

American Shetland Pony Club
National Congress
2023



National Equestrian Center
Lake St. Louis, MO
July 24 – July 29, 2023
ENTRIES CLOSE: June 12, 2023

2023 ASPC OFFICIALS

Classic/Foundation Judges

Sandy Croote – New Jersey

Kim Seipp – Colorado

Duane Stutzman - Ohio

Modern Judge

Gary Edds - Indiana

Futurity Judge

James Vernon - Indiana

Congress Stewards

Robby McCartha – South Carolina

Robert Riddle - Florida

2023 SHOW STAFF

Show Manager – Jill Gleason

Announcer – Jeff Rutz

Paddock Announcer – Jennifer Hoyt

Ring Master – Keta Dines

Ring Master– Sean Delagardelle

Ring Master– Troy Murrell

Center Ring Secretary – Shannon Rogers

Office Secretary – Susan Hammond

EMT – EMS 4 Events Services

Mid Rivers Equine Center – 636-332-5373

GENERAL RULES

Congress will run under the rules set forth in the ASPC/ASPR Rule Book, current revision. All persons are notified that any misconduct or disobedience to the judges or show officials by an exhibitors, trainers, or parents shall be cause for disqualification. In such cases, all entry fees shall be forfeited.

STALLING INFORMATION

Stalls will be assigned and shavings will be at your stalls when you arrive if they are ordered in advance. **Stalls will be available at 9:00 AM on Saturday, July 22, 2023, and MUST be vacated by 9:00am on Sunday, July 30, 2023.** Subject to Change

Any stall occupied past 9:00am on July 30th will be issued a \$100.00 fine per stall. Any stall occupied before 9:00am on July 22nd will be issued a \$100.00 fine per stall.

No stall can be occupied without being assigned by show management. No stall location can be changed without consent of show management. All exhibitors who wish to be stalled together **MUST** send their entries together in one envelope. There are no guarantees for stalling, however show management will try their best to accommodate requests.

Stalls reserved after the entry deadline of June 12, 2023 will be \$175.00. There is no guarantee that late stall reservations will be with initial stall reservation.

SHOW OPENS 8:00AM
MONDAY-SATURDAY

EXHIBITOR ENTRY INFORMATION

All official forms can be found on the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR website. Entries **MUST** be postmarked on or before June 12, 2023.

NEW FOR 2023 – ONLINE ENTRIES (shetlandminiature.com)

***If you are using the online entry portal, you **MUST** have a credit card on file, paypal is available or checks **MUST** be in the office by June 13th or entries will be considered late.**

In order to be accepted, each entry and stall reservation **MUST** be accompanied by a check or credit card payable to: ASPC Congress 81-B East Queenwood, Morton, IL 61550. Phone entries **WILL NOT** be accepted. No post-dated checks will be accepted.

Entries **MUST** be made on an official entry form in the name of the legal owner only. The form must be completed in full, including the legal owner's complete address. Each entry **MUST** be signed in all places required. Each pony **MUST** be entered on only **ONE** entry form. All adult and junior handler/drivers **MUST** be listed on this one form along with all classes entered.

Exhibitors are advised to use a form of expedited, traceable mail service when sending entries in order to ensure that their entries are received!

Do not submit your health papers, coggins or vaccinations records with your entries. Keep the certificates in your possession until such time as it is requested at the show.

All exhibitors **MUST be a member in order to exhibit at the Congress.**

EXHIBITOR SHOW ACCOUNTS

All exhibitors will be required to leave an open check or credit card, separate from their entries at check-in, before show numbers will be released, to cover early arrival, additional stalls, fines or penalties incurred at the show.

All open accounts must be closed before the closing of the Show Office before 3pm on the last day of the show. Exhibitors are encouraged to close out their account in person. **If the exhibitor does not close out their account, they automatically authorize Management to close their account using the Check or Credit Card on file. Disputes in billing will not be considered.**

ALL PONIES ON THE SHOW GROUNDS MUST PAY AN OFFICE FEE OF \$25.00

PAYMENT DUE AT TIME OF ENTRIES. (NO EXCEPTIONS)

Charges/Fees

Open Classes:	\$50.00
Amateur Classes:	\$45.00
Youth Classes:	\$35.00
COOL Classes:	\$35.00
Stake Classes:	\$55.00
Late Entry Fee:	\$125.00
(after June 12, 2023)	
Stall Fee:	\$140.00
Late Stall Fee: (after June 12)	\$175.00
Office Fee:	\$25.00
(per pony on show grounds)	
Futurity Halter Class:	\$10.00
Futurity Performance Class:	\$20.00
Shavings: (per bag)	\$12.00

(Mandatory 2 bags per stall rented – Including Tack Stalls)

FEE STATEMENT

All fees must be paid in United States funds. All fees must accompany your entry or entry will not be accepted. Return Check/Non-Functioning Credit Card: **\$50.00** charge. Blank checks sent with an entry will be completed by the ASPC National Office for the amount due and deposited.

