



2010 AMHA Rulebook Changes

Please read the following changes to the AMHA Rulebook. These changes were approved at the 2009 Board of Directors Meetings and will go into effect 01/01/10.

Note: The number on the right side of the page is for identification purposes only. **The page number is from the 2009 Rulebook.**

BYLAWS

Article XI, Section 2, Closed Registry, page 25 871
The registry and stud book of The American Miniature Horse Association shall be closed effective December 31, 1987, 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 sixty (60) months of age) which is thirty-four (34) inches or less in height with one or more unknown or unregistered parents shall be permanently registered upon payment of a non-refundable inspection fee when accompanied by a report of the physical inspection of height and any other registry qualifications conducted by a Past or Present Regional Director. The report shall be accomplished by arrangement between the owner and the inspector at the owner's expense. The Hardship Registration Fee shall be twenty-four (24) times the regular mature mare fee; twenty (20) times the regular mature stallion fee; and **twenty (20)** ~~forty (40)~~ times the regular gelding fee. (Amended 02-06, effective 01-07)

Note: This amendment changes the Hardship Gelding fee from \$500 to \$200. Note: This change will not affect closing of the Registry in 2013.
Amendment passed.

Article XVI A, page 27 868
Add as follows:
All proposed Show Rule amendments must be presented with five (5) original co-signatures of AMHA members in good standing.
Amendment passed.

Article XI, Section 4, Permanent Registration, page 25 866
Change as below:
Permanent certificates of registration shall be issued to qualified Miniature Horses who have attained the actual age of five (5) years, and measures thirty-four (34) inches or less in height, measured at the base of the ~~withers~~ **last hairs of the mane** while

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

Article XI, Section 2, Closed Registry, page 25 872
The registry and stud book of The American Miniature Horse Association shall be closed effective December 31, 1987, 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)** ~~sixty (60)~~ months of age) which is thirty-four (34) inches or less in height with one or more unknown or unregistered parents shall be permanently registered upon payment of a non-refundable inspection fee when accompanied by a report of the physical inspection of height and any other registry qualifications conducted by a Past or Present Regional Director. The report shall be accomplished by arrangement between the owner and the inspector at the owner's expense. The Hardship Registration Fee shall be twenty-four (24) times the regular mature mare fee; twenty (20) times the regular mature stallion fee; and fifty (50) times the regular gelding fee. (Amended 02-06, effective 01-07)
Note: See #871 for the change regarding the gelding fee.

Note: This amendment changes Temp to Perm from five (5) years of age to three (3) years of age. The Board of Directors voted at the June 2008 Board of Directors Meeting to allow this change to be voted on by the Membership at the 2009 Annual Meeting. If passed this will change the following rules and any other reference of Temp to Perm in the AMHA Rulebook:
Article XI, Section 3, Temporary Registration, page 24
Article XI, Section 4, Permanent Registration, page 25
Foreword
184D-2, Temporary Registration, page 46
184E, Term of Temporary Registration, page 46
Amendment passed.

RULES & REGS

#184B, Naming of Horse, page 45-46 853
...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 120 days~~ **for 60 days.**
Amendment passed.

#187-Leases, page 49-50 855
Change as below:
AMHA will ~~only~~ recognize leases ~~for a period of twelve (12) months after the filing date with AMHA. A lease renewal form signed by both lessor and lessee must be provided on an annual basis accompanied by the fee listed in the fee schedule. If a lease is not renewed by the twelve month anniversary date by both parties, AMHA will not continue to recognize the lease and~~

~~will only recognize those transactions on behalf of the registered owner." 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.~~
Amendment passed.

#193B-1, Inspection, page 55 857
1. The AMHA office will contact the current or former AMHA Regional Director nearest the applicant **when possible.** This Director will arrange for and perform an inspection of the animal at a time mutually agreeable to both parties.
Amendment passed.

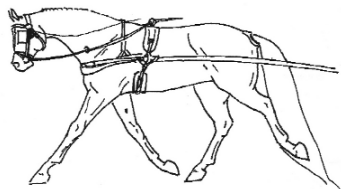
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SHOW RULES

