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**Proposed Rule Changes
Due January 1st of the Current Convention Year**

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Proposed ASPC/AMHR Rule Change (Must be typed – Must include Section, Article Part & Item Info)

Section, Article, Part & Item Number: SECTION IX Page # 124-134

Indicate: Add or Delete: REPLACE ENTIRE SECTION with REVISIONS

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

This proposal corrects spelling, grammatical and punctuation errors. It proposes a single numbering system for the section. It also edits the language so that the same terminologies are used throughout the sections for all divisions. There are several new/updated rules that previously had no written rule. These were written using the current protocol that is being followed. There are two attachments.

Reason/Justification for Rule Change (provide brief description)

One attachment is "as written" in the 2023 ASPC Official Rulebook and the second attachment is the proposed new section with notes regarding the changes and references back to the current rulebook and justifications for changes. Each line in each attachment has been numbered for ease of locating changes.

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1 SECTION IX - PURPOSED

2 MEASUREMENTS

3 1.1 General Rules

4 All exhibitors must carry a current ASPC measurement card for each pony/horse and present
5 that measurement card to show management before back numbers will be issues.

Commented [KS1]: NOTE #1 - The numbering within the Rulebook is inconsistent throughout the Rulebook - this purposed section has been renumbered for simplicity - this is only a suggested numbering format - Ultimately, we recommend that a single numbering system be adopted and used throughout the OFFICIAL RULEBOOK

6 A. An ASPC Steward is required to follow all rules, regulations and specifications governing
7 horse/pony measurements at all recognized shows.

Commented [KS2]: NOTE #2 - Shortened reference to the association to "ASPC" only - since ASPC is the primary organization - it is redundant to state ASPC/AMHR/ASPR if we were to include all subsidiary registries within the ASPC, we currently would have to state "ASPC/AMHR/ASPR/NSPPR/ASPIR" if we just use the ASPC it will reduce the length of reference and still encompass all the registries within and owned by the ASPC - PLEASE NOTE: All references to the association have been shortened to the ASPC only or to the specific subsidiary registry as applicable

8 B. All Horses and Ponies not in possession of a measurement card, and all animals with permanent
9 measurement cards, must be validated each competition show year, at the first sanctioned ASPC
10 show where the animal is shown. Only permanent measurement cards issued after January 1,
11 1997, for Shetlands and Show Ponies are valid.

12 C. Stewards must use an official ASPC measuring stick. The certified measurement stick number
13 must be recorded after the Steward's signature on the measurement form and validation of
14 permanent card, as well as recorded on the Steward's report. Only sticks certified by the ASPC
15 may be used for official measuring. Each Steward is required to have their own certified
16 measuring stick.

17 D. All animals must be measured at the show with the same official stick.

18 E. Management shall announce the time and place for measurements. Upon inspection, the
19 Steward has the discretion to change the measuring location or measuring surface to meet ASPC
20 regulations.

21 F. The Steward is empowered to bar a pony/horse from showing if owner or agent refuses to have
22 the pony/horse measured. The Steward's decision shall be final, and the management of the
23 show must accept the decision of the Steward. Failure to do so may result in loss of the show's
24 classification.

Commented [KS3]: NOTE #3 - Pony/horse should be referenced when referring to the animals - due to ASPC referring to "ponies" and AMHR referring to "horses" - alternate suggestion would be to refer to "animals" as a more generic reference

25 G. In the event a complaint or disagreement regarding measurement cannot be resolved by the
26 Steward and the one witness, another witness should be selected in the same manner. If the
27 complaint or disagreement still cannot be resolved, the matter will be written and sent to the
28 ASPC Hearing Committee.

29 2.1 Measurement Cards

30 Annual cards will be issued to Ponies and Horses five (5) years old and younger. Annual cards are
31 valid for a sixty (60) day period within the current show season.

32 Permanent cards will be issued for Ponies & Horses six (6) years old and older. No annual or
33 permanent measurement cards will be issued from the measurements at the ASPC Congress or
34 the AMHR National Shows.

35 [REDACTED] horse

36 All permanent measurement cards must be validated each competition show year at the first
37 sanctioned AMHR Show where the animal is shown. At the time of validation, the Steward must
38 see the registration paper, the original permanent measurement card, and the animal to be
39 measured. The date, measurement, stick number, and initials of the Steward will be placed on
40 the back of the card. Only the original AMHR permanent card will be accepted by the Official
41 Steward or re-measurement will take place.

