

## 2023 AMHA Annual Meeting & Convention Voting Items

The following proposals will be presented to the membership for vote at the 2023 Annual Meeting and Convention. If you have questions regarding any of these items, please contact the appropriate committee chair.

Note: All deletions will be ~~striketrough~~ and 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 IX, Section 3 page B-16 #2310

Submitted by AMHA Staff

Officers shall be elected to office for a term of ~~one (1)~~ **two (2)** years, or until their successors are elected and qualified, to take office immediately after the Annual Meeting. **Directors who are in office when their Regional Director term ends shall continue as an adjunct Director until their officer term is over, or until they may be re-elected as a Regional Director. Adjunct Directors will continue to have voting privileges on the BOD.**

Article XIV & Article XV page B-23 #2325

Submitted by AMHA Staff

Article XIV : The **members** at the Annual Meeting shall ratify...

Article XV: The **members at** the Annual Meeting shall approve...

Suggested by AMHA Parliamentarian.

Article IX, Section 4 page B-16 #2326

Submitted by AMHA Staff

By **45 days** prior to the Annual Meeting each year, any eligible Director (including those to be seated) who wish to run for an office **must** submit a standardized biographical sketch to the AMHA **Office**. Such information will be placed on the website and a copy shall be placed in each members' packet at the Annual Meeting. **No candidates can be nominated from the floor.** ~~Additionally, candidates may be nominated from the floor, but will be required to present the biography (printed at their time and expense) at the meeting.~~ **In the event that an**

**office is left vacant due to lack of nominations, the current officer will continue for an additional term, regardless of term limits.** All candidates should be prepared to answer questions from the floor regarding their qualifications...

Article V-3-A

page B-7

#2327

Submitted by AMHA Staff

#### A Enumeration

The Board of Directors shall have the power and authority to make, amend, repeal and enforce such rules and regulations, not contrary to law, the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws, as they may deem expedient and necessary concerning the conduct, management and activities of the Association , including but not limited to the setting and collection of dues and fees, (excepting registration fees), regulations regarding stud book, registration, the expenditure of money, the auditing of books and records, the awarding of championships, the conducting of show, contests, exhibitions, sales, social functions and other details relating to the general purpose of the Association. All of the foregoing are subject to revision or amendment by a majority of the registered Regular Members in good standing ~~present and~~ voting at the Annual Meeting or any special meeting, **whether in person or by electronic attendance**, provided that written notice of any intention to revise or amend said rule(s) has been published ~~in the Miniature Horse World~~ on the AMHA website, E-News or official correspondence at least sixty (60) days in advance of that meeting.

Article X 1&2

page B-20

#2328

Submitted by AMHA Staff

#### Article X – Committees

~~Section 1 Authority~~ remove entire section

~~Section 2 Enumeration~~ remove entire section

Suggested by AMHA Parliamentarian

Article VIII-2-C

page B-16

#2329

Submitted by AMHA Staff

C Move 2 & 3<sup>rd</sup> sentences to Section 5 of Article VIII

“If a vacancy in the office of the Treasurer occurs and there is not a suitable replacement on the Board, the Board of Directors shall have the authority to

appoint a Treasurer from the general membership. If the Treasurer is selected in this manner, he/she will not have voting rights as a Director.”

Suggested by AMHA Parliamentarian

Article VII-1-D

page B-11-12

#2331

Submitted by Jacob Elliott

There shall be ~~thirteen (13)~~ seventeen Regions as defined in this subsection and the number of Directors, ~~elected from each of those Regions~~ shall be equitably proportioned to the number of Regular Members in such region, provided that one (1) Director be elected from each Region.

ADD

**Region 14 United Kingdom (Northern Ireland, Wales, Scotland, and England)**

**Region 15 Europe (Republic of Ireland, France, Spain, Netherlands, Belgium, Czech Republic, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Poland, Romania, Hungary))**

**Region 16 Nordic Countries (Iceland, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Norway, Ukraine)**

**Region 17 Australia and New Zealand**

Article XX-2

page 26-27

#2332

Submitted by Jacob Elliott

Section A – Delete & re-letter

New Section A

Additional ~~Honorary~~ Directors may be appointed if necessary due to large geographic areas or the absence of an AMHA recognized club at the **discretion of the AMHA Board of Directors.**

**B** Each **International** ~~honorary~~ director shall be an AMHA member in good standing.

**C** Each ~~honorary~~ International director must speak, write, and read English as well as the language of their country of residence.

