

## 2022 AMHA Annual Meeting & Convention Voting Items

The following proposals will be presented to the membership for vote at the 2021 Annual Meeting and Convention. If you have questions regarding any of these items, please contact the appropriate committee chair.

Note: All deletions will be strikethrough & changes will be indicated by bold and underlined print. The number on the right side of the page is for identification purposes only.

### Bylaws Amendments

Article XI Section 2 Closed Registry page B-21 #2208  
Submitted by Michael Brandt

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 of only 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...

Article XIX Amendment of Bylaws page B-25 #2211  
Submitted by Leigh Murray

All AMHA Bylaws, **except Article XI, Section 6**, may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the **participating** Regular members or Membership Special Meeting, but only after the specific proposal or amendment shall have met the criteria of prior notice.

Article VII, Section 6 Meetings, G page B-14 #2212  
Submitted by Leigh Murray

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 ~~published in the Miniature Horse World or by mail out to all members~~ 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.

**Article IX, Section 2 Qualifications, B** page B-16 #2213  
Submitted by Leigh Murray

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.**

Article IX, Section 8 Duties of the VP page B-17-18 #2214  
Submitted by Leigh Murray

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**.

Article XIX, Section C page B-26 #2216  
Submitted by Leigh Murray

At the Annual Meeting the Bylaws Committee Chairperson will explain each proposed Bylaw amendment, and the members in attendance will vote "yes" or "no" ~~with no changes permitted at that time.~~ 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.

Article XVI, Section B page B-24 #2217  
Submitted by Leigh Murray

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.~~

Article VI, Section 2 Special Meetings A page B-9 #2225  
Submitted by AMHA Staff

Notice of a special meeting shall be given by publishing such notice ~~in the Miniature Horse World or 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 ~~to all members of the Association.~~ 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.~~

#### Show Rules Amendments

CL-016 Criteria and Style, 9 page S-29 #2204  
Submitted by Stock Horse Committee

#9 Tails ~~should~~ **must** be off the ground **or be disqualified**.

CL-016 Requirements, 3 page S-29 #2205  
Submitted by Stock Horse Committee

~~#3 Current rules for handler's dress will apply in stock division.~~ **Handler's attire must include western hat, long sleeved collared shirt or jacket, and western footwear or be disqualified.**

CL-016 Criteria and Style, 5  
Submitted by Stock Committee

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#2206

#5 Razoring of heads ~~will be heavily penalized~~ **is prohibited and cause for disqualification.** Clipping is permitted.

CL-016 Criteria and Style, 10  
Submitted by Stock Committee

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#2207

Add #10

**#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 body part, equipment or material) and excessive jerking or harsh use of the lead line to be viewed as a negative towards presentation.**

PA-030 Recognized Point Classes, D  
Submitted by Donna Terry

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#2215

#### 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

\*Renumber the rest of classes in the list

YD-010 Youth Division, H Headers  
Submitted by Youth Committee

page S-79

#2219

Headers for Youth Special Need Halter classes (all ages) are optional (except driving) and may enter the ring during the class with the youth. Headers for 7 & Under Halter classes are mandatory, and optional in 8-12 and 13-18 classes. Headers for these classes may enter the ring once the judging has been completed and the horses are retired to the rail. **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.**

GR-025-C Approval For AMHA Shows page S-9  
Submitted by Sherry Crowe

**#2220**

Last paragraph before D.!

Effective 1999 Level 1 and 2 Amateur Single Pleasure Driving, ~~and~~ Amateur Country Pleasure Driving, **and Amateur Classic Pleasure Driving** are optional at all local shows and required at Championship and World Championship Shows.

AM-010 Requirements page S-80  
Submitted by Show Rules Committee

**#2221**

2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph – Delete:

~~All past professionals, prior to the beginning of their five-year waiting period, must be an AMHA member and declare in writing their intent to the AMHA before the waiting period begins (the waiting period being five years). An advertisement will be placed in the MHW of the person's declaration. In the last year of the five-year waiting period, the AMHA will place advertisements of the declaration in a minimum of five MHW editions. Any protest by AMHA members may be made any time during this final year of the waiting period, in writing with a \$100 fee. The protest will be reviewed by the Show Rules Committee with the AMHA Board as the Appeal level.~~

Replace with:

**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.**

PA-030 & WS-030 pages S-95 & S-104-105  
Submitted by Performance Committee

**#2222**

Add:

**Open Classic Pleasure Driving, Over 30" to 32"**  
**Open Classic Pleasure Driving, 30" & Under**  
**Open Country Pleasure Driving, Over 30" to 32"**  
**Open Country Pleasure Driving, 30" & Under**  
**Open Single Pleasure Driving, Over 30" to 32"**  
**Open Single Pleasure Driving, 30" & Under**

Renumber classes as needed

PA-030 & WS-030 pages S-98 & S-103  
Submitted by AOTE Committee

**#2226**

Add:

**AOTE Classic Pleasure Driving Level 1**

**AOTE Classic Pleasure Driving Level 2**  
**AOTE Country Pleasure Driving Level 1**  
**AOTE Country Pleasure Driving Level 2**  
Renumber as needed

PA-010 Show Classifications  
Submitted by AMHA Staff

page S-87

#2231

Delete A:

~~Shows shall be classified according to the number of horses in all approved classes limited to AMHA registered horses. This includes halter and performance classes. Each group in a group class, or each multiple hitch, will count as one horse.~~

Delete B:

~~Classification of shows as to A, B, C, or D shall be made by the number of the horses actually exhibited during that show~~

~~Show Classification D — 1 to 19 horses~~

~~Show Classification C — 20 to 40 horses~~

~~Show Classification B — 41 to 85 horses~~

~~Show Classification A — over 85 horses~~

YD-010-D-b YOTE Ownership  
Submitted by AMHA Staff

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#2232

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 owner or lessee of record must be so recorded in the AMHA office by January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year in which the YOTE horse is to be shown. If horse is acquired after January 1<sup>st</sup>, the youth owner/lessee must wait until the following year to enter the YOUTE classes.~~ **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>.**

AM-010-A-6-b AOTE Ownership  
Submitted by AMHA Staff

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b. Ownership

~~The owner or lessee of record must be so recorded on the registration certificate (not postmarked) by January 1<sup>st</sup> 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.~~ **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>.**

Delete B

Delete C

**D becomes the New B. Register of Merit**

~~The purpose of the Register of Merit is to establish a reward of performance. 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 ~~twenty (20)~~ 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 ~~may request the proper certificate from the AMHA office after verification, the certificate shall be prepared and for awarded to 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.

Add:

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)

Delete B

Delete C

Delete D

Add:

**New B: Champion and Reserve Amateur of the Year**

1. The Amateur of the Year shall be awarded each year to the AMHA member who holds an Amateur card that garnishes the most points earned at local and/or Regional shows. WS points not to count.

2. These awards will be presented to the Champion and Reserve Champion in each division, Amateur Level One and Amateur Level Two.

**3. Awards will be calculated each year following the last Regional Show. Points earned after that date will apply to the next show year.**

**4. Each winner will receive a certificate. Any other awards will be optional and determined on a year-to-year basis by the Amateur Committee.**

**5. Recognition to the winners will be given on the AMHA website, current AMHA publications, and at the AMHA Annual Meeting.**

PA-026 Youth Titles and Awards      pages S-91-92

**#2229**

**Delete B**

**Delete C**

**Delete D**

**Add:**

**New 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.**