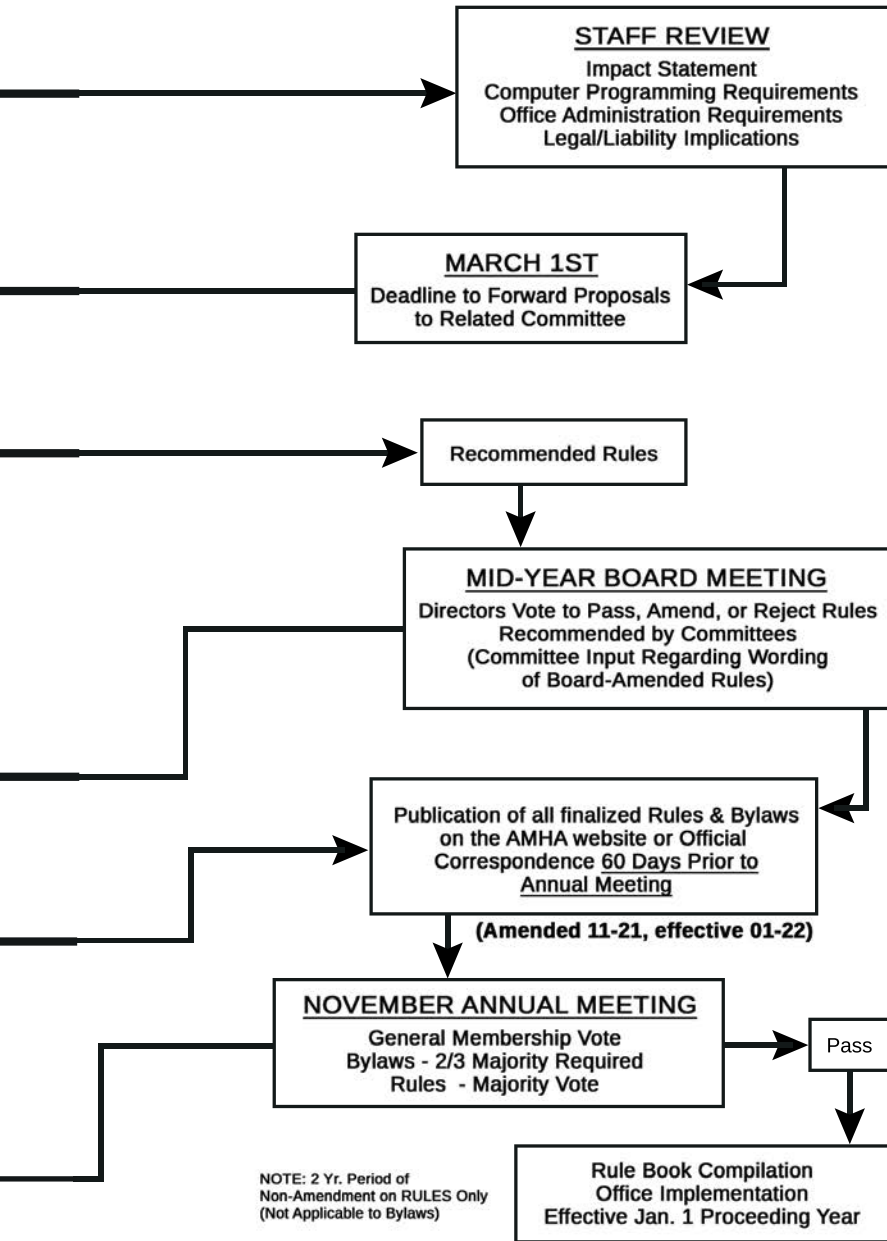
Any prior offspring, two (2) years old or younger of the Hardshipped horse shall be eligible for applying for Hardship Progeny provided both parents are AMHA registered at the time of application for registration. These offspring would be eligible for a Hardship discount rate of fifty percent (50%) as described in 193E, would be required to be DNA tested for parentage qualification at the time of application , must meet show height requirements at the time of measurement and any other Hardship requirements as well as regular registration requirements.

# AMHA Rule Change Flow Chart

(Guide only - See Bylaw Articles XVI & XIX for specific procedures)

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### **193I Pedigree on Registration Certificate of Hardshipped Horses**

Parentage of the horse being Harshipped shall now show on the registration certificate and indicated if AMHA or AMHR registered and their respective registration number shall be printed on the certificate. Any corresponding DNA for parent qualification acknowledgement shall also be included.

### **193J Miscellaneous**

1. Any person that is not directly involved in the individual animal's hardshipping process shall not be allowed to interfere, comment, assist or direct the designated measurer while measuring horses for hardshipping. Directly involved is defined as the Owner or duly assigned Agent, the Measurer, the Witness and/or the Inspector.
2. Any person who is directly involved in the measurement, witness or inspection portion of the hardship process, must be at arm's length to the owner and /or the horse being processed. Arm's length shall be defined as: a) not a relative of the Owner or duly assigned Agent; b) currently have no ownership interest in the horse or its offspring; c) not currently doing business with the Owner or duly assigned Agent of the horse , including but not limited to, training, handling, purchasing offspring, nor currently have horses bred to or have offspring from the horse being hardshipped.
3. Any Horse, its Owner or duly assigned Agent involved in the hardshipping process that is found by conclusive evidence to not be at arm's length, shall be subject to examination and disciplined by the Executive Committee for assessment and potential cancellation of hardship registration certification.
4. Duly assigned Agent shall be defined as: An agent assigned in writing by the owner to have authorization to present the horse for measurement and inspection for the hardship process. A copy of authorization shall accompany the Hardship Application form
5. Any stated reference within this Rule Change as to a location in the AMHA current Rulebook, shall be considered housekeeping to change respectively when necessary for clarification, and does not require a complete rule change process.

(Amended 02-16, effective 01-17).

## **AMENDMENTS**

These rules and regulations may be amended or new rules and regulations enacted as outlined in Article XVI of the Association Bylaws.

## **ASSOCIATION NOT LIABLE**

The Association, its Directors, Officers, members of committees, appointed persons, members of Hearing Boards, employees, representatives and agents of the Association will attempt to obtain true and complete information relating to registrations, Hearings, and all other matters pertaining to Association's activities and business. Except for proven intentional wrong doings, neither the Association nor any of the above will be liable in any way, whether in damages or otherwise, for the issuance of any certificate of registration, for the transfer of any certificate of registration, for the refusal to issue a certificate, for the issuance of pedigree statements, for the refusal to transfer any certificate of registration, for any disciplinary proceedings brought against or penalties imposed on any member or non-member by or on behalf of the Association.

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**LICENSED OFFICIALS COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE AMERICAN MINIATURE HORSE ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**LO-005 THE AMERICAN MINIATURE HORSE STANDARD OF PERFECTION**

**BREED OBJECTIVE:** To produce the smallest possible perfect horse.

**GENERAL IMPRESSION:** The American Miniature Horse is a beautiful, small well balanced horse that if all reference to size were eliminated, would have the same conformational proportions of other full sized light breeds. The mares demonstrate refinement and feminine qualities. The mature stallions show boldness and masculinity. The general impression is to be a balanced individual regardless of size with symmetry, strength, agility and alertness. Movement is strong, natural and athletic. In motion the horse will exude athleticism as demonstrated by suppleness of the shoulders and engaged hocks. In judging when characteristics are equal, preference must be given to the smaller horse.

**TEMPERAMENT:** Temperament is reflected in its personality. The American Miniature Horse is intelligent, curious, gentle, sensible, willing to cooperate and easy to train.

**SIZE:** Measuring at base of the last hair of the mane (Art XI, Sec 4), the mature animal must not exceed 34 inches. Horses two years old or younger conform to the height for age requirements as stated in the show rules (GR-020- Height verification) and (CL-005).

**COLOR:** Any coat color, pattern, white markings and eye color are equally acceptable.

**HEAD:** The head is beautiful, triangular in shape and comparatively small in proportion to the length of neck and body. The forehead is broad with large, prominent eyes. The eyes are set well apart and are placed approximately 1/3 the distance from the poll to muzzle. The distance between the muzzle and eyes is comparatively short. A profile may be straight or slightly dishd below the eyes, blending into large nostrils on a small, refined muzzle.

**BITE:** When viewed from the side, the meeting point of the center incisor teeth should be equal and even. A slight deviation no more than half the width of the tooth's surface is permissible without fault. The accuracy of the bite may vary according to age. As the premolars and molars move into location, the alignment of the jaw could vary during this process.

**EARS:** The ears are set on top of the head and carried alertly. They are medium in size, well shaped with pointed tips curving slightly inward.

**NECK:** The neck is set on the top of a well-angulated shoulder, departing well above the point of the shoulder and blending into the withers, giving the impression of the neck sitting on top of the withers rather than in front of them. The slender neck is slightly arched forming a gentle curve from the poll to the back. Its length is in proportion to body with the top line being considerably longer than the bottom line. The throatlatch is clean and well defined, allowing flexion at the poll and normal respiration.

**SHOULDERS:** The shoulders are muscular, long, sloping, well angulated (45-50 degrees), allowing for a free swinging stride and alert head/neck carriage.

**BODY:** The body is compact with a short back, close coupling, broad loins, deep flank and well sprung ribs. The back has a long, level, well muscled croup and is smoothly rounding at the hip. The tail is well set. The underline of the body should be long but not tucked up at the flank. At maturity, the top of the hip must not be higher than the withers. The chest is medium width with defined muscular development.

**LEGS:** The legs appear longer than the body is deep. They possess flat bone, and an appearance of over-all substance with refinement. Legs are structurally straight and parallel when viewed from the front and back with hooves pointing directly ahead. The pasterns have sufficient length and angulations to provide a light, springy step. The front legs possess a well muscled forearm, relatively long in proportion to a short cannon. Front pasterns slope 45 to 48 degrees and blend smoothly with no change of angle from the hooves to the ground.

The rear leg structure must demonstrate good angulations and proper flexion of the hocks for athletic movement; have the stifle placed well forward and low in the flank area with thighs and gaskins well muscled. The gaskin is relatively long in relation to the cannon. The rear cannons are perpendicular to the ground when points of hocks and buttocks are in the same vertical lines. Back pasterns slope 40 to 50 degrees and blend smoothly with no change of angle from the hooves to the ground. The hooves are trimmed to a practical length and have sufficient toe length and angle with spread of the heels for the size and proportions of the animal.

**MOVEMENT:** The walk is a natural free flowing, four beat gait with length of stride proportional to the height and length of leg. The trot is a natural forward, free flowing two beat diagonal gait where the knee and hock are synchronized in their elevated, flexed and extension movement. When viewed at a walk and trot from the front, the horse will replicate the structural correctness of its stance. The American Miniature Horses' conformation allows them to trot willingly and freely at liberty or pulling a pleasure cart.

**JUVENILE CONSIDERATIONS:** The body of the junior horse demonstrates stretch and frame to be filled in with muscling appropriate for its age. A mature adult look is not desirable.



#### **LO-010 LICENSED OFFICIALS COMMITTEE**

- A. The Licensed Officials Committee or approved designee will act upon every completed application for enrollment, renewal, promotion and classification of judges. One (1) more than 50% of the Licensed Official Committee constitutes a quorum. The Committee will issue a judge's card to each approved applicant.  
(Amended 02-08, effective 01-09)
1. Beginning January 1, 1995, Approved and Senior Judges are required to become Associate or Regular Members of AMHA at the time of renewal in order to maintain their judge's card. Renewals will be from January 1 until December 31 of each year. Such membership is required in order to appear in the Miniature Horse World. New applicants must apply for the appropriate membership classification in order to be approved. AMHA's initiation fee to be waived for Associate membership only.  
(Amended 12-03, effective 01-04)
  2. Applicants must complete all phases of the established procedures of the LOC committee. Such procedures are available from the LOC Coordinator in the AMHA office.
- B. Applications
1. The Committee or approved designee will carefully review all applications, correspond with references,

receive the fee, and consider any other relevant information submitted to the Committee. The Committee may, at its discretion, refuse to renew a judge's card at its expiration. In such instances, the fee will be refunded to the applicant.

C. Hearings

1. Any person whose application for enrollment, renewal or promotion has been denied, may request a hearing of the Licensed Officials Committee to review the decision. The request must be made in writing and mailed to the AMHA office within 30 days from the receipt of the decision sought to be reviewed. A non-refundable fee of \$50.00 (payable to the American Miniature Horse Assn.) must accompany the request for hearing.
2. The hearing shall be held after ten (10) days written notice to all concerned parties. The notice shall contain a brief statement of the facts supporting the position of the Committee, and shall specify the time and place at which the hearing is to be held. The person requesting the hearing may bring witnesses, sworn statements or other evidence in his behalf. Upon the written request of a representative of the Committee or the person requesting the hearing, there shall be furnished before the hearing any evidence to be introduced, and names of witnesses and the substance of their testimony.
3. The decision of the Licensed Officials Committee shall be subject to further appeal only to the AMHA Executive Committee.

**LO-020 CLASSIFICATION OF JUDGES**

- A. Designation as an AMHA-approved judge is a privilege, not a right, bestowed by the Licensed Officials Committee according to procedures formulated by it, to individuals whose equine expertise and personal character merit the honor. An approved judge's conduct as a member, exhibitor, breeder, and judge, as well as his/her ability, **MUST** be exemplary. Each approved judge's status is subject to continual review by the Committee, and is revocable by the Committee with or without notice and formal hearing.
- B. Approved Judges
  1. An Approved Judge may officiate alone at any AMHA-approved show.
  2. Approved Judges must have previous judging experience and must be approved as a judge in good standing with another recognized equine breed organization. Individuals who do not meet the above criteria may qualify for approval as an Approved Judge by successfully completing the Apprentice Judge program.

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3. Beginning January 1, 1995, Approved Judge cards shall be valid for one year unless revoked by the committee, and may be renewed annually provided that the Approved Judge applies for renewal and is a current Regular or Associate AMHA member and passes a rule book test and meets all other qualifications in force at that time.
  4. Beginning January 1, 2004, Approved Judges must be reviewed every six (6) years by the Licensed Official Committee while in attendance of an approved AMHA Judges Seminar.  
(Amended 12-03, effective 01-04)
- C. Senior Judge
1. A Senior Judge may officiate alone at any AMHA sanctioned show.
  2. Beginning January 1, 2004, Senior Judges must meet the following requirements:
    - a. To apply or reapply for a Senior classification is a fee of \$25.00.  
(Amended 11-00, effective 01-02)  
(Amended 02-01, effective 01-02)
    - b. Approved Judges may apply for Senior Classification after they have adjudicated at three (3) or more AMHA sanctioned shows in which **forty (40)** or more horses were exhibited at each show. Approved Judges may apply for Senior Classification after they have adjudicated at a minimum of **ten (10)** shows during the previous six (6) years.  
(Amended 02-07, effective 01-08)  
(Amended 06-13, effective 01-14)  
**(Amended 02-23, effective 03-23)**
    - c. Six (6) letters of favorable recommendation are required. Judges are responsible for providing AMHA with six (6) or more addresses for letters of recommendation. These letters must be sent to the AMHA and must contain a full name, address, valid phone number and email address of reference. At least four (4) of these letters must be from judges who have seen you judge, the remaining two (2) may be from show managers who have seen you judge or knowledgeable Miniature Horse owners. Members of the Licensed Official Committee may not be used as references. (Amended 02-08, effective 01-09)
    - d. Must attend an AMHA judges seminar every 3 years and be interviewed at such seminar every 6 years.  
(Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)
  3. Beginning January 1, 1995, Senior Judge cards shall be valid for one year unless revoked by the committee, and may be renewed annually provided that the Senior Judge applies for renewal and is a current Regular or Associate AMHA member and passes a rule book test and meets all other qualifications in force at that time.

(Amended 12-03, effective 01-04)

D. Apprentice Judge

1. Individuals 19 years of age or older who do not otherwise qualify for approval as an AMHA judge, may apply for registration as an Apprentice Judge.
2. An Apprentice Judge is an individual previously registered as such, to whom the Licensed Officials Committee may grant permission, upon the request and approval of the Chairman or Manager of an AMHA-sanctioned show and for that show only, to accompany a Senior or Approved Judge into the ring. No person may apprentice under a family member. Permission will NOT be granted for more than one Apprentice Judge to be in the ring at any one time. The application must be made on the official form provided for that purpose and must be accompanied by the required fee, at least 30 days prior to the show date.
3. There is no limit to the number of times a person may be granted an Apprentice Judge's card. He/she shall be given a set of AMHA Judge's cards to evaluate the various entries but shall have no authority as to the merits of the competitors.
4. Apprentice Judges shall in no way interfere with the duties of the Senior or Approved Judge, nor delay the progress of the show. He/she shall insure that the show management makes clear to the competitors that he/she is there to learn from the Senior or Approved Judge, and that he/she is evaluating them only for his/her own benefit. Apprentice Judges may confer with the Senior or Approved Judge only after the Senior or Approved Judge has turned in his card for each class, and before the gate is opened for the next class to enter the ring.
5. Apprentice Judges may apply for promotion to Approved Judge upon meeting the following requirements:
  - a. Must have worked with three different AMHA "Approved" judges, one of which must be a Senior judge at three (3) or more different AMHA sanctioned shows. (An Approved judge is one that has judged at three (3) different AMHA-sanctioned shows).
  - b. Apprentice Judges may not apprentice with a Judge that has been announced as serving on an upcoming AMHA Championship or World Championship Show.  
(Amended 06-06, effective 01-07)
  - c. Apprentice Judges are required to attend and successfully complete an AMHA judging seminar within twelve (12) months after the completed application is received in the AMHA office.  
(Amended 06-05, effective 1-06).

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- d. AMHA LOC or designee must have all six (6) Letters of Recommendation completed in full and contained in LOC judge's file prior to consideration of promotion to Approved Judge. (Amended 06-06, effective 01-07)
  - e. Apprentice Judges must apply for Approved Judge status within one year of completing all requirements.
  - f. Must meet any other requirements of the Licensed Official Committee at the time of application.
6. The necessity of giving opportunity to Apprentice Judges to officiate with judges of experience in the show ring is urged upon all AMHA-sanctioned competitions and competitors as an important and cooperative duty.

### **LO-025 JUDGE REGULATIONS**

Judges may not judge two (2) shows within 150 miles of each other within a 60 day period. Ref: GR-030-D for "Regulations Governing Judges".

### **LO-030 PROCEDURES FOR ENROLLMENT**

- A. Application must be made on the official form and accompanied by the required fee. If the application is rejected, the fee will not be refunded. All applications must be mailed to the LOC Committee at the AMHA office, and all checks must be payable to AMHA.
- B. The Licensed Officials Committee will send out questionnaires concerning the applicant to such persons listed as references by the applicant and to such judges, AMHA members, and others as it may elect. No member of the Committee may serve as a reference for an applicant for a judge's card. All questionnaires must be returned to the LOC Committee or approved designee.
- C. In the case of those applicants whose applications are not reviewed by the LOC Committee because of an insufficient number of returned questionnaires, the LOC Committee will so advise the applicants, and will hold those applications in a pending file for one more meeting of the LOC Committee.

### **LO-035 JUDGE REMUNERATION**

A recommended minimum fee of \$300.00 per day plus expenses to compensate AMHA carded judges for AMHA approved shows with the exception of youth, amateur and hardship approved shows. (Amended 06-06, effective 01-07)

### **LO-039 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW JUDGES**

To be eligible to judge an AMHA World Championship Show, you must:

- A. Beginning in 2009, an AMHA approved judge must have completed the required six (6) year review by the Licensed Official Committee while in attendance of an AMHA Approved Seminar. Be an AMHA Senior or Approved Judge who has judged a minimum of four (4) AMHA approved shows.  
(Amended 12-03, effective 01-04)  
(Amended 11-04, effective 01-05)

- B. Not have judged the World Championship Show in the preceding three (3) years.  
(Amended 02-01, effective 01-02)  
(Amended 02-07, effective 01-08)  
(Amended 12-09, effective 01-10)
- C. No more than two (2) judges from one state or province shall be selected to judge the World Championship Show.

#### **LO-040 JUDGES SEMINARS**

- A. The Licensed Officials Committee will coordinate judge seminars at various locations each year. It is the responsibility of each judge and judge candidate to arrange and attend those seminars that are necessary to maintain his/her status.
- B. All classifications of judges must successfully complete an AMHA judge's seminar at least once every three (3) calendar years. New applications and applications for renewal will not be considered until the applicant has completed this requirement.
- C. Effective 1998, all judge applicant files must be complete, including references and other required criteria, before the LOC will issue invitations for applicants to attend seminars.

#### **LO-041 SHOW STEWARDS**

The AMHA Show Steward Program is designed as a resource for the AMHA and Show Management to assist in managing the quality and quantity of task management at AMHA show events. Show Stewards will assist the AMHA and Show Management as an intermediary, liaison, and representative as needed within the parameters of the AMHA Rulebook as pertaining to Horse Shows, the rules and regulations of the Association, and in the spirit of serving the membership.

Stewards will be required at the Regional & World Championship Shows.

##### **A. Applications**

Must be 19 years of age or older at the time of application.

The AMHA Show Steward must be either a Regular, Associate, or Lifetime member. Such AMHA membership must be paid and current at the time of application or annual renewal. Memberships for AMHA Show Stewards are based on a calendar year.

Applicants must complete all phases of the established procedures of the LOC committee. Such procedures are available from the LOC Coordinator in the AMHA office.

##### **B. Renewals**

- 1. Approved Show Stewards must attend and successfully complete an AMHA Official Show Steward Seminar every six (6) calendar years. Show Stewards must pass an Annual written examination consisting of AMHA Show Rules and



Rules and Regulations of the Association.

2. The Show Steward's approval is for one year (calendar year). The Show Steward must pay an annual renewal fee and pass an open rulebook test which will be provided to the show steward. (Effective 2017)

NOTE: Contact the LOC Coordinator in the AMHA office for more information about the Steward Program.

#### **LO-042 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Effective at the 2020 Annual Meeting, the Licensed Officials Committee shall consist of eight (8) Regular members. At each Annual Meeting, the two longest tenured members will rotate off the committee. In the case of more than two members with the same tenure, the LOC Committee will vote to determine the members who will rotate off. Two replacements will be elected from the General Membership. The members who rotate off the committee will be eligible to run for the committee. The membership of the Licensed Officials Committee will consist of three (3) AMHA amateur members and three (3) AMHA carded judges. The remaining two (2) positions may be filled by any adult members. Failure to attend any two (2) consecutively called meetings will result in dismissal (with the exception of extreme excused absence) of such non-attending members of the committee. If a vacancy arises, the committee will fill the vacancy."

(Amended 06-06, effective 01-07)

(Amended 02-09, effective 01-10)

(Amended 02-12, effective 01-13)

(Amended 12-20, effective 12-20)

#### **AMENDMENTS**

These Licensed Officials Committee rules and regulations may be amended or new rules and regulations enacted, without notice, by the Regular members, at any Annual Meeting, special meetings, or by the Board of Directors as directed.

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# **SHOW RULES**

## **OF THE AMERICAN MINIATURE HORSE ASSOCIATION, INC.**

People's perception is all important. How you present your horses and how the public perceives they are being trained, shown, and cared for will ultimately determine who controls your industry.

NOTE: Each section of the Show Rules has been given the following prefix codes:

- GR - GENERAL RULES
- LO - LICENSED OFFICIALS
- CL - CLASSES
- YD - YOUTH DIVISION
- AM - AMATEUR DIVISION
- CO - COOL DIVISION  
(Conquering Obstacles and Overcoming Limitations)
- PA - POINTS, AWARDS, AND TITLES
- WS - WORLD SHOW

Paragraphs under the major rules have been done in "outline format," with each paragraph under a rule beginning with the letter "A," "B", etc.

### **GR-000 GENERAL RULES**

#### **STANDARD OF PERFECTION (SEE LO-005)**

#### **SHOW RULES COMMITTEE**

The Show Rules Committee shall consist of eleven (11) Regular members, five (5) members who have been retained from the previous three years from which a chairman shall be selected by those remaining members. The six (6) newly elected members may or may not be previous members. The nominations for these remaining six (6) positions will be made and elected by the membership present at the Annual Meeting. Committee members must attend the Show Rules Committee meeting held at the Annual Convention, mid-year Board Meeting, and the World Championship Show in order to be eligible for the committee the next year. Failure to attend both the mid-year workshop meeting and the World Championship Show may result in dismissal. If a vacancy arises, the committee will fill the vacancy by appointment at the discretion of the committee.  
(Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)

#### **AMENDMENTS**

These show rules may be amended at any Annual Meeting of the Association as per Article XIV of the Bylaws.

#### **GR-010 ELIGIBILITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF EXHIBITORS, HANDLERS, AND DRIVERS FOR EXHIBITION IN AMHA- APPROVED SHOWS**

- A. All AMHA shows are open to any horses registered with AMHA whose exhibitor is able to prove valid registration.

- B. To enter an AMHA approved show, the exhibitor must use the complete name and number of the animal as it is shown on the horse's registration certificate. No substitutions or changes are acceptable. Horses shown under false identity will be automatically and immediately disqualified by the show management. The protest fee is waived. Entry forms must be completely filled out at all shows and must not be accepted by the show management until all information has been listed, copies of the registration papers received, and the entry blank signed by the exhibitor. Amateur and Youth exhibitors will be required to submit a copy of their current Amateur or Youth cards with horse show entries. Gelded status must be reflected on registration certificate for horse to be shown in any AMHA class.  
(Amended 06-03, effective 01-04)  
(Amended 02-04, effective 01-05)
- C. Any person who makes payment with a non-negotiable check or money order or refuses to pay an entry fee, stall fee, or any other fees or charges in connection with participation in any AMHA approved show, may be subject to disciplinary action pursuant to the rules of the Association. The offender is ineligible to show at any AMHA Show until such indebtedness is settled.  
(Amended 02-04, effective 01-05)
- D. Horses may be shown if the exhibitor furnishes proof that the registration application has been received in the AMHA office with all requirements met prior to the show. Show chairman shall accept as proof only a signed statement from the AMHA office or oral verification from the AMHA office to show chairman that the horse can be shown.
- E. Owners, trainers, agents, and exhibitors must be aware of current AMHA show rules and if in doubt receive clarification from the Show Rules Committee.
- F. No horse may be shown before a judge that has been sold by said Judge or by his/her employer within a period of 90 days prior to the show.
- G. No Judge's trainer nor any of the judge's trainer's clients may compete as exhibitors in any show unless the relationship has been terminated at least 90 days prior to the show.
- H. No clients of a member of the judge's family or business clients of a judge may compete as an exhibitor in a show unless the relationship is terminated at least 90 days prior to the show.
- I. Judge's family members are ineligible to show under that judge. See YD-010 C for definition of family.
- J. No horse may be shown before a judge that has been trained by the Judge within the period of 90 days prior to the show. This rule excludes clinics and/or seminars

- K. No one may show before a judge who has remunerated the exhibitor for the board or training, excluding clinics and seminars, of any horse for horse show purposes within a period of 90 days prior to the competition. Stud fees and broodmare fees are excluded.
- L. No one may show before a judge from whom he has leased a horse unless the lease is terminated 90 days prior to the competition.
- M. No one shall approach a judge during the show in any fashion (e-mail, text, phone, etc.) with regard to a decision unless he/she first obtains permission from the show official, who shall arrange an appointment with the judge at a proper time and place. (Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)
- N. If a horse is presented to a judge by a person the judge knows is ineligible to compete under these rules, the judge must advise the show manager that he/she believes the entry to be ineligible and request that the entry be excused. In any class if a horse or exhibitor is ineligible to show under one judge, then that exhibitor or horse is ineligible to show under each and every judge in that class.
- O. Any violation of rules pertaining to GR-010 will go to the Executive Committee.

#### **GR-020 HEIGHT VERIFICATION**

- A. No Miniature Horse shall exceed 34 inches in height.
  - Weanlings must not exceed 30 inches.
  - Yearlings must not exceed 32 inches.
  - Two-year-olds must not exceed 33 inches.
 The show age of the horse is determined from January 1 preceding its birthday.
- B. Horse's height must be verified on a hard, level surface, preferably concrete or paved, in a public place, by a show official and witnessed by a recording official of the show. **The cross piece or arm of the stick must slide up and down freely until the standard is placed on the ground. The cross piece or arm must then be lowered on the horse's last mane hair.** No person with horses being shown competing in the show may be a measuring official at the show. (Amended 02-11, effective 01-12) (Amended 11-23, effective 01-24)
 

The measuring device used to measure the first horse must be used to measure all the horses. A standard measurement stick is a straight, stiff, unbendable stick (metal) that is equipped with a bullseye, plumb bob or a spirit level to make sure that the standard is perpendicular to the ground and that the cross piece or arm is parallel with the ground surface.
- C. Management shall announce the time and place for height verification.
- D. To receive an exhibitor's number, the horse must be measured and have height recorded on the entry sheet by the person measuring horses or by his designee.

