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(Please type or print -- Must include Section, Article Part & Item info)

Section, Article, part & Item Number: XV - L, 1 Page # 5

Indicate: Add or Delete: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Delete: Modern Shetlands / American Show Ponies are limited to a maximum of two (2) judges over a weekend, or two (2) day period

Add Modern Shetlands / American Show Ponies are allowed a maximum of four (4) judges over a weekend or two (2) day period.

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

This rule was based on single horse judged shows. We are no longer based as a single judge show. We are not considered a society type show anymore

Proposed Effective Date: January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

Committees or Rules that will be effected by proposed change \_\_\_\_\_

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Section, Article, part & Item Number: XV 1.1 Page # 7

Indicate Add or Delete: Add letter V.

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

No show will be held within 200 miles of another show on the same dates. Previously existing shows will be given date preference based on the longevity of their shows (show having been held the longest on same date).

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

Increasing our numbers of clubs and shows helps no one if they are not a significant distance apart.

**Proposed Effective Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Committees or Rules that will be effected by proposed change** Rules

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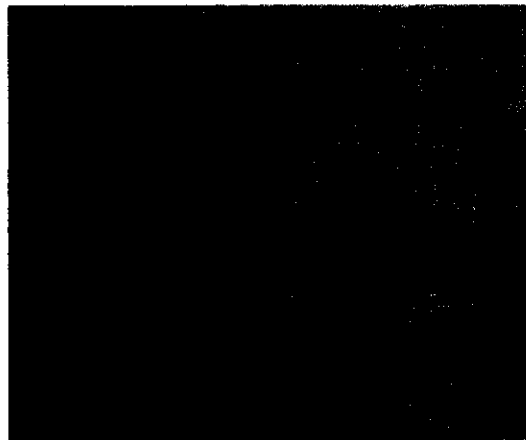
**Proposed addition to the 2016 Official Rulebook of the  
American Shetland Pony Club American Miniature Horse Registry  
American Show Pony Registry National Sport Performance Pony Registry**

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

**ADD**

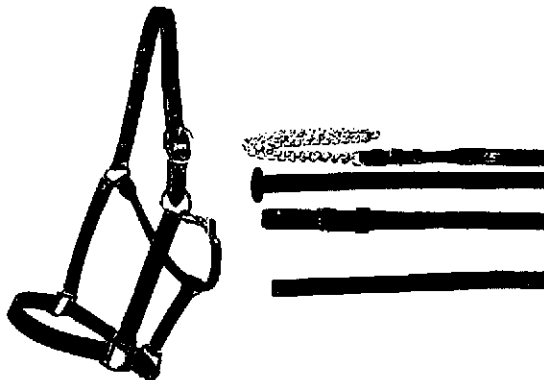
**3.9 - AMHR Western Stock Halter**

- 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 1<sup>st</sup> year classes in the Western Stock Halter division are proposed below (Table 1). A permanent slate of 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

<b>Western Stock Halter Introductory Slate of Classes (1<sup>st</sup> Year) = 10 classes</b>	
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

<b>Western Stock Halter 2<sup>nd</sup> Year and ongoing Slate of Classes = 23 classes</b>	
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



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## **1.2. Classic / AMHR / NSPPR Showmanship**

### **A. Showmanship at Halter**

Showmanship is designed to evaluate the exhibitor's ability to execute, in concert with a well-groomed and conditioned horse, a set of maneuvers prescribed by the judge with precision and smoothness while exhibiting poise and confidence, and maintaining a balanced, functional and fundamentally correct body position.

In Showmanship classes, exhibitors are to show to the presiding (call) Judge only. Only the handler is judged, the pony or horse is merely a prop to show the showmanship ability of the handler. Show management and/or judges define the showmanship pattern, which must be posted at least 2 hours prior to the commencement of the class.

### **B. Class Procedures**

All exhibitors may enter the ring and then work individually or each exhibitor may be worked from the gate individually (show and go), except that in classes with more than 10 exhibitors, show and go must be used.

