

## SECTION XVI

### NATIONAL AREA SHOWS, ASPC/ASPR CONGRESS, AMHR NATIONALS

### 2016 RULEBOOK

of the  
**American Shetland Pony Club**  
**American Miniature Horse Registry**  
**American Show Pony Registry**  
**National Sport Performance Pony Registry**

National Shows



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**1.1 National Area Shows**

- A. Purpose: The purpose of holding a National Area Show is to give exhibitors unable to attend a National Show a chance to exhibit their Shetlands, Miniatures or Show Ponies on a more competitive level. There shall be eight National Area Shows, one in each Area comprising the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR.
- B. Location: The location of each area show is to be awarded by the National Area Show Committee. All proposals for hosting the National Area Shows must be in writing and submitted to the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR Office by September 1st of the year preceding the show (i.e., the proposal for 2016 shows must be submitted by September 1st of 2015). Sites and dates will be announced at the National Convention.
  - 1. If a proposal is made and for any reason cannot be fulfilled on the date or location proposed, the National Area Show Committee will re-evaluate the proposals from that area and select a second site according to the availability of clubs to host the show.
- C. Date: All National Area Shows must be held prior to August 15th, regardless of when ASPC/ASPR Congress is held. If a National Area Show date happens to be scheduled on or overlap a pre-existing show date within the Area, the pre-existing show\* can be held. It, however, cannot have more than two (2) Judges for any of the following: Modern, Modern Pleasure Pony, Foundation, American Show Pony, Classic Shetland Pony, or Miniature Under and Over Divisions.

\*A pre-existing show is one that is held annually under the same name: i.e., “the John Smith Invitational Breed Show”, and during the same time period, i.e., “the 2nd week or weekend in July”.

D. Rules:

1. Each National Area Show shall follow the rules described in the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR Rulebook. All clubs will use the following format to be eligible to host the area show.
2. No pre-show or post show can be held immediately preceding, immediately following, or in conjunction with a National Area Show.

E. Classes:

1. Class list for the National Area Shows will be created by the National Area Show Committee.
2. All area shows will use the same class list.
3. National Area Shows must be A rated in Halter and Performance for Under and Over Miniature Divisions, Moderns, Pleasure Ponies, Foundation Ponies, Classic Shetland Ponies and American Show Ponies. It is required that over and under class divisions be provided for Modern and Classic Shetlands in halter classes, all Open Performance classes and their respective stake classes. Foundation stallion, mare and gelding classes in all age divisions are required.
4. Optional classes may be added in accordance with rules issued each year along with the required class list.

F. Judges: Must be ASPC/AMHR/ASPR carded. National Area Shows may use one (1) Judge for the Miniatures and one (1) Judge for the Shetlands, but may choose to use only one (1) Judge for the entire show if the show is not so large as to put undue stress on one (1) Judge. A National Area Show will count as three (3) Judges toward qualifying for the AMHR National Show. Apprentice judges are not allowed at National Area Shows.

- G. It is the hope of the National Area Show Committee that an area show will move around within the geographical confines of an area to make it more accessible to all members within the area. A bid for an Area Show can be from a recognized club, organization, a group of people or one person that is a current member of the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR registry and has hosted an ASPC/AMHR/ASPR show in the previous year.
1. Show management may consist of a recognized club consisting of ASPC/AMHR/ASPR members, officers of the club, nonprofit by-laws and a mission statement shall be on file with the National Office, or an organization, a group of people, or one person.
  2. Upon the awarding of a National Area Show, it shall become the responsibility of the recognized club, organization, group of people, or one person to be physically and financially responsible to present the Area Show granted to them.
  3. Only recognized ASPC/AMHR/ASPR clubs will be awarded complimentary ribbons from the National Office. All others will be financially responsible for ribbons.
  4. The ASPC/AMHR/ASPR is not responsible for any other financial assistance to the awarded Area Show.
  5. Bids for Area Shows must be submitted yearly.
  6. Bid priority for site locations will be given to ASPC/AMHR/ASPR recognized clubs in good standing, over an organization, group of people or one person.
- H. Show All-Star & Hall of Fame Ratings: Triple All-Star points shall be awarded at National Area Shows. Triple Hall of Fame points, but only one Grand Championship will be awarded at National Area Shows.
- I. Proposals: In order for a proposal to be made, a packet must be requested from the National Office and all requirements of the packet met. The National Area Show

Committee will review all returned packets and make the selection for the location of each National Area Show. The returned proposal will include the following:

