

AMERICAN SHETLAND PONY CLUB
AMERICAN MINIATURE HORSE REGISTRY
MAJORITY OPINION THREE-JUDGE SCORING SYSTEM
(M-O-S)

Per 2014 Official Rulebook Section XVI – National Shows/Futurity – D-Judges: 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.” Attached is the written detail.

The Club’s show program contains an automated version of the MOS system. The show secretary indicates the Call Judge and Second and Third Judges for the class, enters the placings of each judge by entering the back number of each placing and clicks to calculate the scores. The show secretary can review the results, post and print the Results of Judging report. The show office will post the report shortly after completion of the class. A pdf of the report will be available on the new show website amhrminishows.com.

The Basic Rules of the “M-O-S” 3-Judge Scoring System

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3-WAY IDENTICAL TIE – Three circles, same line, and vote counts identical. Resolve by “Fall of the Cards.” Review instructions. This is the only instance where the Call Judge decides a placing.

ALTERNATE – Always score one extra place for each class as an alternate in case of disqualification.



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Under the Majority Opinion System (M-O-S), all three judges carry equal weight in the final class decision, and winners are placed by the best two out of three votes. Each horse is judged as if it were working individually and then compared with the performance of all other horses in the class who are judged on the same basis.

All judges place the same number of entries in each class, depending on class size. Ties are resolved by averaging the opinions of the three judges.

PRE-SHOW

Before the horse show begins, show management should meet with the Judges, Ringmaster, Announcer and Scorer(s) to discuss the system and make certain each person understands his responsibility.

- The Show Manager should instruct the Judges, Ringmaster and Announcer on workout procedures before the show.
- The Judges must work independently and tie a maximum of three reserve places. They should vary and rotate their judging positions in the ring.
- The Ringmaster must verify the proper number of placings on each judge's card. In the event of a workout, he should make certain all judges know what horses are working and for which positions.
- The Announcer must call for horses in a work-out in numerical order. He should cover the scoring time with fill-in announcements to avoid a silent wait for the class results.
- The Scorer(s) must understand the scoring system as outlined in the Supplement and be able to work quickly and accurately.

JUDGING

Judges must work independently, with no discussion of any kind until the winners are announced. They should vary their judging positions and rotate around the ring. They should discuss and plan how to cover the ring and work classes before the show to avoid "cluster" judging. A suggestion would be to section the ring into three areas which will give each judge a separate but equal view of the rail, with rotation of positions for each class.

ROTATION

Mark the judges' cards ahead of time with the rotation and indicate who will be Call Judge and the Second and Third Judges for each class. No referee is required since all ties are broken by a two-thirds majority vote.

PLACINGS

Mark the judges' cards ahead of time indicating how many entries should be placed. Three reserves are recommended for each class. The Ringmaster should return an incompletely tied card to the judge for correction before giving it to the Scorer(s).

WORKOUTS

Any judge may request a workout in any class by communicating through the Ringmaster. The judge making the request must state what horses he wants called and what positions they are to be worked for. The Ringmaster relates this to the other judges one at a time. A workout requires agreement by two of the three, or the positions must be filled without a workout.

If a workout is agreed upon, the Ringmaster must ask the other Judges if they wish to add other horses to those being sent to the rail. The Ringmaster must be sure that all judges know what horses are working for what position.

In order to be included in a workout, an entry must appear on two judges' lists. If an entry does not receive two votes for inclusion in the workout, that entry does not return to the rail. If no entries receive two workout votes, there is no workout and the class is tied.

The Ringmaster must inform the Announcer of the workout request. Whenever horses are being called for a workout, the Announcer must call for them in numerical order.

AUTOMATIC WORKOUTS (Identical Tie for First Place)

When a three way identical tie occurs for first place, a workout is mandatory.

If the tie is still identical after the workout, the class will be tied by the fall of the cards (see scoring supplement).

At no time will horses ever be asked, or required, to perform more than one workout per class (Exception: Equitation).

When the identical three-way tie is for second place or lower, the class is determined by the fall of the cards.

SCORING

Have two people trained to score for each performance. One person can do the work alone, but two working together insures speed and accuracy.

