RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS VOTED ON AT THE 2026 ANNUAL MEETING (all page numbers refer to the 2026 AMHA Rule Book)

Bylaws

Article IV, Section 1, Membership **page B-4** **#2601**
Submitted by AMHA Office **ADDITION**

PASSED

Addition to first sentence:

Membership in AMHA**, is a privilege, not a right**, and is open to all persons who subscribe to the objectives of the AMHA, and who agree to abide by its rules and regulations.

Rules and Regulations

Section 193A, new #3-5 **page R-27** **#2616**
Submitted by Shawn Hester **ADDITION**

PASSED

Add #3-5 to 193A

3. **Temporary Hardship of Junior horses for SHOW PURPOSES ONLY, yearlings and 2-year-olds, weanlings are excluded from eligibility. Junior horses shall be eligible for Temporary Hardship after their actual birthdate of current calendar year. Yearlings must meet the height requirement not to exceed 32.00", 2-year-olds must not exceed 33.00". NO BREEDING RIGHTS SHALL BE PASSED TO TEMPORARY HARDSHIP HORSES. No offspring resulting from the breeding of TEMPORARY HARDSHIP horses (or any horse prior to obtaining Permanent Hardship status) will be eligible for regular or Progeny Hardship registration and must independently follow regular Hardship guidelines to obtain registration.**

4. Junior horses will be required to pay all Hardship fees per current fee schedule and must follow all standard Hardship guidelines before being granted Temporary Hardship status. Each Temporary Hardship registration certificate will be stamped and recorded as "TEMPORARY JUNIOR HARDSHIP FOR SHOW PURPOSES ONLY". Each horse must be measured to show throughout their Junior eligibility (up to actual 3rd birthdate). Horses MUST be re-inspected, measured and undergo additional DNA testing (stallions and mares) AFTER actual 3rd birthdate to retain Hardship status and be granted "Permanent Hardship Registration". These horses must meet height

requirement not to exceed 34.00", have Senior Veterinary inspections documented and pay Temporary to Permanent registration fee prior to obtaining official papers. No Senior horse will be eligible to show on Temporary Hardship papers after its 3rd birthdate, with the exception of a non-championship show at which they successfully pass re-inspection. No senior horses will be eligible for Championship shows until all Permanent Hardship requirements are met (including DNA results).

5. After Permanent Hardship status is obtained, all normal registration privileges, including breeding, shall be granted and resulting offspring in the years following shall be eligible for regular or Progeny Hardship. Any horse NOT meeting the height requirement for Permanent status upon inspection after 3rd birthday will have registration papers revoked and NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN. Awards obtained during Temporary Hardship status will not be stripped.

Section 102, Employee Limitations **page R-4** **#2639**
Submitted by R & R Committee **ADDITION**
FAILED

Add new last sentence:

Employees with direct or explicit financial responsibilities representing the Association must have all personal registrations, Hardships, entries, or other business transactions approved by the sitting Treasurer.

Section 103, Officer Limitations **page R-4** **#2640**
Submitted by R & R Committee **CHANGE**
FAILED

No Officer or Director of the Association shall bring any suit or **legal** action against the Association **for monetary gain** while in office. Any Officer or Director of the Association who brings any suit or **legal** action against the Association **for monetary gain** will immediately be removed from office.

Section 133, Non-Payment of Obligations **page R-6** **#2641**
Submitted by R & R Committee **CHANGE**
PASSED

Change to the first sentence

No ~~member~~ **Individual (member, non-member, or syndicate)** owing in excess of $100 beyond ninety (90) days in arrears may conduct any business with AMHA……

Section 161, Time and Place **page R-11** **#2642**
Submitted by R & R Committee **ADDITION**
PASSED

The Hearing Board will designate the time and place of the Hearing. **At the discretion of the Hearing Chairman, and with approval of the Hearing Committee, the Hearing may be continued or rescheduled one time within 60 days of the original notice if the charged person submits a justified request.**

If the charged person fails to appear a second time, notice will be given, and the Hearing Board Chairman must call for a committee vote on the charges.

Section 193B-1, Application **page R-28** **#2643**
Submitted by R & R Committee **ADDITION**
PASSED

1. Complete the AMHA Hardship Application, **including the required Veterinary Inspection section, which must be signed by a licensed veterinarian.**

Section 193C-2 Measuring **page R-28** **#2644**
Submitted by R & R Committee **CHANGE**
PASSED

Change to #2

2. Measuring shall be done by a current ~~or former~~ **AMHA Director or Past Director in good standing** who holds a current measuring card or a current AMHA Steward and witnessed by an AMHA Judge……

SHOW RULES

GR 000 **page S-3** **CHANGE** **#2617**
Submitted by Mary Lou Elder
FAILED

Delete entire paragraph and insert the following:

The Show Rules Committee shall consist of eleven (11) Regular members. At each Annual Meeting, the three longest tenured members will rotate off the committee. In the case of more than three members with the same tenure, the Show Rules

Committee will vote to determine the members who will rotate off. Three replacements will be elected from the General Membership. The members who rotate off the committee will be eligible to run for the committee again. After the annual meeting the committee will then vote for their committee chair.