The following maneuvers are acceptable for use in the pattern: lead the horse at a walk, trot, extended trot, or back; execute any of the gaits (including back) in straight and/or curved lines or a combination of straight and curved lines; stop; turn 90, 180, 270 360 degrees or any combination or multiple of these turns. The pull turn is an unacceptable maneuver. The pattern must require the exhibitor to set the horse up squarely for inspection sometime during the class.

### **C. Equipment**

Western style show halters with lead are acceptable. A chain under the chin is allowed, no lip chains or chains over the nose are allowed. Showmanship whips, war bridles or like devices or any type of wire or rope over a horse's head are not permitted.

### **E. Scoring**

Exhibitors are to be scored from 0 to 100 with 70 denoting an average score.

1. Points are given for the following:
  - a. Overall Presentation of Exhibitor and Horse. The exhibitor's overall poise, confidence, appearance and position throughout the class and the physical appearance of the horse will be evaluated.
  - b. Presentation and Position of Exhibitor. Appropriate western attire must be worn; Long sleeve shirt, boots and hat are required (see exception for COOL classes in COOL rules). Gloves are optional. Clothes and person to be neat and clean.



Exhibitors should be poised, confident, courteous and genuinely sportsmanlike at all times, quickly recognizing and correcting faults in the positioning of the horse. The exhibitor should continue showing the horse until the class has been placed or they have been excused, unless otherwise instructed by the judge. The exhibitor should appear business-like, stand and move in a straight, natural and upright manner, and avoid excessive, unnatural or animated body positions.

The exhibitor must lead on the horse's left side holding the lead shank in the right hand near the halter with the tail of the lead loosely coiled in the left hand unless requested by the judge to show the horse's teeth. It is preferable that the exhibitor's hand not be on the snap or chain portion of the lead continuously. The excess lead should never be tightly coiled, rolled, or folded. When leading, the exhibitor should be positioned between the eye and the mid-point of the horse's neck, referred to as the leading position.

Both arms should be bent at the elbow with the elbows held close to the exhibitor's side and the forearms held in a natural position. Height of the arms may vary depending on the size of the horse/pony and exhibitor, but the arms should never be held straight out with the elbows locked.

The position of the exhibitor when executing a turn to the right is the same as the leading position except that the exhibitor should turn and face toward the horse's head and have the horse move away from them to the right.

When executing a back, the exhibitor should turn from the leading position to face toward the rear of the horse with the right hand extended in front to the exhibitor's chest still maintain slight bend in the elbow and walk forward. The ideal position is for the exhibitors left shoulder to be in alignment with the horse's left front leg.

When setting the horse up for inspection, the exhibitor should stand angled toward the horse and should never leave the head of the horse. The exhibitor is required to use the Half Method when presenting the horse (exhibitor must be on the opposite half of the pony/horse from the judge). When moving around the horse, the exhibitor should change sides in front of the horse, assuming the same position on the right side of the horse that they had on the left side.

The exhibitor should not crowd other exhibitors when setting up side-by-side or head-to-tail.

Leading, backing, turning and initiating the set-up should be performed from the left side of the horse. At no time should the exhibitor ever stand

directly in front of the horse. The exhibitor must not touch the horse with their hands or feet, or visibly cue the horse by pointing their feet at the horse during the set-up.

c. Presentation of the Horse: The horse's body condition and overall fitness should be assessed. The hair coat should be clean and in good condition. The mane, tail, forelock and wither tuft may not contain ornaments, and may not be banded or braided. Hooves should be properly trimmed, clean and may be painted black or with hoof dressings or show naturally. Tack should fit properly and be neat, clean and in good repair.

d. Performance. The exhibitor should perform the work accurately, precisely, smoothly and with a reasonable amount of speed. The horse should lead, stop, back, turn and set up willingly, briskly and readily with minimal visible or audible cueing.