- E. The height verification of the Miniature Horse shall be determined by measuring the vertical distance from the base of the last hairs of the mane to the ground with the front two (2) legs vertical and in line with or parallel to the measuring device, and the back of the hocks in a vertical line with the horse's fetlocks. The last hairs of the mane refers to the last coarse (longer) hair of the horse's mane. Any softer body hair, left longer so as to be considered as an extension of the mane, should be differentiated from mane hair and should not be included as part of the mane when measuring. The horse's head and neck shall be in a natural position, facing forward, with the nostrils lower than the eyes. The animal must stand squarely on all four (4) feet. No height allowance will be made for excessive foot. After the horse is set up for measuring by the handler, said handler may not touch the horse, i.e. stretching the head up forward, moving the feet; touching the back or pressing down on any part of the back until the measurer removes the measuring stick.  
 (Amended 02-03, effective 01-04)  
 (Amended 02-10, effective 01-11)  
 (Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)

If an animal does not meet the desired height, the handler has the right to request a second measurement. Upon repositioning the animal and the measuring stick a second measurement will be made. If the second measurement is still not acceptable a third measurement is allowed. Note: Only one reading is permitted with each measurement. The third measurement is final and will be recorded as the official height. If after the first or second measurement, it is obvious the animal needs to be trimmed, the handler should be advised that the third measurement is final and that any alteration to the animal's feet should be made prior to that measurement. A horse that has to be remeasured must be sound. The measuring process will result in a final measurement.

(Amended 02-07, effective 01-08)

CLARIFICATION 12-05-09: "The Official Show Measurer will not attempt to measure the horse until the handler has set the horse, per Show Rule GR-020, and is positioned near the horse, in a kneeling or standing position, not touching the horse with any part of his/her body, and advises the measurer the horse is ready to be measured. The Official Measurer will then attempt to measure the horse. During the measuring process, if the handler touches the horse, the attempt to measure will be stopped, and the handler will be advised the horse cannot be touched during the measuring process."

- F. It is mandatory for Show management to provide the signed Final Height Measurement List from all AMHA approved shows to the AMHA Office with Show Results. This list will be retained in the AMHA Office.

Signatures must be: Measurer and Show Manager.  
(Amended 02-12, effective 01-13)

- G. 1. A permanent measurement card may be issued for horses 60 months and older when measured by a certified measurer at both a Championship Show and the World Show in the same show year providing the horse measure is 34" and under per AMHA Rules. If the measurements at the 2 shows are different the higher measurement will be used.
2. Owner must request this card prior to measurement at the earlier show by completing a Permanent Measurement Card request form to the AMHA office. This form will be signed by the official measurer at both shows and returned to the AMHA office for a Permanent Card to be issued from the Show Department.
3. This card will be valid indefinitely at all future AMHA sanctioned shows.
4. The permanent carded horse can still be protested at any future show under the current AMHA rules.
5. If a horse receives a permanent measurement card and is sold the permanent measurement card will be passed to the new owner.
6. Penalty: If protested and the horse measures over its permanent carded height the card is revoked and must be measured at all future shows. Can reapply for a permanent card the following year.  
(Amended 02-13, effective 01-14)  
(Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)
- H. Protest concerning Height, see GR-050-C.
- I. Any horse showing evidence of the use of any drugs, sedatives or stimulants to produce deceptive height will be refused measurement until such time as the Measurement Team sees no sign or effects of said drugs or stimulant use.  
(Amended 02-10, effective 01-11)

#### **GR-025 APPROVAL FOR AMHA SHOWS**

Organizations or individuals wishing to stage or sponsor an approved AMHA show (each judge is considered a separate show for the purpose of accruing/accumulating points) must complete the following procedures to obtain approval if their results are to be recognized by the AMHA. Approval must be obtained every year and does not carry over from year to year. Effective January 1, 1996, all judges of AMHA approved shows shall be AMHA approved judges, in good standing, and carded as such.  
(Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)

The American Miniature Horse Association Show Manager's manual is available to all recognized show managers and sanctioned clubs. A list of all AMHA Approved and Senior Judges will be sent with each Show Manager's Manual or will be available upon request from Show Managers or an AMHA sanctioned club.  
(Amended 12-03, effective 01-04)



- A. To reserve a show date, the certified Show Manager/Club President must submit to the AMHA office, postmarked at least 60 days prior to the first proposed show date, an Application for Reservation of Date which shall be correctly and entirely completed in all details. Forms are available from the AMHA office. Effective 1997, it is mandatory all show managers must successfully complete a show manager's test each year before their Show Manager certifications and show approvals are granted, except as otherwise approved by the office.  
(Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)
- B. To obtain approval, the certified Show Manager seeking approval must submit to the AMHA office, postmarked at least 45 days prior to the first show date, an Application for Approval which shall be correctly and entirely completed in all details, appropriate show approval fee/per judge (see Fee Schedule), and a complete typed premium list showing all classes, judges' names, show dates and times, and any instructions to exhibitors. AMHA approval must be received before the show premium is printed. Disregarding this process will result in a \$50 fee. Application forms are available from the AMHA office and on the AMHA Website.  
(Amended 06-04, effective 01-05)  
(Amended 02-06, effective 01-07)  
(Amended 08-10, effective 01-11)  
(Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)
- C. To be approved a show must offer these MINIMUM classes:  
Halter Classes: (See CL-015 (A), (B), & (C) for divisions)  
7 junior mare classes  
7 junior stallion classes  
2 junior gelding classes  
4 senior mare classes  
4 senior stallion classes  
3 senior gelding classes
- Grand and Reserve Champion:  
Grand and Reserve Champion Junior Stallion  
Grand and Reserve Champion Junior Mare  
Grand and Reserve Champion Senior Stallion  
Grand and Reserve Champion Senior Mare  
Grand and Reserve Champion Junior Gelding  
Grand and Reserve Champion Senior Gelding
- Youth Classes (See PA-030-D for divisions):  
2 youth exhibiting mare  
2 youth exhibiting gelding  
3 youth showmanship classes  
1 youth performance class
- COOL Classes (See PA-030-F for divisions)  
1 Youth COOL Halter Class  
1 Adult COOL Halter Class  
(May offer other showmanship or performance classes.)  
(Amended 02-08, effective 01-09)

Amateur Classes (See PA-030-E for divisions):

- 1 amateur exhibiting stallion
- 1 amateur exhibiting mare
- 1 amateur exhibiting gelding
- 1 amateur showmanship
- 1 amateur performance class
- AOTE Stallion
- AOTE Gelding
- AOTE Mare
- 1 AOTE driving class
- (Amended 02-09, effective 01-10)

Effective 1998 Level 1 and 2 Amateur Halter Classes are optional at all local shows and are required at Championship and World Championship Shows.

Performance Classes:

- Open Single Pleasure Driving 32" & Under
- Open Single Pleasure Driving over 32" - 34"
- Open Roadster Driving
- Open Country Pleasure Driving 32" & Under
- Open Classic Pleasure Driving 32" & Under
- Open Classic Pleasure Driving Over 32" to 32"
- Open Country Pleasure Driving over 32 - 34"
- 1 other performance class (may offer more)
- (Amended 10-17, effective 01-18)

Effective 1999 Level 1 and 2 Amateur Single Pleasure Driving, Amateur Country Pleasure Driving, and **Amateur Classic Pleasure Driving** are optional at all local shows and required at Championship and World Championship Shows.  
**(Amended 12-22, effective 01-23)**

D1. Hardship Show Approval

The following entities may apply for Hardship Approval:

- a. State and County Fairs
- b. All-Breed Shows
- c. Major Stock Shows
- d. Approved AMHA Clubs
- e. State or County Fairs

These shows may request a deviation from the minimum class requirements and this request will be considered for show approval by the AMHA Show Department. For approval, an Application for Hardship Approval must be sent to the AMHA Show Department and the following classes must be offered:

- 1 Senior gelding class
- 1 Junior gelding class
- 1 class for weanling and yearling mares
- 1 class for two-year-old mares
- 1 class for weanling and yearling stallions
- 1 class for two-year-old stallions
- 1 class for senior mares 32" and under
- 1 class for senior mares over 32" up to and including 34"
- 1 class for senior stallions 32" and under
- 1 class for senior stallions over 32" up to and including 34"

Grand and Reserve Champion Junior Mare  
Grand and Reserve Champion Junior Stallion  
Grand and Reserve Champion Junior Gelding (1st and 2nd place winners in Junior Gelding Class)  
Grand and Reserve Champion Senior Gelding (1st and 2nd place winners in Senior Gelding Class)  
Grand and Reserve Champion Senior Mare  
Grand and Reserve Champion Senior Stallion  
2 performance classes  
All other halter and performance classes are optional.  
(Amended 02-04, effective 01-05)  
(Amended 02-17, effective 01-18)

D2. To be approved as an “International Show or Special Event”, the following classes must be offered:

1 class for stallions all ages  
1 class for mares all ages  
1 class for geldings all ages  
Grand and Reserve Champion Miniature  
2 performance classes  
Other halter and performance classes are optional.  
All other AMHA rules apply.

D3. AMHA Youth Performance Events

The following classes must be offered in approved AMHA Age Splits:

1. Halter Obstacle  
2. Driving Obstacle  
3. Hunter  
4. Jumper  
(Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)

D4. AMHA Community Shows (limited to one (1) day)  
The following Open classes shall be required:

1 class for stallions, all ages and heights\*  
1 class for mares, all ages and heights  
1 class for geldings, all ages and heights  
Grand and Reserve Champion Miniature at Halter\*\*  
(nonpointed)  
1 Halter Obstacle class  
1 Obstacle Driving class  
1 Pleasure (Single, Country or Classic) Driving class  
1 Hunter class  
1 Jumper class  
Grand and Reserve Champion Performance Horse\*\*\*  
(nonpointed)

\*In Youth only shows, the stallion halter class shall not be offered: it may be replaced by a Showmanship or other recognized AMHA Youth class.

\*\*First and second place winners from the stallion, mare and gelding halter classes.

\*\*\*Based on points earned, as per the AMHA rule book regarding horses actually competing, in offered performance classes.

Additional classes, such as Youth and/or Amateur in Open shows, may be added at the discretion of the show manager, so long as such classes do not extend the show beyond the one-day time period.

As per AMHA show rules, no horse shall be penalized if it is shown without clipping and/or balding.

For the purpose of recording points, show managers “must” provide the AMHA office with accurate information on the age and height of all horses to ensure awarding AMHA points in the appropriate halter/performance classes. It is recommended this be accomplished by requiring the exhibitor to indicate on all entry forms those classes for which the horse qualifies for points as listed in the AMHA Rulebook. (Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)

- E. Amateur and/or Youth Shows: Shows applying for Amateur/ Youth Show approval may offer only Amateur and Youth classes. Only these classes will garner AMHA points. Qualifications for exhibitors would be the same as stated in AM-010 and YD-010. (See PA-030 D & PA-030 E for recognized point classes.) (Amended 11-02, effective 01-03)
- F. Performance Only Shows: Such shows would offer performance classes only. A minimum of 20 AMHA-approved performance classes must be offered to qualify for AMHA show approval. Performance only shows must offer:
  - 1. Open Single Pleasure Driving 32” & Under
  - 2. Open Single Pleasure Driving Over 32” - 34”
  - 3. Open Roadster
  - 4. Open Obstacle Driving
  - 5. Hunter
  - 6. Jumper
  - 7. Open Halter Obstacle
  - 8. Liberty (if facility complies with CL -070A)
  - 9. Open Country Pleasure Driving 32” & Under
  - 10. Open Country Pleasure Driving Over 32” - 34”
- G. **An AMHA show will be open to AMHA registered horses only. AMHA, the hosting club, and/or organization has the right to refuse entries from any person(s) or entities that they deem are not in good standing or are not welcome.** (Amended 11-23, effective 01-24)
- H. Entry fee must be specified and any class without an entry fee so stated. No change in entry fee will be permitted after approval has been granted. Violation may cause disqualification of the class. AMHA Office Fees must be noted on the entry form (see fee schedule for correct charges.) (Amended 08-10, effective 02-11)
- I. No exhibitor may be required to be a member of any other organization in order to be eligible to show in approved AMHA classes.

- J. An exhibitor cannot be required to pay an entry fee in a halter class to be eligible to show in a performance class and vice-versa.
- K. A show having been approved and held the previous year is considered an established show and has priority to reserve identical dates per calendar year until terminated. The AMHA office must be notified by October 1st of the preceding year.
- L. No show will be approved, excluding state and county fairs, within a 250-mile radius of each other on the same show date.
- M. Local Shows would be allowed to hire only one (1) World Show Judge per show. "Show" is defined as a show having the same name, being held in the same location and on the same weekend.  
(Amended 02-06, effective 01-07)
- N. No AMHA event will be approved with more than four (4) judges in the ring at one time.
- O. If the application is satisfactory, the office will issue a statement of official approval within fifteen (15) days. If unsatisfactory, the organization will be notified within fifteen (15) days, giving the reason, with the option to correct the application and resubmit it to the office.
- P. No Show Judge
  - 1. When a contracted judge has a last minute emergency situation and cannot meet his/her commitment the show will be allowed to continue and be short one judge.
  - 2. The points for exhibitors/horses would be adjusted to compensate for the missing judge as follows:
    - a. If it is a two judge show, the one judge's cards would result in double points being issued.
    - b. If a three or four judge show, the most senior judge's cards would be double pointed to compensate for the missing judge's card. Senior referring to recognized title or time in service.
  - 3. If a suitable replacement judge per GR-030-D-4e cannot be found that meets the show requirements and the budget of the contracted judge then GR 025-P2 will be used.
    - a. Rule GR-030-4b and 4c will be waived under this rule.
    - b. The manager must notify the office if this rule is used for instructions on how to send in the show results.  
(Amended 10-17, effective 01-18)
- Q. Following the show, the results must be entirely complete and returned to the AMHA office within 15 days from the date of the show along with the appropriate AMHA show surcharge per horse per judge (see Fee Schedule). Also a complete list

of the registered name, numbers and heights of all horses entered in the show, and all drug testing results done at the show must accompany the show results. The required forms will be supplied by the AMHA office. The AMHA office may accept results on other forms or in different formats if approved in writing by the office in advance. Show Managers will be assessed a \$50.00 fine if prior approval is not received. Failure to pay the fine within 30 days of notification will result in forfeiture of rights to hold future shows. Any shows held within 30 days of the cutoff day for World Championship Show qualifications must submit the results, fees, lists and be received in the AMHA office within five (5) days from the last day of the show.

(Amended 12-01, effective 01-02)

(Amended 07-02, effective 01-03)

(Amended 08-10, effective 01-11)

- R. If the results are approved, the AMHA office will issue a statement of acceptance. The AMHA office will verify all show results. If there are discrepancies in the results, the Show Manager will be contacted in order to allow for corrections and/or explanation. If the Show Manager does not reply within 15 business days, excluding holidays, the results will be accepted with the office's corrections. NOTE: For example; if the person listed in an Amateur class is not eligible to show in that class, their entry will be disqualified. The intention is to allow Show Managers a chance to verify with exhibitors. Should they exhibit gross negligence in reporting correct show results, their status as an AMHA Show Manager could be in jeopardy and their actions would be reviewed by the Executive Committee.

(Amended 02-15, effective 01-16)

Show results of AMHA approved shows will be posted on the Website of AMHA and each household requesting a printed copy will be charged the appropriate Show Results Fee (see fee schedule). A period of one year from the date of the show will be allowed for a correction of printed show results. After that date, no request for show result corrections will be considered. Exception: Honor Roll placements will not be changed after January 31 of the preceding year. It is the responsibility of the owner of record at the time the horse is exhibited to notify AMHA of any possible errors in show results.

(Amended 02-03, effective 01-04)

(Amended 02-10, effective 02-11)

- S. Any show giving an invalid payment method to a judge will be denied all privileges of AMHA and the show committee may be liable to action by the Board of Directors.
- T. All judging officials must be listed with his/her location of residence and his/her AMHA judging classification. No other information is to be included in the premium book.  
(Amended 02-08, effective 01-09)

- U. Only show managers (chairpersons) may hire or have any contact with the judges for their shows. The hiring of judges by a manager or chairperson constitutes a business relationship for the duration of that show only. (Amended 02-12, effective 01-13)
- V. Before the entry forms are mailed to exhibitors, make sure your entry form contains the following:
  1. The location, dates, and starting time of the show (You might include a map, or specific directions to barns, arena, etc. especially at All Breed or Stock Shows and Fairs).
  2. The names of the judge(s) and show manager.
  3. The cost of all entry fees, late entries, stalls, parking hookups, drug fees, or state or county fees.
  4. The last date entries will be accepted without penalty and the last date late entries will be accepted.
  5. The premiums and awards to be given.
  6. The complete AMHA approved class schedule with all the correct class descriptions and restrictions. (This would be the list sent with your approval form and approved by AMHA's office)

Make sure your entry lists any problems existing at your show, such as limited stalls, remote parking lots, no trailer parking, no driving facilities, barns distant from show facility or other exhibits which might make showing difficult, such as carnivals, or shared ring with pigs, cows, etc. Also, a description of the arena and stall construction is helpful.

### **GR-030 OFFICIALS**

- A. Show Managers (Chairpersons).
  1. Any reputable person may act in the capacity of the show manager or chairperson.
  2. The show manager shall have the authority to enforce all rules referring to the show.
  3. The AMHA Show Office will only receive information or changes from the documented Show Manager/Chairpersons on file regarding any show approval and all communication with the AMHA Show Office must be conducted by the documented Show Manager/Chairperson on file for that show. (Amended 07-02, effective 01-03)
  4. The show manager shall have the jurisdiction over preparing and mailing all entry forms, premium lists, and catalogs.
  5. The show manager shall not accept additional entries in a class once competition or judging for that class has begun.
  6. The show manager shall at all times extend every effort to satisfy the comfort of the horses, the exhibitors, the spectators, and the officials.
  7. The show manager shall see that the judge(s) hired for the show receives a schedule of classes, sent at least two (2) weeks prior to the show date. (Amended 11-00, effective 01-02)

8. The show manager shall retain original signed judges placing cards, copy of the show results, receipts for mailing required material to judges, and all entry forms for at least one year so that they may be made available on request by the AMHA office.

#### B. Ring Stewards

1. Show management must provide an adequate number of competent ring stewards to manage the arena and assist the judges. Any reputable person may act in the capacity of ring steward. The ring stewards must help the judge, not advise him. He/she shall carefully refrain from discussing, or seeming to discuss, the horses or exhibitors with the judge.
2. The ring steward shall act as mediator between the judge and the exhibitors. The judge shall request the ring stewards to move and place horses as he/she advises. The ring stewards shall allow adequate space between competitors to facilitate good judging and safety.

#### C. All Officials

1. It is mandatory that show managers, ring stewards and any paid (excluding reimbursement of actual expenses) employees of that show and their immediate families (spouse, mother, father, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandchild, legal ward, in-laws, or solely owned corporations, ranches, or farms) shall not show, or have horses shown that are leased by, leased to, or registered in any of the above persons' names where they are officiating or employed.  
(Amended 11-00, effective 01-02)

#### D. Regulations Governing Judges

1. Good judging depends upon a correct observance of the fine points and the selection of the best horses for the purpose described by the conditions of the class. A judge serves three (3) interests: his/her own conscience, exhibitors, and spectators. He/she should make clear that the best horse win. In open classes no discrimination should be made as to youth, amateur, or professional status of the handler. Miniature Horses are bred in many different types. It is very important that the judge is not biased to a Miniature that represents the judge's background, but that the judge place the horses as to the best horse of all types that are exhibited before him/her.
2. Failure of a judge to attend a competition to which he is committed, to perform his duties, or to officiate in the classes to which he is assigned shall constitute cause for disciplinary action, except in cases of extreme emergency.
3. Grounds for removal of an individual from the AMHA list of approved judges shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
  - a. Failure to comply with AMHA rules and regulations.
  - b. Upon suspension from AMHA membership or denial of any privilege thereof, the individual will



be removed from the list of approved judges. Upon regaining eligibility for approved judging credentials, the individual may apply for reinstatement after the expiration of one year from the date of his qualification under the current procedures for admission of new applicants.

#### 4. Judges Regulations

- a. Any judges hired to judge an AMHA show(s) are required to acquaint themselves with the official show rules of the AMHA and must comply with those rules. Judges shall appear for their assignment suitably attired to appear before an audience.
- b. No person may judge two (2) shows within one hundred fifty (150) miles of each other within sixty (60) days.
- c. No Judge shall officiate two (2) consecutive times at the same show or contest. The same show or contest is defined as having the same name and being held in the same location and on the same weekend.  
(Amended 11-02, effective 01-03)
- d. A judge shall not attend a show, exhibitor's party, or any other activity connected with a show on the day previous to the show at which he/she is officiating. EXCEPTION: Multi-breed shows, stock shows or fairs. A judge would be permitted on the show grounds prior to the AMHA show provided he/she is participating in an activity of another organization or association.
- e. Any judge who is unable to complete his judging assignment after acceptance of such shall timely communicate to the show management the inability to do so, to allow the show manager maximum time in which to seek a suitable replacement.
- f. A judge shall not appear on the show grounds prior to thirty (30) minutes before judging. A judge shall not visit the horse stall area, nor speak with owners, trainers, exhibitors, or owners' representatives nor inspect or discuss any horse entered in the show before the judging, nor shall he/she review the program until after the judging has been completed.
- g. A judge may not exhibit at any competition in which he/she is adjudicating. In the case of an event which includes shows on more than one day with multiple judges, a judge may not exhibit on any of the other days. (Even though there are several shows and judges at one location, it is considered one show for judges.)
- h. Multiple Judge Shows - Judges are not to have any conversation with each other until all judges cards are turned in for that class. Once cards have been turned in by the judges, there shall be no changes in the cards, except for correction of improper recording of an exhibitor number, or under protest.
- i. The AMHA office will provide, for a fee, every AMHA show with official judging cards. These cards will have all class descriptions for the appropriate class imprinted on the official cards.

j. Judges are required to complete a show evaluation form which gives each judge an opportunity to evaluate the show, management, etc. These forms are distributed to the judges by show management. It is the responsibility of the judges to individually complete these forms and return them to the AMHA office within ten (10) days.

(Amended 6-7-03, effective 01-04)

k. Refer to Section GR-010 E through N for additional rules related to judges.

#### E. Judge Evaluation

1. AMHA Judge Evaluation Reports are voluntary and shall be made available by show management to each exhibitor at every AMHA-sanctioned show. Only one Judge Evaluation Report per judge is to be completed and turned in per farm or stable. Any misuse of the Judge Evaluation Reports by exhibitors may be considered as unsportsmanlike conduct and reviewed under Rule GR-045-G. Each farm or stable may complete one report per judge per show. If owners of a horse that is being shown by a professional handler are in attendance at a show, they may request a Judge Evaluation Report.

(Amended 07-02, effective 01-03)

(Amended 12-03, effective 01-04)

2. Judge Evaluation Reports, and instructions for their use, shall be issued to each Show Manager or Show Chairman by the AMHA office. Show Management shall be responsible for making them available to exhibitors.

(Amended 12-03, effective 01-04)

3. Show Management shall forward all complete Judge Evaluation Reports and a Show Manager's evaluation of the judge to the AMHA office as part of the show results.

(Amended 12-03, effective 01-04)

#### GR-035 RIBBONS AND AWARDS

A. All prizes must be awarded with first place through all eligible entries. In all cases first place must be awarded when eligible. The sequence of announcing awards is at the discretion of the Show Manager.

B. Ribbons and placement to sixth are required. If trophies are given, it is suggested they be awarded for first place in each class, and the Grand and Reserve Champions of each sex and height division, as well as the Supreme Halter Champion(s).

C. The following is required for ribbons:

1. Placement to sixth place.

2. 1st-Blue, 2nd-Red, 3rd-Yellow, 4th-White, 5th-Pink, 6th- Green OR in Canada only 1st-Red, 2nd-Blue, 3rd-White, 4th- Yellow, 5th-Green, 6th-Pink.

3. Grand Champion - Blue, Red and Yellow or White combination or Purple.

4. Reserve Champion - Red, Yellow and White or Pink combination or Purple and White combination.

#### **GR-040 DRUGS AND ARTIFICIAL APPLIANCES, IRRITANTS AND INHUMANE TREATMENT**

- A. The use of stimulants or depressants or any drug affecting the showing of a horse in halter or performance is strictly forbidden. **EXCEPTION:** The prescribed dose of therapeutic medication necessary for treatment of an illness or injury per a written declaration of a currently licensed veterinarian. This declaration must be presented to the Show Management prior to the exhibition of that horse. When a positive drug test is received by the AMHA officials, the hearing procedure as set out in AMHA Rules and Regulations 160-165A will be followed.  
(Amended 02-06, effective 01-07)
- B. Any horse showing evidence of the use of ginger or other irritants to produce a higher tail carriage than normal shall be disqualified for that class.
- C. Use of switches, artificial tails or manes, and high spoon cruppers are prohibited and shall result in disqualification of the horse for that class.
- D. No horse having had surgery for purely cosmetic purposes will be permitted to show.
- E. No ribbons (exception: forelock & first section of mane hair may be braided with ribbon for the Roadster classes), braids, glitter, stallion tack (excluding bits) or any decorative appurtenances, (excluding tack) are allowed in halter conformation or performance classes. Only braiding of forelock for driving is allowed. Judges will disqualify horses in violation of this rule for the class in which the violation occurred.

Exception: Single Fine Harness, Viceroy, Formal Park Driving, Hunter & Jumper, Halter Obstacle, and Obstacle Driving where braiding of manes and tails is permitted. Costume, Touch of Class, Antique Vehicle Class, and Multiple Hitch classes are excluded from this rule.

(Amended 02-08, effective 01-09)

(Amended 02-12, effective 01-13)

- F. Horses must not be shod. Use of pads, wedges, chains, weights, weighted ankle boots, elastic bands, shackles or any other artificial appliances that enhance a horse's action will not be allowed on any showgrounds of AMHA-approved shows. Unweighted bell boots, splint boots, or quarter boots for protection may be used in warm up areas only. Unweighted bell boots are optional in Roadster classes.

Evidence of any infraction shall result in disqualification of that horse and that exhibitor for the balance of that show and

shall result in the forfeiture of all trophies, ribbons, awards and points won by that horse at that show. AMHA shall be notified of any such disqualification by the show manager when show results are reported.

(Amended 12-03, effective 01-04)

(Amended 02-05, effective 01-06)

(Amended 12-09, effective 01-10)

(Amended 02-12, effective 01-13)

(Amended 02-13, effective 01-14)

- G. Evidence of any inhumane treatment to a horse including but not limited to blood, whip marks that raise welts or abusive whipping, in or out of the show ring, and performing sliding stops while driving shall result in disqualification of that horse and that exhibitor for the balance of that show and shall result in the forfeiture of all trophies, ribbons, awards and points won by that horse. AMHA shall be notified of any such disqualification by the Show Manager when show results are reported. (Amended 02-02, effective 01-03)

1. If at any time a member of the AMHA has been convicted in a criminal court of animal cruelty or inhumane treatment, the AMHA has the right to suspend or cancel said member's membership through actions authorized and carried out under the AMHA Disciplinary procedures including, but not limited to, actions authorized by AMHA Rules 150-176. All registration papers of the horse or horses in question are the sole property of the AMHA and may be revoked. Horses which have been removed by city, county, state, or other government official, as a result of the conviction, and placed up for adoption, shall be considered for reinstatement of the original registration papers for the new owners. Positive identification must be proven in accordance with AMHA Rules and Bylaws by the new owner. Any horse subject to this rule will be DNA tested in accordance with AMHA Rules, and will be inspected and measured by a certified past or present Director before the issuance of the registration. Normal transfer fees and any other required fees must be paid by the new owner.

(Amended 02-12, effective 01-13)

(Amended 02-14, effective 01-15)

- H. Drug testing on a random basis will be mandatory at all AMHA World Championship Shows and may be required at other shows.

- I. No person shall alter, change, or attempt to hide or enhance the natural color of the body of a horse by dye, bleach, or paint. The natural color of a horse's mane and tail can be enhanced by artificial coloring. Hoofs can only be colored with black, brown or clear, with the exception of a costume class. Non-Permanent coloring can be used on the legs and head of a horse. White markings must remain white. Any horse which has been color enhanced beyond the above

show guidelines must be disqualified for the entire show, and all previous trophies, ribbons, and points will be disallowed for that show.

(Amended 02-16, effective 01-17)

#### **GR-045 RING PROCEDURE**

A. Dress: It is the tradition of the show ring that all handlers and drivers be correctly attired for the classes. Hats, boots, and long sleeved shirts/blouses or jackets are **REQUIRED** in all **SHOWMANSHIP** classes only. Failure to do so will result in disqualification in that class. Management and officials must bar any entry or person from entering the ring if not suitably attired to appear before an audience. No farm, individual, or horse names or farm logo may be displayed on exhibitor, horse or vehicle, except multiple hitch, draft harness classes. In halter classes, hats, boots, and gloves are optional.

(Amended 12-09, effective 01-10)

(Amended 02-14, effective 01-15)

B. The same exhibitor must handle only the same horse through an entire class.

1. This will include all classes that may be split because of size and World Championship Show classes, which may call for the return of finalists to the ring for final judging. Violation will result in the disqualification of both exhibitor and horse for that class. Exceptions: Liberty, Hunter, Jumper, Obstacle Driving, Halter Obstacle, Multiple Hitch, Championships, and Supreme classes.

2. Should additional handlers be required due to physical limitations or emergencies, approval must be obtained from the judge(s).

