

# RULES AND REGULATIONS

(As of January 23, 2016)

## General

- 1) Horses will be judged in accordance with the rules of the AMHA. A copy of the rule book may be found in the show office with the Show Manager.
- 2) Knowing the rules and regulations, as well as the requirements of each class entered, is the exhibitor's responsibility.
- 3) This AMHA sanctioned show is open to any horse registered with the AMHA whose exhibitor is able to prove valid registration.
- 4) Horses must not be shod. No pads, wedges, chains, or weighted ankle boots are allowed on the grounds. No whips and/or crops, lighters or any other devices detrimental to the well-being of the horse shall be allowed in halter classes. For rules concerning youth exhibitors and the exhibiting of stallions, please refer to the current AMHA Rule book.
- 5) Ribbons, braids, glitter and all decorative appurtenances and stallion tack (excluding bits) are not allowed in halter, conformation, or performance classes with the exception of Roadster horses which may have the forelock and first section of mane braided with ribbon. No farm, individual, or horse names may be displayed on exhibitor, horse, or vehicle, except for the multiple hitch or draft harness classes. Check AMHA rulebook for exception to the braiding rule.
- 6) All dogs, except service dogs, who are on show grounds are to be in hand on a leash no longer than six (6) feet. When owner is not with the dog, the dog is to be kept in a closed tack stall or in a confined cage in the tack stall.

## LEASED HORSES OR PENDING REGISTRATION PAPERS

If a horse has been leased by an exhibitor and is to be shown in amateur classes, it is the exhibitor's obligation to provide written verification from the AMHA office that the lease is on file. It is also the responsibility of the exhibitor to provide written verification from the AMHA as to a pending registration number for a horse that has not been issued papers. If, due to time constraints, the exhibitor is unable to provide written verification for either of these cases, the show management will attempt to obtain verbal verification by phone from the AMHA office during regular business hours. **When the show management is required to make phone calls to the AMHA office to verify eligibility, it is understood that the exhibitor will be assessed \$10.00 per call.** These charges are payable prior to receiving entry numbers. No leased horse to be shown in amateur classes or a horse with pending registration will be shown, under any circumstances without written verification or direct verbal verification by the show management from the AMHA.

## **GATE RULE**

It is the goal of the management that this show present miniatures in the best light possible, be entertaining to those who have come to watch the event, and expediently **APPROVAL FORM THAT MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE PADDOCK MANAGER PRIOR TO THE REQUESTED HOLD.**

## **CONDITION OF ENTRY**

Every horse entered for competition will be under the control of the Horse Show Management, but the Horse Show Management will, in no case, be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur, and it shall be a condition of entry that each exhibitor shall hold the Horse Show, the Show Management, the Northwest Miniature Horse Club and the Arena facility harmless for any loss or accident to his horses, or equipment which may occur from sickness or otherwise.

## **ENTRY PROCEDURE**

Entries must be on the official entry form for the show. Entry forms may be photocopied for use. Fill out the necessary information for each horse entered, sign and send completely filled out entry form along with all required fees. Credit cards now accepted (fees will apply). **NO NUMBERS WILL BE RELEASED WITHOUT FULL PAYMENT OF ALL FEES.** If entry forms are postmarked on or before the closing of entries and are properly filled out, there will be no additional penalties. **THERE WILL BE A \$25.00 ADMINISTRATIVE FEE CHARGED FOR EVERY ENTRY FORM NOT COMPLETELY FILLED OUT AND ALL NECESSARY INFORMATION PROVIDED. THIS MONEY MUST BE PAID BEFORE NUMBERS WILL BE ISSUED. NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED OVER THE PHONE.** On any entry to be shown in any class, the exhibitor must use the complete name and number of the animal as it is shown on the horse's registration certificate. It is the responsibility of the exhibitors to be aware of progress of classes and be prepared to enter the ring promptly when a class has been called without prior public notice. The gate will remain open for two (2) minutes after each class has been called to enter the ring. Horses not in the arena when the gate is closed will be eliminated from the class. Breaks have been incorporated into the show schedule for necessary tack changes and to set up ring equipment. Additional gate holds, not to exceed two (2) minutes, requested by exhibitors may be called at the discretion of the show manager. **ALL GATE HOLDS MUST BE REQUESTED AT THE OFFICE AT LEAST FOUR (4) CLASSES IN ADVANCE OF THE REQUESTED HOLD. THOSE GRANTED GATE HOLDS WILL BE ISSUED A GATE HOLD**

**A PHOTOCOPY OF BOTH SIDES OF THE REGISTRATION PAPER MUST ACCOMPANY THE ENTRY FOR EACH HORSE AND WILL NOT BE RETURNED.** Any exhibitor showing a senior stallion must also include a certificate of veterinarian inspection with their entry. Exhibitors are responsible for their own errors and those of their agents in the preparation of entry forms. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to notify the show manager if a credit from a previous show is being used. All show fees must be cleared before the end of each show.