The horse should be led directly to and away from the judge in a straight or curved line and track briskly and freely at the prescribed gait as instructed. The horse's head and neck should be straight and in line with the body.

The stop should be straight, prompt, smooth and responsible with the horse's body remaining straight.

The horse should back up readily with the head, neck, and body aligned in a straight or curved line as instructed.

On turns of greater than 90 degrees, the ideal turn consists of the horse pivoting on the right hind leg while stepping across and in front of the right front leg with the left front leg. An exhibitor should not be penalized if their horse performs a pivot on the left hind leg, but an exhibitor whose horse performs the pivot correctly should receive more credit.

The horse should be set up quickly with the feet squarely underneath the body. The exhibitor does not have to reset a horse that stops square.

## **2. Faults.**

The judge will determine the appropriate classification of a fault based upon the degree and/or frequency of the infraction.

### Minor Faults (deduction of 5 points)

- Break of gait at walk or trot for up to two strides
- Over or under turning up to 1/8 turn
- Ticking or hitting cone
- Sliding a pivot foot

- Lifting a pivot foot during pivot and replacing it in the same place.

**Major Faults** (deduction of 10 points)

- Not performing the gait or not stopping within 10 feet of the designated area
- Break of gait at work or trot for more than 2 strides
- Splitting the cone (cone between horse and handler)
- Horse stepping out of or moving the hind end significantly during pivot or turn
- Horse stepping out of set-up during presentation
- Over/under turning 1/8 to 1/4 turn.

**Severe Faults** (deduction of 20 points). Severe faults avoid disqualification but should be placed below other exhibitors that do not incur a severe fault.

- Exhibitor not in required position during inspection
- Exhibitor touching the horse.
- Exhibitor kicking or pointing to horse's feet during the set-up
- Standing directly in front of the horse
- Loss of lead shank, holding chain, or two hands on shank
- Severe disobedience including rearing or pawing; horse continually circling exhibitor

**F. Classes**

**Open Showmanship:** Open to Classic and Foundation stallions, mares or geldings. Entry to be made in the name of the exhibitor.

**Youth Showmanship:** Open to youth 17 years of age or younger (class may be divided by age of exhibitor if total number warrants). Limited to mares and geldings only.

**Amateur Showmanship:** Open to amateur exhibitors, 18 years or older.

Proposed ASPC/AMHR Rule Change

Section, Article, Part & Item Number: X1 Driving Division Rules, 5.4 Western Country Pleasure Driving, A.  
Class Conditions Page # 54

Indicate: Add or Delete: Add

Proposed Rule Change

Over checks and side checks (both optional) sould be slightly loose, not snug. Martingales are also optional.

*Words highlighted in yellow are the new added words.*

Reason/Justification for Rule Change

This would be the same rule as was passed in the western Classic division. This would make it the same across the board.

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## Proposed ASPC/AMHR Rule Change

Section, Article, Part & Item Number: XII – In Hand/Single Working Rules, 1.4 Obstacle Driving (ASPC/AMHR), B. To be judged:, 2. Tack and Equipment/C. The course/4. A course diagram Page # 6-9

Indicate: Add or Delete: Delete

### Proposed Rule Change

#### 2. Tack and Equipment:

- a. ~~ASPC – One animal and/or team is hitched to a suitable two or four wheeled vehicle. The harness and vehicle must be safe and in serviceable condition.~~
- b. ~~Classics Only – Over checks or side checks are optional.~~
- c. ~~AMHR – Driving obstacle horses shall be shown in a suitable two wheeled cart with basket.~~

#### C. The course:

1. ~~ASPC – shall consist of at least four obstacles.~~
2. ~~AMHR – Must be a minimum of 5 and maximum of 8 obstacles.~~
4. A course diagram will indicate what gait (walk-trot) the animal will take between each obstacle.