- SN-010-H, add new section** 801 but not after crossing starting line.
Add as below: **Amendment passed.**
- Special Needs exhibitors shall be excused from wearing the required attire, except in Showmanship classes.**
- Note: Delete Standing Rule
- Amendment passed.**
- SN-010-I, add new section,** 802
Add as below:
In Special Needs classes, exhibitors shall be lined up with at least two (2) horse lengths between each exhibitor.
Amendment passed.
- GR-025-C, page 72** 818
Add under Amateur Classes:
AOTE Stallion
AOTE Gelding
AOTE Mare
1 AOTE driving class
Note: This amendment requires the above classes to be mandatory at Local Shows.
Amendment passed.
- CL-025-new I, page 92** 805
I. Any exhibitor, trainer of exhibitor or family member of exhibitor may not be responsible for design of the course.
Amendment passed.
- CL-055-A-2-c, page 102** 806
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. Any type harness is acceptable, but should be appropriate for the type of vehicle or class specifications.
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, ~~and shall rein back at the direction of the judge.~~
(Amended 11-10-00, effective 01-02)
Amendment passed.
- CL-062, page 104** 808
Move CL-062 Versatility under a new category, CL-021 Specialty Performance Classes.
Change World Qualifying point from 0 to 1
Amendment passed.
- CL-065-C-1-a, page 107** 820
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 twenty eight (28) inches for first jumping round. Exhibitors may go over jumps with horse. Whips are **not** permitted **in show ring.** ~~And~~ Exhibitors type of footwear is optional. Front leg wraps and/or boots are optional. Circling once upon entering the ring and once upon leaving the ring is permissible,
- CL-080-4, page 113** 809
4. Showing Horse in Ring - 50 points. The judge may use one of the following three (3) patterns in judging this class. ~~Judges may design another pattern with Show Management approval and as long as posting requirements are met.~~ 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 Special Needs Showmanship classes.
Amendment passed.
- AM-010-6-e, page 124** 810
e. 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. ~~AOTE Honor Roll Points for the calendar year will be lost when the Opt Out Form is submitted to the AMHA Office.~~
Amendment passed.
- PA-030-F-4, page 137** 821
Special Needs Division, add new #5 and renumber accordingly
Adult Special Needs showing Mare ~~or Gelding~~
Adult Special Needs showing Stallion or Gelding
Note: This will also change WS-030.
Amendment passed.
- WS-030, see classes below, page 143** 814
Change World Show Qualifying points: Currently **Change to:**
- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| 82. Youth Halter Obstacle 13-18 | 0 | 1 |
| 86. Youth Hunter 13-18 | 0 | 1 |
| 90. Youth Jumper 13-18 | 0 | 1 |
| 105. Youth Roadster 13-18 | 0 | 1 |
| 111. Youth Obstacle Driving 13-18 | 0 | 1 |
| 115. Youth Country Pleasure Driving 13 to 18. ... | 0 | 1 |
| 129. Youth Single Pleasure Driving 13-18 | 0 | 1 |
- Amendment passed.**
- WS-030, see classes below, page 143** 815
Change World Show Qualifying points: Currently **Change to:**
- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| 81. Youth Halter Obstacle 12 & Under | 0 | 1 |
| 85. Youth Hunter 12 & Under | 0 | 1 |
| 89. Youth Jumper 12 & Under | 0 | 1 |
| 104. Youth Roadster 12 & Under | 0 | 1 |
| 110. Youth Obstacle Driving 12 & Under | 0 | 1 |
| 114. Youth Country Pleasure Driving 12 & under | 0 | 1 |
| 128. Youth Single Pleasure Driving 12 & Under.... | 0 | 1 |
- Amendment passed.**
- WS-030, Class # 114A & 114B, page 143** 816
Youth Country Pleasure Driving 12 & under shall be divided into Youth Country Pleasure Driving 7 & Under and Youth Country Pleasure Driving 8-12 at the World Show Only.
Amendment passed.

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New Division, CL-034, Classic Pleasure Driving, page 95 819
Add new Division as follows:



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.

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 judged on the following criteria, in the listed order:

ATTITUDE PARAMOUNT	Settled in the bridle, smooth gait transitions.
MANNERS -PARAMOUNT	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 to 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.

C. Gait requirements:

Walk; A four beat, flat-footed and ground covering gait. 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. 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.

Classes to be added are:	Qualifying Points
Open Classic Pleasure Driving, under 32	3
Open Classic Pleasure Driving, 32-34	3
Youth Classic Pleasure Driving, 12 & under	0*
Youth Classic Pleasure Driving, 13-18	0*
Amateur Classic Pleasure Driving, Level 1	2
Amateur Classic Pleasure Driving, Level 2	2
AOTE Classic Pleasure Driving	1
Grand and Reserve Classic Pleasure Driving	

The Show Rules Committee and AMHA Board passed the complete Classic Pleasure Driving Division, with the Board having control to add classes as the division grows.

*Note: If #814 & #815 passes, these qualifying points will change to "1"

Note to Office: Committees will review regarding adding these classes to Championship & World Show Special Awards.

Amendment Passed.

JUNE 2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Show Rules

WS-025, Sect A, Judging System, Page 139 #917

The World Championship Show will have five (5) judges who will pick the Top Ten horses in halter classes, using a five (5) judge system wherein both the high and low scores are deleted and the remaining three (3) scores will determine the Top Ten. ~~These ten (10) horses will return to the ring and be placed for Champion, Reserve, and down to 10th place. Exception: Any halter class with ten (10) entries or less at time entries close will have no preliminary judging. They will only be judged in the evening with the other Top Ten classes. Performance, Youth, Amateur, and specialty halter classes will be judged ONCE using the above described five (5) judge accumulated system.~~

Passed as Housekeeping to become effective January 1, 2010.

AOTE Rule Clarification (first paragraph, history only)

The Show Rules Committee asked the AOTE Committee for a clarification on AM-010-6-a. Can the AOTE horses be handled by the co-owner on the registration certificate if they are not related to the AOTE exhibitor? The AOTE Committee and Show Rules interpret the rule as the AOTE horse can only be shown by one household/family per year. The Show Rule

Committee's recommendation to the Board is to change the following as **Housekeeping** since this is a clarification only.

AM-010-A-6a: "The horse exhibited by the AOTE must be trained, conditioned, groomed and shown **ONLY** by the AOTE or a nonprofessional family member (spouse, mother, father, brother, sister, niece, nephew, son, daughter, grandchild, grandparent, legal ward, in-laws, step children, step parents, step siblings) in all divisions entered (balance of the paragraph remains the same).

Passed unanimously a Housekeeping (clarification) to become effective January 1, 2010..

Add at the end of SN-010, section "H"

Special Needs Driving Guidelines

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.

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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.

Note: On page 144, make a note for Class #142—See SN-010-H for Special Needs Driving Guidelines.

Rules & Regs

Rules & Regs #185, Registration Numbers, page 48 #951
Submitted by: Pam Pruitt

The Association will issue registration numbers in consecutive order, based upon the order in which the applications are processed by the Association. ~~with the exception of horses previously registered with another registry which will keep their existing numbers preceded by the letters "TR" and the initials of the former registry.~~

Justification:

Delete as above. This policy has not been followed for years.

Passed as Housekeeping, the change will be effective January 1, 2010.

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early 2010 and
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