3. At no time will handler let horse stand unattended except when class calls for it. Once class is called and the gate is opened to enter the ring, the gate will be closed after two (2) minutes has elapsed from the time the first horse/exhibitor enters the ring. (Exception: See Rule WS-027-B) If sufficient entries warrant, the gate may remain open until the last horse/exhibitor enters the ring, as long as there is a continuous flow of entries into the ring. Announcer/Gate Person shall state when timing of two (2) minutes begins. Once class is called and the gate is closed, any horse leaving the arena for any reason is disqualified.

4. It is the owner/handler/exhibitor's responsibility to be on time for classes. Announcements to barn areas are a management courtesy – not mandatory.

(Amended 02-05, effective 01-06)

C. Names of horses being exhibited will not be made known to the judge prior to the show. Exhibitors will be issued a number for each horse to be displayed on the back of the handler or on the back of the cart whenever the horse is in the ring. This number will stand for the entire show.

- D. Conduct or coaching designed to distract a horse or otherwise interfere with the showing of an exhibitor's horse will not be tolerated. Offenders will be asked to leave the show area. If the offender is an exhibitor, he/she will be excused from the ring and barred from the show area for the duration of the show. His/her horses, however, may compete.
- E. An unruly horse must be excused from the ring by the judge for safety reasons.
- F. Cruelty, abuse or inhumane treatment of any horse in the show ring or in the stable area will not be tolerated by the show management, and the offender will be barred from the show area for the duration of the show. (see CL-010-F)
- G. Conduct by an exhibitor, trainer, owner, or immediate family member of an unsportsmanlike, abusive, or detrimental nature will not be tolerated by the show management, including but not limited to threatening, abusive, or intimidating conduct, physical, verbal or written, toward any individual or show official. Any person(s) guilty of such conduct should be reported immediately to management by the judge, steward, or show committee member. The show management must suspend the offender for the duration of that show. Any person accused of such unseemly behavior may appeal his/her case to the Board of Directors, which shall render a decision. If found guilty, such a person may be barred from future participation in AMHA show activity. The Board's decision will be published in the official AMHA publication.
- H. Exhibitors and/or owners may not protest to the judge directly or by inference, the placing of any horse. Any person(s) found guilty by show management of such conduct will be excused from the show and forfeit any awards received at that show, and the right to show in any additional classes at the show. No entry fees will be returned.  
(Amended 11-00, effective 01-02)  
(Amended 12-09, effective 01-10)
- I. Halter horses eligible to show in their respective championship classes must show unless excused by the show manager or judge. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of points won in respective qualifying class. The second place horse would then move to the first position in the championship class. Violation of this rule shall be referred to the Executive Committee.  
(Amended 11-00, effective 01-02)
- J. No class will be allowed to enter the ring after midnight or before 8:00 a.m. at all AMHA-approved shows including the AMHA Championships and World Championship Show without approval of the AMHA Executive Director, or designee.  
(Amended 12-03, effective 01-04)

- K. Classes may not enter the ring in any division until all awards from the previous class have been presented.
- L. Failure to comply with the American Miniature Horse Association Show Rules will result in disqualification from that class unless otherwise specified.  
(Amended 11-18, effective 01-19).

### GR-050 PROTESTS

- A. All protests shall be handled according to the following:
  - 1. **All protests must be made by an owner/agent of a horse entered in the show and owner must be present or have an agent present at the show.**  
(Amended 11-23, effective 01-24)
  - 2. The protest shall be accompanied by a \$200 deposit. If a protest is not sustained the \$200 protest fee shall go to the profits of the show.  
(Amended 11-23, effective 01-24)
  - 3. Protests shall be adjudicated by a protest committee of three (3) show officials not involved in the dispute.
  - 4. The Protest Committee shall promptly meet and adjudicate the issue, make effective its decision upon the parties in interest and report its determination to all parties. A show Protest Committee may disqualify a person and/or his/her entries for the duration of the show.
  - 5. The decision of the Protest Committee may be appealed to the AMHA Show Rules Committee with an additional \$150.00 and all copies of paperwork sent to the protestee by the protestor. A second appeal may be made to the AMHA Board of Directors with an additional \$150 fee.  
(Amended 11-23, effective 01-24)
  - 6. No protest of approved show rules or Show Rules Committee's previous interpretations of any rule will be allowed on show level.
- B. Horses involved in a protest shall upon request:
  - 1. Be presented within one hour of notification.
  - 2. Remain in full view of at least one show official, or designated person, until protest is finally resolved.
  - 3. Horse may not be trimmed, medicated, ridden, exercised, or otherwise altered prior to final resolution of the protest. **Horses may be lunged for up to 15 minutes.** Any such alteration will result in the disqualification of the animal for the remainder of the competition with forfeiture of all prizes and entry fees paid by the owner.  
(Amended 11-23, effective 01-24)
- C. Protest concerning height:
  - 1. The measurement of a horse may be protested at any time prior to the end of the show so long as the horse is present on the show grounds. The protest must be made in writing accompanied by a \$200 deposit  
(Amended 12-07, effective 01-08)  
(Amended 11-23, effective 01-24)
  - 2. The horse shall be re measured by a show official other than the show official that measured all animals at the show, and in the presence of the original measurer and at least two (2) other show officials. **If another qualified show official measurer is not present at the time of protest, the original measurer can remeasure with the supervision of at least two (2) other show officials.**  
(Amended 11-23, effective 01-24)

3. If there is no discrepancy in measurements from the first measurement to the measurement after protest, the original measurement stands as official. **There will be a one-quarter inch (1/4") over height qualifications for the protest measurement only.**

**Example:** Horse 'A' is protested as being too tall in a 30 to 32 class. Its original measurement was 31 ¾. The horse measures 32 ¼ by a protest measuring team. It meets the allowance authorized under the protest rule. It is therefore a legal horse at that show. (This ¼ inch amnesty only applies to Protest Measurements and not to regular measurements) The one quarter (1/4) in allowance is to be applied to all height categories.

**All points, placings, awards will be relinquished by any horse who fails to meet height requirements under protest for that show only.**

**If the measurement is within legal height limits for the AMHA, but out of class height constraints, only the awards pertaining to effected height classes will be relinquished.**

**Example:** Horse 'B' was exhibited in a 30 to 32 inch Senior Halter Class. Horse 'B' wins Grand. It is then protested, Horse 'B' measures 32 ¾ inches. Horse B forfeits the Grand Champion award along with the 30 to 32 inch halter class placings, but may keep any award that is not height related, such as youth halter, halter obstacle, color, etc. (The horse must forfeit the Championship Award, as a result of disqualification from the original height class).

**If the horse measures above AMHA height requirements at its respective age it then loses ALL awards, points, and placings for that show.**

**2/22/2015 BOD voted to retain**

**12/8/2020 BOD voted to retain**

**(Amended 12-22, effective 01-23)**

4. All measurements must take place in direct view of the owner/trainer of protested animal, and the individual who filed the protest.
5. Any animal submitted for an official measurement must show no evidence of lameness. If lameness is determined by the show veterinarian, this shall result in disqualification of the animal for the balance of the competition, and the owner of the animal forfeits fees and winnings for the entire show for the protested animal.

#### **CLARIFICATION**

"An AMHA horse that does not measure within required height constraints for its age group at a show cannot be protested in attempt for further measurement to enter the show. GR-050 pertains to horses in a show and does not apply to horses that do not meet qualification. Under GR-050 horses that have qualified and been accepted in a show can only be protested one time, per show, for a height challenge."

The rule above is clarifying that if a horse measures out of the show, it is not considered in the show; therefore it can not be protested.



## CL-000 CLASS DESCRIPTION & RULES

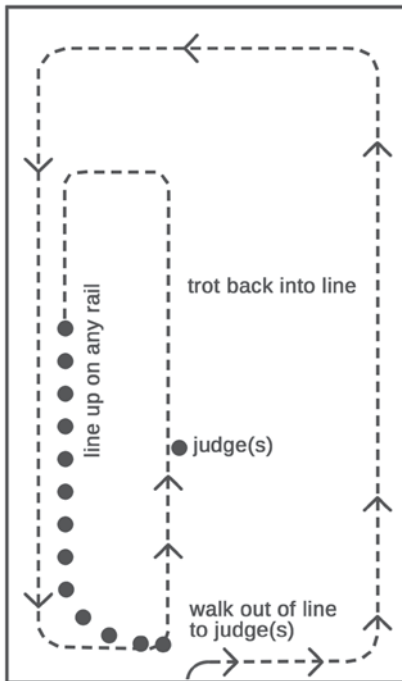
### CL-005 SHOW DISQUALIFICATIONS

- A. Inheritable deformity
  - 1. If in doubt, the show judge may request the opinion of the show veterinarian. Non-disfiguring blemishes not associated with unsoundness, or injuries which are temporary, should not be penalized unless they impair the general appearance and/or action of the horse.
  
- B. Cryptorchidism or monorchidism in senior stallions
  - 1. All senior stallions are required to present an Official AMHA Certificate of Veterinary Inspection of Stallion for cryptorchidism or monorchidism to show management prior to showing in an AMHA-approved show. Official AMHA forms for inspection are to be supplied by the AMHA office. Cryptorchidism or monorchidism in senior stallions refers to stallions three (3) years of age or older with one or both testicles not normally descended into the scrotum. Undescended testicles will not be checked for or penalized in horses under three (3) years of age. Certificate of inspection for cryptorchidism and monorchidism must be on file with the show manager. A horse that does not have a form on file or the horse is cryptorchid or monorchid will be disqualified. (Amended 12-01, effective 01-02)
  
- C. Height
  - 1. No horse shall exceed 34 inches in height.
  - 2. Weanlings must not exceed 30 inches in height.
  - 3. Yearlings must not exceed 32 inches in height.
  - 4. Two-year-olds must not exceed 33 inches in height.

### CL-010 HALTER CLASS GENERAL RULES

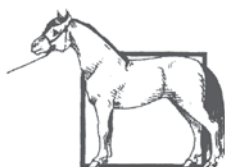
- A. Horses to be shown in hand at the walk and trot. Horses must also be viewed in motion from the side, and judged on the priority of:
  - 1. Conformation
  - 2. Quality
  - 3. Presence
  - 4. Way of Going
  - 5. Type
  
- 1. Halter Ring Pattern - All horses are to enter the ring at a walk counter-clockwise on a loose lead to a designated point marked by a cone approximately 20 feet from the gate and then proceed at a trot past judge(s) (to be viewed from the side in motion). Judging will begin at the cone. Line up horses head to tail along the rail. From line-up, walk to judge(s) and trot back to end of line. Either side of the arena may be used. (see diagram next page) Second looks from judge(s) to be from head to tail line-up on rail (see diagram next page).
  
- 2. Classes may not enter the ring until all awards from the previous class are presented.

- B. Horses to be shown not stretched, which means all four (4) feet are flat on the ground and at least one front and one rear cannon bone remain perpendicular to the ground. See sketches for acceptable stances. **STRETCHED HORSES TO BE PENALIZED** after the initial warning by the judge in each class. It is permissible to hand set the horse.
- C. Horses may be clipped or shown in full coat.
- D. Horses must be serviceably sound or be disqualified for that class, in good condition, and well groomed. Transmissible weakness will be penalized. Overbites/ underbites that exceed 1/2 depth (thickness) of the teeth will be severely penalized, with the exception of geldings. Judges **MUST** check teeth on all stallions and mares with the exception of mares being exhibited in a Youth 7 & Under class. In Supreme Halter class, all teeth must be checked.  
(Amended 02-02, effective 01-03)  
(Amended 02-16, effective 02-17)

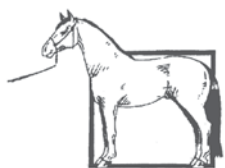


- E. In the case of two (2) animals being judged equal, the higher placement shall be awarded to the **SMALLER ANIMAL**. In no case, however, shall a smaller horse be placed over a larger horse with better conformation.

- F. No whips, lighters, crops, or any other device(s) detrimental to the well-being of the horse shall be allowed in halter classes. Evidence of any inhumane treatment to a horse, in or out of the show ring, shall result in disqualification of that horse and that exhibitor for the balance of that show and shall result in the forfeiture of all trophies, ribbons, awards, and points for that show. AMHA shall be notified of any such disqualifications by the show manager when show results are reported. (see GR-045-F)
- G. No youth 12 years of age and under may show stallions with the exception of weanling and yearling colts. See YD-010-F.
- H. It is of utmost importance that judges realize that there are several types of Miniature Horses and that in each class the horses are to be judged as to the best horse of all types to be the winner. They should not be prejudiced to the horse of his/her background.
- I. Dress - It is the tradition of the show ring that handlers be correctly attired for the classes. Appropriate dress shall not include shorts, T-shirts or open-toed shoes. Management may at its discretion bar any entry or person from entering the ring if not suitably dressed to appear before an audience.



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## CL-015 HALTER DIVISION

A. Classes for both senior mares and stallions must be divided as follows:

1. Over 32" up to & Including 34"
2. Over 30" up to & Including 32"
3. Over 28" up to & Including 30"
4. 28" & Under
5. Grand & Reserve Champion Senior Mare & Stallion

B. Classes for junior mares and stallions must be divided as follows:

1. Weanlings (foals old enough to be shown without having to take the mare in the show ring with the foal)
2. Yearlings 28" & Under
3. Yearlings Over 28" up to & Including 30"
4. Yearlings Over 30" up to & Including 32"
5. Two-Year-Olds 29" & Under
6. Two-Year-Olds Over 29" up to & Including 31"
7. Two-Year-Olds Over 31" up to & Including 33"
8. Grand & Reserve Champion Junior Mare & Stallion

C. Classes for geldings must be divided as follows:

Senior Geldings:

1. Over 32" up to & Including 34"
2. Over 30" up to & Including 32"
3. 30" & Under
4. Grand & Reserve Champion Senior Gelding

Junior Geldings:

1. Yearling & weanling Geldings
2. Two-Year-Old Geldings
3. Grand & Reserve Champion Junior Gelding

D. Supreme Halter Champion (if given)

Those eligible for Supreme Halter Champion are:

1. Grand Champion Junior & Senior Stallion
2. Grand Champion Junior & Senior Mare
3. Grand Champion Junior & Senior Gelding

E. The Champion classes must include first and second place winners from the appropriate classes. All first and second place winners must show in their respective championship class. The junior or senior champion must be selected from the first place winners in its sex division. The second place winner from the class providing the champion and the other first place horses will then be eligible for Reserve Champion. See GR-045 I.

F. If lack of entries warrants, show management, with the consent of all contestants involved, may combine only age or height classes as needed (points earned in a combined size class will be awarded the size group for which the horse was eligible).

## CL- 016 STOCK DIVISION

### JUDGING CRITERIA

**GENERAL IMPRESSION** - An attractive horse where everything is proportionate and all parts tie in smoothly. All gaits are smooth and purposeful exhibiting natural athleticism. Horses are judged on balance, structural correctness and sex characteristics. Of these, balance is the most important.

**STANCE** - The American Miniature Horse Associations's Stock Type Horse normally stands at ease with his legs perpendicular to the ground and parallel with each other. The horse should exhibit a balanced stance and stand on the corners of his body, as opposed to being spread too far apart or crowded too close together, or parked out.

**HEAD** - The head of an AMHA Stock Type Horse reflects inquisitive intelligence. He has a short, broad head that is straight or slightly dished topped by small to medium ears hooked towards the center line at the tips; kind wide-set eyes; large nostrils; small muzzle, and firm mouth. A domed forehead is a fault.

**BITE** - When viewed from the side, the meeting point of the center incisor teeth should be equal and even. A deviation of no more than half the width of the tooth's surface is permissible without fault.

**NECK** - The head of the AMHA Stock Type Horse joins the neck at a roughly 45-degree angle, with a slender throatlatch allowing him to move easily in any direction while maintaining his balance. The medium to long neck should be slightly arched and blend smoothly into sloping shoulders.

**SHOULDERS** - The AMHA Stock Type Horse's short strong back is created by deep sloping shoulders tying in well back.

**CHEST AND FORELEGS** - As demonstrated by the heart girth and relatively wide-set forelegs, the AMHA Stock Type Horse is deep and broad in the chest. Smooth joints and short cannon bones are set on clean fetlocks and medium length pasterns are supported by healthy hooves. The forearm tapers to the knee, whether viewed from the front or back.

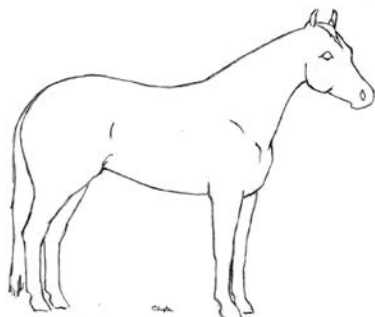
**BACK** - The short back of the AMHA Stock Type Horse is full and strong across the loins. The barrel is formed by deep, well sprung ribs which extend to the hip joints. The underline, or abdominal area, should rise cleanly to the flank. The point of the croup should be no higher than the top of the withers. The tail is set off a long rounded croup.

**HINDQUARTERS** - Viewed from either side or the rear, the hindquarters are broad, deep and adequately muscled through the thigh, stifle and gaskin down to the hock. When viewed from the rear, there is adequate width extending evenly from the top of the thigh to the gaskin. The hocks are wide set, deep and straight.

**BONES, LEGS AND HOOVES** - Flat, strong bones, smooth joints and proper angulations form a leg that is attractive and functional. The hooves are proportionate to overall conformation.

**MUSCLING** - The AMHA Stock Type Horse should have muscling adequate to function, but is not a heavily muscled breed. Overly heavy muscling is a fault.

**MOTION** - Stock Type Horses track straight and true. At all times they should appear confident, balanced and athletic, demonstrating a low flat stride with minimal knee and hock action.



#### CRITERIA AND STYLE

1. Stock Type division horses will be shown in a stock horse manner with the horse standing still, calm and square.
2. The handler should stand towards the left side of the horse's center line, more or less facing horse.
3. Stock type/western show halters will be the accepted standard. At local shows a nylon halter will suffice. An arabian type halter is unacceptable and will result in disqualification.
4. Leads may have chains, but chains may only go under chin and not over the nose or in the mouth.
5. Razoring of heads is **prohibited and cause for disqualification**. Clipping is permitted.
6. Banding or braiding of manes is prohibited.
7. Manes should be natural looking and of moderate length.
8. Pulled, overcut or undercut manes are acceptable.
9. Tails **must** be off the ground **or be disqualified**.
10. Exhibitor may use an empty hand or the hand holding the lead only to engage the horse's interest or enhance their expression. Stretching, baiting (enticing horse with any other body part, equipment or material) and excessive jerking or harsh use of the lead line to be viewed as a negative towards presentation.  
(Amended 12-22, effective 01-23)

## REQUIREMENTS

1. A horse may not show in more than one halter division at any show with the exception of color and/or COOL classes.
2. There will be no instances of halter competition between horses representing Stock Type and the other division such as supreme champion classes. Versatility is considered a performance class and this does not apply. Stock Horses showing in Versatility MUST wear stock type/western show halters.  
(Amended 1.1.2019)
3. **Handler's attire must include western hat, long sleeved collared shirt or jacket, and western footwear or be disqualified.**
4. Current halter ring pattern will be used for stock division.  
(Amended 12-22, effective 01-23)

## CL-020 SPECIALTY HALTER CLASSES

- A. In color classes, horses are to be judged 80% on the natural color of the horse, and conformation to count 20%. In color classes, horses are to be circled both ways of the ring in order to judge the 80% color. Horses must be lined up, head to tail in the center of the arena, to judge the 20% conformation. If offered the classes must be divided as follows:
  1. Multi-Color Stallions & Geldings  
(limited to Pinto and Appaloosa only)
  2. Solid-Color Stallions & Geldings  
(open to all other colors)
  3. Multi-Color Mares  
(limited to Pinto and Appaloosa only)
  4. Solid-Color Mares (open to all other colors)
- B. Broodmares  
Mares must be four (4) years and older and must have produced a foal in the current or previous year who is registered with the AMHA.
- C. Group halter classes may be added for interest. Group halter classes must not be judged in motion. The approved AMHA classes are:
  - \* 1. Produce of Dam - 2 produce, either sex to be shown, dam not to be shown.
  - \* 2. Get of Sire- 3 get, either sex to be shown, sire not to be shown.
  3. Mare & Foal - must be current year foal.
  4. Three by One Owner - 3 horses owned by the same person, or farm. Each horse in the group is to be judged individually.
  5. Sire & Get - Sire with 2 get to be shown.
  6. Best Matched Pair - one handler per horse.
- \* Get of Sire shall have three (3) entries while Produce of Dam shall have two (2) entries entered under the name of the sire or name of the dam; one handler per horse; a separate entry number to be issued to each group of horses. The entry number is to be placed on the lead exhibitor in the group. Emphasis is placed on reproductive likeness,

uniformity, quality of breed characteristics, and similarity of conformation. More than one set of entries for sire and dam may be entered in the same class.

D. Maiden Class

Classes may be offered for the maiden horse, one that has not won a first place ribbon in approved AMHA halter classes.

## CL-021 SPECIALTY PERFORMANCE CLASSES

### VERSATILITY: Open, Amateur & Youth

A. The horse will perform three (3) disciplines in one (1) Class.

Harness Driving

Halter

Hunter (Abbreviated Course)

All three (3) disciplines to be judged equally and combined for final placing. Any horse disqualified from one (1) division is disqualified from the class.

1. There will be one (1) class: Stallion, Geldings and Mares.
2. Each division will be subject to the Open class rule for that division unless otherwise stated in class description.
3. Horse must be three (3) years of age or older.
4. No Youth twelve (12) & under may show a Stallion.
5. One (1) Assistant or Header (MUST BE AN ADULT) will be allowed in the arena only for the heading and unharnessing of the horse. (Reference Header Rule -H-4 and YD-010-H.)
6. Exhibitor and assistant must be properly attired.
7. Class Procedure:

A. Horses will enter the arena at a pleasure trot or a collected trot\* then perform a working trot and walk in both directions of the arena. Headers will be asked to enter the arena. Horses will be asked to rein back.

B. The call judge will blow a whistle signaling the driver and header, as a team, to remove cart and harness from horse and do any grooming or halter changes. For purpose of safety, the cart must be removed from the horse before the horse is unbridled. Failure to do so; will be disqualification and excused from the arena. Each horse and handler will go to the rail in order of completion. After a two (2) minute time limit the call judge will blow the whistle for time. Any horse not removed from cart or harness will be disqualified. Headers will be asked to exit the arena with cart and harness, in an orderly manner.

(Amended 02-13, effective 01-14)

C. HORSES ARE TO REMAIN IN THE SAME ORDER FOR THE REST OF THE CLASS AS THEY GO ON THE RAIL, BOTH FOR THE HALTER AND HUNTER PORTIONS.

D. Horses will be judged at halter. Stock Horses showing in Versatility MUST wear stock type/western show halters.



No teeth will be checked. Horses will line up head to tail for inspection. Horses will not be asked to move.  
(Amended 1.1.19)

E. Horses will jump a course of three (3) jumps. One (1) left turn to the inside may be demonstrated. Course is to demonstrate horses' style, manner and way of going.

\*Cross-over rule CL-035-E does not apply to Versatility This class will be optional at Local Shows and mandatory at Championship Shows and the World Show.

Youth Versatility is optional and may be combined at Local Shows, but is mandatory at the Regional Championship and the World Shows as 12 & Under and 13 & over.

(Amended 02-06, effective 01-07)

(Amended 12-07, effective 01-08)

(Amended 02-12, effective 01-13)

### **CL-025 PERFORMANCE DIVISION**

A. The performance classes listed below are the approved AMHA performance classes (complete points list in PA-030-B):

- \* 1. Open Single Pleasure Driving 32" & Under
- \* 2. Open Single Pleasure Driving Over 32-34"
- \*\*\*\* 3. Three-Year-Old Open Single Pleasure Driving
- \*\*\*\* 4. Four-Year-Old Open Single Pleasure Driving
- \*\* 5. Open Country Pleasure Driving 32" & Under
- \*\* 6. Open Country Pleasure Driving over 32-34"
- \*\*\*\* 7. Three-Year-Old Open Country Pleasure Driving
- \*\*\*\* 8. Four-Year-Old Open Country Pleasure Driving
- \*\*\*\*\* 9. Open Classic Pleasure Driving 32" & Under
- \*\*\*\*\* 10. Open Classic Pleasure Driving Over 32-34"
- \*\*\*\* 11. Three-Year-Old Open Classic Pleasure Driving  
(Amended 12-11, effective 01-12)
- \*\*\*\* 12. Four-Year-Old Open Classic Pleasure Driving  
(Amended 12-11, effective 01-12)
- 13. Formal Park Driving
- 14. Roadster Driving
- \*\* 15. Obstacle Driving
- \*\* 16. Halter Obstacle
- 17. Liberty
- \*\* 18. Hunter
- \*\* 19. Jumper

\* These two classes may be combined at the discretion of show management with the consent of all exhibitors.

\*\* A course is considered set once a horse has started the course. There must be no changes made of obstacles or courses in Halter Obstacle, Jumper, Hunter or Obstacle Driving after that time. Course must be the same for all exhibitors once class has started unless exclusion is given for a particular class.

- \*\*\* These two (2) classes may be combined at the discretion of show management with the consent of all exhibitors.
- \*\*\*\* May be combined at local shows and Regional shows, but may not be combined at the World Show.  
(Amended 02-13, effective 01-14)
- \*\*\*\*\* These two (2) classes may be combined at the discretion of show management with the consent of all exhibitors  
(Amended 02-07, effective 01-08)
- B. Classes may be offered in the following divisions:
1. Open - open to all exhibitors
  2. Youth - limited to exhibitors 18 and under  
(see YD-010 for requirements)
  3. Adult - limited to exhibitors 19 and older
  4. Amateur - limited to amateur exhibitors only  
(see AM-010 for requirements)
  5. Ladies - limited to ladies 19 and older
  6. Gentlemen - limited to gentlemen 19 and older
  7. Maiden - limited to horse not having won one first place ribbon in that particular AMHA class.
  8. Pleasure Driving may be offered also for:
    - a. Mares to drive
    - b. Stallions to drive
    - c. Geldings to drive
- C. In performance, a single horse can be exhibited by only a single handler per class.
- D. No baiting of performance horses is allowed - Hunter, Jumper, Liberty, Obstacle. Baiting in these classes is a disqualification.
- E. Call judges are required to use a whistle to notify exhibitors of elimination from classes in Halter Obstacle, Obstacle Driving, Hunter, Jumper and Liberty.
- F. Judge(s) shall walk Hunter/Jumper and Halter/Driving Obstacle course with designer and exhibitors. Refer to CL-060 and CL-065.
- G. Front leg wraps and/or shin boots are permitted in Jumper only (not in Hunter).  
(Amended 02-17, effective 01-18)
- H. In Halter Obstacle, Hunters, Jumpers and all Showmanship classes, chains may be a part of the lead on the halter but the chain portion cannot be placed in the horse's mouth or over the horse's nose. Violation of this rule will cause disqualification for the class.  
(Amended 02-02, effective 01-03)
- I. Any exhibitor, trainer of exhibitor, or family member of exhibitor may not be responsible for design of the course.  
(Amended 02-09, effective 01-10)

- J. Score sheets are available on the AMHA website for use in judging certain performance classes. These sheets are not mandatory, they are available and suggested for use by the Judges when judging AMHA approved classes. These score sheets outline suggested scoring rules, penalties, faults, pluses, etc. that may be used for scoring AMHA classes in addition to what is outlined in the AMHA Rulebook.

### **CL-030 DRIVING CLASS GENERAL RULES**

- A. Horses to enter ring at a trot. Horses must be serviceably sound and all driving horses must be three (3) years or older. Horses showing evidence of labored breathing, wheezing or “roaring”, at the discretion of the judge the horse may be penalized.  
(Amended 02-13, effective 1-14)
- B. Drivers should strive to present an appropriate turnout indicated by the balance and pleasing appearance of the combination of horse to vehicle. Factors determining the above include compatibility, size, type of horse, and vehicle. The way of going of a horse may also affect the overall appearance (i.e., a high action horse is more suitable to a formal vehicle, with the lower going, ground covering horse presenting a more pleasing appearance with a suitable pleasure, or country, type vehicle). The horses number should be worn on the back of the driver or on the back of the cart. Horse is to be shown in a light show harness which would consist of a bridle with bit, blinders and cavesson. A martingale and/or separate check bit are optional. For better visibility, the use of numbers on the side of cart is strongly suggested.  
(Amended 02-14, effective 01-15)
- C. The only person to control the horse is the driver, under penalty of disqualification. No change of driver is permitted during any class. (Amended 02-08, effective 01-09)
1. Youth or COOL driving classes requiring an accompanying person for safety, (Adult for all Youth classes), requires that the accompanying person remain in the cart at all times until the exhibitor leaves the arena. A separate header will be required for all youth drivers with an accompanying adult. The accompanying adult will not assist the driver verbally or physically. The touching of the driver by hand will constitute assistance. The accompanying adult's hands must remain on the seat, on the cart, or in their own lap. Any assistance will result in automatic disqualification of that entry.
- D. Drivers and their passengers should conform to the type of turnout (i.e., viceroy, formal, pleasure, obstacle, etc.), but should always be neat and clean. Suggested appropriate attire: Gentlemen to wear a hat, coat or jacket, shirt and pants, and tie; ladies to wear a dress, tailored suit, skirt or slacks with blouse, vest or jacket. Hats optional. Gloves and aprons or lap

robes are optional in all classes. All exhibitors may choose to wear a helmet instead of a hat.

