

## SECTION III

### GENERAL RULES

#### Part 1 - Definitions

#### 2016 RULEBOOK

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



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**Part 1 - Definitions**

- 1.1 Age of Adult** - An adult must be 18 years and older.
- 1.2 Age of Equine** - All animals are a year older January 1st for show and breeding purposes only.
- 1.3 Amateur** - Regardless of one's equestrian skills and/or accomplishments, a person is an amateur for all shows conducted under the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR rules who after his/her 18th birthday has not engaged in specified activities, which would make him/her a professional.
- Please refer to Section III - Part 3, of the Rulebook for Rules pertaining to Amateur Qualifications and Specifications.*
- 1.4 Attendant** - An "attendant" is a person who is assisting another in a class, whether it be as a rider in a cart or present in a class for safety reasons (i.e., youth/COOL classes). An attendant is not a header. Must be 16 years of age or older and appropriately attired. In Shetland Classes an attendant may stand an entry on its feet and thereafter he/she shall remain at least two paces distant from the head.
- 1.5 Censure** - Censure is the formal resolution by the Board of Directors of the corporation reprimanding a member for specified misconduct.
- 1.6 Competition Year** - Shall run from December 1st through November 30th, for all divisions of the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR.
- A. To qualify for the AMHR National Show, the year begins the day following the closing day of the preceding AMHR National Show and ends with the opening day of the following AMHR National Show.

## 1.7 Cross Entering Breed Divisions

- A. ASPC ponies cannot cross enter into AMHR classes at the same show.
- B. AMHR horses cannot cross enter into any ASPC classes at the same show.
- C. At Area National Shows double registered ASPC/AMHR Shetlands may enter ASPC Futurity Class (non-rated) if showing at the Area Show as an AMHR horse (rated classes).
- D. Classic & Foundation Shetlands:
  - 1. No cross entering will be allowed between Classic and Modern classes at the same show.
  - 2. No cross entering will be allowed between Classic and Foundation classes with the exception of youth halter, color, group halter, and Classic performance classes – unless an equivalent Foundation Performance class is not offered.
- E. Shetlands entered in any Modern Pleasure Pony Division class may not cross enter in the following ways at any given show:
  - 1. into any Classic Class.
  - 2. into any other Modern Performance driving (i.e., Roadster, Formal, or Harness Driving) division.
  - 3. between Open Pleasure Driving and Country Pleasure Driving.
  - 4. into open halter classes if Pleasure Halter classes are offered (exceptions being Model, Group, Showmanship, Youth Halter, (exception only if Modern Pleasure Youth Halter is not offered), Incentive or Futurity classes).

**1.8 Driving Horse (Age)** - A driving horse must be 3 years and older (AMHR).

**1.9 Driving Pony (Age)** - A driving pony must be 2 years and older (ASPC/ASPR).

**1.10 Exhibitor** - An Exhibitor is the owner or lessee of a horse when entered in a class where only the merits of the horses are to be considered. In equitation or showmanship classes exhibitor refers to the rider or person handling the horse.

A. **Exhibitor Back Numbers** - Correct Back Numbers are a show requirement. Back Numbers must be displayed in a highly visible position either on the back of the exhibitor or securely attached to the rear of the vehicle. Exhibitors entering the show ring without a Back Number or with the incorrect Back Number will be afforded the opportunity of requesting time out to obtain the Back Number or the correct Back Number. Exhibitors not displaying the correct Back Number or no Back number, after the class has been judged may be disqualified. Exhibitors displaying no Back Number, after the Judge's Cards are turned in, will be disqualified. Shaft numbers on vehicles are encouraged but are not required.

**1.11 Extraordinary Rule Change** - An Extraordinary Rule Change is one that unless expedited would create or continue a severe hardship or a gross unfairness to the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR, the members, or their horses.

**1.12 Fall** - A horse is considered to have fallen when the shoulder and haunch on the same side have touched the ground or an obstacle and the ground.

**1.13 Family** - Family includes husband, wife, parent, step-parent, guardian, child, step-child, brother, half-brother, sister and half-sister, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, grandmother, grandfather, grandchildren, step-grandchildren, and in-laws of the same relation as stated, and solely family owned corporation, ranch, or farm. Such ownership must be evidenced by the records of the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR.

**1.14 Gentlemen's Classes** - Open to Gentlemen 18 years of age or older.

**1.15 Get of Sire** - Three ponies/horses. Can be any combination of stallions, mares and/or geldings, any age, the get of the same stallion; may be a combination of owners.

