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**PROPOSED RULE CHANGES
DUE JANUARY 1 of the CURRENT CONVENTION YEAR**

Proposed Rule Changes to be brought before the National Convention must be sent to Director of Operations to send to the Rules Committee who will review the submissions for duplication, clarity and conflict with existing rules.

All submissions are due to the Director of Operations by January 1 of the current Convention year so that they may go through the appropriate process and still be printed in the October issue. All items **MUST BE** submitted on the following proposal form. You may make copies of the form as needed. All copies must be signed and **must** include the submitter's ASPC/AMHR membership number.

Remember, you must submit your idea by January 1 of the current Convention year.

NO ITEMS WILL BE INTRODUCED FROM THE FLOOR AT CONVENTION!!

PROPOSED ASPC/AMHR RULE CHANGE

(Please type or print – Must include Section, Article Part & tem info)

Section, Article, part & Item Number: Section X, add as 3.9 A-K Page # 38

Indicate: Add or Delete: ADD

Proposed Rule Change (provide desired language and intent of rule):

Add AMHR Western Stock Halter Division and Classes, as attached.

Reason/Justification for Rule Change (provide brief description of why this rule needs to be changed or added):

The AMHR Miniature Horse is diverse in type and our members are diverse in the style

they prefer to show in, many come from the Western Stock Horse world. This new division

will welcome back some Miniature Horses who have been absent from our Halter show ring.

The success of the Western Country Driving division illustrates the horses and exhibitors

are out there and ready to return to the AMHR Halter show ring in a class that fits their horse's

conformation. More Miniature Horses in the show ring could mean more business for our

trainers, equipment sales for our vendors and more entries for our local and National shows.

We've heard from several local shows already planning to offer non-rated Western Stock Halter

classes in 2017...great illustration of "If you build it they will come"!

Proposed Effective Date: January 1, 2018

Committees or Rules that will be effected by proposed change AMHR, Rules

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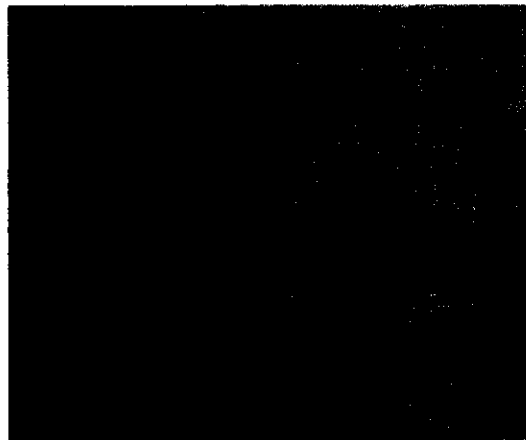
**Proposed addition to the 2016 Official Rulebook of the
American Shetland Pony Club American Miniature Horse Registry
American Show Pony Registry National Sport Performance Pony Registry**

American Miniature Horse Registry (*Section X - Halter Division Rules*)

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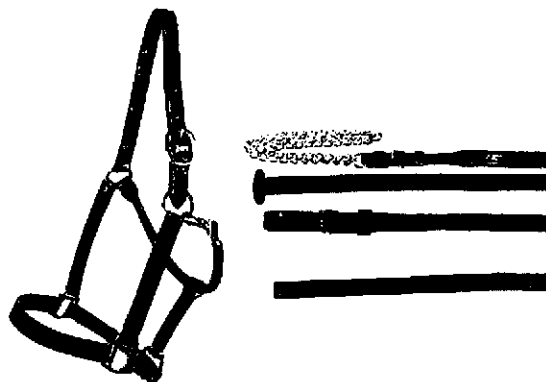
3.9 - AMHR Western Stock Halter