(Amended 02-05, effective 01-06)

(Amended 12-09, effective 01-10)

- E. Driving class splits shall be determined by dividing the perimeter of the arena by thirty-six (36) feet per entry. Final placings must be determined by working the leaders of each section. If there are two (2) or more judges, each judge will pick four (4) horses from each section to return for the final drive-off.  
(Amended 02-07, effective 01-08)
- F. Ear plugs shall not be used on any horse in the show ring.  
(Amended 02-17, effective 01-18)
- G. Boots and wraps of any description shall not be used on any horse in the show ring except Roadster and Jumper as defined in those disciplines.  
(Amended 02-17, effective 01-18)
- H. An appropriate driving whip shall be carried (in hand or in vehicle) at all times while driving. Failure to do so will result in disqualification. The overall length of the whip for a single horse should be long enough to reach its shoulder. Excessive length beyond the shoulder is not allowed. For multiple hitch, the whip should be of suitable style and length.
- I. Safety
1. No horse shall be left unattended while put to a vehicle. Disqualification for the balance of the show may result at the show manager's discretion.
  2. All rules of the road should be observed unless officials direct otherwise. Drivers must drive on the rail at a safe distance behind horse and cart in front. Passing is permissible but the driver **MUST** return to the rail as soon as possible. Failure to do so must be penalized.  
(Amended 11-18, effective 01-19).
  3. A judge **MUST** excuse from competition any unsafe vehicle, equipment, or horse for that class.
  4. Headers: A header is an appropriately attired (show attire or unlettered smock with suitable footwear) capable person 13 years of age or over. This attendant shall take **NO** action that will affect the performance of any Miniature Horse. Only one header is allowed per horse. The header must not have a whip and shall remain at least two (2) paces distant from the head of the horse when the judge is inspecting the horse, and at all other times unless assistance in controlling the horse is needed. Adult (19 years of age or older) headers are mandatory for all youth drivers and optional for all other drivers.
  5. Blinders and overchecks or sidechecks are required. The overcheck/sidecheck must be attached to the saddle at all times. If it becomes unattached a second time in the same class (after utilizing a timeout to reattach it

the first time), it is an automatic disqualification. For Clarification: If the check loop comes off the saddle, but it is still being held attached to the saddle by any form (i.e., string, wire, rubber band), it is considered to be attached.

(Amended 11-18, effective 01-19)

6. No entry may leave the ring after judging has begun without permission from the judge. If an accident or equipment failure occurs which needs medical attention or repair, those involved shall remain in position and all other entries shall move to the center of the arena.
  7. During a class, adjustments/repairs to equipment may be made upon permission from the judge. A groom may assist with the adjustment without penalty. After judging has begun, no attendant may enter the arena without the permission of the judge. Only one time out per class/per horse once horse has entered the ring. Maximum time not to exceed three (3) minutes. Official time outs must be declared by the judge or judges. More than one time out per exhibitor shall result in disqualification.  
(Amended 02-14, effective 01-15)
  8. In COOL Pleasure Driving classes an adult or senior youth (13-18) may accompany the driver.  
(Amended 02-06, effective 01-07)
  9. No youth 12 years of age or under may drive a stallion.
  10. All persons involved in driving competition must have safety foremost in their minds.
  11. A driver must never allow passengers to enter a vehicle until he/she is seated with the reins in hand and must never dismount while passengers are in the vehicle.
  12. It is permissible to talk to your horse(s) in a subdued tone of voice. "Clucks" for starting, "walk on", "trot", "whoa" and "back" are the more accepted terms. Any tendency on the part of the driver to shout, whistle, or talk loudly to the horse should be curtailed. In the arena, the less said the better. The driver should strive to control the horse's movements with minimal vocal aids
  13. For safety reasons, while reversing at the walk, horses must initiate the direction change to the left.  
(Amended 02-16, effective 01-17)
- J. In the absence of an adequate\* warm-up arena, it is mandatory that a warm-up period of at least five (5) minutes be provided before the first driving class of each grouping of driving classes in the schedule, each day of the show. (Not required for shows granted Hardship Approval).

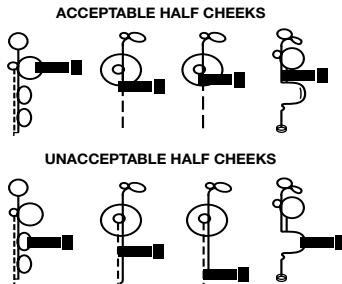
\*Adequate is defined as: Firm packed footing, perimeter fenced, large enough to simulate a driving arena, free from all obstacles, safe for exhibitors.

(Amended 02-10, effective 01-11)

- K. Harness championships are limited to first and second place winners from classes in that division and may be worked off at the discretion and direction of the judge until a Grand

and Reserve Champion are selected. Any horse competing is eligible to be Grand or Reserve.

- L. When using a leverage bit (Gig, Liverpool, Buxton, etc.) shown below are the acceptable rein positions, excluding the multiple hitch classes. Unacceptable rein position is a disqualification for the class. Martingales are prohibited with leverage bits. No curb chains or straps allowed. (Amended 02-17, effective 01-18)

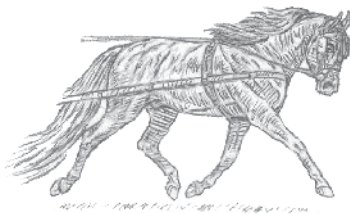


- M. Evidence of inhumane treatment to a horse including but not limited to blood, whip marks that raise welts or abusive whipping, and performing sliding stops while driving shall result in disqualification of that horse and that exhibitor for the balance of that show and shall result in the forfeiture of all trophies, ribbon, awards, and points won by that horse. AMHA shall be notified of any such disqualification by the Show Manager when results are reported. (Amended 11-23, effective 01-24)

- O. Pleasure Driving Standard of Perfection  
The depiction, balance line and descriptive paragraph are to be used to define the "ideal" pleasure horse and are in no way intended to eliminate horses not capable of the ideal. Judging criteria is defined by Section "A" in each appropriate section. (Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)

### CL-034 CLASSIC PLEASURE DRIVING DIVISION (Effective 01-10)

The depiction, balance line and descriptive paragraph are to be used to define the "ideal" pleasure horse and are in no way intended to eliminate horses not capable of the ideal. Judging criteria is defined by Section "A". (Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)



Balance shall be 50% to rear

The ideal CLASSIC PLEASURE DRIVING horse shall be shown with light contact on the reins at all times. Ideally neck carriage should remain low and head set by horse being on the bit and face perpendicular to the ground. Stride should be sweeping and ground covering.

CLARIFICATION: Head carriage should be in the bridle, with poll not lower than the withers and eye of the horse not higher than the withers. Stride flowing with a flat knee, minimal knee and hock action.

- A. Classic Pleasure Driving is a single horse driving class, hitched to show cart with either wooden or metal spoke wheels. A Basket is mandatory, a boot is optional. To be shown in Light Harness which consists of a bridle with reins attached to the bit only and passed through the saddle terrets and martingale if used. Also required, are blinders, a throatlash and a noseband or cavesson. The bridle must have an overcheck or sidecheck attached from the bit to the saddle and must remain attached until all the judge's cards have been submitted. A martingale and/or separate check bit are optional.  
(Amended 11-18, effective 01-19).

To be judged on the following criteria, in the listed order:

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| ATTITUDE PARAMOUNT | Settled in the bridle, smooth gait transitions.             |
| MANNERS            | No gapping at the bit. Horse should appear willing to work. |
| PERFORMANCE        | Steady in each gait and definite gait changes.              |
| QUALITY            | A "pretty" picture with appropriate action for class.       |
| CONFORMATION       | As correct for CLASSIC PLEASURE DRIVING.                    |

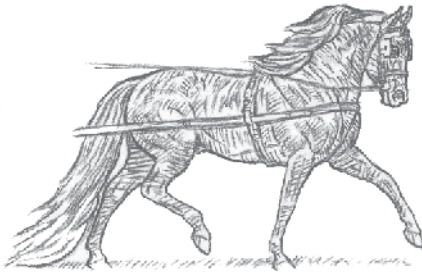
The ideal CLASSIC PLEASURE DRIVING horse should excel at all of the above items.

- B. Class requirements:  
Horse must be shown both directions in the arena at the Walk, Pleasure Trot, and the Working Trot. Horse will enter counter clockwise at the Pleasure Trot. Horse will be required to stand quietly and back readily  
(Amended 02-16, effective 01-17).
- C. Gait requirements:  
1. WALK: A four beat, flat-footed and ground covering gait.

2. PLEASURE TROT: A two beat diagonal gait. Overall balance as shown above. Horse must demonstrate freedom of movement, be relaxed and easy going, demonstrating impulsion.
  3. WORKING TROT: A lengthening of stride from the Pleasure Trot. Horse must demonstrate freedom of movement.
- D. The use of a Martingale is optional. (See CL-030-K)
- E. A horse that is shown in Classic Pleasure cannot be shown in Country Pleasure or Single Pleasure at the same show.

### CL-035 COUNTRY PLEASURE DRIVING

The depiction, balance line and descriptive paragraph are to be used to define the “ideal” pleasure horse and are in no way intended to eliminate horses not capable of the ideal. Judging criteria is defined by Section “A”.



Balance should be 60% to rear

The IDEAL Country Pleasure Horse shall be shown with contact on the reins at all times. Stride should be “flowing”, exhibiting knee action and/or reach with hock action while not showing excessive motion (as described in gaits). The horse should be in the bridle with neck carriage comfortable with poll being the highest point and flexion to fit horse’s conformation.

- A. Country Pleasure Driving is a single horse driving class, hitched to a two wheel show cart with either wooden or metal spoke wheels. A basket and side check or over check are mandatory, a boot is optional. To be shown in Light Harness which consists of a bridle with reins attached to the bit only and passed through the saddle terrets and martingale if used. Also required, are blinders, a throatlash and a noseband or cavesson. The bridle must have an overcheck or sidecheck attached from the bit to the saddle and must remain attached until all judge’s cards have been submitted. A martingale and/or separate check bit are optional.  
(Amended 11-18, effective 01-19)

To be judged on the following criteria, in the listed order:

ATTITUDE PARAMOUNT Settled in the bridle, with smooth gait transitions.



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| MANNERS      | Horse should appear willing to work with a quiet mouth.   |
| PERFORMANCE  | Steady in each gait with definite gait changes.   |
| QUALITY      | A “pleasant” picture demonstrating freedom of movement, in the bridle, with impulsion while relaxed and easy going at the pleasure trot. Excessively high action (defined as breaking at the knee level or above) must be penalized. At the working trot the horse exhibits a lengthening of stride resulting in an increase of speed without loss of collection or form. |
| CONFORMATION | Form to function.   |
| APPEARANCE   | Of both equipment and drivers attire.   |

B. Class requirements:

Horse must be shown both directions in the arena at the Walk, Pleasure Trot, and the Working Trot. Horse will enter counter clockwise at the Pleasure Trot. Horse will be required to stand quietly and back readily (Amended 02-16, effective 01-17).

C. Gait requirements:

It is imperative that the horse give the appearance of being a pleasure to drive. A quiet responsive mouth is paramount. All gaits to be performed with willingness, balance and smoothness as per each gait description.

1. Walk: A four beat, flat-footed and ground covering gait.
2. Pleasure Trot: A two beat diagonal gait. Overall balance as shown above. Horse must demonstrate freedom of movement, be relaxed and easy going, demonstration impulsion. Excessively high action (defined as breaking at the knee level or above) must be penalized.
3. Working Trot: Lengthening of stride from the Pleasure Trot resulting in an increase of speed without loss of form. Horse must demonstrate freedom of movement.

D. The use of a Martingale is optional. (See CL-030K)

E. A horse entered in Country Pleasure Driving may not be shown in either Single Pleasure Driving or Classic Pleasure Driving at the same show.

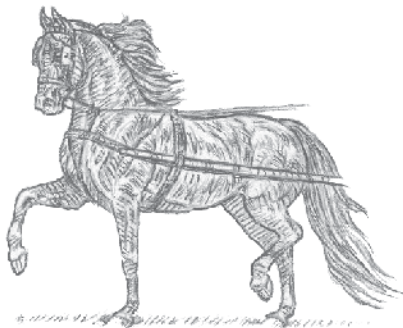
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## CL-036 SINGLE PLEASURE DRIVING

The depiction, balance line and descriptive paragraph are to be used to define the “ideal” pleasure horse and are in no way intended to eliminate horses not capable of the ideal. Judging criteria is defined by Section “A”.



Balance should be 70% to rear

The IDEAL Single Pleasure Horse shall be shown with contact on the reins at all times. The horse should be animated and exhibit presence, while in the bridle, demonstrating a “bold” stride with freedom of movement. The neck carriage should be “up” with the poll being the highest point and flexion to fit horse’s conformation.

A. -Single Pleasure Driving is a single horse driving class, hitched to a show cart with metal spoke wheels. A basket, boot and side check or over check are mandatory. To be shown in Light Harness which consists of a bridle with reins attached to the bit only and passed through the saddle terrets and martingale if used. Also required, are blinders, a throatlash and a noseband or cavesson. The bridle must have an overcheck or sidecheck attached from the bit to the saddle and must remain attached until all judge’s cards have been submitted. A martingale and/or separate check bit are optional.

(Amended 11-18, effective 01-19).

To be judged on the following criteria, in the listed order:

PERFORMANCE  
PARAMOUNT

Presence and elevation with forward impulsion, steady in each gait with definite gait changes.

QUALITY

A bold picture, demonstrating freedom of movement, while in the bridle, in a collected manner displaying the horse’s athletic ability with forward impulsion at a collected trot. At the working trot, the horse exhibits more power, speed and motion. It is performed with a lengthening of stride but no decrease of collection or loss of form.

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| MANNERS      | Horse should appear willing to work with a quiet mouth. |
| ATTITUDE     | Settled in the bridle with, smooth gait transitions.    |
| CONFORMATION | Form to function.                                       |
| APPEARANCE   | Of both equipment and drivers attire.                   |

- B. Class requirements:  
Horse must be shown both directions in the arena at the Walk, Collected Trot and Working Trot. Horse will enter counter clockwise at the Collected Trot. Horse will be required to stand quietly and back readily.  
(Amended 02-16, effective 01-17)
- C. Gait requirements:  
The horse should give an appearance of being a pleasure to drive. Though animated, the horse should be natural and balanced in all gaits.
1. Walk: A four beat gait demonstrating collection.
  2. Collected Trot: A two beat diagonal gait. Overall balance as shown above. Horse must demonstrate freedom of movement, while remaining in the bridle. It is executed in a collected manner and should display the horse's athletic ability with forward impulsion.
  3. Working Trot: At the Working Trot the horse exhibits more power, speed and motion. It is performed with a lengthened stride but no decrease of collection or loss of form.
- D. The use of a Martingale is optional. (See CL-030-K)
- E. A horse entered in Single Pleasure Driving may not be shown in either Country Pleasure Driving or Classic Pleasure Driving at the same show.  
(Amended 02-02, effective 01-03)  
(Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)

### **CL-037 CARRIAGE DRIVING DIVISION**

- A. General:
1. To be shown to a suitable two or four wheeled vehicle or four wheeled vehicle for pairs and multiples. Viceroy and racing sulkys are not permitted. If class numbers are not sufficient, singles and pairs/multiples may be combined.
  2. Passengers/Grooms are allowed but must come from within the carriage.
  3. Multiple horse turnouts must carry at least one Groom or passenger capable of rendering assistance at all times.
  4. Only the driver may handle the reins or whip during the competition. The penalty for non-compliance is elimination. Drivers receiving outside assistance after the judging has begun will be disqualified at the judges' discretion unless otherwise specifically allowed (groom/passenger heading the turnout).

5. Drivers under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult capable of rendering assistance. Rendering of assistance by the adult will result in elimination.
6. Any application of artificial hair in the mane or tail is prohibited. Braiding of the mane and tail is optional.
7. Excessive use of the voice, shouting or whistling to the animal may be penalized at the judges' discretion. If necessary, it is permissible to talk to the animal in a subdued voice.
8. The driver should be seated comfortably on the box so as to be relaxed and effective. Either the one handed or two-handed method of driving is acceptable. Drivers should not be penalized or rewarded for using one style over another.
9. All turnouts will enter the ring in a counter-clockwise direction at a working trot.
10. Both stock and non-stock horses exhibiting Pleasure, Country or Classic driving styles are allowed are to be judged according to the appropriateness for the style of the vehicle.

B. Equipment & Harness:

1. It is the drivers' responsibility to see that the harness is in good condition, clean and properly fitted. Harness may be of the light breast collar type or draft type whichever is appropriate for the carriage.
2. Bridles should fit snugly to prevent catching on the vehicle or other pieces of harness. A throat latch and cavesson or noseband are mandatory.
3. The reins must pass only thru the rein terrets and be attached only to the bit. Bits may be of any type legally recognized in the AMHA Rule Book.
4. Martingales and overchecks are prohibited. Side checks are acceptable but discouraged.
5. Breeching is required for all vehicles without brakes.
6. An appropriate driving whip must be carried, in hand, at all times while driving. The thong on the whip must be long enough to reach the shoulder, but not excessively past, of the farthest animal. A driver not in compliance with this shall be severely penalized.
7. The vehicle should be appropriate for the number of horses in the turnout. (i.e. Two wheeled vehicles are not appropriate for pairs (except tandems) and multiples. Draft harness is not appropriate for light carriages.

C. Attire:

1. Drivers and passengers/grooms should be dressed conservatively according to the style of the present day for the turnout. Any attempt to introduce period costumes or gaudy trappings is discouraged. Gentlemen must wear coat or jacket while appearing in any class unless excused from doing so by the judge. Ladies must wear a conservative dress, tailored suit or slacks, with or without a jacket. Floppy or excessively large hats are discouraged. Unless otherwise specified, the driver must wear a hat, lap robe

(apron) and gloves. Sandals, flimsy footwear or otherwise inappropriate footwear is not acceptable. Drivers and Passengers/Grooms that are inappropriately attired may be penalized at the judges' discretion. Draft turnouts may be excused from wearing jackets and lap robes in exchange for appropriate attire for the turnout.

D. Gaits:

For pairs and multiples all animals in the turnout should exhibit the same gait. Failure to do so should be penalized.

1. Walk: A free, regular, and unconstrained walk of moderate extension. The animal/s should walk energetically, but calmly, with even and determined pace.
2. Working Trot: The animal/s go forward freely, and straight while being balanced and unconstrained. The steps should be as even as possible with the hind feet touching the ground in the footprints of the forefeet. The animal/s should indicate a willingness to be driven on the bit while maintaining a steady cadence. The degree of energy and impulsion displayed at the working trot denotes clearly the degree of suppleness and balance of the animal.
3. Trot-On: Clear but not excessive increase in pace and lengthening of stride while remaining well balanced and showing appropriate lateral flexion on turns. Excessive speed will be penalized.
4. Halt: Animal/s and vehicle should be brought to a complete square stop without abruptness or veering. Sliding stops will be cause for elimination at the discretion of the judge. At the halt, animal/s should stand attentively, motionless and straight with their weight evenly distributed and be ready to move off at the slightest indication from the driver.
5. Rein Back: A backward movement in which the legs are raised and set down simultaneously in diagonal pairs with the hind legs remaining well in line. To be performed and judged in two parts.
  - a) The animal/s must move backward at least four steps in an unhurried manner, without resistance, with head flexed and straight while pushing the cart back evenly in a straight line. The driver should use quiet aids and light contact.
  - b) The animal/s should move forward willingly to the former position using the same quiet aids.

E. AMHA Carriage Driving Pleasure:

1. To be judged 70% on performance, manners, movement and style; 30% on conformation. To be judged both ways of the ring at a walk, working trot and trot-on. To stand quietly and attentively while in the lineup and to rein back. Entries chosen for a workout may be worked both ways of the arena at any gait requested by the judge and may be asked to execute a figure eight and/or perform other appropriate tests.

- F. AMHA Carriage Driving Turnout:
1. To be judged 70% on the condition, fit and appropriateness of harness and vehicle, neatness and appropriateness of attire and overall impression: 30% on performance, manners and way of going. To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, working trot, and trot-on. To stand quietly and attentively while in the lineup and to rein back. Entries chosen for a workout may be worked both ways of the arena at any gait requested by the judge and may be asked to execute a figure eight and/or perform other appropriate tests.
- G. AMHA Carriage Driving Working:
1. A pleasure driving class in which the entries are judged primarily on the suitability of the horse to provide a pleasant drive. To be judged 80% On performance, manners and way of going and 20% on condition and fit of harness, vehicle and neatness of attire. To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, working trot, and trot-on. To stand quietly and attentively while in the lineup and to rein back. Entries chosen for a workout may be worked both ways of the arena at any gait requested by the judge and may be asked to execute a figure eight and/or perform other appropriate tests.
- H. AMHA Carriage Driving Reinsmanship:
1. A pleasure driving class in which entries are judged primarily on the ability and skill of the driver. To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, working trot, and trot-on. To stand quietly and attentively while in the lineup and to rein back. Entries chosen for a workout may be worked both ways of the arena at any gait requested by the judge and may be asked to execute a figure eight and/or perform other appropriate tests. The driver should be seated comfortably on the box so as to be relaxed and effective. Either the one or two-handed method of driving is acceptable. Common to both methods, the elbows and arms should be close to the body with an allowing but steady hand enabling a consistent "feel" with the animal's mouth. Drivers should not be penalized or rewarded for using one general style over another. In order to evaluate a driver's versatility, the judge may request a test involving driving with one hand. To be judged: 75% on handling of reins and whip, control, posture, and overall appearance of driver: 25% on the condition of harness and vehicle and neatness of attire.
- I. AMHA Carriage Driving Obstacle  
(this section is included as a sample and can be greatly modified as needed. This is a timed course but there are several variations).
1. Course plan must be announced and posted one hour before competition is to begin. Competitors may walk the course prior to the class until the first competitor has entered the course.
    - a. To be driven over a prescribed course of obstacles. The number of obstacles to be proportionate to

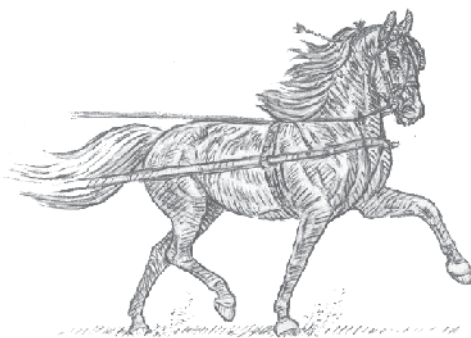
- the dimensions of the driving area. Not to exceed 20 obstacles.
- b. After passing the starting line, the driver shall proceed through each obstacle, in order, to the designated finish line.
  - c. Course faults are scored as penalty seconds and are added to the driver's elapsed time. Placings are determined on a low total time basis. Ties for first will be decided by a drive-off (unless otherwise stated in the prize list).
  - d. Penalties:
    1. Exceeding time allowed (every commenced second) 0.5 second
    2. Knocking over start or finish marker 5 seconds
    3. Knocking down or dislodging obstacle 5 seconds
    4. Break in gait
      - 1st break from trot 5 seconds
      - 2nd break from trot 5 seconds
      - 3rd break in trot 5 seconds
      - 4th break from trot Elimination
    5. Disobedience and/or groom dismounting (cumulative over course). Disobediences are penalized as stated in the individual class specifications. They are defined as follows:
      - a. A run-out comprises evading or passing an obstacle to be driven or the start/finish line.
      - b. A refusal comprises stopping or reining back before an obstacle. Stopping in front of an obstacle without dislodging it and without backing up followed immediately by driving clearly through is NOT PENALIZED. If the halt is prolonged or if the animal backs even a single step voluntarily or not, a refusal is incurred. A circle is any form of a circle which causes the driver to cross the original track between two consecutive obstacles except to retake an obstacle after a refusal or runout.
        - 1st incident 5 seconds
        - 2nd incident 10 seconds
        - 3rd incident Elimination
    6. Starting before signal Elimination
    7. Failure to cross starting line within one minute of signal Elimination.
    8. Off course Elimination A driver is off course when he deviates from the designated pattern shown on the diagram by consecutive number and drives an obstacle out of order before correcting the deviation. Any disobedience committed while correcting the deviation must be scored. Failure to

follow a continuous line in a course diagram will not be considered off course unless an obstacle is taken out of order. The start/finish gate/s are considered dead after the competitor passes thru the start gate and until the competitor passes thru the last obstacle.

9. Exceeding time limit (2X time allowed) Elimination
  10. Outside assistance Elimination A driver shall be eliminated if a groom or passenger touches the reins, whip or brake or if he receives assistance from any source.
  11. Failure to carry whip in hand Elimination
  12. Breakage of harness or vehicle Elimination
2. Width of cones. To be determined by the course designer based on the level of competition and carriages entered. Recommendation is 30-40 centimeters wider than the carriage track of the widest carriage.  
(Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)

### **CL-040 ROADSTER DRIVING**

The depiction and descriptive paragraph are to be used to define the "ideal" roadster horse and are in no way intended to eliminate horses not capable of the ideal.



The IDEAL Roadster Horse shall be shown with contact on the reins at all times. Stride should be "flowing," exhibiting knee action and/or reach with hock action. The horse should be in the bridle with neck carriage comfortable with the poll being the highpoint and flexion to fit the horse's conformation. Roadster to be judged on performance, quality, speed, manners, attitude, conformation and appearance; IN THAT ORDER.

- A. Roadsters shall be shown to a Bike (a two-wheeled cart with stirrups and no basket). Wheel covers are permitted. Shall be shown in Light Harness which consists of a bridle with reins attached to the bit only and passed through the saddle terrets and martingale if used. Also required, are blinders, a throatlatch and a noseband or cavesson. The bridle must have an overcheck or sidecheck attached from the bit to



the saddle and must remain attached until all judge's cards have been submitted. A martingale and/or separate check bit are optional. All martingales and unweighted bell boots are optional. The exhibitor must wear colors (cap and jacket to match, patterned after racing silks, no sequins or glitter). All youth exhibitors may choose to wear a helmet instead of a cap. Braiding of horse's forelock and first section of mane hair with ribbon optional.

(Amended 02-03, effective 01-04)

(Amended 02-12, effective 01-13)

(Amended 11-18, effective 01-19)

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| PERFORMANCE<br>PARAMOUNT | Presence and elevation with forward impulsion, steady in each gait with definite gait changes.   |
| QUALITY                  | A bold picture, demonstrating freedom of movement, while in the bridle, in a collected manner displaying the horse's athletic ability with forward motion at a Jog Trot. At the Road Gait, the horse exhibits more power, speed and motion. The Drive On Trot is performed with a lengthening of stride but no decrease of collection or loss of form. |
| SPEED                    | A lengthening of stride with no decrease of collection or loss of form.  |
| MANNERS                  | Horse should appear willing to work and under control at all 3 gaits.  |
| ATTITUDE                 | Settled in the bridle with smooth gait transitions.  |
| CONFORMATION             | Form to function.  |
| APPEARANCE               | Of both equipment and driver's attire.   |
- B. Gait requirements: The principal gait requirement for roadsters is the Trot. Horses shall be asked to Trot at three (3) different speeds - the slow Jog Trot, the Road Gait, and at a full extended Drive-On Trot. Horses must not be asked to rein back. A horse that has not demonstrated distinct gaits and smooth transitions (change of gaits) should not be placed over a horse that has demonstrated greater ability but has had a minor or incidental break in gait.
- C. Judging procedure: Roadsters must enter the ring clockwise at a Jog Trot, then show at the Road Gait, turn counterclockwise at the Jog Trot, show at the Road Gait and Drive-On Trot. Roadster horses should have animation, brilliance, and show ring presence. At all speeds they should work in form with head set and legs working beneath them. At speed the trot

should be in balance with long reaching action in front with straight true movement. Pacey or mixed gaited horses that pace or rack will be penalized. Horses should be shown on the rail at all times except when passing. Performance at all three (3) gaits MUST be considered. Failure to demonstrate all three (3) gaits must be penalized. When horses are lined up, driver shall not leave his/her vehicle except for necessary adjustments. The driver may, however, uncheck and stand at horse's head when left in center of the ring while part of the class is on the rail for a workout.

(Amended 11-18, effective 01-19)

#### **CL-045 FORMAL PARK DRIVING**

The horse is to give a brilliant performance with style, presence, finish, balance and cadence. To be judged on brilliant performance, presence, quality, manners and conformation. To be shown in Light Harness which consists of a bridle with reins attached to the bit only and passed through the saddle terrets and martingale if used. Also required, are blinders, a throatlash and a noseband or cavesson. The bridle must have an overcheck or sidecheck attached from the bit to the saddle. A martingale and/or separate check bit are optional.

A. Gait requirements: to be shown both ways of the ring at an Animated Walk and Park Trot. Horses are NOT to be asked to rein back.