42 [REDACTED]

43 All permanent measurement cardholders must have their heel validated each competition show
44 year at the first sanctioned ASPC show that the animal is shown and have heel measurement
45 revalidated every sixty (60) days during the show season. At the time of validation, the Steward
46 must see the registration paper, the permanent measurement card, and the pony for a heel
47 measurement. Always measure the heel of the left front foot while it is firmly resting on the
48 measuring surface. Date, heel measurement, stick number and initials of the Steward will be

Commented [KS4]: NOTE # 4 - Added the definition of Annual card to distinguish between the two types of measurement cards currently in use. This also adds that annual cards are only valid during the current show season. This clarifies an interpretation.

Commented [KS5]: NOTE # 5 - moved #C. - line 50 on 2023 CURRENT measurement section - LINED - 12-27-23 - to top as part of the definition

Commented [KS6]: NOTE # 6 - since each subsidiary registries Permanent Card process is different - new sections, separated by subsidiary registry is defined

49 placed on the back of the card. Only the original ASPC permanent card will be accepted by the
50 Official Steward or re-measurement will take place.

51 [REDACTED] Pony

52 All permanent measurement cardholder must be measured each competition year.
53 Measurements must be performed by the ASPC steward. At the time of validation, the Steward
54 must see the registration paper, the permanent measurement card. Date, measurement, stick
55 number and initials of the Steward will be placed on the back of the card. Only the original ASPC
56 permanent card will be accepted by the Official Steward or re-measurement will take place.

Commented [KS7]: NOTE # 7 - Since there are no clear instructions for either the ASPR or the NSPPR - this section is currently how the Stewards are measuring these divisions - it should be noted that the Office is currently issuing permanent cards for both these divisions, but there is no reference in the current measurement section as to how these registries receive their permanent cards - the assumption is that they fall in line with the 6 year rule - however, neither of these registries require heel measurements, similar to the miniatures - THIS REPLACES LINE 53 1.2.3 National Sport Performance Pony section in the 2023 CURRENT measurement section - LINED - 12-27-23

57 **3.1 Measurement Protocol**

58 At the time of measurement, the exhibitor is required to present to the Steward:

59 A. The original registration paper of the animal or a photocopy of the same. With the exception of
60 measurement, all other information necessary to complete the form can be taken from the
61 registration paper. The Steward must see the registration paper, must check the description of
62 the animal being measured and determine if it matches the animal being measured.

Commented [KS8]: NOTE # 8 - the following (no registration papers, no official measurement, no showing) line 58-59 2023 CURRENT measurement section - LINED - 12-27-23 - was removed - this is redundant language that is unnecessary as it is obvious if there is no papers presented, no measurement can take place and the animal would not be eligible to show

63 B. For show purposes, all foals of current year who will be shown at a sanctioned show, schedule to
64 be held prior to July 1st of the current year that do not possess registration papers or
65 photocopies of same, must present the following criteria to Show Management before they will
66 be allowed to show.

Commented [KS9]: NOTE # 9 - recommend changing "should" to "must" as this is a requirement for verification of the animal

- 67 1. A copy of the Application for Registration
- 68 2. A copy of the Official Work Order
- 69 3. A copy of the check or form of payment method

70 C. On or after July 1st of the current year, all foals of the current year, who are to be shown at a
71 sanctioned show, must present show management with an Original Registration or a photocopy
72 of the same in order to show.

- 73 D. If the animal is obviously not the one described on the certificate, the Steward should question
 74 the owner or exhibitor immediately. If in the Steward's opinion, a satisfactory explanation is not
 75 made, the animal is to be barred from showing until a more positive identification is furnished.
 76 The Official Steward is required to fill out a Registration Correction form on any animal that does
 77 not match their registration paper, and also record all discrepancies on the Official Steward's
 78 Report. The owner of said animal has thirty (30) days, from the recorded date, to submit the
 79 registration correction form and the original registration paper to the ASPC Office for correction.
- 80 E. The Steward should measure the animal in the prescribed manner and record the height
 81 measurement, including heel measurement on Shetlands, on the form. The form must be
 82 accurately filled out, including maximum heel allowance for Modern Shetlands.
- 83 F. If the measurement results in a new height or heel measurement, but does not involve a change
 84 of divisions, the Steward will record the new height or heel measurement on the card.
- 85 G. If the horse is presented for measurement un-shod, it must be shown un-shod.
- 86 H. The office copy of the ASPC measurement forms must be sent to the ASPC Office via the official
 87 Steward's Report. Note: It would be advisable that a Steward maintain a personal record of all
 88 animals measured in the event an envelope is lost in the mail.
- 89 I. The Steward hired to measure animals at the competition is responsible for their true
 90 measurement and the Steward may be subject to penalty if it is determined that a measurement
 91 is incorrect.

