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2011 AMHA Rulebook Changes - Effective 01.01.11

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The page number is from the 2010 Rulebook.

BYLAWS

Article VI, Section 4 (C)

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Article VII Section 4A, Regional Elections, Page 17 #965

(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 published in the August/September Miniature Horse World or mailed to current members.**

Amendment passed.

International Emissary, new Section

#969

Remove Article 7, Section 1, F and all references to Honorary Directors from the Rule Book.

- **Create** a new article XX entitled 'International'

Section 1 – Enumeration

International refers to all geographic locations outside of the current AMHA recognized regions (see Article XI International

Section 2 - International Emissary

- 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. Emissaries will be confirmed by the Board of Directors at their next meeting.**
- Additional emissaries 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.**
- Each emissary shall be an AMHA member in good standing.**
- International emissaries must speak, write and read English as well as the language of their country of residence.**
- 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 Emissary 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.

G. The term of an International Emissary shall be three years with a maximum of six years consecutive. If there are insufficient candidates to fill available emissary positions from a given country, the current emissary 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.

Richard Sievert made a motion for the President to agree to change the word "Emissary" due to this word being considered as derogatory. Mark Wilson seconded. President Barenklau stated he will not use his powers to make a change in the Bylaws.

Amendment passed.

RULES & REGS

Rules & Regs

#193B, Inspection, page 55

#193B-5-a

5. Appeal

a. A horse ~~rejected~~ may be appealed once.

Clarification: Appeals are not retroactive, but are only effective from the date of passing the rule forward.

Amendment passed.

SHOW RULES

GR-020, New Section, Page 70

#903

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.

Note: Delete current Standing Rule.

Amendment passed.

GR-020, Sect E, Page 71

#905

~~The horses head and neck shall be in a natural position.~~ **The horse's head and neck shall be in a natural position, facing forward, with the nostrils lower than the eyes.**

Amendment passed.

GR-025, Sect R, Page 76

#909

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 for 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 2-21-03, effective (01-04)**

Amendment passed.

CL-030, Sect I, Page 94

#912

~~In the absence of an suitable adequate* warm-up arena, it is mandatory that a warm-up period of at least ten (10) five (5) minutes be offered before the first class per show day of the Pleasure Driving Division and the first class of the Roadster Division~~ 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.

Amendment passed.

YD-010, Sect D, Page 120

#906

Renumber accordingly:

Add YD-010-D and renumber accordingly

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, step siblings) 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, step children, step parents, step siblings), or family-owned corporation, ranch or farm. The owner or lessee of record must be so recorded in the AMHA office by January 1st of each year in which the YOTE horse is to be shown. If a horse is acquired after January 1, the youth owner/lessee must wait until the following year to enter the YOTE classes.
 - 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.
 4. 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.

5. All alleged violations must be substantiated by official records, show management observation, or other recorded visual evidence.

Classes in this division are:

YOTE Mares 7 & Under

YOTE Mares 8 -12

YOTE Mares 13 -18

YOTE Geldings 7 & Under

YOTE Geldings 8-12

YOTE Geldings 13-18

YOTE Classic Pleasure Driving 12 & under

YOTE Classic Pleasure Driving 13 - 18

YOTE Country Pleasure Driving 7 & under (only at the World Show)

YOTE Country Pleasure Driving 12 & under

YOTE Country Pleasure Driving 13 – 18

YOTE Single Pleasure Driving 12 & under

YOTE Single Pleasure Driving 13- 18

YOTE Roadster 12 & under

YOTE Roadster 13 –18

Optional at Local Shows and Mandatory at Championship & World Shows

The Youth Committee recommends starting with the following classes.

Additional classes will be added after Board's approval

YOTE Mares 18 & Under

YOTE Geldings 18 & Under

“O” qualifying points the first year, one (1) the second year.

Honor Roll Class, additional cost of approximately \$265 per year for belt buckles in adding these two (2) classes.

Note: The above is the revised YOTE rule as received June 13, 2009 from the Youth Committee. Show Rules met and approved the revised rule on July 14, 2009. The AMHA Board approved on July 20, 2009 to forward to the membership for vote in February 2010.

Amendment passed. **These classes will be added to the Championship & World Show schedule when the Board cancels the moratorium.**

PA-020, Sect C, Page 128

#916

The Amateur Grand Championship Halter Classes must include first and second place winners from the appropriate sex **and age** classes. (The rest remains the same)

This rule change also affects the following:

WS-030 Classes, page 144

Change the current Amateur Grand Champion Classes as follows:

150 World Amateur Grand Champion Mare – Change to:

World Amateur Grand Champion Jr. Mare

World Amateur Grand Champion Sr. Mare

151 World Amateur Grand Champion Stallion – Change to:

World Amateur Grand Champion Jr. Stallion

World Amateur Grand Champion Sr. Stallion

152 World Amateur Grand Champion Gelding – Change to:

World Amateur Grand Champion Jr. Gelding

World Amateur Grand Champion Sr. Gelding

Note: If the above rule passes, the Amateur and AOTE Committee recommends adding an additional \$5 to each Amateur and AOTE halter class to cover the additional cost for awards.

Amendment passed.

WS-030, Classes, Page 141

#908

A. Add Class 153 – World Supreme Halter Champion

*Open and Amateur World Grand Champion Halter horses will return to center ring to vie for the title of World Supreme Halter Champion. Judging will be conducted in the same manner as every other World Championship Show Class, using the five judge system.

If passed, the following Show Rules would need to be amended – WS-035, WS-040, WS-042

Amendment passed.

August 18, 2010 Meeting

Classic Pleasure Driving Housekeeping Proposal

Submitted by Performance Committee

#1040

CL-034, add the following clarification after the first paragraph.

*** 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 with minimal knee and hock action.)**

GR-025-B, Housekeeping

Housekeeping Change, effective 1.1.11

#1038

GR-025-B, page 72

B. To obtain approval, the organization 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** ~~plus~~ 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.

GR-025-P, Housekeeping

Housekeeping Change, effective 1.1.11

#1039

GR-025-P, page 75

P. 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** ~~A~~ complete list of the registered names, ~~and~~ numbers, **and**

heights of all horses entered in the show, and ~~results of~~ 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.

GR-025-H, Housekeeping

Housekeeping Change, effective 1.1.11

GR-025-H, page

#1041

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).** ~~If submitted on a diskette, a \$2.00 or \$1.00 (U.S. funds only) fee, per horse per judge entered, must be sent to the AMHA office with the show results.~~

Fee Schedule

AMHA Show office fees per horse per judge for AMHA Approved programs (Pro-Show) \$1 per horse/per judge

Manual Shows, any submission other than Pro-Show, \$2 per horse/per judge

Performance Futurity Nomination Changes, effective 1.1.11

The Performance Committee submitted the following changes to be effective January 1, 2011. These changes will bring the ages for performance nominations in line with AMHA Registrations.

Change nomination schedule for Performance Futurity to match the registration schedule.

Current Schedule:

Weanlings Zero to 3 months of age	\$25
Weanlings Over 3 months to 6 months	\$50
Over 6 months to Yearling	\$100
Yearling to 2 years old	\$200
Over 2 years old to 3 years old	\$300

Change to:

Weanlings Zero to <u>4</u> months of age	\$25
Weanlings Over <u>4</u> months to <u>8</u> months	\$50
Over <u>8</u> months to Yearling	\$100
Yearling to 2 years old	\$200
Over 2 years old to 3 years old	\$300

Flow-Chart, Housekeeping, effective 1.1.11

Passed by the Board as Housekeeping.

AMHA Rule Change Flow Chart

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