1. Date: The National Area Show must be held prior to August 15th.
2. Show Facility name, location accessibility (a letter from the facility stating that it is available for said date will be required as an attachment to the proposal).
3. The names of the Show Manager and show secretary.
4. Show facilities: it is preferred that area shows be held under a covered facility, with lights if necessary, and with adequate number and size of stalls.
  - a. Arena size
  - b. Warm-up ring and size
  - c. Measurement area (surface)
  - d. Type and number of stalls available (indoor/outdoor) and convenience to the warm-up ring, show arena and parking area.
  - e. Number of wash racks available (indoor/outdoor).
  - f. Parking availability to show arena and stabling.
  - g. Lighting available for evening classes.
  - h. Public address system available to all areas and can be heard.
  - i. Restrooms/shower facilities (hot/cold water).
  - j. Restaurants, food concessions (hours of operation).
  - k. RV/Camper hook-ups; water, electric, sewage.
  - l. Veterinarian, Blacksmith, Doctor/EMT, Ambulance availability.
  - m. Motels available within 10 miles of the grounds.

- n. Liability Insurance (coverage of at least \$1,000,000 during rental period).
  - o. Any other special amenities that your management/facility can offer.
- J. Horses and ponies may show in any National Area Show. The National Area show is not limited to horses/ponies from that area.
- K. A new proposal must be submitted each year outlining show plans even when show location/host may be known due to rotation schedule. Show hosts failing to do so may lose their rotation and show could be bumped to the next host.

## **1.2 ASPC/ASPR Congress**

- A. To be held annually, with dates to be announced in the official publication.
- B. The ASPC/ASPR Congress site shall be determined by majority vote by the National Board of Directors of the American Shetland Pony Club.
- C. Three Judges shall judge the Classic/Foundation Division. One Judge shall judge the Modern, Modern Pleasure Division, and ASPR.
- 1. The ASPC/ASPR Congress Judges shall not judge a sanctioned show that is within 250 miles of the ASPC/ASPR Congress site for 45 days prior to the date of said Congress.
  - 2. ASPC/ASPR Congress Judge(s) shall not judge ASPC/ASPR Congress more than once in a three (3) year period.
  - 3. Selection of the ASPC/ASPR Congress Judges:
    - a. The Judges selected must be Senior Carded Judges.
    - b. The ASPC/ASPR Congress Classic Judges shall be made by the National Board of Directors from a list of Judges provided by the designated Classic Committee.

- c. The ASPC/ASPR Congress Modern Judge shall be made by the National Board of Directors from a list of Judges provided by the designated Modern Committee.
    - d. Judge pool for ASPR and Modern ponies may be expanded by recognizing guest judges at the ASPC/ASPR Congress and the Ohio State Fair World Championship Show.
  4. Futurity Judges:
    - a. A selection will be made from the three ASPC/ASPR Congress Classic Judges and that Judge selected will also act as the Modern Division Futurity Judge.
    - b. The ASPC/ASPR Congress Modern Judge will act as the Classic Division Futurity Judge.
  5. The Classic Amateur Incentive Classes are to be judged by the Classic Futurity Judge. Only one entry per exhibitor is allowed.
  6. The Modern Amateur Incentive Classes are to be judged by the Modern Futurity Judge. Only one entry per exhibitor is allowed.
  7. The American Show Pony Amateur Incentive Classes are to be judged by the Modern Futurity Judge. Only one entry per exhibitor allowed.
  8. Classic/Modern/ASPR Selection Committees
    - a. The Classic, Modern, and ASPR Committees which are made up of members in good standing, one (1) from each area will make up the Judges Selection Committees for the ASPC/ASPR Congress. These committees are appointed by the appropriate Committee Chairperson. These Committees will compile a list of names of qualified judges from:
      - (1) Names submitted by area members.
      - (2) Judges who submit their own application.

Judges who meet all requirements may and are encouraged to apply for ASPC/ASPR Congress Judging positions.

- b. Names submitted will be tallied to a total of votes and those receiving the most votes will be announced at the National Convention.
9. Stewards selected for ASPC/ASPR Congress shall be selected using the same method used to select the Judges. The Steward Committee will elect the Chairperson for each show. Steward's names may be submitted by members or by the Steward for consideration as a steward for either ASPC/ASPR Congress or AMHR Nationals. Steward(s) must be a licensed large "R" steward and will be required to use their own certified measuring stick.
  10. Judge pool for ASPR and Modern ponies may be expanded by recognizing guest judges at the ASPC/ASPR Congress and the Ohio State Fair World Championship Show.
- D. Classes offered shall be a minimum of an "A" Rated show.
1. Halter classes shall be divided by height and offer Over & Under divisions.
  2. Performance classes shall be divided by height, offering Over and Under divisions and their respective Stake classes.
  3. Foundation Classic stallion, mare and gelding graduated classes are required.
- E. Winning entries shall be awarded five times the All-Star points of an "A" Rated Show.
- F. Winning entries shall be awarded three times the Hall of Fame points of an "A" Rated show.
- G All Modern, American Show Ponies, Classic and Foundation Shetlands, including foals of current year who DO NOT possess a Validated, Permanent Card of the current year will be measured at Congress by the official ASPC/AMHR/ASPR measuring device. Classic foals of current



year shall not exceed 40". This will be a one-time measurement good for the ASPC/ASPR Congress Show only.