**D** 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.

**E.** International ~~Honorary~~ Directors....

**F.** The term of an International ~~Honorary~~ Director shall be three years with a maximum of six years consecutive. If there are insufficient candidates to fill available ~~honorary~~ director positions from a given country, the current ~~honorary~~ director may run for additional terms by making written request to the AMHA Office.

Article VII, Sect 6-H  
Submitted by AMHA Staff

page B-15

#2343

#### H. Open Meetings

Meetings of the Board of Directors ~~shall be~~ **are** open to ~~all persons wishing to attend~~ **current members of AMHA and those non-members that have been invited to attend by a Director or the AMHA Office. All attendees must identify themselves upon request. Failure to do so may result in the attendee being removed from the meeting.** The Board may close its meeting on matters relating to personnel and pending legal or disciplinary matters except to a member bringing such matters before the Board as provided herein or any members the subject of such matter.

### **Rules and Regulations Amendments**

193C-4  
Submitted by AMHA Staff

page R-28

#2302A

Measurement shall be performed on the body location of the horse in accordance set forth in the current AMHA Rulebook by the official show measurer and witnessed by a designated measuring observer/witness. (Reference: GR-020 **A, B, C, & E**)

150A-2  
Submitted by Mallory Grayson

page R-9

#2336

The office manager will forward the complaint to the President. If the complaint is again the President, it will be forwarded to the Vice President. **Should the complaint be against all members of the EC, the office manager will forward the complaint to the Board of Directors (BOD). The BOD members not involved in the complaint would select a presiding officer to conduct the meeting on the**

**complaint.** The complaint will be handled as sensitive information and will only be discussed with the Executive Committee during closed meeting, excluding any EC member that the complaint may be against.

### **Show Rules Amendments**

GR-025 G page S-11 #2301  
Submitted by AMHA Staff

Delete current G

Replace with:

**An AMHA show will be open to AMHA registered horses only. AMHA, the horsting club, and/or organization has the right to refuse entries from any person(s) or entities that they deem are not in good standing or are not welcome.**

GR-040-H page S-19 #2306  
Submitted by Jennifer Bennett

Delete H and re-letter the remainder

~~H. Drug testing on a random basis will be mandatory at all AMHA World Championship Shows and may be required at other shows.~~

**OR**

GR-040-H #2307  
Submitted by Jennifer Bennett

**H. Drug testing on a random basis will be optional at all AMHA World Championship Shows.** ~~Drug testing on a random basis will be mandatory at all AMHA World Championship Shows and may be required at other shows.~~

PA-030-D page S-96-97 #2308  
Submitted by Julie Petri

**13 Youth Solid Color Mares/Geldings\***

**14 Youth Multi-Color Mares/Geldings\***

Re-number remaining classes

\*indicates WS Only classes

Submitted by AMHA Staff for Special Awards

Delete B

Delete C

Delete D

New B

### **Champion and Reserve Champion of the Year**

- 1. The Amateur of the Year shall be awarded each year to the AMAH member who holds a current Amateur card and who garnishes the most points earned at Local & Regional Shows in each of the three regions (Eastern, Central, and Western as listed in WS-010-C) in the following divisions: Amateur & AOTE. World Show points not to count.**
- 2. If the Amateur shows in more than one region, they will receive the award in the region in which they earned the most points.**
- 3. Awards will be calculated at the end of the calendar 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 Amateur & AOTE committees.**
- 5. Recognition to the winners will be given on the AMHA website and AMHA publications.**

Submitted by Show Rules

- A. Points shall be awarded on the following basis to qualifying horses entered and exhibited in **all AMHA local, Regional Championship, and World Shows.**

