

# Stock Type Division

## Standards of Conformation and Movement

**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 Association'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.

**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.

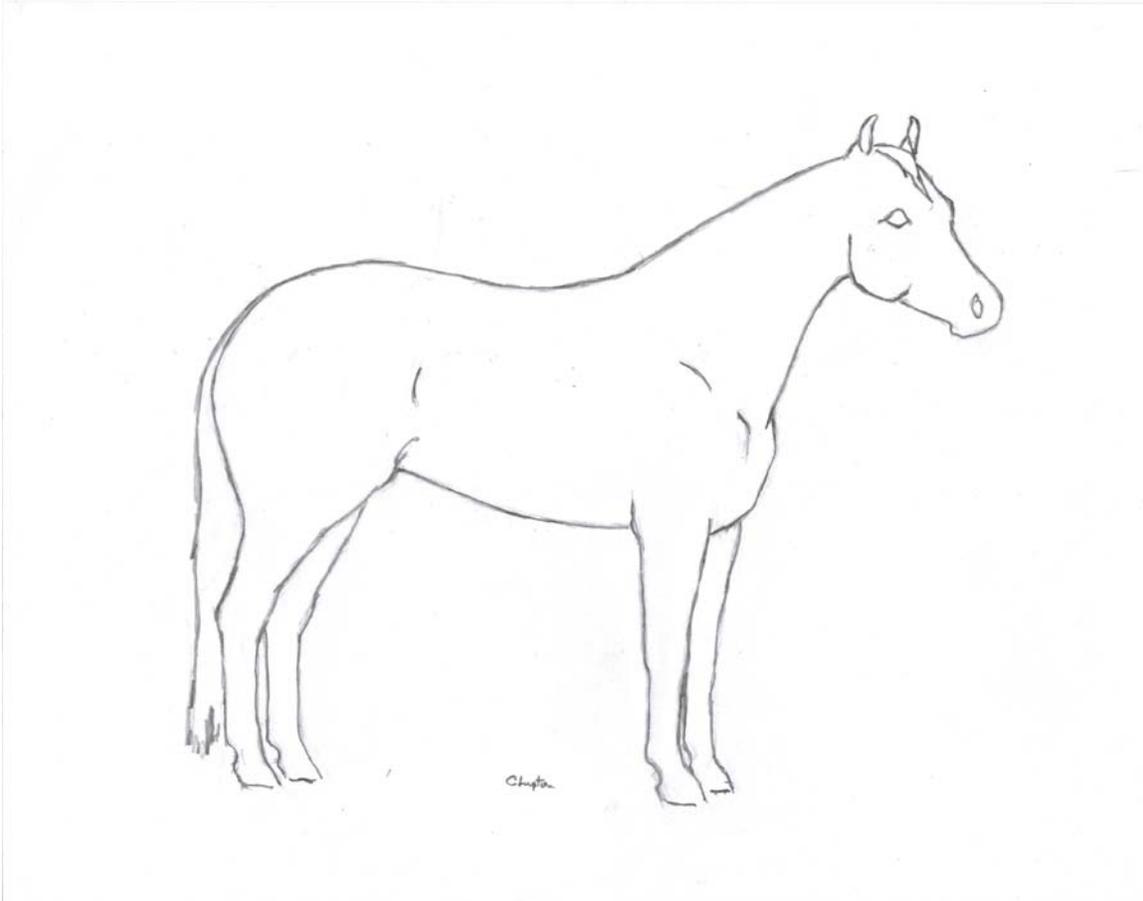
**HINDQUARTERS** - Viewed from either side or the rear, the hindquarters are broad, deep and adequately muscled through the thigh, stifle and gaskin down to the hock. When viewed from the rear, there is adequate width extending evenly from the top of the thigh to the gaskin. The hocks are wide set, deep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

**BONES, LEGS AND HOVES** - 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 with a ground covering motion. At all times they should appear confident, balanced and athletic. Excessive knee and/or hock action is a fault.

## Stock Type Illustration



### Standards and Style

1. Stock Type division horses will be shown in a stock horse manner with the horse standing still, calm and square. Baiting will be strongly frowned upon.
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 clean/new nylon halter will suffice. An Arabian type halter is unacceptable.
4. Leads may have chains, but chains may only go under chin and not over the nose or in the mouth.
5. Shaving/razoring of heads will be contrary to accepted style. Clipping is permitted.
6. Banding or braiding of manes is contrary to accepted style.
7. Pulled, overcut or undercut manes are acceptable.
8. Manes should be natural looking and of moderate length.
9. Tails should be off the ground.

### Requirements

1. A horse may not show in more than one halter division at any show **with the exception of color classes**. Versatility is considered a performance class and this does not apply.
2. There will be no instances of halter competition between horses representing Stock Type and the other division such as supreme champion classes.
3. Current rules for handler's dress will apply to both divisions.
4. Current halter ring pattern will be used for both divisions.

## Proposed Classes

YOTE	Jr	Mares Geldings
	Sr	Mares Geldings
Youth	Jr	Mares Geldings
	Sr	Mares Geldings
AOTE	Jr	Mares Geldings Stallions
	Sr	Mares Geldings Stallions
Amateur	Jr	Mares Geldings Stallions
	Sr	Mares Geldings Stallions
Amateur	Grand	Champion
Open	Jr	Mares Geldings Stallions
	Sr	Mares Geldings Stallions
Open	Grand	Champion

## FAQs

Q. Will classes at Local shows be official?

A. Yes when they finish working their way through the system in time for the 2015 annual meeting. For 2014 they are non rated.

Q. What classes can we have at local shows in 2014?

A. The 28 classes listed were approved by the Finance Committee, the BOD and the Membership and are official now. Local shows may use those classes at their shows. Eleven of the 28 classes were approved for the World Show. They are Youth Mares, Youth Geldings, Amateur Mares, Amateur Geldings, Amateur Stallions, Open Junior Mares, Open Senior Mares, Open Junior Geldings, Open Senior Geldings, Open Junior Stallions and Open Senior Stallions. The minimum list of Stock Type classes that may be offered by a local show contains the following six classes, Youth Mares and Geldings combined, Amateur Mares, Amateur Stallions and Geldings combined, Open Mares, Open Stallions and Open Geldings. A local show may select the list of 6 classes, the list of 11 classes or the list of 28 classes published here, without change, for inclusion in local shows.

Q. If a horse shows in the Stock Type Halter Division at a local show can the same horse show in the other Divisions Halter classes at World?

A. Yes

Q. How will a horse qualify for World in 2014?

A. There are no qualifying requirements for Stock Type Halter for the 2014 World Show. However, if you wish to enter other classes at the World Show, the horse will have to qualify for those.

Q. If I show Stock Type horse in versatility or color, how shall I present it.

A. Judges will judge the horse against the standard for which the horse is presented. If you wish your horse to be judged according to the Stock Type standard, your horse should be presented using the tack and style for a stock Type horse.