1. ANIMATED WALK: A true, cadenced, four-beat walk with horse collected. The motion should be brisk and vigorous with the horse showing animation and brilliance.

2. PARK TROT: Extremely animated, cadenced trot, with impulsion and power. The trot is bold and brilliant with knees and hocks snapping high in expansive and dramatic style, creating an illusion of lightness with the highstepping action. Neck and head carriage is more elevated than pleasure, more upright from the withers. Loss of form due to excessive speed shall be penalized.

B. Martingales are optional.

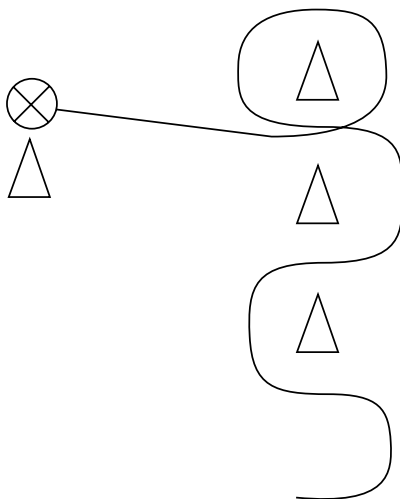
#### **CL-046 REINSMANSHIP**

A. Reinsmanship is shown to a two wheeled vehicle as described in CL-036-A. To be shown in Light Harness which consists of a bridle with reins attached to the bit only and passed through the saddle terrets and martingale if used. Also required, are blinders, a throatlash and a noseband or cavesson. The bridle must have an overcheck or sidecheck attached from the bit to the saddle. A martingale and/or separate check bit are optional.

B. Entries are judged primarily on the rein handling ability and skill of the driver. 75% of the score is on the handling of the reins and whip, control, posture, and overall working appearance of the driver. 25% is on the condition of the harness and vehicle and neatness of attire. Control is judged by the consistency of movement at various gaits; smooth,

rapid gait changes consisting of three to four steps to be in the called gait; accuracy of performing the requested maneuver on the rail or by the complete, symmetrical pattern requested for individual work.

- C. At no time should the horse appear to be out of control or heavily checked up.
- D. Whip must be in hand at all times when the driver is in the ring.
- E. Two methods of reinsmanship performance may be used as chosen by the judges:
  - 1. Drivers are first judged as a group both ways of the arena at a walk, collected trot, halt, back, and working trot. Drivers are then asked to each do an individual “work off” or pattern set by the judge. When there is more than one judge for this class, a call judge is designated who will set the pattern. Pattern to be used is not posted prior to the class, but is conducted as directed verbally by the judge during the class. Once one of the patterns is chosen, the same pattern is driven by each participant in the class.
    - a. Perform a figure eight in the direction designated by the judge, with a salute at the beginning and end of the pattern. The start of the figure eight is in the middle of the eight facing the call judge.
    - b. Perform a serpentine at the direction of the judge with a salute at the beginning and end of the pattern. The finish of the pattern will be a halt facing the call judge with the wheel hub in line with the cone. Example follows.



- 2. Drivers are asked to perform reinsmanship skills on the rail as a group. They will be asked, in addition to working both ways of the arena at a walk, collected trot, and working trot,

to perform according to the judge's calls. Judge may select one, several or all of the following maneuvers and may repeat the same maneuver as many times as desired to determine driver's reinsmanship skills:

- a. Stop on the rail, pause and stand quietly until judge calls to ..... move forward at a walk or collected trot.
- b. Stop on the rail, back 2 or 3 steps, stand quietly, then proceed in the direction of go when judge calls to move forward at a walk or collected trot.
- c. Reverse on the rail at a walk or collected trot.
- d. Stop on the rail, do a 90 degree pivot turning inward and pause, standing quietly. Upon judge's call, return with a 90 degree pivot back to the rail in the original direction of go. Move forward at a walk or collected trot per judge's call.
- e. Stop on rail, do a 90 degree pivot turning inward and pause, standing quietly. Upon judge's call, continue to turn with a 90 degree pivot to end up on the rail in the reverse of the original direction of go. Move forward at a walk or collected trot per judge's call.
- f. Stop on rail, do a 180 degree pivot, pause, standing quietly. Then on judge's command, drive on in the reverse of the original direction at a walk or collected trot.

"0" qualifying points. Amendment passed as optional at Local, Championship & World Shows. Youth Reinsmanship will be offered for the Championship & World Shows.

(Amended 02-08, effective 01-09)

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#### **CL-050 MULTIPLE HITCHES**

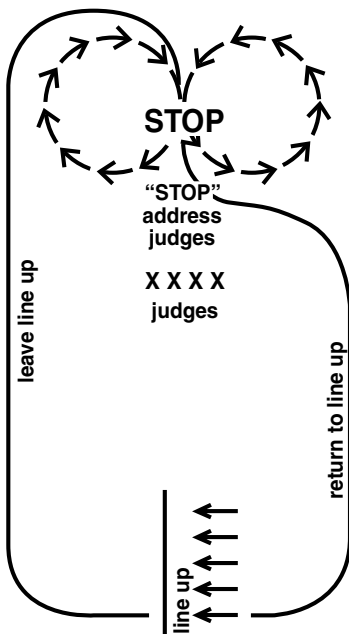
- A. Classes may be offered for pairs, tandems, unicorns, four-in-hands, six-in-hands, or more, and shall be shown to the appropriate vehicle.
- B. Gait requirements: Hitches are to enter the show ring at a Trot going counter-clockwise. Draft hitches must be judged showing two gaits, a trot and a flat-footed walk, working both directions of the arena. Light harness hitches must be judged showing three gaits, extended trot, trot and flat-footed walk, working both directions in the arena. All hitches must be required to stand quietly, back readily, and cut a figure eight at a trot. (See diagram insert). Prior to beginning the figure eight, each exhibitor/hitch must stop and properly address the judge(s). At all times hitches are to show an ability to work as a unit with evenness of tugs, and judged on performance, presence, quality, manners, and matching. In tandem, the traces/tugs between the leader and wheel horses should slightly dip. The lead horse is to demonstrate that it is not doing the work.  
(Amended 11-00, effective 01-02)  
(Amended 02-05, effective 01-06)  
(Amended 11-06, effective 01-07)

- C. Description:
1. Draft Hitch-Horses must be harnessed in collar with full hames and be hitched to an appropriate draft wagon or vehicle, which may display owner and/or horses' name.
  2. Light Harness-Horses must be harnessed in fine harness with breast collar or full collar (no full hames) and show to an appropriate carriage or vehicle. To be shown in Light Harness which consists of a bridle with reins attached to the bit only and passed through the saddle terrets and martingale if used. Also required, are blinders, a throatlash and a noseband or cavesson. The bridle must have an overcheck or sidecheck attached from the bit to the saddle. A martingale and/or separate check bit are optional.
- D. The following multiple hitch classes will be offered at the Championship and World Championship Shows:
- Multiple Hitch Light Harness - Pairs or Tandem
  - Multiple Hitch Light Harness - Three or More
  - Multiple Hitch Draft Harness - Pairs or Tandem
  - Multiple Hitch Draft Harness - Three or More

Instructions for Multiple-Hitch

Figure eight may begin in either direction unless specified by judge or judges. Back either in lineup or at end of figure eight in any other place in the ring that is appropriate. Line up may be at either end to accommodate spectators to view performance.

Stop on center line. Begin/End.



**CL-055 OTHER HARNESS CLASSES**

- A. Classes in all divisions of a driving competition may be offered for singles, pairs, tandems, unicorns, and four, six and eight-in-hands.
1. Single Fine Harness: open to a horse being shown in a viceroy or fine harness buggy with appropriate light harness. To be judged on quality of performance, presence, suitability of horse, type and conformation, IN THAT ORDER. Gaits: walk, animated trot, show your horse both ways of the ring. Cross entry between Formal Park Driving and Fine Harness class are acceptable. Horses shall stand quietly and shall rein back at the direction of the judge.  
(Amended 11-00, effective 01-02)
  2. President's Touch of Class: open to single horse or ANY multiple hitch.
    - a. The essence of this competition is the word "elegance". The winner will be the entry which, in the opinion of the judge, presents the most elegant effect. This will include vehicle, harness, horse, driver, passengers, etc., but above all, general impression. Performance will not be judged unless it detracts from the elegance of the entry. Multiple horses must perform as a single unit.
    - b. To be shown in Light Harness which consists of a bridle with reins attached to the bit only and passed through the saddle terrets and martingale if used. Also required, are blinders, a throatlash and a noseband or cavesson. The bridle must have an overcheck or sidecheck attached from the bit to the saddle. A martingale and/or separate check bit are optional.
    - c. Horses are to enter the ring at a trot and are to be judged at a walk and trot both ways of the ring. Horses shall stand quietly.  
(Amended 11-00, effective 01-02)  
(Amended 02-09, effective 01-10)
- B. Antique Vehicle Class: open to single horse or any multiple hitch whose vehicle has wooden wheels. (May be restored vehicle or reproduction.) Turnouts will be judged 60% on appropriateness of vehicle, harness, horses(s) and dress, and 40% on performance. Multiples must perform as a unit. Gaits: Walk, Pleasure Trot, and Working Trot both ways of the ring. Horses shall stand quietly and shall rein back at the direction of the judge.  
(Amended 11-10-00, effective 01-02)

**CL-060 OBSTACLE CLASSES HALTER/DRIVING**

- A. The obstacle course must be posted at the Show Office not less than (2) two hours prior to the class. Horses must be not less than (2) two years of age for Halter Obstacle and no less than (3) three years of age for Obstacle Driving. The course designer may not exhibit in obstacle classes.
- B. Class to be judged on performance and way of going with

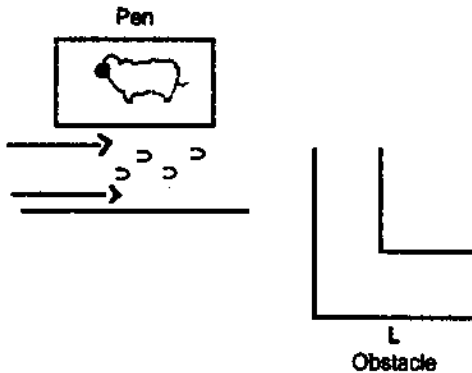
emphasis on manners throughout course. Entries will be evaluated on responsiveness and willingness, plus general attitude.

- C. Maximum time 60 seconds per obstacle; judges are encouraged to advance on to the next obstacle any horse taking excessive time at an obstacle. Horse is to be penalized for any unnecessary delay or excessive time at object. Refusals do not constitute class disqualifications.  
(Amended 11-02, effective 01-03)
- D. Canter must be penalized in Obstacle Driving.
- E. Obstacle requirements:
  - 1. Must be a minimum of five (5) obstacles and a maximum of eight (8).
  - 2. Care must be used to avoid setting any obstacle in a way so as to be hazardous to the horse or exhibitor.
  - 3. Tires and stair steps are prohibited.
  - 4. Jumps, if used, must be a maximum of twelve (12) inches high and a minimum length of five (5) feet. Jumps must include ground poles.
  - 5. Course to be set to the widest cart.
  - 6. Spacing and height for walk/trot over poles shall be:
    - a. Walkovers must be a minimum of twelve (12) inches up to a maximum of sixteen (16) inches apart.
    - b. Trot overs must be a minimum of sixteen (16) inches up to a maximum of twenty-four (24) inches apart.
    - c. Walk/trot over poles must be no more than six (6) inches from the ground to the top of the pole  
(Amended 11-18, effective 01-19)
- F. In shows where open, amateur and youth obstacle classes are offered, at least three (3) of the obstacles must be different or the manner of performance through obstacles must be varied for the classes.
- G. Baiting to encourage an animal to perform one of the obstacles is not allowed. Any baiting in such class is a disqualification.
- H. Obstacle Guidelines:

The course designer should be readily available to answer questions regarding the course and be available for a walk through the course with exhibitors as well as the judge(s). Judge shall walk Halter/Driving course with designer and exhibitors. Ingenuity and originality in adapting and combining various obstacles both to demonstrate a horse's willingness and ability to please exhibitors and audience are encouraged. However, unnatural or "horror" obstacles should be avoided and all obstacles should be safe for exhibitors as well as horses. Judge has the right to alter the course for time and/or safety.

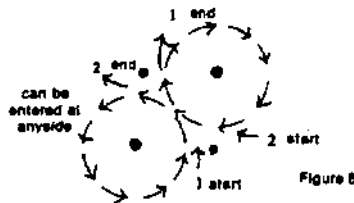
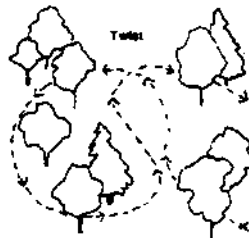
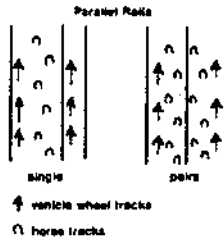
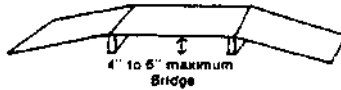
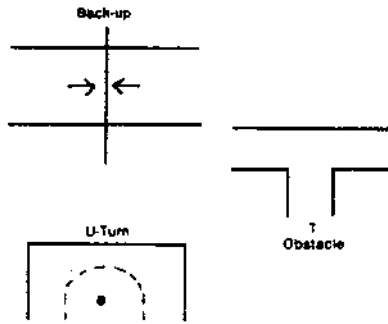
- I. Suggested Obstacles:
1. Back through or out of obstacle
  2. Drive/Walk through water or simulated water
  3. Put on and remove equipment (raincoat, saddle, etc.) from person or horse.
  4. Drive/Walk through narrow passage
  5. Pick up an object (letter, umbrella, bucket, flag, etc.) and place it at a designated location.
  6. Drive/Walk across bridge or simulated bridge
  7. Drive/Walk pattern created with poles, pylons, (figure 8, serpentine, cloverleaf, etc.)
  8. Stand horse in circle, ground tie, walk around horse (Halter course only)
  9. Put wheel in circle, turn complete circle with horse not stepping in circle (Driving course only)
  10. Side-pass (either or both directions) halter course only

## EXAMPLES OF OBSTACLES



- J. Off course is defined as:
1. Taking an obstacle in the wrong direction
  2. Negotiating an obstacle from the wrong side
  3. Skipping an obstacle unless directed by judge
  4. Negotiating obstacles in the wrong sequence
  5. Side pass the wrong end of horse in the obstacle
  6. Off pattern  
 Off course will result in elimination.  
 (No points, ribbons, or awards will be presented).  
 (Amended 02-07, effective 01-08)
- K. Obstacle horses shall be shown in a suitable two-wheeled or four-wheeled pleasure cart with basket or safe suitable floor. Multi-hitch allowed to perform after all single entries to allow parallel rails to be adjusted for multiple hitch (see diagram). Use of mechanical brakes will result in disqualification.





## CL-065 HUNTERS AND JUMPERS

- A. All courses for Hunter and Jumping classes must be posted at least two (2) hours prior to the scheduled time of the class. Judge(s) shall walk Hunter/Jumper course with designer and exhibitors. Course diagrams must show with arrows the direction each obstacle must be taken. A start and finish line must be established at least twenty-four (24) feet from the first and last obstacle if possible, indicated by two (2) markers at least four (4) feet apart. Horses (exhibitors optional) must cross the line in the proper direction to start and complete the course. Horses must stay within the course boundaries as outlined by the start and finish cone. The start and/or finish cones outline the portion of the course in the immediate areas of the starting (first) and finishing (last) obstacles only, not the entire course. Baiting of horses to encourage an animal to perform any of the jumps is not allowed. Baiting in such class is a disqualification.  
(Amended 02-02, effective 01-03)
- B. This section is divided into two (2) divisions: Jumpers and Hunters; horses are required to be a minimum of three (3) years of age to compete.
- C. Jumps for Hunters and Jumpers will be made of 1-1 1/2" schedule 40 PVC piping or other suitable lightweight material with jump cups, not to include pegs, nails, bolts, etc. All jumps must be a minimum of five (5) feet wide, with a minimum of eighteen (18) feet between jumps, with the exception of an in and out. In and outs should be set approximately twelve (12) feet apart. Jumps thirty-two inches (32) or more in height must have a second rail added. All post and rail jumps must have a ground pole. Uprights are to be a maximum of forty-eight (48) inches in height. No jumps, including jump-offs to exceed 44". Any decorations or jump wings must not protrude more than twenty-four (24) inches from the uprights.  
(Amended 11-02, effective 01-03)  
(Amended 02-06, effective 01-07)

### 1. Jumpers

- a. Jumpers are scored mathematically, based on faults incurred between the starting line and the finishing line. Minimum height for jumps must be eighteen (18) inches and maximum height thirty-two (32) inches for first jumping round. Exhibitors may go over jumps with horse. Whips are not permitted in show ring. Exhibitors type of footwear is optional. Front leg wraps and/or splint boots are optional. Circling once upon entering the ring and once upon leaving the ring is permissible but not after crossing starting line.  
(Amended 02-09, effective 01-10)  
(Amended 02-12, effective 01-13)
- b. Courses should be attractive, varied, and appropriate to their setting. Jumps could include brush, triple bar,

water, and similar jumps. Brush jump must have a visible bar on top or beyond. There will be a minimum of four (4) obstacles, with horses to jump a minimum of six (6) jumps and a maximum of eight (8) jumps.

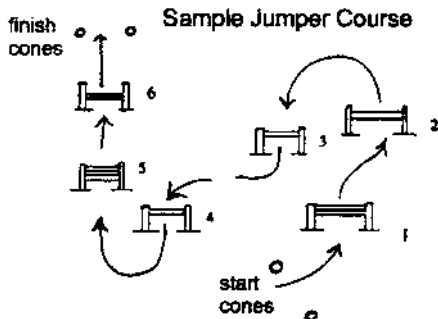
- c. Jump-Offs: jump-offs are to occur for first place between the horses that tied for first place only. The jump-offs will be held over the original course. The number and location of the jumps are to remain the same as well as the path of the course to be taken by the horse (pattern). No jumps are to be eliminated or lowered. Individual jumps will be increased not less than one inch and not more than six (6) inches in height for each jump-off. After the maximum height has been reached with all jumps in a jump-off, any required final tie breaking will be accomplished by continuing to rerun the last course set-up until ties are broken and the class is placed. The horse with the fewest faults will be declared the winner. If the situation arises where none of the horses involved in the jumpoff can complete the course without disqualification, first place will be awarded to the horse that got the furthest through the course before being disqualified. Should this still result in a tie, show management will have the option to lower and/or reduce the number of fences in the course. If this fails to break the tie, the winner will be determined by a coin flip. At Championship and World Championship Shows a jump-off will be held to determine the Reserve Championship/ World Champions in all jumper classes as well as the Champions.

(Amended 11-00, effective 01-02)

(Amended 02-14, effective 01-16)

- d. A competitor who does not take part in the jump-off must always be placed behind a competitor who has been eliminated in that jump-off. Tied horses under one ownership may designate the order of placement. All ties will absorb the placing behind in order. Example: A three way tie for third will absorb 3rd, 4th, and 5th, the next placing will be 6th. Points or prizes will be equal for all three—ribbons if available, will be the same, or if not available, they may draw for them.

(Amended 02-07, effective 01-08)



e. Scoring: in scoring jumpers, an in and out is to be considered as two (2) jumps. Jumpers are to be scored in a mathematical basis and penalty faults include knockdowns, refusals, and eliminations as follows:

1. Knockdowns: 4 faults

Knockdowns - an obstacle is considered knocked down when in jumping an obstacle, a horse or handler, by contact, lowers the established height of the fence in any way.

2. Refusals: Each refusal is three (3) faults.

A refusal is defined as stopping at an obstacle whether or not it is knocked down. It is penalized as a refusal. Stopping at an obstacle without knocking it down and without backing (even a single step), followed by jumping from a standstill is not penalized. However, if the halt continues or if the horse backs even a single step, side steps, or circles to retake the fence, a refusal is incurred. A run-out or refusal the horse must rejump that obstacle at which the refusal occurred or be eliminated. (Amended 02-07, effective 01-08)

3. Circling after crossing starting line: 3 faults. Circling: any form of circle or circles whereby the horse crosses its original track between two (2) consecutive obstacles or stops advancing toward or turns away from the next fence except to retake an obstacle after a disobedience.

4. Crossing your own path (as in circling between fences, not as in retaking a fence from a refusal): 3 faults. A horse that has been penalized for circling cannot then be penalized again for crossing its own path at the same obstacle.

5. Causes for elimination:

1. 3 refusals

2. Off course

3. Fall of horse and/or exhibitor

4. Failure to pass through the start and/or finish cones and/or knocking such cones over.

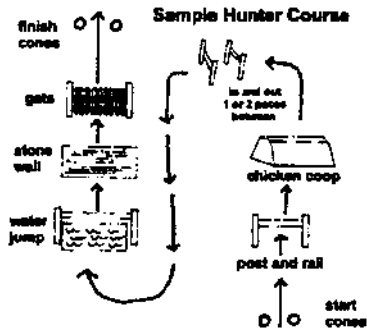
5. Loss of control: dropping lead, horse running away, or horse exiting on its own.

(Amended 02-07, effective 01-08)

2. Hunters

a. Hunters are to be judged on a style, manners, and way of going with preference given to those horses who cover the course at an even pace, with free flowing strides, as in a brisk trot or canter, but must maintain same gait throughout course. Circling once upon entering the ring and once upon leaving the ring is permissible. Hunters must demonstrate at least one, but no more than four (4) changes of direction. Sample courses are to be provided to show management. Charging fences

or not maintaining the same gait throughout the entire course shall be penalized. Upon completion of the entire class over jumps, horses will be trotted past the judge(s) for soundness check after each horse's individual go. Horses shall not be required to rejump the course. Exhibitor's footwear is optional.  
(Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)



- b. Jumps must be a minimum height of eighteen (18) inches and maximum of twenty-four (24) inches. Ground poles are required. There will be a minimum of four (4) obstacles, and horses are to make a minimum of six (6) jumps and a maximum of eight (8) jumps. (Exception: Golden Hunter shall have four (4) jumps and one left turn). Jumps must simulate those found in the hunting field, such as brush, stone wall, gate, white fence, chicken coop, over, and in and out. In and out is considered one obstacle and scored as such.  
(Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)

Refusal of one element of an in and out requires the retaking of both elements. In and out must never be placed at the beginning of the course. Courses should be tried out so as not to make turns too sharp for an exhibitor or horse. Major faults to be considered are: knockdowns, touches, refusals, bucking or kicking, spooking or shying, showing obstacle to horse, or wringing tail.  
(Amended 11-00, effective 01-02)

- c. Causes for elimination:
1. 3 Refusals
  2. Off course
  3. Crossing your own path
  4. Fall of horse or exhibitor
  5. Jumping of obstacle by exhibitor
  6. Carrying of whip
  7. An unsound horse

8. Jumping of obstacle before being reset
9. Failure to pass through the start and/or finish cones and/or knocking such cones over  
(Amended 11-00, effective 01-02)

### **CL-070 LIBERTY CLASS**

The Liberty class is a demonstration of the natural beauty of the Miniature Horse. Horses are to be judged on style, grace, animation, gaits, presence, music suitability and ease of catching. Movement, action, carriage, charisma, boldness, enthusiasm and exuberance, will be the basis for judging the class.  
(Amended 02-12, effective 01-13)

- A. The Liberty class may only be offered at shows where facilities include a closed arena and where the conditions would not be hazardous to horse or exhibitor.
- B. Horses will be judged beginning when halter is removed by the exhibitor (the individual wearing the number) and until caught by the exhibitor. Time of Liberty shall be 1 1/2 minutes; time to catch shall be 1 1/2 minutes.
- C. Only the exhibitor and one handler will be allowed in the arena with horse. Whips and shaker bottles are allowed, but touching the horse during performance with aids or hands will result in disqualification.
- D. Horse must be caught and haltered by exhibitor within 1 1/2 minutes or be disqualified.
- E. Music is required. Suitability of horse's movement to the chosen music must be evaluated.
- F. No assistance from outside of the arena will be permitted. Elimination will result unless the judge feels that the outside action was taken in an attempt to cause the exhibitor's horse to be disqualified. Announcement is to be made prior to the class to specify that no outside assistance is allowed.
- G. All horses entered in the Liberty class must be at least one year old.
- H. Exhibitor and handler must be properly attired.
- I. Horses should work both directions of the arena, use the entire arena and demonstrate an ANIMATED gallop and elevated trot. The duration (time frame) of either gait is not critical as long as both gaits are well demonstrated. Horses which perform without encouragement, other than a signal to change direction, are highly preferred.  
(Amended 02-12, effective 01-13)
- J. The standard AMHA scoring sheet should be used for judging Liberty classes. The following point ratings must be used when judging Liberty: Style and Grace-30 points,

- Animation and Presence-30 points, Gaits-20 points, Music and Suitability-10 points, and Catch-10 points. A total of 100 possible points.
- K. Baiting of horses to encourage an animal to perform is not allowed. Baiting in such class is a disqualification.

### **CL-075 OTHER PERFORMANCE CLASSES**

- A. Costume classes are to be judged 75 percent on originality of costume and 25 percent on presentation. To be shown at a walk both ways of the arena.

Classes may be offered as follows:

1. Youth Costume  
(Youth only, 18 years & younger)  
(1 to 3 exhibitors and 1 to 3 horses)
  2. Adult Costume  
(19 years & older)  
(1 to 3 exhibitors and 1 to 3 horses)
  3. Group Costume  
(any age exhibitor with two (2) or more exhibitors)  
(Amended 12-01, effective 01-02)  
(Amended 12-03, effective 01-04)
- B. Other performance classes may be offered as interest warrants. Some of the other approved AMHA performance classes are:
- \* 1. Adult Showmanship (exhibitor 19 years old or older)
  - \* 2. Golden Showmanship (male or female exhibitor 60 years old or older) (For classes 1 & 2 see CL-080 for Showmanship Rules)  
(Amended 11-18, effective 01-19)
  - \* 3. Roadster Race
  - 4. Jump-off (one jump, raised until only one horse clears)
  - 5. Children's Leadline  
Criteria: horses to be exhibited under saddle by a youth seven (7) years and under, while being led by an adult or another youth 13 and over. Exhibitor to use either Western or English attire and tack, but it must match and be appropriate. Judges must give consideration to how appropriately the size of the exhibitor fits the size of their mount. Judges should evaluate the rider's ability to exhibit the horse and the rider's position and posture in the saddle. Horses are to be judged both ways of the arena at a walk in a circle around the judge (and then be lined-up in the center of the arena for inspection.) Horses should stand quietly and back readily on command.
  - 6. Gambler's Choice Obstacles  
(established time limit, order determined by exhibitor)
  - 7. Roadster Barrels
    - a. Open to horses three (3) years of age or older, hitched to a two (2) wheeled cart without basket. Refer to CL-040 A. Judged on speed, completion of pattern and maintenance of gait. Timed event.
    - b. Follows regular cloverleaf barrel pattern
    - c. Gait required: trot
    - d. Disqualifications:

1. Off pattern
2. Crossing start/finish line except at beginning and end of pattern
3. Major gait break: not corrected immediately
- e. Time penalties
  1. Break in gait: add five (5) seconds for each minor break in gait from a trot to either a gallop or walk
  2. Knocking over a barrel: add a ten (10) second penalty
8. Stake Race
  - a. Open to horses three (3) years of age and older, hitched to a two (2) wheeled cart. Judged on speed, completion of pattern and maintenance of gait. Timed event.
  - b. Gait required: trot
  - c. Disqualifications:
    1. Off pattern
    2. Crossing start/finish line except at the beginning and end of the pattern
    3. Major gait break: not corrected immediately
  - d. Time penalties
    1. Break in gait: add 5 seconds for each minor break in gait to walk or gallop, must be corrected immediately.
    2. Knocking over a cone or driving over a cone: 5 second penalty
  - e. One run per horse unless otherwise specified in the prize list.
  - f. Pattern (Note the number of cones can be varied depending on the size of the arena;- use 5 or 7. Use large rubber traffic cones for safety.)

### **CL-080 Showmanship**

1. Listed below are points on which Showmanship classes are to be judged. Only the handler is judged. The horse is merely a prop to show the showmanship ability of the youth but will be considered for appearance as per number 3 below.
2. Appearance of exhibitor: 10 points. Clothes and person neat and clean. Suitable clothes - hat, boots and long sleeved shirts/blouses or jacket are required.
3. Appearance of horse: 40 points – conformation not to be a factor:
  - a. Conditioning: 15 points
  - b. Grooming: 15 points
    - (1) Hair coat clean, well brushed
    - (2) Mane and tail free of tangles and clean
    - (3) Hooves trimmed properly and clean
  - c. Trimming: 5 points  
If showing Miniature in full coat, inside of ears, long hair on jaw, legs and pasterns should be clipped.
  - d. Tack: 5 points  
Tack should be neat, clean and in good repair.
4. Showing Horse in Ring: 50 points. The judge may use one of the following patterns in judging this class. Judge will discuss the selected pattern with contestants prior to



class. The selected pattern must be posted two (2) hours before the start of the class. Pattern One must be the only pattern for Youth 7 and Under and COOL Showmanship classes.