**1.16 Golden Age** - A person who is 55 years old or older.

**1.17 Header**

A. Must be 16 years or older.

B. Enter the ring when the line-up is called.

1. May assist in setting up the animal.
2. Stands two paces back from the horses head and will remain there, except in emergency, until the Judge's card(s) are turned in.
3. The header should not step back to allow Judge in between horse and header.
4. **Required** in all youth driving classes.
5. All youth drivers exhibiting in **any** non-youth driving class **must** have a header.
6. All headers should be appropriately attired.
7. In Versatility Classes a "groom" is a header.

**1.18 Helmets** - Only Certified ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) Equine Helmets are permitted. Helmets are required in all Youth Roadster and Youth Under Saddle Classes. Headgear harness must be secured and properly fitted.

**1.19 Herd of Four** - Four ponies/horses, any age, all by one Owner. Check each Breed Division specifications for requirements.

**1.20 Herd of Six** - Six ponies/horses, any age, any sex; all by one owner.

**1.21 Hunter/Jumper Horse (Age)** - A hunter/jumper horse must be 3 years and older.

**1.22 Hunter/Jumper Pony (Age)** - A hunter/jumper pony must be 2 years and older.

**1.23 Ladies Class** - Open to Ladies 18 years of age or older. Ladies may not drive stallions in Ladies classes in Modern/ASPR. Ladies may drive stallions in Classic/AMHR Ladies classes.

- 1.24 Lessee** - A registered horse/pony may be shown under a lessee's ownership provided an official lease is registered with the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR Office. The lessee becomes the bona fide user of the horse for the period of the lease.
- 1.25 Limit** - Pony/Horse not having won six first places in an approved ASPC/AMHR/ASPR "A" or "AA" driving classes with competition.
- 1.26 Maiden** - Pony/Horse not having won a first place in an approved ASPC/AMHR/ASPR "A" or "AA" driving classes with competition.
- 1.27 Multi-Color** - Any multi-color recognized by the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR pinto color pattern (ponies/horses) or Appaloosa (miniatures only).
- 1.28 Model** - Designed to set a "pattern" or "standard" for the entries to follow in all other classes.
- 1.29 Non-Member** - Non-members may participate in ASPC/AMHR/ASPR recognized shows on the condition that the non-member shall comply with all rules governing such shows, including but not limited to the rules contained herein and all rules that are applicable to the particular show in question.
- Exception* – Membership is **required** to participate in the AMHR National Show, the ASPC/ASPR Congress and the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR Futurity Programs.
- 1.30 Not In Good Standing** - A member not in good standing, is any person who has been the subject of disciplinary proceedings under the Bylaws of the Corporation or these Rules, and who has either been expelled or suspended, or has failed to comply with any penalties imposed in connection with the disciplinary proceedings. In the event a penalty is imposed in connection with any disciplinary proceedings, once the member complies, he or she shall be reinstated as a member in good standing. For example, in the event a fine is levied against a member in connection with a rule violation, upon payment of the fine, the member shall be reinstated as a member in good standing.

However, so long as the fine remains unpaid, the member shall be considered to be not in good standing.

- 1.31 Novice** - Pony/Horse or Driver not having won three first places in an approved ASPC/AMHR/ASPR “A” or “AA” driving classes with competition.
- 1.32 Probation** - Probation means that a person’s conduct and action with respect to all activities are subject to strict review during the period of probation. A person who violates any provision of the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws or Rules of the Corporation while on probation is subject to more severe disciplinary action than might otherwise be the case.
- 1.33 Produce of Dam** - Two ponies/horses. Can be any combination of stallions, mares and/or geldings, any age, the produce of the same dam; may be a combination of owners.
- 1.34 Rein Back** - Rein back is defined as a backward movement in which the legs are raised and set down simultaneously in diagonal pairs with the hind legs remaining well in line.
- 1.35 Solid Color** - Of solid color recognized by ASPC/AMHR/ASPR other than Pinto (ponies/horses) or Appaloosa (miniatures only).
- 1.36 Tailer** - In Modern, Modern Pleasure, Show Pony and Classic/Foundation halter classes (and ASPC/AMHR Roadster In Hand Classes) a Tailer is a second handler/attendant that is allowed to assist in moving/driving forward the pony or horse. In some classes, the Tailer may also touch and assist in the set up and showing of the pony or horse.
- 1.37 Timeout** - The time out shall be clocked and the adjustment or repair is not to exceed 5 minutes. Only one time out per class per entry is allowed and must not exceed the 5 minutes allowed. *See Current USEF Rule Book, General Rule (GR833).*

**1.38 Youth** - A Youth is an individual who has not attained eighteen years of age as of December 1st of the current competition year (example: for 2015, a youth must not have attained 18 years of age by December 1, 2014 and will be considered a Youth for that entire show season).

*Please refer to Section III - Part 4, of the Rulebook for Rules pertaining to Youth Qualifications and Specifications.*

**1.39 Unsafe Entry** - An unsafe vehicle, unsafe equipment, unsafe hitching of horses or an unruly horse.