- A. **General Impression:** The appearance of the AMHR Miniature Horse exhibited in the Western Stock Halter classes will be that of a small, attractive, durable athlete exhibiting usability, a willing temperament and good manners. The Western Stock Halter horse will be a balanced athlete with a smooth, fit, well-muscled body. The gait of the Western Stock Halter horse will be purposeful and ground-covering with straight, low strides that have little flexion of the knees and hocks. The head and neck will be carried in a level, relaxed position extending out from the body. The Western Stock Halter horse will have adequate bone and substance for its sex, it will not be fine or delicate which are negative traits for a Western Stock Halter horse who should exhibit usability.
- B. **Judging Criteria:** Shall be judged using the Standard of Perfection of the Western Stock Halter horse and the required Presentation and Appointments specified for this division, judged 75% on conformation and 25% on presentation and appointments.
- C. **Conformation:**



- **Standard of Perfection**
 - i. **Head:** The head to be attractive, dished or not and in correct proportion to the body with small, erect ears opening forward. The eyes to be large and wide-set over well opened nostrils. A short muzzle and well-formed mouth showing neither parrot mouth nor undershot jaw are desirable.
 - ii. **Neck:** The neck to be medium length, slightly arched and smooth with a clean cut throat latch allowing for proper air intake when at work. The neck should join the body at an approximate 45-degree angle just above the shoulder and should be faulted when the neck joins the body too low. Neck carriage should be relaxed and natural extending out from the body instead of up.
 - iii. **Shoulders:** The well sloped shoulder, approximately 45-degrees, in conjunction with a short, strong back, allows the horse to move with a long smooth stride.
 - iv. **Chest and Forelegs:** As shown by a deep heart girth and wide-set forelegs, the horse is broad chested and set atop straight legs originating from the corners of the body, narrow chest should be faulted. The legs to be smooth jointed with short cannon bones, clean ankles and moderately angled fetlocks of medium length.
 - v. **Body:** Round, full ribbed with nicely defined muscling and well-sprung ribs; back and loin short and well-muscled, underline long.

- vi. Hindquarters: Muscular, rounded croup and the well-angled hip of a performance horse; the hindquarters and gaskin to be deep and fully muscled through the thigh, stifle, gaskin and down to the hock indicating strength and usability. Hocks wide set, deep and straight.
- vii. Gait: Purposeful and ground-covering with straight, low strides that have little flexion of the knees and hocks and looks suitable to a horse whose work could be outside of the show ring.



Western Stock Halter approved equipment

- D. Presentation and Appointments: Class Procedure: The Western Stock Halter horse will be shown in equipment and appointments of the traditional Western Stock show ring. It will exhibit good manners and responsiveness to its handler, it will stand quiet and square for inspection.
- Presentation: The Western Stock Halter horse will be asked to perform a flat-footed four-beat walk past the judge(s) and a two-beat jog away from the judge(s) making a 90 degree turn. The exhibitor will primarily present and work from the horse's left-hand side as is the custom of the Western Stock halter ring although other positions are also allowed. The horse will be asked to stand square with all four feet flat on the ground and at least one front and one rear cannon bone perpendicular to the ground, judge may instruct exhibitor to stand horse square if needed. 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 toward the presentation score. Horse to be shown clean and well groomed, body clipped or not, with full mane and tail with the length left to the discretion of the exhibitor. In the tradition of the Western Stock show ring, excessive clipping, any razoring or balding of the face, muzzle and eyes to be viewed as a negative toward the presentation score.
 - Equipment: The Western Stock Halter horse will be shown in a leather, bio-thane or nylon halter and lead of the traditional western style, halter may be adorned or not. Arabian cable style halters are prohibited. The lead may have a chain or not, chains will be used under the chin; chains over the nose or lip chains are prohibited.
 - Attire: Ladies should wear jackets and blouses with slacks, skirts or dresses of the Western type. No bare shoulders. Hats are optional but should be of the Western type if worn. Gentlemen should wear Western attire with or without a Western hat.
- E. Height: The height of the Western Stock Halter horse will conform to those in the AMHR Standard and Halter Division Rules (Section X – Halter Division Rules, 3.2 B.) For show purposes the Western Stock Halter horse will conform to those in the AMHR Standard and Halter Division Rules (Section X – Halter Division Rules, 3.6)
- F. Eligibility: The Western Stock Halter horse will conform to the eligibility rules in the AMHR Standard and Halter Division Rules (Section X – Halter Division rules, 3.3). Entry in a driving or performance class is not required to participate in Western Stock Halter.
- G. Disqualifications: The Western Stock Halter horse will be disqualified for showing in incorrect equipment or for violation of rules in the AMHR Standard and Halter Division Rules (Section X – Halter Division rules, 3.2 L)
- H. Artificial Appliances and Irritants: The Western Stock Halter horse will conform to the rules on Artificial Appliances and Irritants in the AMHR Standard and Halter Division Rules (Section X – Halter Division rules, 3.4)