**Add:**

**E. Three sets of points will be awarded for the Regional Championships.**

**F. Only one set of points will be awarded for World Championships.**

**G. World Championship Show points are to be used for PA-025 Titles and Awards, PA-026 Youth Titles and Awards, and PA-027 Amateur Titles and Awards. World Championship points will not be counted towards qualifying for Regional Championship and World Championship Shows in the subsequent year.**

OR

PA-015-

page S-87

#2314

Submitted by AMHA Staff

ADD:

**E. Three sets of points will be awarded at Regional Championships and the World Show.**

GR-020 G-4

page S-7

#2315

Submitted by Show Rules

4. The permanent carded horse can still be protested at any future show under the current AMHA rules ~~or under Rules and Regulations Rule 181 & 182.~~

GR-050 A-1

page S-22

#2316

Submitted by Show Rules

**1. All protests must be made by an owner/agent of a horse entered in the show and owner must be present or have an agent present at the show.**

Re-number the rest accordingly.

GR-050 A-1

page S-22

#2317

Submitted by Show Rules

1.....The protest shall be accompanied by a ~~\$100~~**\$200** deposit....If a protest is not sustained the ~~\$100~~**\$200** protest fee shall go to the profits of the show.

GR-050 A-4

page S-22

#2318

Submitted by Show Rules

4.....with an additional ~~\$100~~**\$150** and.....A second appeal may be made to the AMHA Board of Directors with an additional ~~\$100~~**\$150 fee.**

GR-050-B-3

page S-22

#2319

Submitted by Show Rules

3.....or otherwise altered prior to final resolution of the protest. **Horses may be lunged for up to 15 minutes.** Any such alteration will result in ...

GR-050 C-1 page S-22 #2320  
Submitted by Show Rules

1.....The protest must be made in writing accompanied by a ~~\$100~~ **\$200** deposit.

GR-050 C-2 page S-22 #2321  
Submitted by Show Rules

2.....and at least two (2) other show officials. **If another qualified show official measurer is not present at the time of protest, the original measurer can remeasure with the supervision of at least two (2) other show officials.**

WS-036-B page S-107 #2322  
Submitted by Amateur/Show Rules

B. Amateur World and Championship Grand Championship classes shall include all the Champions and Reserve Champions from ~~the appropriate driving classes as follows:~~ **all Amateur driving classes (except non-rated) in their specific divisions.**

Delete 1-4

WS-030 page S-100-106 #2324  
Submitted by Show Rules

A. The qualifying classes for the World Championship Show are:

~~Qualifying Points~~

Remove all qualifying points from class 1-241

~~\*The Show Rules committee governing entry to the Championship and World Championship Shows shall be empowered to validate exemptions from stated requirements upon sufficient evidence presented by exhibitor. (Amended 02-14, effective 01-15)~~



- B. ~~Point accumulations to qualify~~ **Qualifications** for participation in the World Championship Show will stop thirty (30) days prior to the date of the World Championship Show. ~~Points earned in Shows held during the thirty-day period prior to the World Championship Show will count towards participation in the World Championship Show in the subsequent year,~~
- C. ~~Any animal who wins one Grand Championship or two (2) Reserve Championships in halter competition in shows in which at least six (6) horses have competed in that sex division, shall be qualified for the World Championship Show.~~

**To enter and participate at the World Show, a horse must be shown at a minimum of two (2) shows during the World Show qualifying period. A horse does not have to qualify in a particular class or classes to enter a class or classes at the World Show with the following exception:**

**Youth Qualifications:**

**To qualify for the World Show, a youth/horse combination must have shown together at an AMHA sanctioned show in each division entered at the World Show (i.e., youth halter/in hand class or youth driving class).**