Commented [KS10]: NOTE # 10 - an unnecessary comma was removed - it should be noted that all unnecessary punctuation has been corrected in this document and will not be highlighted going forward

Commented [KS11]: NOTE # 11 - this wording was slightly changed from "as well as" to "including" and the statement was taken out of parenthesis to make the sentence flow - line 81 - 2023 CURRENT measurement section - LINED - 12-27-23

Commented [KS12]: NOTE # 12 - the remaining part of this was removed as the instructions appear on the form itself rendering this redundant - lines 82-85 2023 CURRENT measurement section - LINED - 12-27-23

Commented [KS13]: NOTE # 13 - the upper case "M" was changed to a lower case "m"

92 **4.1 Measuring Device**

- 93 A. The Official Certified ASPC Measuring Stick may be purchased by contacting the National Office.
- 94 B. The stick measures 24" – 48" or "24" – 54". Bubble is countersunk into the crossbar, flush with
 95 plane of crossbar. The stick may be plain or with a foot. The crossbar may fold flush with the stick
 96 so as to fit into a carrying case. ■ stick is stamped, numbered and certified by the ASPC. A

Commented [KS14]: NOTE # 14 - Change "It" to "The stick" for clarification - line 105 2023 CURRENT measurement section - LINED - 12-27-23

97 carrying shippable case is available. Any other measuring stick meeting these requirements may
98 be sent to the National Office for inspection and certification [REDACTED]
99 [REDACTED] certification |

Commented [KS15]: NOTE # 15 - sentence changed to current protocol - line 107 2023 CURRENT measurement section - LINED - 12-27-23

- 100 a. To meet the requirements for the NSPPR divisions, a 10" extension may be purchased
- 101 from the National Office.
- 102 b. Stewards will mail their stick to the appropriate location, the 10" extension will be fitted
- 103 and stamped with the same stick number.
- 104 c. Steward will be responsible for shipping costs.

Commented [KS16]: NOTE # 16 - section added to accommodate current process for NSPPR ponies that are taller than the current sticks can measure

105 C. All measuring sticks must be certified by the ASPC Office and carry a stamp and number from
106 that Office. The following stick is grandfathered in:

- 107 1. The stick is of aluminum construction, having two vertical legs and a horizontal bar, through
- 108 which a movable calibrated vertical bar is suspended. Affixed to the lower extremity of the
- 109 calibrated bar is a small plate which is to be positioned on the pony's withers or the
- 110 miniature horses based of the last hair of the mane. The device is also equipped with a
- 111 weight at the top of the vertical calibrated bar, which brings the total weight of the vertical
- 112 calibrated bar to four (4) lbs. The pressure of this weight is the only pressure exerted on said
- 113 bar at the time of the measurement is read. The animal's height is read on the calibrated bar
- 114 through a window in the horizontal bar.
- 115 2. The stick is straight, stiff, unbendable, and is equipped with a plumb bob or spirit level to
- 116 ensure that the stick is perpendicular to the ground and the crosspiece or arm is parallel to
- 117 the ground surface.

118 **5.1 Measuring surface**

119 The measuring surface must be level and under no circumstances should animals be measured
120 on dirt or gravel. A concrete slab or other paved surface is most desirable, but when not

121 available, a 4X8 sheet of 1/4 inch or thicker plywood, placed directly on level ground, can be used
122 as an alternative measuring surface. In no way should the plywood be placed on a frame or
123 raised off the ground.

Commented [KS17]: NOTE # 17 - "inch" added for clarification - line 123 2023 CURRENT measurement section - LINED - 12-27-23

125 **6.1 Position of animal**

126 The animal must be standing squarely on all four feet and should not be permitted to "stretch".
127 The front legs should be on a vertical line directly under the shoulder. The back of the
128 cannon bone in a vertical line perpendicular with measuring surface. The horse/pony's head
129 must be held low enough to reveal the highest point of the withers and no lower. The animal
130 must be free of blanket, hood, neck wrap and tail set to verify the description on the registration
131 paper to the animal being measured. The handler must not interfere with the animal in any way
132 that will prevent it from standing in this position.