The Scorer should be stationed as close as possible to the Announcer. The Scorer works with the three judges' cards in each class. Final results and placements are based on how the judges' place competitors' numbers on these cards.

ANNOUNCING CLASS WINNERS

An experienced Scorer and Announcer can expedite broadcasting of the class results. Announcement of the first place winner can be made in an average of 30 seconds. It is recommended that all places be tied before announcing the results, but where the first few places are readily apparent, the announcer can proceed.

The Announcer can introduce the trophy donor or class sponsor before receiving the first place number. If more time is needed (sometimes a judge is slow to hand in a card or scoring is complicated), the Announcer should be able to fill in with miscellaneous show announcements.

For "M-O-S" Practice

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SCORING SUPPLEMENT

After the Judges turn in their cards, the Ringmaster checks to see that the correct number of places are tied. The Ringmaster then hands the cards to the Scorer to determine the best two out of three votes for each placing. The card are handled as follows:

- Line the cards up evenly. Card arrangement does not affect results, but it is suggested that they be aligned in order (Call Judge, Second Judge, Third Judge).
- Read the votes from left to right (→) and from the top line down (↓). Mark all the votes for one number at the same time.
- Each number should be marked with a check (✓) for the first time it appears, circled (o) the second time it appears, and crossed out (X) the third time it appears. Acknowledging votes in this manner ensures that each vote for every horse has been considered in the final tabulation.
- Go back to the top and mark the next number. Repeat until all entry numbers have been acknowledged.
- Whenever a circle appears, the entry has already received two votes. If a number is marked on only two of the three cards, the third (or low vote) is recorded as an "X."

After marking all votes, the first place horse will have its number circled highest on the three judges' cards and all places will follow as the circles fall from high to low. The first place entry number does not have to be circled on line one. Also, two or more numbers may be circled on the same line. For further explanation of those situations, see Similar and Identical Ties.

In the following example, after all votes are acknowledged, the entries are placed simply by seeing where the circles appear.

	A	B	C	Final	(Vote Count)
1.	812✓	240✓	(240)	240	1-1-2
2.	240X	(812)	812X	812	1-2-2
3.	706✓	(706)	259✓	706	3-3-4
4.	321✓	(259)	706X	259	3-4-5
5.	259X	(321)	321X	321	4-5-5
6.	290✓	(290)	290X	290	6-6-6

Quickly double-check the Finals, record on the Class Data Sheet and hand to the Announcer.

NOTE: It is possible for a horse to win without having a first place vote. This rare situation only occurs when there is significant variation in the judges' opinions.

SIMILAR TIES

Circles can and will appear on the same line. When this occurs, a vote count is necessary - a tally of votes from highest to lowest. Resolve ties immediately, rather than waiting until all numbers have been acknowledged. Refer to the Position Chart to determine the best vote count.

The Position Chart is read from left to right (→), and from the top line down (↓), (as are the judges' cards). Since middle votes are always identical in these cases, they are ignored. Compare the high and low combinations.

TWO WAY SIMILAR TIE

	A	B	C	Final	(Vote Count)
1.	440✓	(440)	440X	440	1-1-1
2.	213✓	352✓	(352)	352	2-2-3
3.	352X	(213)	236✓	213	2-3-6
4.	(236)	245✓	561✓	236	3-4-5
5.	(561)	236X	(245)	245	(4-5-6)
6.	245X	699✓	213X	561	(4-5-7)
7.	(699)	561X	699X	699	6-7-7

If a number is marked on only two of the three cards, the third (or low vote) is recorded as an "X" -- i.e., (3-5-X). If the tie is (4-5-6), (3-5-X) and (4-5-X), locate the (4-6), (3-X) and (4-X) on the Position Chart -- (4-6) is best, then (3-X), then (4-X).