(Amended 02-09, effective 01-10)

a. Leading: 15 points

1. Enter ring leading animal at an alert walk in a counter clockwise direction. Walk on animal's left side, holding lead shank in right hand near halter. The remaining portion of the lead is held neatly and safely in left hand. Animal should lead readily at a walk.
2. After judge has lined up the class in front of spectators, he will call on each exhibitor to move his horse individually. When moving the horse, be sure that the judge gets a clear, unobstructed view of the horse's action. Allow the horse sufficient lead so that he can move freely and in a straight line. Lead the horse from his left side the required distance, stop and turn to the right around the horse. Exhibitor should perform the showmanship pattern as directed by the judge or ring steward.

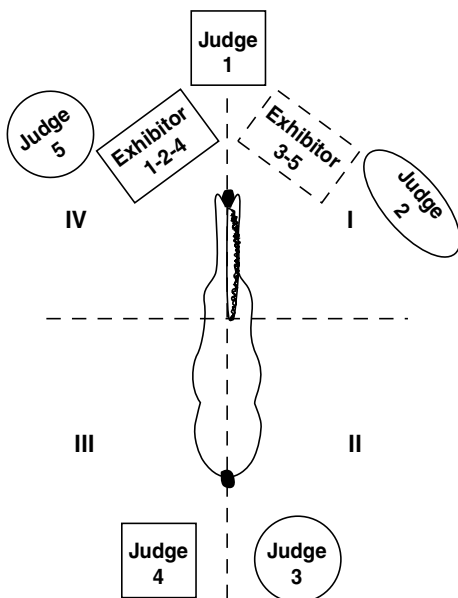
b. Posing: 15 points

1. When posing your horse, stand toward the front facing the horse but always in a position where you can keep your eye on the judge. The following Quarter System will be used whereby imaginary lines bisect the horse into four equal parts as seen in the illustration (Note: the quadrants are numbered I, II, III, and IV for ease of identification). One line runs across the horse just behind the withers. The other imaginary line runs from head to tail. The exhibitor should lead the horse straight to the judge so the judge can evaluate the horse's front leg movement. Once the horse is safely located in front of the judge, the horse should be squarely set up for inspection and the exhibitor then locates in the proper position in quadrant IV. As the judge moves to quadrant I the exhibitor should stay in quadrant IV. When the judge moves on to quadrant II the exhibitor then moves to the proper position in quadrant I. When the judge moves to quadrant III the exhibitor moves back to quadrant IV. As the judge moves to quadrant IV, the exhibitor once more moves to quadrant I. The exhibitor should never stop in the unsafe location directly in front of the horse. When the judge returns to his position in front of the horse, the exhibitor should await instructions from the judge. When released by the judge the horse should be pivoted directly in front of the judge and moved away in a straight line so the judge can observe the horse's rear leg movement.

This system results in the exhibitor always being in a safe position, the exhibitor always being able to see the judge and the horse's position, the exhibitor always being in a position to keep the horse's hindquarter

from swinging toward the judge should the horse become fractious and unsafe for the judge, and the judge being in a safe position at all times to evaluate the exhibitor's ability to show the horse as desired.

2. Pose your Miniature with his feet squarely under him. Do most of your showing with the lead strap. Never touch or kick the horse's leg into position.
3. Do not crowd the exhibitor next to you when in a sideby-side position. Do not crowd exhibitor in front when lined up head to tail.
4. When judge is observing other animals, let yours stand if posed reasonably well.
5. Be natural. Over showing, undue fussing, and maneuvering are objectionable.
- c. Poise, alertness, and merits - 20 points
  1. Keep alert and be aware of the position of the judge at all times. Do not be distracted by persons or things outside the ring.
  2. Show the animal at all times, not yourself.
  3. Respond quickly to requests from judges and officials.
  4. Be courteous and sportsmanlike at all times.
  5. Recognize quickly and correct faults of your horse.
  6. Keep showing until the entire class has been placed and excused from the ring.
  7. A judge may ask an exhibitor questions (optional) exhibitor number, parts of horse, age, etc.
  8. A judge may ask an exhibitor for any additional tests at his/her discretion, (optional), upon completion of one of the nine (9) set patterns.



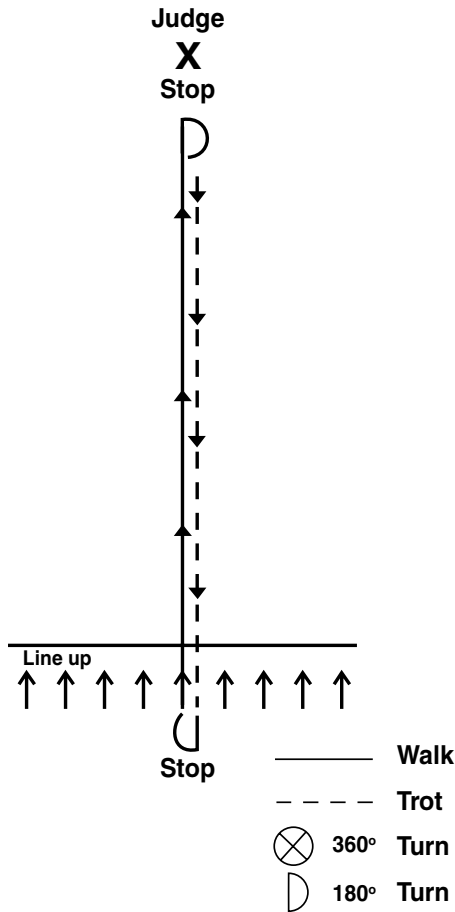
## SHOWMANSHIP PATTERNS

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR PATTERN #1

1. Walk to the judge in a straight line.
2. Stop and set up your horse.
3. Upon acknowledgment from the judge, do a 180 degree turn.
4. All turns are to be to the right.
5. Trot in a straight line-past the line up, stop.
6. Do a 180 degree turn.
7. Walk horse forward to the exact spot in the line up (where you were when you started pattern) and set up your horse.

This pattern must be used for Showmanship 7 and under and all COOL Showmanship Classes.

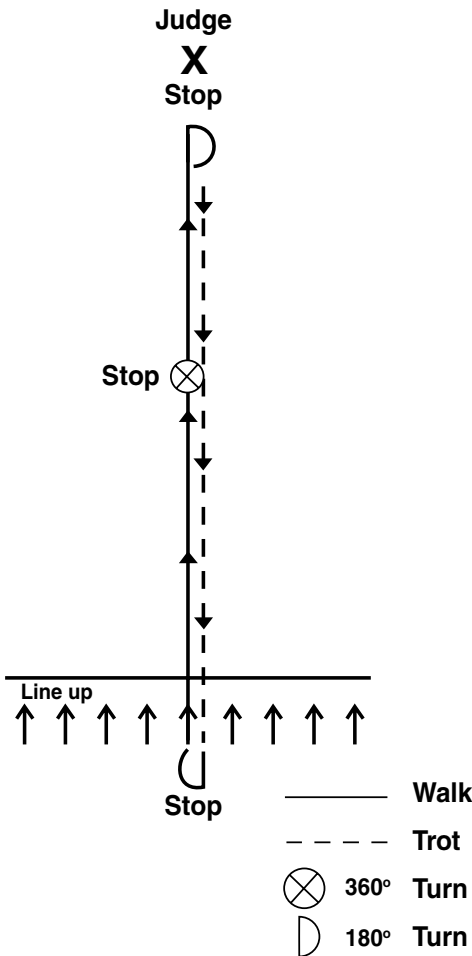
### Pattern No. 1



## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PATTERN #2

1. Walk toward the judge in a straight line.
2. Stop 1/2 way between the line up and the judge and do a 360 degree turn-stop.
3. All turns are to be to the right.
4. Continue at a walk toward the judge in a straight line.
5. Stop and set up your horse.
6. Upon acknowledgment from the judge, do a 180 degree turn.
7. Trot in a straight line-past the line up-stop.
8. Do a 180 degree turn.
9. Walk horse forward to the exact spot in the line up (where you were when you started the pattern) and set up your horse.

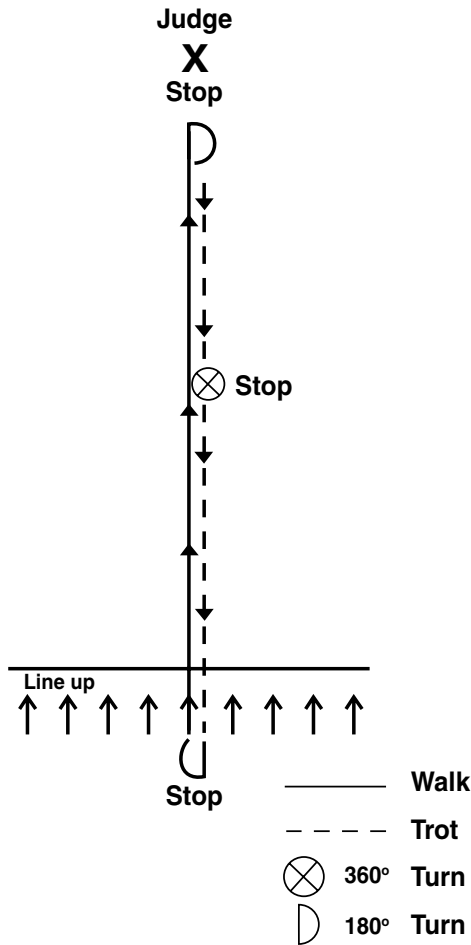
### Pattern No. 2



## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PATTERN #3

1. Walk to the judge in a straight line.
2. Stop and set up your horse.
3. Upon acknowledgment from the judge, do a 180 degree turn.
4. All turns are to be to the right.
5. Trot toward the line in a straight line.
6. Stop 1/2 way between the judge and the line up and do a 360 degree turn, stop.
7. Continue at a trot in a straight line past the line up, stop.
8. Do a 180 degree turn.
9. Walk horse forward to the exact spot in the line up (where you were when you started the pattern) and set up your horse.

### Pattern No. 3

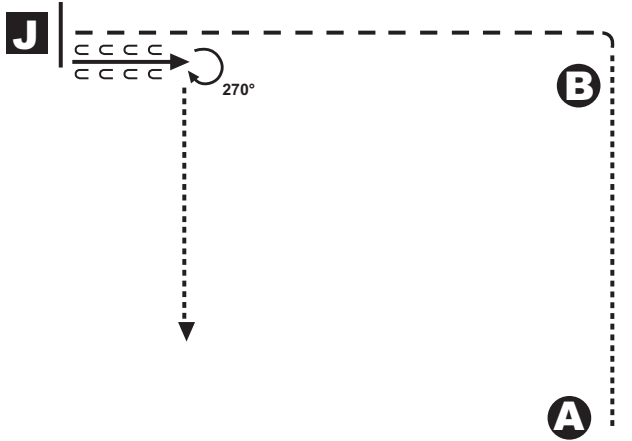


## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PATTERN #4

Be ready at A.

1. Walk to B.
2. Trot around B and to judge.
3. Stop and set up for inspection.
4. When dismissed, back one horse length.
5. Turn 270 degrees and walk straight off.

Follow the instructions of your ring steward.



### KEY

- ..... WALK
- - - - - TROT
- ← ○○○○ BACK
- J** JUDGE
- B** MARKER

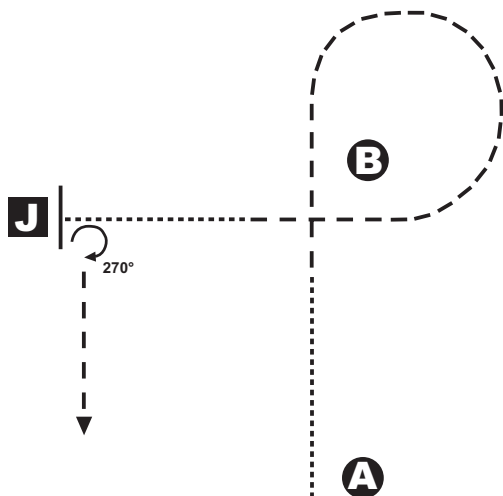
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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PATTERN #5

Be ready at A.

1. Walk halfway to B.
2. Trot to and around B as shown.
3. When just past B, walk to judge and set up for inspection.
4. When dismissed, perform a 270 degree turn and trot away.

Follow the instructions of your ring steward.



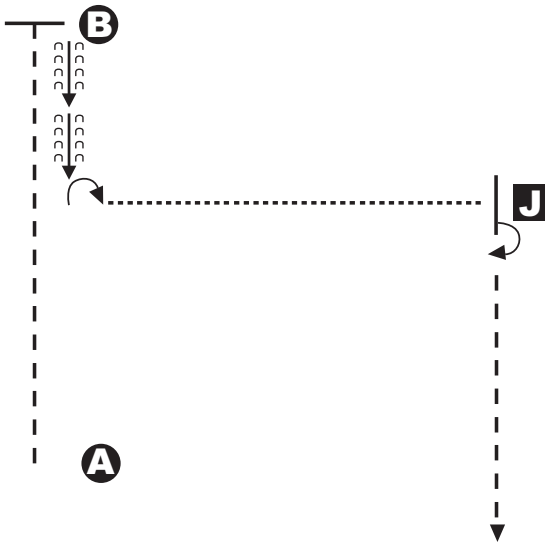
### KEY

- ..... WALK
- - - - - TROT
- ← BACK
- J** JUDGE
- B** MARKER

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PATTERN #6

Be ready at A.

1. Trot to B and stop.
2. Back until even with judge.
3. Perform a 90 degree turn. Walk to judge.
4. Stop and set up for inspection.
5. When dismissed, perform a 90 degree turn.
6. Trot to the line up or follow the directions of the ring steward.



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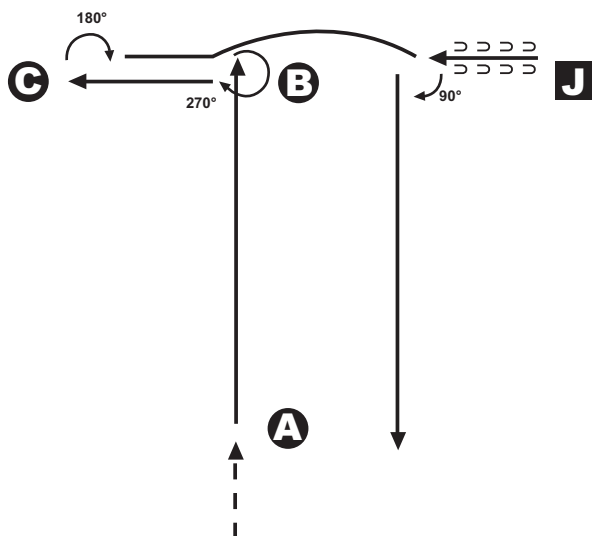
- ..... WALK
- - - - - TROT
- ← BACK
- J JUDGE
- B MARKER



## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PATTERN #7

1. Walk to A.
2. At A, pick up trot and continue to B.
3. Execute a 270 degree turn and trot to C.
4. Execute a 180 degree turn and trot around B to judge.
5. Stop. Set up for inspection.
6. When excused, back.
7. Execute a 90 degree turn, exit at a trot.

Follow the instructions of your ring steward.

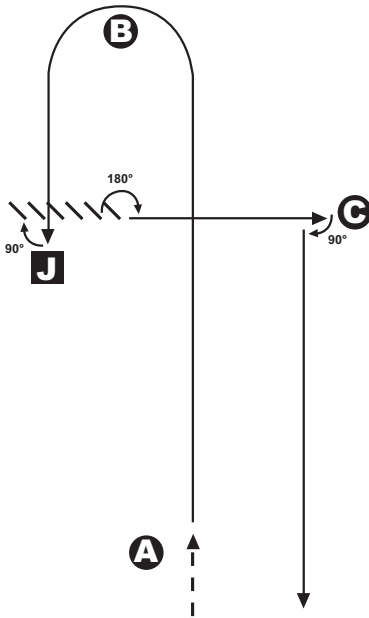


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| —                     | TROT    |
| ←<br>←<br>←<br>←<br>← | BACK    |
| J                     | JUDGE   |
| A                     | MARKERS |

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PATTERN #8

1. Begin before A. Walk to A.
2. At A, trot and proceed around B to Judge.
3. Stop. Set up for inspection.
4. When excused, execute a 90 degree turn. Back.
5. Execute a 180 degree turn. Trot to C.
6. Execute a 90 degree turn.
7. Exit at a trot.

Follow the instructions of your ring steward.



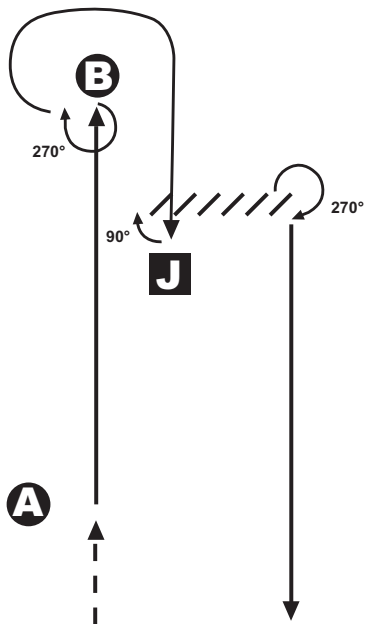
### KEY

- WALK
- TROT
- //// BACK
- J** JUDGE
- A** MARKERS

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PATTERN #9

1. Begin before A. Walk to A.
2. At A, begin trot and continue to B.
3. At B, stop. Execute a 270 degree turn.
4. Trot around B to Judge. Stop. Set up for inspection.
5. When excused execute a 90 degree turn. Back.
6. Execute a 270 degree turn and trot away.
7. Exit at a trot.

Follow the instructions of your ring steward.



| KEY  |         |
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| ---  | WALK    |
| —    | TROT    |
| //// | BACK    |
| J    | JUDGE   |
| A    | MARKERS |

## YD-000 YOUTH DIVISION

### YD-010 REQUIREMENTS

All show rules apply to the Youth Division except where specifically modified in the passages below regarding the Youth Division. All youth must have a current AMHyA membership card. The AMHyA, a division of AMHA, will keep a Youth Directory of the youth applying to the Association. Application forms will be available from the AMHA office. The youth will receive a special packet including an AMHA Rule Book, AMHyA identification card, biography form and other materials which promote youth participation in AMHyA.

(Amended 02-04, effective 01-05)

(Amended 06-04, effective 01-05)

#### A. Age requirements

In no case shall any contestant be more than 18 years old on January 1 of that show year. A child's age shall be determined by the age on January 1st and will show at that age for that calendar year.

(Amended 02-06, effective 01-07)

#### B. Splitting or combining of age groups

The following age groupings are those recognized by the AMHA for youth classes:

1. 18 years and under
2. 12 years and under, and 13 to 18 years
3. 7 years and under, 8 to 12 years, and 13 to 18 years
4. Youth 7 & Under Pleasure Driving shall be offered as one class. One style of driving is to be demonstrated: Single Pleasure, Country Pleasure or Classic Pleasure. Horse will be judged according to the style in which it is being driven. This class is not a qualifier for Grand Championship classes at any AMHA approved show.  
(Amended 01-13, effective 01-14)
5. For the youth halter classes, Youth Exhibiting Mares and Youth Exhibiting Geldings, the age groupings in 2 or 3 above must be offered.
6. For Youth Showmanship, the age groupings in 3 above must be offered. In Youth Showmanship 7 years and under only pattern No. 1 is to be used.
7. Youth COOL Classes are open to COOL youth 18 years and under showing mares or geldings. All accepted youth rules to apply. Standard age divisions will not apply. In Youth COOL Showmanship 18 and under, only pattern No. 1 is to be used.
8. The above listed splits for youth classes by age may or may not be available for each individual class. Check PA-030-D for listings of the only recognized youth class splits. Cross reference in YD-010-B and PA- 030-D.  
(Amended 11-00, effective 01-02)  
(Amended 02-08, effective 01-09)

#### C. Ownership requirements

Any horse exhibited does not have to be owned by the

contestant to acquire AMHA World Championship Show Qualification points (see WS-030); however, in order to qualify for AMHyA Titles and Awards and Honor Roll Points, excluding World Championship Show Qualification (see WS-030), the horse must be owned or leased (see lease rules) by: the youth, either individually or jointly, the family (mother, father, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, legal guardian, grandparent, step-parents, step-siblings, and step-grandparents) or family-owned corporation, ranch or farm, except for leadline class. If the surname of the youth is not the same as the owner of record of the horse shown, the AMHA office must be notified of family affiliation. Points will be awarded after notification date of family affiliation; shows prior to date of notification will not be changed.

1. Such ownership must be evidenced by the records of AMHA and the Certificate of Registration of such horse must show such person as the owner by proper endorsement of the Association at the time the horse is entered in any youth class; or the record of lease must be on file at the AMHA office before points can be earned.
2. Youth exhibitors will be required to submit a copy of their current Youth cards with horse show entries. The youth's membership number must be entered on all show entries in order for the AMHA office to verify the points needed for World Championship qualification. AMHyA membership may be applied for at an AMHA Approved Show.

(Amended 02-04, effective 01-05)

D. YOTE Division, Youth Owned Trained and Exhibited (YOTE)

- a. The horse exhibited by the YOTE must be trained, conditioned, groomed and shown by the YOTE or a nonprofessional family member (spouse, mother, father, brother, sister, niece, nephew, son, daughter, grandparent, legal ward, in-laws, step-children, step-parents, stepsiblings) in all divisions entered. Further, no one with a professional trainer in the household or on premises may compete in the YOTE division.
  1. Anyone may hold a YOTE horse. This is permissible and encouraged as it assures the owner/exhibitor that the horse is being supervised.
  2. YOTE horses may be transported to and from shows by anyone, including trainers. This includes loading, unloading, feeding and watering during transport.
  3. Anyone can pet a YOTE horse, or assist a YOTE horse in an emergency. Showing affection to horses is permitted and encouraged. The petting of a horse with your bare hand is not considered grooming the horse.
- b. Any horse exhibited in YOTE classes must be owned or leased (see lease rules) by the youth individually or jointly, the youth's family (spouse, mother, father, brother, sister, niece, nephew, son, daughter, grandparent, legal ward, in-laws, stepchildren, stepparents, stepsiblings),

or family-owned corporation, ranch, or farm. **The completed lease, registration application, and/or Transfer of Ownership must be postmarked by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the show year. No incomplete leases, registration applications, or owner transfers will be considered as complete; all required documentation and DNA testing must be included in the paperwork that is postmarked by January 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**(Amended 12-22, effective 01-23)**

- c. Current year foals, whose dams met the ownership or lease requirements on January 1, may be shown by a YOTE exhibitor who would be eligible to show the dam.
- d. A horse will be declared a YOTE horse when it enters its first YOTE class of the calendar year. Prior to being declared, the YOTE horse must abide by the YOTE rules starting on January 1st. The YOTE horse must be shown under the YOTE guidelines for one calendar year starting on January 1st regardless of the class entered (including open division classes).
- e. A declared YOTE horse may be removed from the YOTE program by submitting the YOTE Opt-Out Declaration form to the AMHA Office. The YOTE Opt-Out Form must be on file with the Office prior to the YOTE horse being trained, conditioned, groomed or shown by a professional trainer. The Opt-Out Declaration will not be accepted during the course of any show. Fees-See Fee Schedule.
- f. Should a declared YOTE horse be sold during the calendar year it was designated for, a YOTE Opt-Out Declaration Form must be submitted to the Office prior to, or with the Transfer of Ownership or Lease. Once a horse has been sold, it must wait until the following calendar year to enter YOTE classes.
- g. The YOTE horse and handler may show in their appropriate youth age group class or open division class.
- h. Failure to abide by the YOTE rules once a YOTE horse has begun showing within a given calendar year will result in the following penalties.
  1. Violations at Local/Championship/World Shows.  
The declared YOTE horse will be disqualified from all classes at the show where the violation occurred. The YOTE horse will forfeit its YOTE status for the remainder of the calendar year it was declared for. The youth will be subject to the AMHA Disciplinary Committee. The youth should have a parent or guardian present when contacted by or going before the AMHA Disciplinary Committee.
  2. All alleged violations must be substantiated by official records, show management observation, or other recorded visual evidence. Optional at Local Shows and Mandatory at Championship & World Shows.

- E. Points  
A contestant may exhibit more than one horse; however, the points earned by the youth with each horse will be compiled separately.
1. Points will be compiled on a one horse/one youth basis in Youth events with the exception of showmanship points. Showmanship points will remain with the exhibitor.
  2. Points are to be awarded on the same basis used in Adult division.
  3. For World High Point Awards, points will be compiled on youth exhibitors from January 1 to December 31.
  4. In the event the horse is sold, a new start must be made by the new owner.
- F. No youth 12 years of age and under may show stallions with the exception of weanling and yearling colts.
- G. Youth Showmanship at Halter Rules: Refer to CL-080 Showmanship.  
(Amended 06-04, effective 01-05)
- H. Headers for Youth COOL Halter classes (all ages) are optional (except driving) and may enter the class with the youth—**For safety Headers/Mentors are mandatory for 7 & Under Halter classes and must enter once the judging is completed and the horses are retired to the rail. It is optional for 7 & Under to have a Mentor enter the class with the youth. Mentors will stand at least 4 feet away from the entry at all times and are not to interfere with the presentation of the horse unless a safety issue arises. If a Mentor touches the youth or entry, they are to be penalized but it is up to the judges how severely based on the situation. Verbally Mentoring the youth is permitted in a subdued tone of voice as not to distract other youth. If a 7 & Under Youth has a Mentor, they will also serve as the Header. Headers and Mentors for 7 & Under Halter classes must be 18 years or older. Headers are optional for 8-12 and 13-18 and may only enter the ring once the judging is completed and the horses are retired to the rail.**  
(Amended 02-06, effective 01-07)  
(Amended 12-22, effective 01-23)

Youth or COOL driving classes requiring an accompanying person for safety, (adult for all youth classes,) requires that the accompanying person remain in the cart at all times until the exhibitor leaves the arena. A separate header will be required for all youth drivers with an accompanying adult. The accompanying adult will not assist the driver verbally or physically.

The touching of the driver by hand will constitute assistance. The accompanying adult's hands must remain on the seat, on the cart, or in their own lap. Any assistance will result in automatic disqualification of that entry.

## AM-000 AMATEUR DIVISION

All amateurs who have applied for an Amateur Card and/or enter an AMHA Amateur Class are responsible for knowing the division rules. Any person who violates an established amateur rule shall be subject to disciplinary action which may include loss of amateur status for 12 months or more from the date of infraction, loss of awards/points/winnings for the show in which the infraction occurred and/or for the entire show year. Refer to GR-050, General Rules 134, 150-152, 160-165 and 170-171 for disciplinary action.

(Amended 06-04, effective 01-05)

### **PLEASE NOTE: See AM-010-B for Ownership Requirements**

#### **AM-010 REQUIREMENTS**

All show rules apply to the Amateur Division except where specifically modified in the passages below regarding the Amateur Division.

(Amended 02-04, effective 01-05)

**All past professionals must wait five years to apply for Amateur Card, must be an AMHA member, and declare in writing six months prior to applying for Amateur Card to the AMHA office. An advertisement will be placed in either AMHA e-news and/or AMHA website. Any protest by AMHA members may be made any time during these six months, in writing with a \$100 fee. The protest will be reviewed by Show Rules Committee with the AMHA Board as the Appeal Level.**

(Amended 02-12, effective 01-13)

**(Amended 12-22, effective 01-23)**

#### A. Amateur Eligibility

1. For horse show purposes, a person is considered an amateur when he or she is no longer eligible to compete in youth classes and has not engaged in any activities, except as a youth, during the past five (5) calendar years which are listed below.
  - a. Having accepted remuneration in the last five (5) years for showing any horse at halter or in performance competition, training, schooling either horses or other persons.
  - b. Having accepted remuneration in the last five (5) years for having conducted seminars, clinics, given instruction in showing, training or judging.
  - c. Having accepted remuneration in the last five (5) years for judging or being a horse breed association judge or horse show association judge.
  - d. An individual who has had entry fees paid or has received premium money would still be considered an amateur.
2. Having the occupation of veterinarian or farrier or owning a tack store or boarding stable do not in themselves affect the amateur status of a person who is otherwise qualified.