- D. All horses placing TOP TEN in their class at one of the AMHA Regional Championship Shows, regardless of the number shown in the same classes as offered at the World Championship Show will AUTOMATICALLY qualify for the same class at the AMHA World Championship Show.  
(Amended 02-11, effective 01-12).
- E. **Those who have not been able to qualify according to WS-030, C or D above will have the option to "Pay To Play". Those who attended no qualifying shows will pay \$500 to be able to exhibit that horse at the World Championship Show, and those who attended one qualifying show will pay \$250 to exhibit at the World Championship Show. All youth exhibitors must qualify the horse according to WS-030, C-1 above. The proceeds, less 10% office fee, from this World Championship qualification option will be equitably divided amongst all North American based AMHA local clubs.**

OR

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- i. **AOTE Youth Mentoring Program**  
**The AOTE Youth Mentoring Program would allow youth to be mentored by an AOTE with a declared AOTE horse without losing it's AOTE status. The intent of this program is to get youth involved with AMHA horses who may not otherwise get involved.**
- 1. An AOTE may mentor a youth non-related with an AOTE horse.**
  - 2. The AOTE would have to declare the youth by submitting an AOTE youth mentoring form (see fee schedule) to the office before the youth is able to handle the AOTE horse in any way that would normally disqualify an AOTE horse.**
  - 3. Any youth submitted by an AOTE on the mentoring form can ONLY show horses owned by that AOTE or AOTE Family (as described in AM-010-6-a) or owned or leased (see lease rules) by: the youth, either individually or jointly, the family (mother, father, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, legal guardian, grandparent, step-parents, step-siblings, and step-grandparents) or family-owned corporation, ranch or farm.**
  - 4. A declared youth may be removed from the AOTE youth mentoring program by submitting the AOTE mentoring Opt-Out Declaration form to the AMHA office. The AOTE youth mentoring Opt-Out forms must be on file with the Office prior to the youth showing any horse other than listed in AM-010-6-i. The Opt Out Declaration will not be accepted during the course any show. Fees – See Fee Schedule.**

**LINKED TO**

YD-010-D-d

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#2334

Submitted by Sherry Crowe

**Add new d**

**d. Any Youth who is being mentored under the AOTE youth mentoring program is ineligible to show in YOTE unless their horse qualifies under YD-010-D**

Re-letter the rest

AM-010-A-6-a

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#2337

Submitted by Donna Lavery

a.....step-siblings or MEMBER OF HOUSEHOLD. No one with a professional trainer in the household, or on the premises, may compete in the AOTE division.

**\*\*\*The MEMBER OF HOUSEHOLD must be designated by the AOTE on member of household form (see fee schedule) and recorded in the office by January 1 of the year the AOTE/MEMBER OF HOUSEHOLD plans to show the horse. AOTE and MEMBER OF HOUSEHOLD must show proof of same address by a state issued ID showing the same address for both AOTE and MEMBER OF HOUSEHOLD**

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#2338

Submitted by Donna Lavery

a.....step-siblings or MEMBER OF HOUSEHOLD) in all divisions entered. Further, no one with a professional trainer in the household, or on the premises, may compete in the YOTE division.

**\*\*\*The MEMBER OF HOUSEHOLD must be designated by the YOTE on member of household form (see fee schedule) and recorded in the office by January 1 of the year the YOTE/MEMBER OF HOUSEHOLD plans to show the horse. YOTE and MEMBER OF HOUSEHOLD must show proof of same address by a state issued ID showing the same address for both YOTE and MEMBER OF HOUSEHOLD**

GR-020-B

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#2341

Submitted by Mallory Grayson

B. Horse's height must be verified on a hard, level surface, preferably concrete or paved, in a public place, by a show official and witnessed by a recording official of the show. **The cross piece or arm of the stick must slide up and down freely until the standard is placed on the ground. The cross piece or arm must then be**

**lowered on the horse's last mane hair.** No person with horses being shown competing in the show may be a measuring official at the show. ....

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#2342

Submitted by AMHA Staff

New M. **Evidence of inhumane treatment to a horse including but not limited to blood, whip marks that raise welts or abusive whipping, and performing sliding stops while driving shall result in disqualification of that horse and that exhibitor for the balance of that show and shall result in the forfeiture of all trophies, ribbons, awards, and points won by that horse. AMHA shall be notified of any such disqualification by the Show Manager when results are reported.**

Re-letter the remainder