REFUNDS

No Refunds on Stalls At Any Time! Notice must be received in the home office no later than June 30, 2023 for an entry fee only. The entry fee in this case will be refunded, less an office fee of \$50.00. **After June 30, 2023: NO REFUNDS WILL BE HONORED, NO VETERINARIAN CERTIFICATE CAN BE USED FOR REFUND. NO REFUNDS ON STALLS AT ANY TIME!**

SHAVINGS

Shavings can be ordered in advance and at the show office upon your arrival. Please make pre-order of shavings on your entry form. Shavings are \$12.00 per bag. **There will be a required charge of two bales of shavings per stall rented. (This includes tack stalls)**

OUTSIDE SHAVINGS ARE NOT ALLOWED. All Shavings must be ordered at Show Office. If you use outside shavings there is a \$200.00 fine per stall.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

All equine on the premises for exhibition, sale or delivery, must be accompanied by an official health certificate issued within 30 days prior to the show dates. Showing them to be free of symptoms of contagious and infectious diseases or known exposure thereto. All equine on the premises must be tested and show negative for EIA by the Coggins test within 12 months prior to show dates. Test to be conducted at a federally approved laboratory with the date of test and name of laboratory shown on the health certificate. Original Coggins certificate must be verified at time of check in at show office. Suckling foals under 6 months of age accompanied by their dams are exempt from the test.

MEASUREMENT TIMES

Measurement of ponies will begin Saturday, July 22, 2022 at 2:00 PM. Additional measurement times will be posted. **Note: All ASPR, Modern, Classic and Foundation Shetlands, including foals of current year who DO NOT possess a validated, permanent Card of the current year MUST be measured at Congress.**

Exhibitors MUST pick up a measurement card for each pony in the show office. At the time of measurements, the exhibitor is required to present to the steward the original registration paper of the animal or a photo copy of the same, and the pony (free of blanket, hood, neck wrap and tail set) for a measurement. Heel measurements are required. (Exception: American Show Pony heels are not measured) All measurements may be video recorded. **No back number will be released until all necessary measurements have been completed. Once a back number is issued, you may not re-measure unless there is a protest.**

MEASURING PROTOCOL

1. One set of papers/one pony/one handler within the measuring area.
 - a. No electronic copies of papers (phone, computer etc.) are permitted. Paper copies only.
 - b. No notebooks or binders are permitted to be in the measuring area. Only papers for pony being measured are allowed in the measuring area.

- c. Additional ponies are not allowed to congregate in the ally way where the line for measuring is formed. i.e., Entryway to measuring box or location
2. Handler is not allowed to have multiple ponies queued up in line. The handler and the pony just measured will exit immediately following completion of the measurement. Any exchange of pony/handler will be outside the measuring area.
3. Ponies are measured by the next available Steward.
 - a. No one is allowed to “wait for” or “request” a specific Steward to measure their horse.
 - b. Remeasurement to be handled in the same fashion. The next available Steward will complete the remeasure.
 - c. One of the other Stewards may act as a “spotter” to ensure that the pony being measured is positioned correctly.
4. Spectators are allowed to watch from outside of the designated measuring area, however:
 - a. No comments or gestures allowed
 - b. Any perceived attempt to intimidate an exhibitor or Steward will result in the spectator being asked to leave and not allowed back to spectate for the duration of the show.

HEIGHT PROTEST

Once Show Officials have followed the rules for measuring the pony and the pony has been measured, or verified the height from the permanent height card submitted, the measurement becomes the official height for that show and CANNOT be protested once that pony enters the ring. The height of the pony will be posted by 6:00pm evening before pony enters ring. If any pony is shown where measurement is not posted unless through show management error in accordance with above, its height can be protested up to one hour after the class is completed.