#### ~~D. ASPC~~

- ~~1. The judge shall break ties by judging the animal on rail work at a walk or trot and/or by requiring tied entries to repeat any of the courses.~~
- ~~2. If sufficient entries are present, this class may be divided according to age of driver.~~
- ~~3. The Show committee and/or judge may impose a time limit or number of refusals before the driver must pass to the next obstacle.~~
- ~~4. It is recommended that distance between obstacles be short in order to expedite the class.~~
- ~~5. At the discretion of the judge, all entries may be asked to back.~~
- ~~6. It is emphasized that this is an obstacle driving class and that a good entry is one that will provide a pleasant and responsive drive for a driver. The driver should be neatly dressed, but will not receive extra credit for silks or formal driving attire.~~

#### E. AMHR

1. Cantering is penalized in obstacle driving.
2. There is a sixty second time limit to complete each obstacle. After time is used, the exhibitor will be directed to the next obstacle. Refusals of three (3) obstacles shall be cause for disqualification.
3. The following will result in elimination from the class and no points, ribbons or awards will be presented.

a. Off course – defined as:

- 1) Taking an obstacle from the wrong side.
- 2) Negotiating an obstacle from the wrong direction.
- 3) Skipping an obstacle unless directed by the judge.
- 4) Negotiating in the wrong sequence.
- 5) Animal leaving the course.

*Words that are crossed out are to be deleted.*

Reason/Justification for Rule Change

This would keep the AMHR and Classic obstacle driving class the same rules across the board. Also this would invite team drivers to show their teams in obstacle driving classes. People are starting to get interested in the team driving and some have already started showing their teams in obstacle driving in AMHA. This would also update the rules for the Classic division which seemed outdated to me when I read it.

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Attached is how the rule should be written in the rule book.

## 1.4 Obstacle Driving (ASPC/AMHR)

A. The Course designer may not exhibit in the driving obstacle class.

B. To be judged:

1. Judged 100% on the basis of performance and manners.
2. Tack and Equipment:
  - a. One animal and/or team is hitched to a suitable two or four wheeled vehicle. The harness and vehicle must be safe and in serviceable condition.
  - b. Over checks or side checks are optional.
3. Each entry will work individually through an obstacle course designed to test the performance and manners of a good working animal.
4. Each entry will be given a numerical score based on performance at each obstacle and overall manners and gaits.
5. The judge will dismiss any unsafe entry whether due to equipment or behavior of the animal.

C. The course:

1. Shall consist of at least four obstacles.
  - a. Round pipes or rails are prohibited for ground rails in the in-hand classes unless they are secured. Flat or square rails can be used.
2. Chosen and arranged from the following list:
  - a. Back through an obstacle.
  - b. Walk through a water obstacle or simulated water obstacle.
  - c. Cross a simulated wooden bridge.
  - d. Pick up and move coat or slicker or put on and off.
  - e. Drive between poles, bales of hay or other obstacles making a narrow passage.
  - f. Mail Box (Stop, open mail box, remove mail, return mail to box, and close box).
  - g. Serpentine, cloverleaf, or figure 8.
  - h. Back up four steps.
  - i. Put one wheel of vehicle in circle, turn complete circle with wheel pivoting in and not leaving the circle.
3. A course diagram will indicate what gait (walk-trot) the animal will take between each obstacle.
  - A. Canter is penalized in obstacle driving.
  - B. There is a sixty second time limit to complete each obstacle. After time is used, the exhibitor will be directed to the next obstacle. Refusals of three (3) obstacles shall be cause for disqualification.
  - C. The following will result in elimination from the class and no points, ribbons or awards will be presented.
    - a. Off course – defined as:
      - 1) Taking an obstacle from the wrong side.
      - 2) Negotiating an obstacle from the wrong direction.
      - 3) Skipping an obstacle unless directed by the judge.
      - 4) Negotiating in the wrong sequence.
      - 5) Animal leaving the course.
  - D. In shows where more than one obstacle class is offered, (open, amateur, youth) at least three of the obstacles must be different or the manner of performance through obstacles must be varied for the class.

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