- I. Cross-Entering: No cross entering at a show between Halter Divisions with the exception of Amateur, Youth, Solid Color, Multi-Color classes when separate classes are not offered for the Western Stock Halter horse.
- J. Hall-of-Fame and All-Star Points: Points earned in other Halter divisions do not transfer to Western Stock Halter. Points earned in Western Stock Halter do not transfer to other Halter divisions.
- K. Classes: An introductory slate of 1st year classes in the Western Stock Halter division are proposed below (Table 1). A permanent slate of 2nd year and ongoing classes in the Western Stock Halter division are proposed below (Table 2). At the discretion of the Board of Directors, additional classes may be approved and may be offered in the same size, age and exhibitor groups as AMHR Halter with the exception of Model which is not offered in the Western Stock Halter division. At the discretion of the Board of Directors, Western Stock Halter classes shall be designated as Hall-of-Fame and All-Star eligible.

Western Stock Halter Introductory Slate of Classes (1st Year) = 10 classes	
Western Stock Halter Stallion - 34" & Under	Western Stock Halter Stallion - Over 34" to 38"
Western Stock Halter Mare - 34" & Under	Western Stock Halter Mare - Over 34" to 38"
Western Stock Halter Gelding - 34" & Under	Western Stock Halter Gelding - Over 34" to 38"
Grand Champion and Reserve Western Stock Halter - 34" & Under	Grand Champion and Reserve Western Stock Halter - Over 34" to 38"
Amateur Western Stock Halter Stallion, Mare or Gelding - 34" & Under	Amateur Western Stock Halter Stallion, Mare or Gelding - Over 34" to 38"

Table 1

Western Stock Halter 2nd Year and ongoing Slate of Classes = 23 classes	
Open Junior Western Stock Halter Stallion, age 2 & Younger - 34" & Under	Open Junior Western Stock Halter Stallion, age 2 & Younger - Over 34" to 38"
Open Senior Western Stock Halter Stallion, age 3 & Older - 34" & Under	Open Senior Western Stock Halter Stallion, age 3 & Older - Over 34" to 38"
Grand Champion and Reserve Western Stock Halter Stallion - 34" & Under	Grand Champion and Reserve Western Stock Halter Stallion - Over 34" to 38"
Open Junior Western Stock Halter Mare, age 2 & Younger - 34" & Under	Open Junior Western Stock Halter Mare, age 2 & Younger - Over 34" to 38"
Open Senior Western Stock Halter Mare, age 3 & Older - 34" & Under	Open Senior Western Stock Halter Mare, age 3 & Older - Over 34" to 38"
Grand Champion and Reserve Western Stock Halter Mare - 34" & Under	Grand Champion and Reserve Western Stock Halter Mare - Over 34" to 38"
Open Junior Western Stock Halter Gelding, age 2 & Younger - 34" & Under	Open Junior Western Stock Halter Gelding, age 2 & Younger - Over 34" to 38"
Open Senior Western Stock Halter Gelding, age 3 & Older - 34" & Under	Open Senior Western Stock Halter Gelding, age 3 & Older - Over 34" to 38"
Grand Champion and Reserve Western Stock Halter - 34" & Under	Grand Champion and Reserve Western Stock Halter - Over 34" to 38"
Amateur Western Stock Halter Stallion, Mare or Gelding - 34" & Under	Amateur Western Stock Halter Stallion, Mare or Gelding - Over 34" to 38"
Youth Western Stock Halter Mare or Gelding - 34" & Under, age 17 & Younger	Youth Western Stock Halter Mare or Gelding - Over 34" to 38"
COOL Western Stock Halter Mare or Gelding - 38" & Under, any age exhibitor	

Table 2