



THE AMERICAN MINIATURE HORSE ASSOCIATION, INC.

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## 2012 AMHA AOTE Opt-Out Declaration Form

**This form must be received in the AMHA office prior to the horse being handed to a trainer or non-family member, for the horse named below to opt out of any AMHA AOTE classes.**

I have chosen to opt out of the AMHA AOTE program with the horse listed below. I understand by doing so, that I may not show this horse in any AOTE classes until the next calendar year.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Effective Date (effective date may not be during an AMHA show)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Horse's AMHA Registration Number- **One horse per form**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Horse's Registered Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner's Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
e-mail address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner's Signature

**AOTE Opt Out Fee:** Fees are payable in U.S. funds only and must accompany form.

**AOTE Opt Out Fee- \$10.00 per horse.**

Check or Money Order

VISA

MasterCard

Credit Card No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant agrees to abide by all the Rules, Regulations and decisions of the AMHA, its Officers and Directors or its appointees.

Please see the back of this form for complete AMHA AOTE Rules.

## **AM-010-6, AMHA Official Rulebook (2010 changes indicated by Bold Print)**

6. Please Note: The AOTE program was amended 02-06, to be effective 01-07.

Amateur Owned, Trained, and Exhibited (AOTE) Effective 1999, AOTE halter mare, stallion, and gelding classes will be offered at the Championship and World Championship Shows and will be optional at Local Shows. Effective 2000, AOTE Single Pleasure Driving, AOTE Country Pleasure Driving, and AOTE Roadster classes will be offered at the Championship and World Championship Shows and will be optional at local shows.

a. 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. Further, no one with a professional trainer in the household or on premises may compete in the AOTE division. Exception: Mare & Foal, Get of Sire and 3x1 Owner Classes, another Amateur may assist in these classes only.

(Amended 12-6-03, effective 01-04) (Amended 2-26-05, effective 01-06)

1. Another Amateur may show AOTE horses in Championship classes only when the AOTE exhibitor has more than one horse qualified. Refer to AM-010-B for AOTE ownership requirements.

2. Anyone may hold an AOTE horse. This is permissible and encouraged as it assures the owner/exhibitor that the horse is being supervised.

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

4. Anyone can pet an AOTE horse, or assist an AOTE 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. The owner or lessee of record must be so recorded in the AMHA office by January 1st of each year in which the AOTE horse is to be shown. If a horse is acquired after January 1, the amateur owner/lessee must wait until the following year to enter the AOTE classes.

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

d. 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).

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 show 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.

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

h. 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.