1. No measurement cards will be issued from this measurement.
  2. The measurement time or times will be published with the ASPC/ASPR Congress Show entry form.
  3. No pony may receive a back number until the pony has been measured.
  4. If a pony is measured into a different height division than it is entered, the pony is to be shown in the new height division without cost or penalty to the exhibitor.
  5. At the time of measurement, the exhibitor is required to present to the Steward the original registration paper of the animal or a photo static copy of the same and the horse (free of blanket, hood, neck wrap, and tail set) for a full measurement. (Exception: American Show Pony heels are not measured).
  6. Each measuring sticks serial number will be written on the measurement card and master measurement book and initialed by the Steward and the witness that is taking the official measurement.
- H. In order to exhibit at the ASPC/ASPR Congress, all exhibitors must be a current member of the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR by the closing date of entries.

### **1.3 American Miniature Horse Registry National Show**

- A. Location: The AMHR National Show location shall be selected by the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR Board of directors from the recommendations from the AMHR Committee meeting at the National Convention. Persons, facilities, fairs, etc., may present to the AMHR Committee proposals for hosting the AMHR National Show. It shall be the responsibility of the AMHR Committee meeting to review these proposals and present to the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR Board of Directors their recommendation.

**Date:** The date of the AMHR National Show shall follow the same procedure as that of the location process.

**Rules:** The rules governing the AMHR National Show shall be the same as in the AMHR Rulebook, unless otherwise stated.

**B. National Show Committee:**

1. The AMHR National Show shall be under the advisement of a National Show Committee.
2. The Committee will consist of:
  - a. President of ASPC/AMHR/ASPR.
  - b. Director of Operations of the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR.
  - c. Chairman of AMHR Committee and four other committee members to be appointed by the President of ASPC/AMHR/ASPR.
  - d. The National Show Advisory Committee purpose shall be to advise the show management but not to act in any management capacity.

**C. Horse and Exhibitor Qualifications**

1. All horses must be registered by the opening date of the AMHR Nationals. Registrations to be verified by show management.
2. In order to show at the National Show all horses must have:
  - a. Been shown at sanctioned AMHR Shows under four approved Judges at two or more locations.
    - (1) Shows held at the same location must have five days between each show in order for each show at the location to be a qualifying show for the AMHR National Show.
    - (2) Exhibitors/Owners to submit the AMHR Nationals Qualification Form signed by show management with entries that will list their qualifying shows, this form available from the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR Office or on [www.shetlandminiature.com](http://www.shetlandminiature.com).

- b. Exception: Two clubs hosting different shows and using 2 different sets of judges at the same location on consecutive days.
  - c. The National Area Show counts as three approved Judges.
    - (1) Each set of points awarded at the show count as a Judge. (Example: the National Area Show has three sets of points so shall count as a three Judge show; likewise the National Show has five sets of points so shall count as five Judges).
  - d. The show qualification shall be from the date of the preceding AMHR National Show to the date of the AMHR National Show entered.
  - e. Verification for shows within 21 days of the AMHR National Show is the responsibility of the owner/agent.
  - f. The preceding AMHR National Show shall not count as a qualifying show.
    - (1) Foals of the current year are not required to qualify for the AMHR National Show.
    - (2) Mares exhibiting in the AMHR Mare and Current Year Foal class do not have to qualify for AMHR Nationals. However, mare may not show in any other class at AMHR Nationals unless qualified.
3. A horse does not have to qualify in a class or classes to enter a class or classes at the AMHR National Show. (Example: A horse may show in the model class under four Judges and then enter the color class at the AMHR National Show).
4. The closing entry date for the AMHR National Show shall be determined by the Show Management. Entries can be made up to 7 days (postmarked) after the closing date of the AMHR Nationals with a One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) late fee assessment charged per horse/per day. Any entries postmarked on the 8th day past the closing date of the AMHR Na-

tional Show will not be accepted. No post entries will be accepted at the AMHR National Show. Classes may be added, but no new horse may be entered following the 7th day after the closing date. No horse substitutions.