THREE WAY SIMILAR TIE

	A	B	C	Final	(Vote Count)
1.	9✓	289✓	(289)	289	(1-1-3)
2.	412✓	290✓	(412)	412	(2-2-5)
3.	289X	349✓	410✓	9	(1-4-5)
4.	(410)	(9)	(349)	349	(3-4-5)
5.	349X	412X	9X	410	(3-4-6)
6.	176✓	410X	(290)	290	(2-6-7)
7.	290X	296✓	306	296	(7-8-X)
8.	486	61	(296)	—	—

IDENTICAL TIES

There are also two-way identical ties, an example of which follows:

TWO WAY IDENTICAL TIE

	A	B	C	Final	(Vote Count)
1.	510✓	(510)	510X	510	1-1-1
2.	517✓	(517)	823✓	517	2-2-3
3.	281✓	637✓	517X	637	(3-4-5)
4.	225✓	(281)	(637)	281	(3-4-5)
5.	637X	(225)	281X	225	4-5-6
6.	(823)	823X	225X	823	2-6-6

When a vote count reveals that the horses received identical votes from the Judges, it is still possible to determine a two-thirds majority. In this case, Judge A placed 281 over 637. But Judges B and C placed 637 higher than 281. Since two out of three judges preferred 637, it must be placed over 281.

THREE WAY IDENTICAL TIE

When three number are circled on the same line and their vote counts are identical, it is an extremely rare three-way identical tie. It is resolved by a "Fall of the Cards" unless it involves first place. In that instance, there is an Automatic Workout (see page one).

A	B	C	
101✓	102✓	103✓	(1-2-3) Use this line to score.
(102)	(103)	(101)	(1-2-3)
103x	101x	102x	(1-2-3)

"M-O-S" 3-Judge Scoring System

BASIC RULES

The number that is positioned first (not the circled line) on the Call Judge's card will be the first (101). The second (102) and third (103) places are then determined by the Judge's choices as their cards are placed in sequence.

In the example shown above, if B was the Call Judge, then 102 would be first, C's choice of 103 would be second and A's choice of 101 would be third. If C were the Call Judge, then 103 would be first, 101 would be second and 102 third.

GENERAL

Two people should independently score the results, with both as close to the Announcer as possible. The use of colored pencils (different colors for each scorer) is recommended, with a lot of scratch paper handy.

The Scorer should line up the three Judges cards in sequence (Call Judge, Second Judge, Third Judge) with the Final sheet and proceed to acknowledge votes. The Final sheet should not be filled in until all votes are either checked or circled and all ties are resolved.

The checker watches the scoring and will find in most classes the first place winner is obvious. The circle stands alone or vote count confirms Final placing. The checker can mark the winning number on scratch paper. Second place may also be obvious and should be marked below the first number on the scratch paper.

After all votes are acknowledged, the Scorer makes sure there are enough circles for places and no ties to resolve. With first place confirmed by the checker, the scratch paper can be handed to the announcer.

While the winner is being called, awarded and photographed, the Scorer marks in Finals together with the vote count while the checker checks for errors.

If the Announcer is ready for more numbers, but scoring isn't completed, the checker notes winners of second, third, etc. to hand him in progression until all finals are marked. There is no reason to hold up announcement of winners -- they can be handed to the Announcer as soon as they are confirmed at a time.

NOTE: Judges do make mistakes. Don't panic. Before returning a card to the Judge, check the numbers for the obvious -- a missing digit (27 instead of 127) or transportation of numerals (243 instead of 234).

Trust your scoring. If you have studied the instructions and have practiced the sample classes, it is unlikely you will have to work slowly to get things right. And with two people scoring, the checker will catch the few possible errors.

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PRACTICE CLASSES

A	B	C	Place	Final	Vote Count
Class 1 (Simple Class - No Ties)					
40	40	40	1	40	(1-1-1)
355	222	355	2	355	(2-2-3)
222	355	222	3	222	(2-3-3)
402	402	402	4	402	(4-4-4)
283	283	283	5	283	(5-5-5)
184	373	184	6	184	(6-6-7)
373	184	373	7	373	(6-7-7)

A	B	C	Place	Final	Vote Count
Class 2 (One Combination Tie)					
384	384	384	1	384	(1-1-1)
75	324	221	2	75	(2-3-4)
221	75	324	3	221	(2-3-4)
148	221	75	4	324	(2-3-5)
324	148	148	5	148	(4-5-5)
240	240	240	6	240	(6-6-6)
219	404	404	7	404	(7-7-x)
14	219	219	8	219	(7-8-8)