## **NON-PAYMENT OF OBLIGATIONS**

Any person submitting a non-negotiable check, or who fails to clear past due fees before leaving the show grounds, will not be allowed to participate in any NWMHC sponsored show until the account is cleared. All outstanding accounts due the NWMHC must be settled within 30 days of the date the debt was incurred, or the end of the last show of the season, whichever comes first, in order to be eligible for yearend award including Gelding Incentive monies.

## **NSF FEES**

If a NSF check cannot be resolved it is to be turned over to a collection agency and the person suspended from membership in the NWMHC. Membership will not be reinstated until the NSF check is covered and the collection fee paid in full. The AMHA will be notified and the person will be subject to the appropriate AMHA general Rules & Regulations. A \$50.00 fee and bank fees will be assessed on each NSF check. Once a person has written two (2) NSF checks in one (1) year, no checks will be accepted from that person for a period of one year.

## **AMATEUR CLASSES**

In order for an individual to enter amateur classes, he/she must qualify for amateur classes as defined by the current AMHA show rules, and have a valid amateur card issued by AMHA. The amateur card number must be placed in the appropriate space on the entry form. If the exhibitor has been issued an amateur card they should include a copy of the card with their entries.

Applications for amateur cards will be available at the show office for exhibitors who have not been issued a card. If the exhibitor has not been issued an amateur card and plans on showing in amateur classes at the show, mark PENDING in the space requesting the exhibitor's card number. The exhibitor will be asked to complete an application for amateur status prior to being issued entry numbers at the show. Amateur cards are \$10.00 to AMHA members. The cost to non-members is \$50.00. They must be renewed annually. All horses shown in amateur classes must be either owned or leased by the exhibitors as defined in the 2016 AMHA Show Rules. If the registration papers do not show the exhibitor or family as the owner of record, a written verification of a lease from the AMHA, dated prior to the first show in which the horse is to be shown, must accompany the entries in order to allow the horse and exhibitor to compete in any amateur classes.

## **AMATEUR OWNED, TRAINED & EXHIBITED**

Horses must be owned or leased, trained and shown by an amateur. To be eligible for this class the horse must have been purchased or leased prior to January 1 of the current year and the transfer of ownership or lease must have been completed by AMHA by the above date.

## **POST ENTRIES-ADDING CLASSES-LATE FEES**

Post entries or added classes will be accepted up to five classes prior to the class entering the ring provided that the horse is determined to be eligible for entry. Post entries made for the first five classes each day will be accepted up to one half (1/2) hour prior to the first class entering the ring. Exception - Liberty. Entries will not be accepted once order of go has been established. This will be done 5 classes or 1 hour before start of such class. **POST ENTRIES MADE DURING THE SHOW MUST BE MADE AT THE SHOW OFFICE AND WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY FULL PAYMENT.** An entry authorization will be issued at the show office and must be presented to the paddock manager prior to entering the ring. Management reserves the right to accept entries for unfilled classes after the closing date at the regular entry fee. Post entry fee for a horse not entered will be an additional \$25.00 if entered at the show. There will be a \$50.00 charge for all checks returned for lack of funds plus bank fees. This must be paid before entry numbers will be issued at this or any following show.

## **SCRATCHED CLASSES-REFUNDS**

No entry fees will be refunded without a veterinarian's certificate as to the unsoundness of the entered horse. This must be presented to the show secretary before the first class on which the entry is to be shown. Failure to show a horse that has been entered constitutes a forfeiture of entry fees. In the event of the sudden illness of a horse after the entry dead line you may substitute another animal at no additional charge. If this is done at the show it must be done within the time frame outlined in the Post Entry section, and a veterinarian's certificate must be provided.

## **VANDALISM**

Anyone found guilty of vandalism at a NWMHC Show can be removed from the grounds. If it is a minor the responsible adult will be removed also. There will be no refund of fees. The responsible parties will be accountable for any and all damages.

## **YOUTH**

All youth must have an AMHA Youth Card to show in youth classes at an AMHA show. Applications are available in the office.

Children under 8 must be supervised by someone 13 or older at all times while on the show grounds. No children under 8 will be allowed in the warm up arena without the constant supervision by someone 13 & older. There will be no playpens, strollers, etc. in the warm up arena at any time. Parents failing to provide adequate supervision will be subject to review by the NWMHC board.

## **MEASURING**

The Sligo stick will be the official NWMHC measuring device beginning in 2002. The procedure for measuring at the NWMHC sponsored shows. The following measurement rules shall be posted at the measuring site of each show on a small sign:

1. Measurement to be from the base of the hairs on the mane to the ground.
2. Front legs vertical and in line with the stick
3. Back of the hocks in a vertical line with the horses buttocks
4. Head & neck in a natural position
5. Standing squarely on all four feet
6. Handlers are asked to refrain from manipulating the horse in any way as to alter measurement.
7. A 3<sup>rd</sup> person will be present to witness the official measurement.
8. All blankets, hoods, and sleazy's must be removed prior to being measured, and preferably before coming to the lineup.

## **ATTENTION**

Please remember, if you have any type of a vehicle or trailer (truck, horse trailer or car) parked in an RV spot you **WILL** be charged fir RV parking. This is a rule of the facility so your cooperation would be greatly appreciated. You must have a camping permit visibly posted in the window of your vehicle. They are available in the show office.