3. Any person who does not qualify under these rules and shall knowingly and falsely represent himself to be an amateur in order to show in halter or performance classes for amateurs, and any person who violates any of the provisions of this rule shall be subject to disciplinary action.
4. Amateur cards will be required to show in all amateur classes.
  - a. Amateur card numbers are to be submitted on entry forms that have amateur class entries.
  - b. Amateur card numbers will remain with the person (i.e., upon yearly renewal, numbers will remain the same.)
  - c. Amateur exhibitors will be required to submit a copy of their current Amateur cards with horse show entries. If an exhibitor does not have an amateur card at a show, they may apply and pay a fee at that show when making their entries. The entry form will be marked pending making them eligible to exhibit at that show. The fee and application will accompany the show results to the AMHA office.  
(Amended 02-04, effective 01-05)
  - d. AMHA membership is NOT required for an amateur card.
  - e. Amateur card fees will be charged to AMHA members and non-members on an annual basis. These fees will be published in the annual fee schedule.
5. Amateur Division Level 1 and 2
  - a. Level One Amateur
    1. Qualify under existing amateur rules.
    2. May have competed in AMHA amateur classes for no more than two (2) calendar years or accumulated no more than 50 lifetime Honor Roll points (whichever come later). The AMHA office will automatically calculate points and determine years shown in January of every year. Each year in January a computer generated letter will be mailed only to the exhibitors who have exceeded the criteria for level 1 and have been moved to level 2.  
(Amended 11-00, effective 01-02)
    3. Each division to be considered separately.  
(i.e. Halter, Performance)
  - b. Level Two Amateur
    1. Qualify under existing amateur rules.
    2. Exceeded Level one maximums as stated above.
    3. Any professional who is applying or reapplying for their Amateur card and has fulfilled those requirements must enter the Amateur program as a Level 2. A "Professional" is defined as someone who has accepted remuneration for showing any horse at halter or in performance competition, training, schooling either horses or other persons or who has conducted seminars, clinics, given instruction in showing, training or judging for remuneration.  
(Amended 02-06, effective 01-07)
  - c. Any points earned or time acquired by a youth in the 13-18 Youth Division with any horse shown regardless

of ownership of horse shall carry over into the Amateur Division and will affect the determination of his or her Amateur Level 1 or Level 2 status.

(Amended 02-05, effective 01-06)

(Amended 02-06, effective 01-07)

(Amended 06-06, effective 01-07)

(Amended 02-16, effective 01-17)

There will be no cross entering of Level 1 amateurs into Level 2 classes at a given show. If a Level 1 amateur chooses to: voluntarily/prematurely move into an advanced level of amateur, he/she may do so, however, that person relinquishes any future right to show at Level 1.

6. Amateur Owned, Trained, and Exhibited (AOTE)

The AOTE program was established in 1999 with the intent and purpose of providing classes in which an amateur exhibitor could show his/her horses without having to compete with horses that have been trained, groomed and/or conditioned by a professional during the current calendar year.

(Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)

a. AOTE Requirements

The horse exhibited by the AOTE must be trained, conditioned<sup>2</sup>, groomed<sup>1</sup> shown ONLY<sup>3</sup> and measured at a show<sup>4</sup> by the AOTE or a nonprofessional family member in all divisions entered. Non-professional family members are defined as: spouse, mother, father, brother, sister, niece, nephew, son, daughter, grand-child, grandparent, legal ward, in-laws, step-children, stepparents and step-siblings. No one with a professional trainer in the household or on premises may compete in the AOTE division.

b. Ownership

**A completed lease, registration application, and/or Transfer of Ownership must be postmarked by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the show year. No incomplete leases, registration applications, or owner transfers will be considered as complete. All required documentation and DNA testing must be included in the paperwork that is postmarked by January 1<sup>st</sup>.**  
(Amended 12-22, effective 01-23)

## CLARIFICATIONS

<sup>1</sup> “Grooming” includes bathing, clipping, razoring and all other allowable enhancements needed to prepare horse for showing.

<sup>2</sup> “Conditioning” includes, but is not limited to, exercising and neck or body wrapping.

<sup>3</sup> If you co-own your horse with a non-related individual, only one owner (household/family) can show the horse AOTE and the other owner will not be allowed to show the horse that calendar year.

Dental, medical and farrier care do NOT have to be done by the AOTE exhibitor.

Must be harnessed by AOTE handler/owner or non-professional family member

Headers - Only non-professionals can head AOTE horses.  
(Amended 1.1.19)

<sup>4</sup> Must be measured at all shows by the AOTE handler/owner or non-professional family member.

1. Exhibitor exceptions:

Another Amateur may show AOTE horses in Championship classes only when the AOTE exhibitor has more than one horse qualified. Another Amateur may assist in any class requiring multiple handlers.

2. Horse handling exemptions:

An AOTE horse may be held, or petted by anyone. The petting of a horse with your bare hand is not considered grooming the horse. Anyone may assist an AOTE horse in an emergency.

3. Transportation

AOTE horses may be transported to and from shows by anyone, including trainers. This includes loading, unloading, feeding and watering during transport.

(Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)

(Amended 02-13, effective 01-14)

b. Ownership

The owner or lessee of record must be so recorded on the registration certificate (not postmarked) by January 1st of each year in which the AOTE horse is to be shown. If a horse is acquired or recorded on the registration certificate in the AMHA office after January 1, the amateur owner/lessee must wait until the following year to enter the AOTE classes.

(Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)

c. Foals

Current year foals, whose dams met the ownership or lease requirements on January 1 (lease must be dated on or before January 1), may be shown by an AOTE exhibitor who would be eligible to show the dam.

(Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)

d. AOTE Declaration

A horse will be declared an AOTE horse when it enters its first AOTE class of the calendar year. Prior to being declared, the AOTE horse must abide by the AOTE rules starting on January 1st. The AOTE horse must be shown under the AOTE guidelines for one calendar year starting on January 1st regardless of the class entered (including open division classes).

(Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)

e. Opt-Out

A declared AOTE horse may be removed from the AOTE program by submitting the AOTE Opt-Out Declaration form to the AMHA Office. The AOTE Opt-Out Form must be on file with the Office prior to the AOTE horse being trained, conditioned, groomed, or shown by a professional trainer. The

Opt-Out Declaration will not be accepted during the course of any show. Fees - See Fee Schedule.  
(Amended 02-09, effective 01-10)  
(Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)

f. Sale of an AOTE Horse

Should a declared AOTE horse be sold during the calendar year it was designated for, an AOTE Opt-Out Declaration Form must be submitted to the Office prior to, or with the Transfer of Ownership or Lease. Once a horse has been sold, it must wait until the following calendar year to enter AOTE classes.

g. AOTE showing in other divisions

The AOTE horse and handler may show in their appropriate Amateur Level 1 or 2 classes or open division class.

h. Rule Violations

Failure to abide by the AOTE rules once AOTE horse has begun showing within a given calendar year will result in the following penalties:

1. Violations at Local/Championship/World Shows: the declared AOTE horse will be disqualified from all classes at the show where the violation occurred. The AOTE horse will forfeit its AOTE status for the remainder of the calendar year it was declared for. The Amateur will be subject to the AMHA Disciplinary Committee.
2. All alleged violations must be substantiated by official records, show management observation, or other recorded visual evidence.

B. Ownership requirements

Any horse exhibited in amateur classes must be owned or leased by the amateur individually or jointly, the amateur's family (spouse, mother, father, brother, sister, niece, nephew, son, daughter, grandchild, grandparent, legal ward, in-laws, step-children, step-parents, step-siblings), or solely owned corporation, ranch or farm.  
(Amended 12-03, effective 01-04)

1. Such ownership must be evidenced by the records of the Association and the Certificate of registration of such horse must show such person as the owner by proper endorsement of the Association at the time the horse is entered in any Amateur class; or the record of lease must be on file at the AMHA office.

C. Points: A contestant may exhibit more than one horse, however, the points earned by the Amateur with each horse will be compiled separately.

1. Points will be compiled on a one horse/one amateur basis in amateur events, with the exception of showmanship where only the exhibitor is judged. The horse is merely a prop to show the showmanship ability of the amateur exhibitor.

2. Points are to be awarded on the same basis used in the regular division.
  3. For World High Point Awards, points will be compiled on amateurs from January 1 to December 31.
  4. In the event a horse is sold, a new start must be made by the new owner.
  5. Points earned in Amateur Showmanship class shall remain with the exhibitor.
- D. Showmanship rules for amateurs are the same as outlined for youth showmanship. See CL-080 for showmanship rules.
- E. At local shows, optional Amateur Grand Championship Halter classes may be offered for stallions, mares and geldings. Classes eligible to compete in the appropriate sex division will be Amateur Level 1 and 2, and AOTE. See PA-020-C. (Amended 12-01, effective 01-02)

Points will be awarded to Amateur Grand and Reserve Champions on the same basis as outlined in PA-015 and PA-020.

## **CO-000 COOL DIVISION**

### **CO-010 REQUIREMENTS**

Effective Jan 1, 2023 the COOL Division name has been changed to COOL, which stands for Conquering Obstacles and Overcoming Limitations. All show rules apply to the COOL Division except where specifically modified in the passages below regarding the COOL Division. All participants who enter an AMHA COOL class are responsible for knowing the division rules.

- A. **COOL Eligibility**  
 For horse show purposes, persons competing in this division must have a disability in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). A disability is defined by the ADA as: "A physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities; or a record of such impairment; or being regarded as having such an impairment."  
 1. Reasonable accommodations shall be granted on a case by case basis. A reasonable accommodation is any modification or adjustment that makes it possible for an individual with a disability to enjoy equal opportunities.
- B. **Age Requirements:**  
 The COOL division will have two sub divisions of classes: Youth classes and Adult classes  
 1. Youth COOL classes are open to contestants 18 years of age and under (refer to section YD-010-A).  
 2. Adult COOL classes are open to contestants 19 years of age and over (refer to section CL-025-B-3).
- C. **Ownership**

Any horse exhibited does not have to be owned by the exhibitor to acquire AMHyA and AMHA World Championship Show Qualification points (see WS-030); however, in order to qualify for AMHyA and AMHA Titles and Awards and Honor Roll Points, excluding World Championship Show Qualification (see WS-030), the horse must be owned or leased (see lease rules) by: the exhibitor, either individually or jointly, the family (spouse, mother, father, brother, sister, niece, nephew, son, daughter, grandchild, grandparent, legal ward, in-laws, step-children, step-parents, step-siblings), or family owned corporation, ranch or farm. Refer to YD-010-C for other ownership guidelines that will apply to Youth COOL Classes. All Adult COOL classes will be conducted under the regular division rules (refer to GR-010 for other requirements).

D. Points

A contestant may exhibit more than one horse; however, the points earned by the contestant with each horse will be compiled separately.

1. Points will be compiled on a one horse/one contestant basis in Youth and Adult COOL events with the exception of Showmanship points. Showmanship points will remain with the exhibitor.
2. Points are to be awarded on the same basis used in regular division classes.
3. In the event a horse is sold, a new start must be made by the new owner.
4. Adult COOL classes will require a minimum of six (6) points to qualify for the AMHA Honor Roll. All other ownership rules outlined in this section and Honor Roll rules outlined in PA-025-A will apply.

Refer to YD-010-D for other requirements regarding points in Youth classes. Refer to PA-010 for point requirements in regular division classes.

- E. Only mares or geldings are to be shown in Youth COOL classes.
- F. Only pattern Number 1 is to be used in COOL Showmanship classes. See CL-080 for other Showmanship rules.
- G. Headers for Youth COOL classes (all ages) are optional (except driving) and may enter the ring during the class with the youth. Headers for Adult COOL classes are optional (except driving) and may enter the ring during the class with the Adult. (Amended 02-08, effective 01-09) Youth or COOL driving classes requiring an accompanying person for safety, (Adult for all Youth classes), requires that the accompanying person remain in the cart at all times until the exhibitor leaves the arena. A separate header will be required for all youth drivers with an accompanying adult. The accompanying adult will not assist the driver verbally or physically. The touching of the driver by hand will constitute

assistance. The accompanying adult's hands must remain on the seat, on the cart, or in their own lap. Any assistance will result in automatic disqualification of that entry.

- H. COOL exhibitors shall be excused from wearing the required attire, except in Showmanship classes.  
(Amended 02-09, effective 01-10)
- I. In COOL classes, exhibitors shall be lined up with at least two (2) horse lengths between each exhibitor.  
(Amended 02-09, effective 01-10)
- J. All exhibitors must follow the driving class general rules in CL-030 with the exception that headers in the line-up are required. An adult or senior youth (13-18) shall be permitted to accompany the driver. An optional header may be allowed in the arena throughout the whole class. The header must stand quietly where the ring steward indicates and shall not gesture or signal to any of the drivers. The exhibitor is responsible for controlling the horse.  
One style of driving is to be demonstrated: Single Pleasure, Country Pleasure, or Classic Pleasure.

The judging shall be based 60 percent on the exhibitor's performance, 30 percent on how the horse is performing according to the style in which it is being driven, and 10 percent on the appropriateness of vehicle and attire for the style of driving.

(Amended 06-09, effective 01-10)

### PA-000 POINTS, AWARDS AND TITLES

#### PA-015 POINTS

- A. Points shall be awarded on the following basis to qualifying horses entered and exhibited in all AMHA local, Regional Championship and World Shows.

| No. of horses | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th | 6th |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1-2           | 1/2 |     |     |     |     |     |
| 3-5           | 1   | 1/2 |     |     |     |     |
| 6-8           | 2   | 1   | 1/2 |     |     |     |
| 9-11          | 3   | 2   | 1   | 1/2 |     |     |
| 12-14         | 4   | 3   | 2   | 1   | 1/2 |     |
| 15-17         | 5   | 4   | 3   | 2   | 1   | 1/2 |
| 18 & over     | 6   | 5   | 4   | 3   | 2   | 1   |

(Amended 02-14, effective 01-16)

- B. In any class points shall be awarded on the basis of the total number of eligible horses/exhibitors ACTUALLY JUDGED in competition for that class.  
(Amended 11-00, effective 01-02)
- C. If any entry is disqualified for any reason after that class has been held, any points earned will be forfeited and points will be awarded to remaining horses/exhibitors according to the actual number of horses exhibited in the class.  
(Amended 11-00, effective 01-02)  
(Amended 02-07, effective 01-08)
- D. The horse awarded Supreme Halter Horse will receive two (2) additional points regardless of number of horses competing in that division.

- E. Three sets of points will be awarded for the Regional Championships.
- F. **Only one set of points will be awarded for World Championships.**
- G. **World Championship Show points are to be used for PA-025 Titles and Awards, PA-026 Youth Titles and Awards, and PA-025 Amateur Titles and Awards, World Championship points will not be counted towards qualifying for Regional Championship and World Championship Shows in the subsequent year.**  
(Amended 11-23, effective 01-24)

#### **PA-020 GRAND AND RESERVE HALTER CHAMPIONS**

- A. The grand champion of each junior and senior sex and junior and senior gelding, divisions will receive at least one point more than any other horse in its respective junior or senior division, provided at least three (3) horses were exhibited in that junior or senior division. If necessary additional points will be added to the points the grand champion won in its ag or height class to give it this total. The grand champion will always receive a minimum of at least two (2) points in any show where at least six (6) horses have competed in that junior or senior division.

(Amended 02-07, effective 01-08)

(Amended 02-16, effective 02-17)

Example 1: If the grand champion stallion received three (3) points for being first in his class, and the first place stallion in another class also received three (3) points for being first in his class, then the grand champion stallion will be given one more point so that he will have a point more than any other horse in his sex division.

Example 2: If the grand champion stallion received three (3) points for being first in his class and no other stallion received more than two (2) points for being first in his class, then no additional points will be awarded to the grand champion stallion.

Example 3: The weanling class has two (2) entries, the yearling class has one entry and the two-year-old class has three entries. The winner of the two-year-old class is also junior champion; he received one point for winning his class and another point for being junior champion in order that he shall have a minimum total of two (2) points.

- B. The reserve champion of each junior or senior division shall receive as many points as any horse in his division except the champion. The reserve champion will always receive a minimum of at least one point in any show where at least six (6) horses have competed in the respective junior or senior division. If necessary, additional points will be awarded to the points he won in his class to bring his total up even with the other horse that had the most points.

(Amended 02-07, effective 01-08)

(Amended 02-16, effective 01-17)

- C. The Amateur Grand Championship Halter classes must include first and second place winners from the appropriate sex and age classes. All first and second place winners must



show in their respective championship class unless excused by the judge (s) or show manager. The Amateur Grand Champion must be selected from the first place winners in its sex division. The second place winner from the class providing the Grand Champion and the other first place horses will then be eligible for Reserve Champion. See GR-045 I. All amateur horses must be exhibited by the same amateur owner in the Amateur Grand Championship Class as in the class in which it qualified. If an amateur has more than one horse in the Amateur Grand Championship class, the additional horse(s) must be exhibited by another amateur handler or be withdrawn with the permission of the judge(s) or show management.  
(Amended 11-00, effective 01-02)

#### **PA-021 GRAND AND RESERVE DRIVING CHAMPIONS**

- A. The grand champion of each single pleasure driving, country pleasure driving, classic pleasure driving, and roadster driving division will receive at least one point more than any other horse in its respective driving division. If necessary, additional points will be added to the points the grand champion won in its driving class to give it this total.
- B. The reserve champion of each driving division shall receive as many points as any horse in its division except the champion. If necessary, additional points will be awarded to the points it won in its class to bring its total up even with the other horse that had the most points.  
(Amended 02-16, effective 01-17)

#### **PA-025 TITLES AND AWARDS**

- A. Honor Roll  
The AMHA will make annual awards based on the number of points earned by an individual horse during that show year (from January 1 to December 31) in competition in each of the events in which points are awarded at AMHA approved shows.  
(Amended 11-00, effective 01-02)  
(Amended 10-11, effective 01-12)
  - 1. The horse who earns more points during a show year than any other horse has earned in that event will be the year's High Point earner for that event and an appropriate award will be awarded to the horse's owner (example: 1996 Honor Roll Jumping or 1996 Honor Roll Open Roadster Driving). In the event of a first place tie, the horse that defeated the most horses will be the winner.  
(Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)
  - 2. In halter, the horse who earns the most points during a year in each age and height classification in each sex division will receive an appropriate trophy or plaque (Example: 1996 Honor Roll Weanling Stallion or 1996 Honor Roll Senior Mare 28" and under or 1996 Honor Roll Two-Year-Old Gelding). If a horse shows in more than one height class, the points from both height

classes will be combined and awarded to the higher height class.

(Amended 11-00, effective 01-02)

3. Each of the top ten (10) point earners for that year in each event will be so designated and an appropriate certificate shall be prepared and mailed to the owners of said horses.
4. To qualify for any Honor Roll titles, the horse must have attended at least two (2) shows and earned at least ten (10) points in the event during the year, except in Adult COOL classes where a minimum of six (6) points must be earned.

(Amended 02-08, effective 01-09)

(Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)

B. Register of Merit

**This title may be awarded to any individual stallion, mare, or gelding registered with the Association provided said horse has earned seventy-five (75) or more points in any one open event.**

1. **Horses are awarded a Register of Merit when they have won at least seventy-five (75) points in any one open event.**
2. **For list of classes eligible for ROM see PA-030 A, B, & C. In driving, one class per event per show may count for points. Horses must win at least two driving Grand Championships in an event with competition. In halter, a horse must win at least two Grand Championships with competition in addition to earning 75 lifetime points.**
3. **When the title of “AMHA Register of Merit” is achieved the owner of said horse will be notified of such achievement and the certificate will be forwarded to them. Notifications will be sent out after the end of each show season. Additional awards may be offered. The title “ROM” will be added to the horse’s registration certificate following his/her name.**
4. **It is the owner’s responsibility to return the original certificate of registration to the AMHA office and request a new certificate with the title added. There will be no charge for this addition.**
5. **Horses achieving ROM status will be listed on the AMHA website, in current AMHA publications, and will be recognized at the AMHA Annual Meeting following the show year the award was earned.**
6. **Points towards ROM shall be earned at local and Regional Shows. WS points not to count.**
7. **Points will be calculated as described in PA-015 (A)**  
(Amended 07-02, effective 01-03)  
(Amended 12-22, effective 01-23)

**PA-026 YOUTH TITLES AND AWARDS**

- A. A photocopy of the youth’s birth certificate may be required to receive any AMHA High Point awards.

- B. Champion and Reserve Youth of the Year
  - 1. The Youth of the Year shall be awarded each year to the AMHA Youth member who garnishes the most points earned at local and/or Regional shows in each of the three regions (Eastern, Central and Western) in the following divisions: 13 to 18, 12 and under, and YOTE 18 and under. WS points not to count.
  - 2. These awards will be presented to the Champion and Reserve Champion of each age division. A youth is only entitled to win one division. If youth shows in more than one region, they will receive the award in the region they earned the most points.
  - 3. Awards will be calculated at the end of the calendar year. Points earned after that date will apply to the next show year. This is a yearly award.
  - 4. Each winner will receive a certificate. Additional awards will be optional and determined on a year-to-year basis by the Youth Committee.
  - 5. Recognition to the winners will be given on the AMHA website and current AMHA publications.
- C. Youth Register of Merit (Established 1989)  
Merit is to establish a record of performance.
  - 1. Horses are awarded a Register of Merit when they have earned at least twenty (20) points in any one class.
  - 2. For list of classes eligible for ROM see PA-030-D 1-38.
  - 3. When the title "Youth Register of Merit" is achieved, the youth may request the proper certificate from the AMHA office; after verification, the certificate shall be prepared and forwarded to that youth.  
(Amended 07-02, effective 01-03)  
**(Amended 12-22, effective 01-23)**

#### **PA-027 AMATEUR TITLES AND AWARDS**

- A. Amateur Honor Roll (Established 1998)  
The amateur and his/her horse in each Amateur class earning the most points during that show year (from January 1 to December 31) will be the years High Point winner for that event and an appropriate trophy or plaque will be awarded. Amateurs and their horses placing second through tenth will receive an appropriate certificate. A minimum of six (6) points must be earned to be eligible for this award and/or certificate.
  - 1. Honor Roll points for Amateurs shall be divided into levels and heights for junior and senior horses, regardless of class description; i.e., Amateur Junior Mare Level 1 30" & Under, etc.
  - 2. Amateur Regional Honor Roll titles for each of the top ten point earners for each region during a year will be recognized and published in the Miniature Horse World magazine.  
(Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)
- B. Champion and Reserve Champion Of The Year
  - 1. The Amateur of the Year shall be awarded each year to the AMHA member who holds a current Amateur card and who garnishes the most points earned at Local, &

Regional Shows in each of the three regions (Eastern, Central, and Western as listed in WS-010-C) in the following divisions: Amateur & AOTE. World Show points not to count.

2. If the Amateur shows in more than one region, they will receive the award in the region in which they earned the most points.
3. Awards will be calculated at the end of the calendar year. This is a yearly award.
4. Each winner will receive a certificate. Additional awards will be optional and determined on a year-to-year basis by the Amateur & AOTE Committees.
5. Recognition to the winners will be given on the AMHA website and AMHA publications.  
(Amended 02-08, effective 01-09)  
(Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)  
(Amended 11-23, effective 1-24)

## PA-030 RECOGNIZED POINT CLASSES

### A. Halter Division

The halter classes listed below are those recognized by AMHA for points:

1. Weanling Mares & Stallions - 30" & Under
  2. Yearling Mares & Stallions - 28" & Under
  3. Yearling Mares & Stallions - Over 28" to 30"
  4. Yearling Mares & Stallions - Over 30" to 32"
  5. Two-year-old Mares & Stallions - 29" & Under
  6. Two-year-old Mares & Stallions - Over 29" up to & Including 31"
  7. Two-year-old Mares & Stallions - Over 31" to 33"
  8. Weanling Geldings - 30" & Under
  9. Yearling Geldings - 32" & Under
  10. Two-year-old Geldings - 33" & Under
  11. Senior Mares & Stallions - 28" & Under
  12. Senior Mares & Stallions - Over 28" up to & Including 30"
  13. Senior Mares & Stallions - Over 30" up to & Including 32"
  14. Senior Mares & Stallions - Over 32" up to & Including 34"
  15. Senior Geldings - 30" & Under
  16. Senior Geldings - Over 30" up to & Including 32"
  17. Senior Geldings - Over 32" up to & Including 34"
  18. Open Stock Gelding
  19. Open Stock Mare
  20. Open Stock Stallion
- (Amended 11-00, effective 01-02)  
(Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)

Points earned in approved combined classes as specified in CL-015 will count for TITLES AND AWARDS PA-025 and WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW WS-030 according to the classes listed above.

### B. Performance Division

The performance classes listed below are those recognized by AMHA for points:

1. Open Single Pleasure Driving - 32" & Under  
(two-wheeled cart with basket)
2. Open Single Pleasure Driving - Over 32" up to & Including 34"  
(two-wheeled cart with basket)
3. Open Golden Single Pleasure Driving  
(exhibitor 60 yrs or older)
4. Open Country Pleasure Driving - 32" & Under
5. Open Country Pleasure Driving - Over 32" up to & Including 34"
6. Open Golden Country Pleasure Driving  
(exhibitor 60 yrs or older)
7. Ladies Country Pleasure Driving
8. Gentlemen's Country Pleasure Driving
9. Ladies Single Pleasure Driving
10. Gentlemen's Single Pleasure Driving
11. Single Pleasure Driving - Stallions
12. Single Pleasure Driving - Mares
13. Single Pleasure Driving - Geldings
14. Country Pleasure Driving - Stallions
15. Country Pleasure Driving - Mares
16. Country Pleasure Driving - Geldings

17. 3 Year Old Open Country Pleasure Driving
  18. 4 Year Old Open Country Pleasure Driving
  19. 3 Year Old Open Single Pleasure Driving
  20. 4 Year Old Open Single Pleasure Driving
  21. 3 Year Old Open Classic Pleasure Driving
  22. 4 Year Old Open Classic Pleasure Driving
  23. Open Classic Pleasure Driving - Under 32"
  24. Open Classic Pleasure Driving - 32-34"
  25. Open Golden Classic Pleasure Driving (exhibitor 60 yrs or older)
  26. Classic Pleasure Driving Geldings
  27. Classic Pleasure Driving Mares
  28. Classic Pleasure Driving Stallions
  29. Ladies Classic Pleasure Driving
  30. Gentlemen's Classic Pleasure Driving
  31. Open Carriage Driving Pleasure
  32. Open Carriage Driving Turnout
  33. Open Carriage Driving Working
  34. Open Carriage Driving Reinsmanship
  35. Open Carriage Driving Obstacle
  36. Open Roadster
  37. Ladies Roadster
  38. Gentlemen's Roadster
  39. Obstacle Driving
  40. Halter Obstacle
  41. Liberty
  42. Hunter
  43. Open Golden Hunter (exhibitor 60 yrs or older)
  44. Jumper
  45. Single Fine Harness Viceroy
  46. Open Multiple - Hitch-Draft Harness - Pairs or Tandem
  47. Open Multiple - Hitch-Draft Harness - Three (3) or More
  48. Open Multiple - Hitch-Light Harness - Pairs or Tandem
  49. Open Multiple - Hitch-Light Harness - Three (3) or More
  50. Antique Vehicle Driving
  51. Adult Showmanship
  52. Golden Showmanship
  53. Versatility
  - 54. Open Classic Pleasure Driving, Over 30" to 32"**
  - 55. Open Classic Pleasure Driving, 30" & Under**
  - 56. Open Country Pleasure Driving, Over 30" to 32"**
  - 57. Open Country Pleasure Driving, 30" & Under**
  - 58. Open Single Pleasure Driving, Over 30" to 32"**
  - 59. Open Single Pleasure Driving, 30" & Under**
- (Amended 11-00, effective 01-02)  
 (Amended 02-02, effective 01-03)  
 (Amended 02-10, effective 01-11)  
 (Amended 12-11, effective 01-12)  
 (Amended 11-18, effective 01-19)  
 (Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)  
**(Amended 12-22, effective 01-23)**

- C. Specialty Halter Classes  
 The specialty halter classes listed below are those recognized by AMHA for points:

1. Multi-Color Stallions & Geldings
2. Solid-Color Stallions & Geldings
3. Multi-Color Mares
4. Solid-Color Mares

D. Youth Division

The youth classes listed below are those recognized by AMHA for points:

1. Youth 7 Years of Age & Under Exhibiting Mare
2. Youth 8 to 12 Years of Age Exhibiting Mare
3. Youth 13 to 18 Years of Age Exhibiting Mare
4. Youth 7 Years of Age & Under Exhibiting Gelding
5. Youth 8 to 12 Years of Age Exhibiting Gelding
6. Youth 13 to 18 Years of Age Exhibiting Gelding  
(The above classes 1 through 6 may be further divided into junior & senior mares & geldings)
- 7. Youth Stock Gelding 7 Years of Age & Under**
- 8. Youth Stock Gelding 8 to 12 Years of Age**
- 9. Youth Stock Gelding 13 to 18 Years of Age**
- 10. Youth Stock Mares 7 Years of Age & Under**
- 11. Youth Stock Mares 8 to 12 Years of Age**
- 12. Youth Stock Mares 13 to 18 Years of Age**
13. YOTE Mares 18 & Under
14. YOTE Geldings 18 & Under
15. Youth Showmanship 7 & Under
16. Youth Showmanship 8 to 12
17. Youth Showmanship 13 to 18
18. Youth Single Pleasure Driving 12 Years of Age & Under
19. Youth Single Pleasure Driving 13 Years of Age & Older
20. YOTE Single Pleasure Driving 18 & Under
21. Youth Country Pleasure Driving 12 Years of Age & Under
22. Youth Country Pleasure Driving 13 Years of Age & Older
23. YOTE Country Pleasure Driving 18 & Under
24. Youth Classic Pleasure Driving 12 & Under
25. Youth Classic Pleasure Driving 13-18
26. YOTE Classic Pleasure Driving 18 & Under
27. Youth Roadster
28. Youth Roadster 12 Years of Age & Under\*
29. Youth Roadster 13 Years of Age & Older\*
30. YOTE Roadster 18 & Under
31. Youth Halter Obstacle 12 Years of Age & Under
32. Youth Halter Obstacle 13 Years of Age & Older
33. Youth Obstacle Driving 12 Years of Age & Under
34. Youth Obstacle Driving 13 Years of Age & Older
35. Youth Hunter 12 Years of Age & Under
36. Youth Hunter 13 Years of Age & Older
37. Youth Jumper 12 Years of Age & Under
38. Youth Jumper 13 Years of Age & Older
39. Youth Costume
40. Youth Versatility
41. Youth Versatility, 12 Years of Age & Under
42. Youth Versatility, 13 Years of Age & Over  
(Amended 02-10, effective 01-11)  
(Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)  
(Amended 12-11, effective 01-12)

(Amended 02-12, effective 01-13)

\* These classes will be offered at the Championship and World Shows only.