A	B	C	Place	Final	Vote Count
Class 3 (Simple Class - No Ties)					
169	169	809	1	169	(1-1-2)
809	809	169	2	809	(1-2-2)
729	729	729	3	729	(3-3-3)
685	685	444	4	685	(4-4-8)
428	467	467	5	467	(5-5-6)
467	444	270	6	444	(4-6-7)
444	270	787	7	270	(6-7-8)
270	428	428	8	428	(5-8-8)
123	787	685	9	787	(7-9-10)
787	123	123	10	123	(9-10-10)

A	B	C	Place	Final	Vote Count
Class 4 (One 2-way Similar Tie)					
275	177	470	1	275	(1-2-3)
527	275	513	2	177	(1-3-4)
177	572	275	3	527	(2-4-5)
572	527	177	4	572	(3-4-5)
1022	1022	527	5	1022	(5-5-9)
381	381	572	6	381	(6-6-8)
470	470	1001	7	470	(1-7-7)
513	513	381	8	513	(2-8-8)
1001	1001	1022	9	1001	(7-9-9)

A	B	C	Place	Final	Vote Count
Class 5 (Simple Class - No Ties)					
289	484	289	1	289	(1-1-5)
484	460	484	2	484	(1-2-2)
460	406	285	3	460	(2-3-4)
285	409	460	4	285	(3-4-6)
409	289	409	5	409	(4-5-5)
349	285	406	6	406	(3-6-7)
406	349	349	7	349	(6-7-7)
112	112	112	8	112	(8-8-8)

A	B	C	Place	Final	Vote Count
Class 6 (One 2-way Similar Tie - One 3-way Similar Tie)					
189	189	189	1	189	(1-1-1)
692	692	971	2	692	(2-2-x)
1012	37	1039	3	37	(3-4-4)
37	966	37	4	730	(5-6-6)
564	479	730	5	564	(5-6-x)
730	730	564	6	971	(2-7-x)
966	971	1012	7	1012	(3-7-x)
479	801	801	8	966	(4-7-x)

A	B	C	Place	Final	Vote Count
Class 7 (One 3-way Identical Tie)					
161	161	161	1	161	(1-1-1)
380	432	265	2	?	(2-3-4)
432	265	380	3	?	(2-3-4)
265	380	432	4	?	(2-3-4)
439	439	439	5	439	(5-5-5)
196	196	196	6	196	(6-6-6)
37	37	37	7	37	(7-7-7)

A	B	C	Place	Final	Vote Count
Class 8 (Two 2-way Similar Ties)					
5	2	1	1	73	(2-3-4)
152	73	15	2	167	(3-4-x)
167	142	73	3	13	(4-5-7)
73	167	13	4	1	(1-5-x)
13	1	159	5	479	(6-6-7)
15	479	479	6	15	(2-6-x)
479	13	416	7	142	(3-8-8)
142	170	142	8	-	-

A	B	C	Place	Final	Vote Count
Class 9 (One 3-way Similar Tie)					
9	289	289	1	289	(1-1-3)
412	290	412	2	412	(2-2-5)
289	349	410	3	9	(1-4-5)
410	9	349	4	349	(3-4-5)
349	412	9	5	410	(3-4-6)
176	410	290	6	290	(2-6-7)
290	296	306	7	296	(7-8-x)
486	61	296	8	-	-

A	B	C	Place	Final	Vote Count
Class 10 (Two Combination Ties)					
374	383	383	1	383	(1-1-2)
383	367	397	2	374	(1-3-4)
397	374	367	3	397	(2-3-4)
367	397	374	4	367	(2-3-4)
402	414	341	5	414	(5-6-7)
414	341	402	6	341	(5-6-7)
341	94	414	7	402	(5-6-x)

A	B	C	Place	Final	Vote Count
Class 11 (One 2-way Similar Tie - Horse can place 1st without 1st Place Vote.)					
650	721	679	1	660	(2-2-3)
679	660	660	2	679	(1-2-4)
660	650	670	3	660	(1-3-5)
721	679	721	4	721	(1-4-4)
670	670	650	5	670	(3-5-5)

A	B	C	Place	Final	Vote Count
Class 12 (Two 2-way Similar Ties)					
692	966	966	1	966	(1-1-3)
1018	971	288	2	1045	(3-4-4)
966	1045	506	3	692	(1-4-7)
1045	692	1045	4	1018	(2-5-5)
971	1018	1018	5	971	(2-5-6)
288	221	971	6	288	(2-6-x)
88	404	692	7	586	(8-8-x)
586	909	586	8	909	(8-9-x)
73	143	909	9	-	-