CLASS POST ENTRY & CLASS CHANGES

Classes **MUST** be added, scratched or changed in show office on the official form completed in full and signed.

ALL classes MUST be entered by 6:00pm the evening before the class. NO EXCEPTION!

Payment of additional classes must be made with cash, check or credit card. No Refund will be given for classes cancelled by the exhibitor. Credit for a cancelled class may be applied to an additional class entered by the same exhibitor AT THE SAME TIME. There will be a \$50.00 fine for going through the gate in a class prior to officially entering the class. There will be a \$50.00 fine for not showing in an entered class without officially scratching the class at the show office. All exhibitors are asked to check out in the show office prior to leaving the show and to settle their accounts. Exhibitors who do not do this will have no recourse on the amount of show fees charged to their account.

FUTURITY

Entry fees for the Classic & Modern Futurity classes are \$10.00 per halter class and \$20.00 for performance classes. Futurity Payments will be processed within **75 days** after the show has ended.

SWEEPSTAKES

No entry fees. Only those eligible may participate. Foals to be DNA'd.

STAKE PAYBACK

Purse per class based on entry fees with matching funds from the office. Paybacks will be made on a percentage basis. The more entries in a class, the higher the purse. Example, with 10 ponies in a stake, there will be a purse of \$1,000.00. Stake payments will be processed within **75 days** after the show has ended.

AMATEUR MARE & GELDING INCENTIVE

The Amateur Mare Jackpot classes and Amateur Gelding Incentive classes will be offered at the National Shetland Pony Congress. In order to participate in this class, the exhibitor must have a valid Amateur card and own the animal exhibited. The Amateur exhibitors name must be recorded by the home office on the registration papers of the animal being shown. The Amateur must meet all qualifications to possess his/her Amateur card. Exhibitors can only show one animal per class. Incentive Payouts will be processed within **75 days** after the closing of the show.

NO POST ENTERING FUTURITY CLASSES, AMATEUR GELDING INCENTIVE CLASSES OR JACKPOT AMATEUR MARE CLASSES!

PRIZE MONEY

*Prize money will be paid only to the recorded owner at the time of the show. Checks for prize money shall be mailed within **75 days** after completion of the show.*

The Social Security Number must be on file with ASPC before prize money is released. If this information is not on file or is not provided within 120 days after notification, all prize money will be forfeited.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

MUST be a youth member of the ASPC/AMHR and exhibiting in the show to participate. Youth activities to kick off on Sunday and run throughout the show.

DISCIPLINE

Exhibitors are advised that any act of discourtesy or disobedience to the officials of this show on the part of the owner, lessee, trainer, groom, rider, driver, handler or member of the family of the person participating in the show will disqualify the pony from adjudication. The management reserves the right to remove any horse, owner, lessee, trainer, groom, rider, driver, handler, or member of the family of the person participating in the show from the show grounds without being liable for compensation of damages.

RV & CAMPING

RV and camping space will be available to exhibitors. Contact the National Equestrian Center for space and prices. 636.561.8080

GOLF CARTS

Golf Carts will be available to exhibitors. Contact the National Equestrian Center for pricing and to reserve. 636.561.8080

HOSPITAL

SSM Health St. Joseph Hospital - Lake St. Louis
100 Medical Plaza
Lake St. Louis, MO 63367
636-625-5200

VETERINARY ON CALL

Mid-Rivers Equine Center

404 Stable Lane
Wentzville, MO 63385
636.332.5373

ACCOMMODATIONS

Hilton Garden Inn/St. Louis – O’Fallon

2310 Technology Drive

O’Fallon, MO 63368

636.625.2700

*Block is under the American Shetland Pony Club

VENUE

National Equestrian Center

6880 Lake St. Louis Boulevard

Lake St. Louis, MO 63367

636.561.8080

DIRECTIONS

Take I-64 across the Daniel Boone Bridge (Missouri River); it becomes 40/61 to Lake St. Louis Blvd. Exit and turn left at stoplight. NEC is 1.8 miles on the left.

Take I-70 West to 40/61 East to Lake St. Louis Blvd. Exit and turn left at stoplight. NEC is 1.8 miles on the left.

From I44 – If you pulling a trailer. Take I-44 East to I-270. Take I-270 Northeast to I-64 (40/61) Go West toward Wentzville and follow directions above.

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