All committee members must participate in person or by electronic means as long as all members can hear each other simultaneously at the Show Rules Committee meeting held at the Annual Convention, mid-year Board Meeting and the World Championship Show (with the exception of extreme excused absence) in order to be eligible for the committee the following year. Failure to participate in the three meetings will result in dismissal. If a vacancy arises the committee will fill the vacancy by appointment at the discretion of the committee.

GR 010 G. **page S-4** **#2618**

Submitted by Show Rules **CHANGE** **PASSED**

G. No Judge's trainer nor any of the judge's trainer's ~~clients,~~ **family members, or staff** may compete as exhibitors in any show unless the relationship has been terminated at least 90 days prior to the show.

GR-020- A **page S-5** **#2619**

Submitted by Jacob Bennett **CHANGE** **FAILED**

Weanlings must not exceed ~~30~~ **29** inches

GR 050-B-3 **page S-23** **#2621**

Submitted by Show Rules **PASSED**

1. Horse may not be trimmed, medicated, ~~ridden,~~ exercised, **with the exception of lunging up to 15 minutes** 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 the disqualification of the animal for the remainder of the competition with forfeiture of all prizes and entries fees paid by the owner.

OPTION 1

CL -005-B-1 **page S24-25** **#2622**

Submitted by Show Rules **Change**

PASSED

Replace entire paragraph with:

1. **All senior stallions are required to present an Official AMHA Certificate of Veterinary Inspection of Stallion certifying that a licensed veterinarian has examined the stallion and said stallion has been found to have two testicles normally descended in the scrotum to show management prior to showing in an AMHA-approved show. Official AMHA forms for inspection are to be supplied by the AMHA office. Cryptorchidism or monorchidism in senior stallions refers to stallions three (3) years of age or older with one or both testicles not normally descended into the scrotum. Undescended testicles will not be checked for or penalized in horses under three (3) years of age. Certificate of inspection for cryptorchidism and monorchidism must be on file with the show manager. A horse that does not have a form on file or the horse is found to not have two testicles normally descended into the scrotum will be disqualified. EXCEPTION: Any senior stallion that has had a testicle removed due to illness or injury and can provide AMHA veterinary documentation signed by the veterinarian for the reason for the procedure and an accompanying invoice. These documents need to be reported to AMHA and show management prior to the horse being shown.**

OR

OPTION 2

CL -005-B-1 **page S24-25** **#2623**

Submitted by Show Rules **Change**

FAILED

Replace entire paragraph with:

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CL -021-D **page S-32** **#2624**

Submitted by Stock Committee **Addition**

FAILED

... Stock horses showing in versatility MUST wear stock type/western halter. **Stock exhibitors must wear stock attire with the option of athletic footwear for the versatility class only.** No teeth will be checked. Horses will line up head to tail for inspection. Horses will not be asked to move.

CL -037 A-1 **page S-43** **#2625**

Submitted by Neva Barnes **Addition**

FAILED

To be shown to a suitable two or four wheeled vehicle **(wooden wheels preferred)** or four wheeled vehicle for pairs and multiples.

CL -037-A-5 **page S-43** **#2626**

Submitted by Youth Committee **Change**

PASSED

Delete entire sentence ~~Drivers under the age of 14 must be accompanied byan adult capable of rendering assistance. Rendering of assistance by the adult will result in elimination.~~

Replace with: All youth drivers must have a header.

CL-037-B-5 **page S-44** **#2627**

PASSED

Submitted by AMHA Office **Change/Deletion**

5. Breeching **or Thimbles are** ~~is~~ required for all vehicles without brakes.

PA-026-B **page S-94** **#2629**

Submitted by Youth Committee **Change/Add** **PASSED**

A minimum of ~~six (6)~~ **four (4)** points must be earned to be eligible for this award and/or certificate.

AM-010-6-c **page S-86** **#2630**

Submitted by Sherry Crowe **Addition** **FAILED being submitted as Standing Rule**

c. 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 and horse(s) by submitting an YOTE 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. Form should be sent in with entries to each show entered.**

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 Form 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 of any show. Fees-See Fee Schedule.**

YD-010-D-4 **page S-80** **#2645**
Submitted by Sherry Crowe **Addition** **WITHDRAWN**

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.

PA-030-D **page S-98** **#2638**
Submitted by Martha Duchnowski **Addition** **PASSED**

ADD:

43: Youth Carriage Driving Pleasure

Notes: follow the same rules as Open Carriage Pleasure

PA-030-B **page S-97** **#2631**
Submitted by Lana Grieve **Addition** **PASSED**

61. Open Reinsmanship

WS-016 A-2 **page S-101** **#2633**
Submitted by Kaycee Lunde **Change** **PASSED**

2. Each Championship ~~judging team will consist of three (3) judges.~~ **Show will award three (3) sets of points.**

WS-025-D **page S-102** **#2634**

PASSED

Submitted by Kaycee Lunde **DELETION**

D. ~~Championship shows will be judged with a three (3) judge system wherein all three scores will be used in the tabulation for class placing~~

Delete the section and re-letter

WS-042-B **page S-110** **#2635**
Submitted by Kaycee Lunde **Change/Housekeeping** **PASSED**

Uniform ~~trophies~~ **awards** and ribbons will be presented at all Championship Shows.

WS-030-E **PAGE S-108** **#2636**
Submitted by Kaycee Lunde **Deletion** **FAILED**

Delete entire paragraph

~~E. All horses placing top 10 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.~~

Re-letter the rest