A	B	C	Place	Final	Vote Count
Class 13 (One 2-way Similar Tie - One 2-way Identical Tie)					
347	328	165	1	165	(1-2-2)
165	165	144	2	347	(1-3-5)
328	159	347	3	328	(1-3-5)
159	144	159	4	159	(3-4-4)
144	347	328	5	144	(2-4-5)
10	10	10	6	10	(6-6-6)
157	157	421	7	157	(7-7-x)

A	B	C	Place	Final	Vote Count
Class 14 (One 3-way Identical Tie - One 3-way Similar Tie)					
292	132	280	1	?	(1-2-3)
132	280	292	2	?	(1-2-3)
280	292	132	3	?	(1-2-3)
242	92	485	4	92	(4-5-5)
92	141	92	5	485	(4-6-x)
198	485	482	6	242	(4-7-x)
141	242	297	7	141	(5-7-x)

A	B	C	Place	Final	Vote Count
Class 15 (One 3-way Similar Tie)					
863	409	863	1	863	(1-1-8)
409	1007	50	2	409	(1-2-3)
762	50	409	3	50	(2-3-x)
715	715	317	4	715	(4-4-x)
548	401	422	5	1007	(2-6-x)
422	762	1007	6	762	(3-6-x)
746	739	140	7	422	(5-6-x)
140	863	946	8	140	(7-8-x)

A	B	C	Place	Final	Vote Count
Class 16 (One 2-way Similar Tie)					
954	833	623	1	954	(1-2-3)
314	954	728	2	170	(3-3-4)
170	170	954	3	728	(2-4-5)
623	728	170	4	623	(1-4-x)
728	238	314	5	314	(2-5-7)
785	785	785	6	785	(6-6-6)
630	314	833	7	833	(1-7-x)

A	B	C	Place	Final	Vote Count
Class 17 (Three 2-way Similar Tie)					
1039	939	37	1	939	(1-2-4)
939	564	1012	2	1012	(2-3-8)
732	1012	427	3	37	(1-4-8)
37	732	939	4	732	(3-4-x)
427	479	1039	5	1039	(1-5-6)
564	1039	479	6	427	(3-5-x)
479	13	564	7	564	(2-6-7)
1012	37	38	8	479	(5-6-7)

A	B	C	Place	Final	Vote Count
Class 18 (Two 2-way Similar Ties)					
455	325	295	1	376	(2-2-x)
376	55	376	2	295	(1-4-4)
224	243	80	3	325	(1-4-5)
295	295	325	4	455	(1-5-8)
325	455	84	5	243	(3-6-7)
243	407	55	6	55	(2-6-x)
80	457	243	7	80	(3-7-x)
91	224	455	8	224	(3-8-x)

A	B	C	Place	Final	Vote Count
Class 19 (Simple Class - No Ties)					
373	373	276	1	373	(1-1-2)
276	276	373	2	276	(1-2-2)
248	539	248	3	248	(3-3-4)
215	248	215	4	215	(4-4-5)
539	215	539	5	539	(3-5-5)
284	284	284	6	284	(6-6-6)
601	601	601	7	601	(7-7-7)

A	B	C	Place	Final	Vote Count
Class 20 (Two 2-way Similar Ties - One 2-way Identical Tie)					
1020	534	940	1	940	(1-2-x)
940	51	180	2	51	(2-3-3)
51	1020	51	3	1020	(1-3-6)
534	180	30	4	180	(2-4-5)
180	944	654	5	534	(1-4-8)
944	654	1020	6	944	(5-6-7)
654	30	944	7	654	(5-6-7)
256	914	534	8	30	(4-7-x)

A	B	C	Place	Final	Vote Count
Class 21 (One 2-way Similar Tie - One 2-way Identical Tie)					
330	274	127	1	127	(1-2-3)
127	56	56	2	56	(2-2-4)
274	127	330	3	330	(1-3-4)
56	330	274	4	274	(1-3-4)

"M-O-S" Position Chart