5. No post entering of youth classes. Neither horse nor youth can be changed after the closing date of entries.
6. Youth qualifying for AMHR National Show:
  - a. To qualify for the AMHR National Show, the Youth and Miniature horses entered must have shown together under two (2) judges prior to the AMHR National Show.
  - b. Any Youth showing in a Youth or Open class must have a signed AMHR Nationals Qualification Form from the show manager confirming that they have shown the miniature in a Youth or Open class. Form is available from the National Office and is also available to download on the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR Website [www.shetlandminiature.com](http://www.shetlandminiature.com).
  - c. In addition, the horse must also qualify as normal for AMHR Nationals.
  - d. Youth do not have to qualify a current year foal in order to show that foal at the AMHR Nationals.
7. In order to exhibit at the AMHR Nationals, all exhibitors must be a current member of the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR by the closing date of entries.

D. Judges:

1. The AMHR National Show Judges must have held an AMHR judging card for a period of three (3) years prior to the AMHR National Show. A guest card will not be given to a Judge to judge the AMHR National Show.

2. The AMHR National Show will be judged on the MOS system. This system must be in written detail available to all members upon request.
3. No Judge may judge the same division of the AMHR National Show for a three year period.
4. Selection of Judges:
  - a. No more than one (1) Judge per area per judging division. Two (2) may be obtained from same area only if no other areas have eligible judges to select from.
  - b. The Judges selected must be Senior Carded Judges.
  - c. The Judges selected must have judged at least three (3) AMHR shows in the previous two (2) years.
  - d. The AMHR National Show shall have three judges for the Open Halter Class division, three different judges for Open Performance Class division, and three different judges for the Amateur/Youth Class division. For a minimum of nine judges. Additional judges may be hired when necessary to accommodate the show schedule and additional judging duties may be assigned to judges as needed.
5. Miniature Selection Committee
  - a. A committee of eight (8) AMHR members in good standing, one (1) from each area will make up the Miniature Judge Selection Committee. This committee is appointed by the Miniature Committee Chairperson. The AMHR National Show Committee will compile a list of names of qualified judges from:
    - (1) Names submitted from area members.
    - (2) Judges who submit their own application. Judges who meet all requirements may and are encouraged to apply for the AMHR National Judging positions.

6. Names will be submitted to the AMHR Selection Committee and names will be announced at the National Convention.
  7. Stewards selected for AMHR Nationals shall be selected using the same method used to select the Judges. The Steward Committee will elect the Chairperson for each show. Steward's names may be submitted by members or by the Steward for consideration as a steward for either ASPC/ASPR Congress or AMHR Nationals. Steward(s) must be a licensed large "R" steward and will be required to use a certified measuring stick.
- E. Show Management:
1. The show management shall be selected and/or hired by the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR National Directors upon recommendation by the AMHR Committee.
  2. The show management shall enter into a written contract with the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR describing the duties to be performed by the show management.
- F. Show Classification:
1. The AMHR National Show shall contain all the classes required of an A classified show for the Under and Over Division miniature horse in both halter and performance.
  2. The AMHR National Show will choose from the optional list of classes a sufficient number to show the versatility of the miniature horse.
  3. The AMHR National Show will award five times the All-Star points to the winning entries.
  4. The AMHR National Show will award three times the Hall of Fame points for winning entries.
  5. The AMHR National Show will also host the AMHR National Futurity and shall provide the futurity classes that are required.

#### G. Class Splits:

1. Because of the large number of entries in certain classes at the AMHR National Show, it may be necessary to split classes into sections.
2. For safety reasons any driving class including versatility must be split at 25 if entries warrant

#### H. Height Measurement:

1. All miniature horses must be measured at the AMHR National Show. This will be a one-time measurement good for the AMHR National Show only. No measurement cards will be issued from the measurement.
2. The measurement time or times will be published with the AMHR National Show entry form.
3. No horse may receive a show number until the horse has been measured.
4. If a horse is measured into a different height division than it is entered, the horse is to be shown in the new height division without cost or penalty to the exhibitor.
5. At the time of measurement, the exhibitor is required to present to the Steward the original registration paper of the animal or a photo static copy of the same and the horse (free of blanket, hood, and neck wrap) for a full measurement.
6. Each measuring sticks serial number will be written on the measurement card and master measurement book and initialed by the Steward and the witness that is taking the official measurement.

#### I. Entry Forms:

1. The following is a list of information that must be included on the entry form. The show management has the option to add other information.
  - a. Horse's name, as it appears on the registration form.

- b. Horse's registration number.
- c. Owner of horse, as it appears on the registration form.
- d. Qualifying shows.
  - (1) Exhibitors/Owners to submit the AMHR Nationals Qualification Form signed by show management with entries that will list their qualifying shows, this form available from the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR Office or on [www.shetlandminiature.com](http://www.shetlandminiature.com).
- e. Classes the horse is entered.
- f. Exhibitor Name and Membership Number of the exhibitor in each class.
- g. Entry form must be signed by owner, trainer, agent, or parent of a minor child.