(Amended 02-06, effective 01-07)

**(Amended 12-22, effective 01-23)**

E. Amateur Division

The amateur classes listed below are those recognized by AMHA for points:

1. AOTE Exhibiting Junior Mare, Level 1
2. AOTE Exhibiting Junior Mare, Level 2
3. AOTE Exhibiting Senior Mare, Level 1
4. AOTE Exhibiting Senior Mare, Level 2
5. AOTE Exhibiting Junior Stallion, Level 1
6. AOTE Exhibiting Junior Stallion, Level 2
7. AOTE Exhibiting Senior Stallion, Level 1
8. AOTE Exhibiting Senior Stallion, Level 2
9. AOTE Exhibiting Junior Gelding, Level 1
10. AOTE Exhibiting Junior Gelding, Level 2
11. AOTE Exhibiting Senior Gelding, Level 1
12. AOTE Exhibiting Senior Gelding, Level 2
13. AOTE Versatility
14. AOTE Hunter
15. AOTE Halter Obstacle
16. Amateur Junior Mares, 30" & Under, Level 1
17. Amateur Junior Mares Over 30-33", Level 1
18. Amateur Junior Mares 30" & Under, Level 2
19. Amateur Junior Mares Over 30-33", Level 2
20. Amateur Senior Mares, 30" & Under, Level 1
21. Amateur Senior Mares Over 30-34", Level 1
22. Amateur Senior Mares 30" & Under, Level 2
23. Amateur Senior Mares Over 30-34", Level 2
24. Amateur Junior Stallion 30" & Under, Level 1
25. Amateur Junior Stallion Over 30-33", Level 1
26. Amateur Junior Stallions 30" & Under, Level 2
27. Amateur Junior Stallions Over 30-33", Level 2
28. Amateur Senior Stallion 30" & Under, Level 1
29. Amateur Senior Stallion Over 30-34", Level 1
30. Amateur Senior Stallions 30" & Under, Level 2
31. Amateur Senior Stallions Over 30-34", Level 2
32. Amateur Junior Geldings, Level 1
33. Amateur Junior Geldings, Level 2
34. Amateur Senior Gelding 30" & Under, Level 1
35. Amateur Senior Gelding Over 30-34", Level 1
36. Amateur Senior Geldings 30" & Under, Level 2
37. Amateur Senior Geldings Over 30-34", Level 2
38. Amateur Stock Gelding
39. Amateur Stock Mare
40. Amateur Stock Stallion
41. Amateur Showmanship
42. Amateur Single Pleasure Driving, Level 1
43. Amateur Single Pleasure Driving, Level 2
44. AOTE Single Pleasure Driving
45. Amateur Country Pleasure Driving, Level 1



- 46. Amateur Country Pleasure Driving, Level 2
- 47. AOTE Country Pleasure Driving
- 48. Amateur Classic Pleasure Driving, Level 1, 2
- 49. AOTE Classic Pleasure Driving
- 50. Amateur Roadster
- 51. AOTE Roadster
- 52. Amateur Halter Obstacle
- 53. Amateur Obstacle Driving
- 54. Amateur Hunter
- 55. Amateur Jumper
- 56. Amateur Versatility
- (Amended 02-06, effective 01-07)
- (Amended 02-07, effective 01-08)
- (Amended 02-08, effective 01-09)
- (Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)

F. COOL Division

The COOL classes listed below are those recognized by AMHA for points:

- 1. Youth COOL Showmanship 18 & Under
- 2. Youth COOL 18 & Under Exhibiting Mare or Gelding
- 3. Adult COOL Showmanship
- 4. Adult COOL Showing Mare or Gelding
- 5. COOL Driving. Driver may be accompanied by an adult or senior youth (13-18).
- (Amended 02-06, effective 01-07)
- (Amended 02-09, effective 01-10)

### **WS-000 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP AND CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS**

**Entry Procedures:** The AMHA Regional and World Championship Shows are open to all AMHA registered horses and owners who are in good standing with the AMHA, (GR-025-G), who have met all of the requirements set forth in GR-010 of the current year Show Rules, and who have earned the necessary qualifying points (WS-030-A), during the point accumulation period under (WS-030-B), and has met all other requirements for qualification to include but not limited to an Open, Amateur or Youth card.

#### **WS-005 GUIDELINES**

Championship shows are to use the same guidelines as the World Championship Show with the exception of points.

#### **WS-010 LOCATION AND DATE**

- A. The World Championship Show will be held annually.
- B. The World Championship Show shall be held in the United States. The World Championship Show site shall be selected based upon criteria including but not limited to enclosed and covered areas; enclosed stalls sufficient in number to meet the current needs of the Association; close proximity of hotels, restaurants, availability, cost, quality, features, etc.

- C. There will be four (4) Championship Shows held annually. They are to be divided as listed below:
- Western (Regions 8, 9, 10)
  - Central (Regions 6, 7, 12, 13)
  - Eastern (Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11 with the exception of Missouri and Louisiana which will be in the Central Region)
  - European

All residents of all other foreign countries must declare the Championship show in which they desire their horses to be shown by the June 1 deadline. A horse must exhibit in at least one class at a local show to qualify for a Championship Show.  
(Amended 02-14, effective 01-15)  
(Amended 02-17, effective 01-18)

### **WS-012 NOTIFICATION**

The AMHA office will provide exhibitors with verification of receipt of entries in World Championship Show. This may be in the form of a paid receipt.  
(Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)

### **WS-015 JUDGES FOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW**

A. Number of Judges

The number of judges required to judge the World Championship Show shall be two (2) teams of three (3) separate judges each. One team will judge all open classes and all performance classes other than youth and amateur. Team 2 will judge all youth and amateur classes. Specialty classes will be divided between the two (2) teams.  
(Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)

B. Selection of Judges

The Licensed Officials Committee is to furnish a list of thirty (30) names of judges to the AMHA office prior to the mid-summer Board of Directors Meeting of each year. The AMHA office is to hire ten (10) judges. These judges are to be AMHA-carded.  
(Amended 12-03, effective 01-04)

1. World Championship Show judges shall not have judged an AMHA-approved show for 30 days prior to the World Championship Show.
2. World Championship Show judges shall be announced by January 1 of each show year, or as soon as all contracts are finalized.
3. Judges teams shall be announced the first day of the World Championship Show. (See LO-039)

### **WS-016 CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW JUDGES**

A. Selection of Judges for Championship Shows

1. Championship judges will be hired by the AMHA office.
2. Each Championship judging team will consist of three (3) judges.

## **WS-020 OFFICIALS**

- A. Show Manager  
The World Championship and Championship Show Manager must be a professional show manager to be hired by the Board of Directors. The liaison between show manager and the AMHA will be the AMHA office. The Show Manager must have no conflict of interest. Upon direction of the Board of Directors, the AMHA office may be required to function in the capacity of Show Manager.
- B. Stewards and other employees to be hired or supplied by the Show Manager/AMHA office and must not have a conflict of interest. (Refer to LO-041)

## **WS-025 JUDGING SYSTEM**

- A. The World Championship Show will use teams of three (3) AMHA carded judges on each panel, all of whom were approved by the Licensed Officials Committee. All three of the judges' cards/scores will be used to determine class winners. If a tie results, the call judge's placing will be used to break all ties. If a tie still results from the first call judge's card, the tabulation moves to the second call judge, then the third until all ties have been broken.  
(Amended 02-07, effective 01-08)  
(Amended 06-09, effective 01-10)  
(Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)
- B. Class splits for Halter classes will be determined at the discretion of the Show Manager; however, it is mandatory that all classes be split at forty five (45). Each judge will place ten (10) horses out of each go round first through tenth. Using the accumulated point system, the Top Ten from each go round shall be designated semi-finalists. The numbers of the semi-finalists shall be posted as soon as possible after tabulation is completed. The semi-finalists will return to the ring to determine the final Top Ten. Finalists shall return for judging at a later time for selection of Champions and Reserves and down to tenth place.
- C. Driving classes will numerically be split as equally as possible based upon the length and width of the arena, multiplied by two, to determine the running feet of the arena and then divided by 36 running feet per horse. Each judge will score their top ten horses. Using the accumulated point system, the top ten from each go will be considered as possible finalists. The Show Manager will bring back the maximum amount of horses possible per split, but not to exceed ten or a number that exceeds the maximum allowable exhibitors for the running feet of the arena. If final is run immediately after splits, the paddock master will separate and send split A into the ring followed by split B with the two minute gate rule being strictly enforced.  
(Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)  
(Amended 02-14, effective 01-15)

- D. Championship shows will be judged with a three (3) judge system wherein all three scores will be used in the tabulation for class placing.
- E. Show management reserves the right to judge classes in two (2) rings simultaneously if suitable and necessary. When it becomes necessary to use two (2) rings, they shall be divided into halter and performance (single work classes). Each performance exhibitor shall be extended all courtesy and consideration with a view to affording them the opportunity to show each horse in each class.

#### **WS-027 ORDER OF GO**

- A. At the discretion of the management of the World Championship and Championship Shows, random go orders may be generated by the computer for judging any classes, both performance and halter.  
(Amended 02-02, effective 01-03)
- B. A horse entering the ring in the wrong order or have missed entering the arena in the assigned order will be eliminated from competition. It is the exhibitor/handler's responsibility to enter the arena in the posted order of go. Deviations to the order of go may only be made by Show Management, and only in the cases of extraordinary circumstances, i.e., use of two show arenas, broken equipment, etc.  
(Amended 02-05, effective 01-06)
- C. The Regional Championship or World Show Manager has the authority to design course and showmanship patterns increasing the level of difficulty within the direction of rule CL-080.  
(Amended 02-12, effective 01-13)

#### **WS-028 MEASUREMENT OF HORSES**

- A. Once show officials have followed the rules for measuring the horse (GR-020) and the horse has been measured, the measurement becomes the official height for that show and is not protestable once the horse enters the ring. The height of the horse will be posted three (3) hours prior to the horse entering the ring. If any horse is shown where measurement was not posted (unless through show management error) in accordance with the above, its height can be protested up to one hour after its class is completed. If a protest is filed, the procedures for protest as outlined in GR-050 must be followed. The AMHyA World Show and AMHA World Show shall be considered separate events but use the same measurement. A horse entering the AMHyA show must be protested prior to its first youth class. At the conclusion of the AMHyA World Show, all results and placings will be considered final. Any horse showing in the AMHA World Show (i.e. Amateur & Open Divisions) will be protestable even if it showed in Youth, but the protest must be made prior to the horse's first class in the AMHA World Show Amateur/Open Show. Protests made during the Amateur/

Open section of the World Show shall not affect placings in the AMHyA youth show.  
(Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)

- B. If a horse shows in two (2) different height classes during the World qualifying period and at the World Championship Show the horse measures in the taller height class, the horse must have the required number of points of the taller height class to be able to compete at the World Championship Show. Points may be accumulated and combined in all height classes throughout the World qualifying period to qualify for the higher height class, but may not be used to qualify for a lower height class than the class in which the points were earned.  
(Amended 07-02, effective 01-03)  
(Amended 02-07, effective 01-08)
- C. Beginning in 1998, World Championship and Championship Shows to use measuring stick as described in GR-020-B.

### **WS-030 CLASSES**

AMHA Registered weanlings are exempt from AMHA Regional Championship & AMHA World Show qualification.

- A. The qualifying classes for the World Championship Show are:
1. Amateur Classic Pleasure Driving, Level 1
  2. Amateur Classic Pleasure Driving, Level 2
  3. Amateur Ladies Classic Pleasure Driving
  4. Amateur Gentlemen's Classic Pleasure Driving
  5. Amateur Country Pleasure Driving, Level 1
  6. Amateur Country Pleasure Driving, Level 2
  7. Amateur Ladies Country Pleasure Driving
  8. Amateur Gentlemen's Country Pleasure Driving
  9. Amateur Halter Obstacle
  10. Amateur Hunter
  11. Amateur Jumper
  12. Amateur Junior Geldings, Level 1
  13. Amateur Junior Geldings, Level 2
  14. Amateur Junior Mares 30" & Under, Level 1
  15. Amateur Junior Mares 30" & Under, Level 2
  16. Amateur Junior Mares Over 30-33," Level 1
  17. Amateur Junior Mares Over 30-33," Level 2
  18. Amateur Junior Mares, Level 1
  19. Amateur Junior Mares, Level 2
  20. Amateur Junior Stallion 30" & Under, Level 1
  21. Amateur Junior Stallion 30" & Under, Level 2
  22. Amateur Junior Stallion Over 30-33," Level 1
  23. Amateur Junior Stallion 30-33," Level 2
  24. Amateur Junior Stallion, Level 1
  25. Amateur Junior Stallion, Level 2
  26. Amateur Obstacle Driving
  27. Amateur Roadster
  28. Amateur Senior Geldings 30" & Under, Level 1
  29. Amateur Senior Geldings 30" & Under, Level 2
  30. Amateur Senior Geldings Over 30-34," Level 1

31. Amateur Senior Geldings 30-34," Level 2
32. Amateur Senior Geldings, Level 1
33. Amateur Senior Geldings, Level 2
34. Amateur Senior Mares 30" & Under, Level 1
35. Amateur Senior Mares 30" & Under, Level 2
36. Amateur Senior Mares Over 30"-34," Level 1
37. Amateur Senior Mares 30-34," Level 2
38. Amateur Senior Mares, Level 1
39. Amateur Senior Mares, Level 2
40. Amateur Senior Stallion 30" & Under, Level 1
41. Amateur Senior Stallion 30" & Under, Level 2
42. Amateur Senior Stallion, Level 1
43. Amateur Senior Stallion, Level 2
44. Amateur Senior Stallions Over 30-34," Level 1
45. Amateur Senior Stallions 30-34," Level 2
46. Amateur Showmanship
47. Amateur Single Pleasure Driving, Level 1
48. Amateur Single Pleasure Driving, Level 2
49. Amateur Ladies Single Pleasure Driving
50. Amateur Gentlemen's Single Pleasure Driving
51. Amateur Stock Gelding
52. Amateur Stock Mare
53. Amateur Stock Stallion
54. Amateur Versatility
55. AOTE Classic Pleasure Driving
56. AOTE Country Pleasure Driving
57. AOTE Exhibiting a Gelding
58. AOTE Exhibiting a Junior Stallion, Level 1
59. AOTE Exhibiting a Junior Gelding, Level 1
60. AOTE Exhibiting a Junior Gelding, Level 2
61. AOTE Exhibiting a Junior Mare, Level 1
62. AOTE Exhibiting a Junior Mare, Level 2
63. AOTE Exhibiting a Junior Stallion, Level 2
64. AOTE Exhibiting a Mare
65. AOTE Exhibiting a Senior Gelding, Level 1
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72. AOTE Roadster
73. AOTE Single Pleasure Driving
74. AOTE Stock Gelding
75. AOTE Stock Mare
76. AOTE Stock Stallion
77. AOTE Versatility
78. AOTE Hunter
79. AOTE Hunter Obstacle
80. Open Adult Showmanship
81. Open Antique Vehicle Driving
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83. Open Carriage Driving Turnout
84. Open Carriage Driving Working
85. Open Carriage Driving Reinsmanship

86. Open Carriage Driving Obstacle
87. Open Classic Pleasure Driving Three-Year Old
88. Open Classic Pleasure Driving Four-Year Old
89. Open Classic Pleasure Driving Geldings
90. Open Classic Pleasure Driving Mares
91. Open Classic Pleasure Driving Stallions
92. Open Classic Pleasure Driving, Over 30" to 32"
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123. Open Mares Over 29" to 31" Two-Year Old
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125. Open Multi-Color Mares
126. Open Multi-Color Stallions & Geldings
127. Open Multiple Hitch-Draft Harness Pairs or Tandem
128. Open Multiple Hitch-Draft Harness Three or More
129. Open Multiple Hitch-Light Harness Pairs or Tandem
130. Open Multiple Hitch-Light Harness Three or More
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141. Open Senior Mares Over 32" to 34"
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144. Open Senior Stallions Over 30" to 32"
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146. Open Single Fine Harness Viceroy
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158. Open Stallions 29" & Under Two-Year-old
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166. Open Weanling Mares 27" & Under
167. Open Weanling Mares Over 27" to 30"
168. Open Weanling Stallions 27" & Under
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170. Open Yearling Geldings
171. Open Yearling Mares 28" & Under
172. Open Yearling Mares Over 28" to 30"
173. Open Yearling Mares Over 30" to 32"
174. Open Yearling Stallions 28" & Under
175. Open Yearling Stallions Over 28" to 30"
176. Open Yearling Stallions Over 30" to 32"
177. YOTE Classic Pleasure Driving 18 & Under
178. YOTE Country Pleasure Driving 18 & Under
179. YOTE Geldings 18 & Under
180. YOTE Mares 18 & Under
181. YOTE Roadster 18 & Under
182. YOTE Single Pleasure Driving 18 & Under
183. Youth 7 & Under Exhibiting Junior Gelding
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225. Youth COOL Showmanship 18 & Under
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229. World Amateur Grand Champion Junior Gelding
230. World Amateur Grand Champion Junior Mare
231. World Amateur Grand Champion Junior Stallion
232. World Amateur Grand Champion Roadster Driving
233. World Amateur Grand Champion Senior Gelding
234. World Amateur Grand Champion Senior Mare
235. World Amateur Grand Champion Senior Stallion
236. World Amateur Grand Champion Single Pleasure Driving
237. World Grand Champion Classic Pleasure Driving
238. World Grand Champion Country Pleasure Driving
239. World Grand Champion Junior Gelding
240. World Grand Champion Junior Mare
241. World Grand Champion Junior Stallion
242. World Grand Champion Roadster Driving
243. World Grand Champion Senior Gelding
244. World Grand Champion Senior Mare
245. World Grand Champion Senior Stallion
246. World Grand Champion Single Pleasure Driving  
(Amended 02-10, effective 01-11)  
(Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)  
(Amended 12-11, effective 01-12)

(Amended 02-12, effective 01-13)  
(Amended 06-13, effective 01-14)  
(Amended 02-17, effective 01-18)  
(Amended 11-18, effective 01-19)  
(Amended 11-21, effective 01-22)  
(Amended 12-22, effective 01-23)  
(Amended 11-23, effective 01-24)

- \* Weanling classes will be split at the World and Championship Shows and are optional at local shows.
- \*\* This class is not a qualifier for Grand Championship classes at any AMHA approved show.

B. **Qualifications** for participation in the World Championship Show will stop thirty (30) days prior to the date of the World Championship Show. **Shows held** during the thirty-day period prior to the World Championship Show. Points earned in shows held during the thirty-day period prior to the World Championship Show will count towards participation in the World Championship Show in the subsequent year.

C. To enter and participate at the World Show, a horse must be shown at a minimum of two (2) shows during the World Show qualifying period. A horse does not have to qualify in a particular class or classes at the World Show with the following exception:

**Youth Qualifications**

To qualify for the World Show, a youth/horse combination must have shown together at an AMHA sanctioned show in each division entered at the World Show (i.e., youth halter/in hand or youth driving class).

D. Points earned as a stallion for World qualification will carry over to geldings qualification should the horse be gelded. This does not apply for Honor Roll Awards.

E. All horses placing TOP TEN in their class at one of the AMHA Regional Championship Shows, regardless of the number shown in the same classes as offered at the World Championship Show will AUTOMATICALLY qualify for the same class at the AMHA World Championship Show. (Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)

F. **International Amateur Qualifying Rule**

International Amateur members residing in foreign countries may qualify their horse that is located in the United States, with a trainer, for showing in the amateur division at the World Show as follows:

1. The member exhibits a horse in any amateur halter and/or performance class/classes (excluding amateur driving classes) at two AMHA approved international shows or the AMHA European Regional Championship Show. Clarification: If the international amateur wished to show more than one horse under this rule, they must be qualified with the same number of horses in their home country- for example, if the amateur owns two horses located in a recognized AMHA Region in amateur classes at the World Show, they must meet the conditions of the International Amateur Qualifying Rule with two horses in their home country.

2. The amateur horse, located in the USA, must be owned by the amateur or the amateur's immediate family in order to be entered at the World Show. Clarification: Said ownership must be in place prior to the horse (in a recognized AMHA Region) being shown/qualified for the World Show.
3. The amateur's horse, located in the USA, must be shown, qualified and entered into the World Show in an Open class.
4. The amateur exhibitor must meet all Amateur Division and World Show rules and pay the applicable World Show fees.
5. All amateur classes are included except the amateur driving classes in this qualifying rule. To qualify in any amateur driving class, the amateur must drive their horse in one show in the USA.  
(Amended 02-14, effective 01-15)  
(Amended 11-23, effective 01-24)

#### **WS-035 WORLD & CHAMPIONSHIP GRAND CHAMPION HALTER CLASSES**

- A. World and Championship Grand Championship classes shall include the Champion & Reserve Champions, from the appropriate halter classes.
- B. World and Championship Grand Champion Ribbons and Awards: from the respective halter classes a World and Championship Grand Champion and Reserve will receive an appropriate uniform trophy and ribbon.
- C. All World Grand Champions and Reserve World Grand Champions will be drug tested in accordance with AMHA standards and procedures, with all other horses subject to random testing.

#### **WS-036 WORLD & CHAMPIONSHIP GRAND CHAMPION DRIVING CLASSES**

- A. World and Championship Grand Championship classes shall include the Champions & Reserve Champions, from the appropriate driving classes as follows:
  1. World and Championship Grand Champion Single Pleasure Driving (World and Championship Champions and Reserve, from classes 107, 113, 120, 147-154, 182, 216-217).
  2. World and Championship Grand Champion Roadster Driving (World and Championship Champions and Reserve, from classes 106, 119, 133-134, 181, 211-212).
  3. World and Championship Grand Champion Country Pleasure Driving. (World and Championship Champions and Reserve, from classes 94-102, 105, 110, 118, 178, 199-200).
  4. World and Championship Grand Champion Classic Pleasure Driving. (World and Championship Champions and Reserve, from classes 87-94, 104, 109, 117, 177).

- B. **Amateur World and Championship Grand Championship classes shall include all the Champions and Reserve Champions from all Amateur driving classes (except non-rated) in their specific divisions.**
- C. All World Grand Champions and Reserve World Grand Champions will be drug tested in accordance with AMHA standards and procedures, with all other horses subject to random testing.

(Amended 02-16, effective 01-17)

(Amended 11-23, effective 01-24)

#### **WS-040 WORLD CHAMPION RIBBONS AND AWARDS**

- A. First and Second place will receive a trophy, third through tenth place will receive an appropriate award. The World Grand and Reserve World Champion of each Grand shall receive an additional trophy and ribbon that will be similar from year to year.

(Amended 02-06, effective 01-07)

(Amended 02-12, effective 01-13)

- B. All World Championship Show results will be published on the AMHA Website.

(Amended 12-03, effective 01-04)

#### **WS-042 CHAMPIONSHIP RIBBONS AND AWARDS**

- A. Top Ten will be selected and announced in all classes at the Championship Shows with a Grand and Reserve Champion named.

- B. Uniform trophies and ribbons will be presented at all Championship Shows.

- C. All Championship Show results will be published on the AMHA Website.

(Amended 12-03, effective 01-04)

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## FEES FOR 2023 (US FUNDS)

All Fees are Non-Refundable and subject to change. Please visit [www.amha.org](http://www.amha.org) for the most up to date information.

Anyone submitting a third bad check to the AMHA office will be required to submit an approved credit card, a cashiers check, or a money order to obtain credit to make a payment for the next two (2) years.

### Membership

|                             |                     |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Regular.....                | \$80                |
| Canada.....                 | \$80                |
| Foreign.....                | \$80                |
| Youth (18 & under.....      | \$20 (one time fee) |
| Associate.....              | \$80                |
| Canada.....                 | \$80                |
| Foreign.....                | \$80                |
| 3rd Adult in Household..... | \$35/per year       |

### Three Year Membership (Effective 2013)

|              |       |
|--------------|-------|
| Regular..... | \$240 |
| Canada.....  | \$240 |
| Foreign..... | \$240 |

### Show

|  |      |
|--|------|
| Show Approval fee/per judge.....                 | \$30 |
| AMHA office fee per horse per judge:             |      |
| Processed by approved AMHA Show Program.....     | \$1  |
| Processed by non-approved AMHA Show Program..... | \$3  |
| Permanent Measurement Card.....                  | \$50 |

### Miscellaneous

|                               |      |
|-------------------------------|------|
| Club approval/annual fee..... | \$30 |
| Query.....                    | \$5  |
| Amateur Card                  |      |
| Member.....                   | \$20 |
| Non-Member.....               | \$60 |
| AOTE Opt-Out Fee.....         | \$10 |

### Registration

|                                 |      |
|---------------------------------|------|
| Birth - 4 months.....           | \$25 |
| Over 4 months - 8 months.....   | \$30 |
| Over 8 months - 12 months.....  | \$35 |
| Over 12 months - 24 months..... | \$45 |
| Over 24 months.....             | \$60 |
| Gelding.....                    | \$10 |

Temporary to Permanent - On Time according to Rule 184D

|                              |      |
|------------------------------|------|
| Mare On Time Member.....     | \$25 |
| Mare On Time Non-Member..... | \$50 |

|                                  |       |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Stallion On Time Member.....     | \$60  |
| Stallion On Time Non-Member..... | \$110 |

|                                  |      |
|----------------------------------|------|
| Gelding On Time Member.....      | \$10 |
| Gelding On Time Non-Member ..... | \$20 |

Note – if a horse’s papers are revoked for not being brought permanent according to 184D, the reinstatement fee will be:

|   |      |
|---|------|
| Mare Late Reinstatement Member.....     | \$50 |
| Mare Late Reinstatement Non-member..... | \$50 |

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|---|-------|
| Stallion Late Reinstatement Member.....     | \$120 |
| Stallion Late Reinstatement Non-member..... | \$120 |

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|--|------|
| Gelding Late Reinstatement Member.....     | \$20 |
| Gelding Late Reinstatement Non-member..... | \$20 |

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|--------------------------|------|
| Stallion To Gelding..... | \$10 |
|--------------------------|------|

**Transfer Fee**

|                                   |      |
|-----------------------------------|------|
| Within six months Member .....    | \$20 |
| Within six months Non-Member..... | \$40 |
| After six months Member.....      | \$30 |
| After six months Non-Member ..... | \$60 |

|                         |      |
|-------------------------|------|
| Gelding Member.....     | \$15 |
| Gelding Non-Member..... | \$30 |

|  |      |
|--|------|
| Expediting fee per horse Member.....     | \$40 |
| Expediting fee per horse Non-Member..... | \$40 |

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|--|------|
| Duplicate certificate Member .....     | \$20 |
| Duplicate certificate Non-Member ..... | \$40 |

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|---|-------|
| Prefix reservation.....                             | \$150 |
| Lease fee per horse .....                           | \$20  |
| Syndicate.....                                      | \$5   |
| DNA fee per horse.....                              | \$45  |
| Conversion to DNA .....                             | \$27  |
| Embryo Permit/Mare/Year.....                        | \$100 |
| Cooled & Frozen Semen Permit.....                   | \$100 |
| Return via certified mail (per horse, USA Only..... | \$7   |
| Stallion Breeding Reports.....                      | \$10  |
| Late Reports.....                                   | \$25  |
| Plus per mare.....                                  | \$10  |
| Late Amended Fee per Mare.....                      | \$25  |

**Futurity**

Futurity Nominations (Non-Refundable)

|  |                            |
|--|----------------------------|
| Stallion Nomination.....                                     | \$150 each                 |
| Mare Nomination (in utero.....                               | \$50 each                  |
| Foal- Birth to 60 days.....                                  | \$150                      |
| Foal- 61 to 90 days.....                                     | \$300                      |
| Foal- 91 days to close of entries.....                       | \$100/month of age of foal |
| 2 Year Old Sustaining.....                                   | \$150                      |
| (Must be postmarked no later than March 1st of foaling year) |                            |

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| Performance Futurity Foal Nominations (Non-Refundable) |       |
| 0 to 4 months of age .....                             | \$25  |
| Over 4 months to 8 months of age .....                 | \$50  |
| Over 8 months to yearling.....                         | \$100 |
| Yearling to Four Year Old .....                        | \$200 |
| After close of World Show entries .....                | \$300 |

**Hardship Fees**

|                |       |
|----------------|-------|
| Stallion ..... | \$800 |
| Mare.....      | \$500 |
| Gelding.....   | \$200 |

**Hardship Progeny**

|                |       |
|----------------|-------|
| Stallion ..... | \$600 |
| Mare.....      | \$300 |
| Gelding.....   | \$100 |







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