Commented [KS18]: NOTE # 18 - with the 2019 directive from Rob Crater, President - animals are to stand with the back of their cannon bones perpendicular to the measuring surface - changing "back of hocks" to back of the "back cannon bone" would put that directives language into the Official Rulebook - line 128 2023 CURRENT measurement section - LINED - 12-27-23

133 **7.1 Method of Measurement**

134 **A. Modern, Modern Pleasure, American Show Pony, Classic and Foundation –**

135 [REDACTED]
136 [REDACTED]
137 [REDACTED]
138 [REDACTED]
139 [REDACTED]
140 [REDACTED]
141 [REDACTED]
142 [REDACTED]
143 [REDACTED] inch

Commented [KS19]: NOTE # 19 - this paragraph in the original section was placed into bullet points for ease of reading - line 134 - 142 2023 CURRENT measurement section - LINED - 12-27-23

144 **B. Miniature Horse**

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[REDACTED] inch.

1. *If a miniature horse is measured and found to be over maximum allowance for the division on their permanent papers the Steward shall include a notation of the over measurement in the Official Stewards Report. If the horse is eligible for the Over division the horse may still show. If the horse measures over 38" they will not be allowed to show.*

2. *If an Over miniature horse measures under 34" at a show the Steward shall include notation of under measurement in the Officials Stewards Report. The hose will be allowed to show in the Under Division.*

C. National Sport Performance Pony

The animal must stand squarely on all four feet in such a position that the front legs are vertical to the ground and the back of the back [REDACTED] bone in a vertical line and perpendicular to the measuring surface. The poll must be in the same horizontal plane as the withers and not lower and the head should be in a normal position. A maximum of two handlers may present the animal for measurement and they must not interfere with the animal in any way that will prevent it from standing in the position nor may they have any direct physical contact with the animal that could influence the measurement, except that a handler may cover the animal's eyes.

8.1 If an animal does not meet height requirement

A. If an animal does not meet the desired height requirement, the handler has the right to request a second measurement. Upon repositioning the animal and measuring stick the Steward will

Commented [KS20]: NOTE # 20 - this first section in miniatures was changed so that the similar language is utilized - there is no change to the process or rule on how miniatures are measure, it simply is making the language consistent across subsidiary registries - lines 144 - 149 2023 CURRENT measurement section - LINED - 12-27-23

Commented [KS21]: NOTE #21 - this is the current protocol followed by Stewards. This would be a change to the current rule. Lines 144 - 155 2023 CURRENT measurement section - LINED - 12-27-23

Commented [KS22]: NOTE # 22 - similar to NOTE # - with the 2019 directive from Rob Crater, President - animals are to stand with the back of their cannon bones perpendicular to the measuring surface - changing "back of hocks" to back of the "back cannon bone" would put that directives language into the Official Rulebook - line 157 2023 CURRENT measurement section - LINED - 12-27-23

Commented [KS23]: NOTE # 23 - Since there is no defined rule for NSPPR going permanent they were included in the addition to 2.1 Permanent Cards C. American Show Ponies and National Sport Performance Ponies Registry - lines 51-56 (this document) measurement edits - 12-27-23 - LINED WITH NOTES

169 make the second measurement. If on the second measurement, the animal still does not make
170 the height required, a third measurement is allowed. Only one reading is permitted with each
171 measurement.

172 B. The third measurement is final and is recorded on measurement form as the official height. If an
173 animal does not meet height requirement after third measurement, there will be NO protest
174 allowed to gain additional measurements.

175 *Note:* If after the second measurement, it is obvious that the animal must be trimmed, the
176 Steward should advise the handler that the third measurement is final, and that any alteration of
177 the animal's feet should be made prior to that measurement. If the animal comes back for re-
178 measurement, the Steward should make certain that it is the same animal that was measured
179 the first time. If there are no distinguishing marks on the animal to identify it, it is suggested that
180 the Steward put a colored chalk mark on the rear hoof and inform the handler that the mark
181 must be evident when the animal returns for re-measurement. The animal must not be lame
182 when brought back for re-measurement.

183 9.1 Height Division

184 A. Modern American Shetland

185 There are two major height divisions for Modern Shetland, plus graduated division for ponies
186 less than three years of age. They are as follows:

187 1. 3 years & Older

188 a. Over 43" not to exceed 46"

189 b. Under 43" & under

190 2. 2-Year-Old

191 a. Over 42" not to exceed 44.5"

192 b. Under 42" & Under

- 193 3. Yearling
- 194 a. Over 41" not to exceed 43"
- 195 b. Under 41" & Under
- 196 4. Modern/Modern Pleasure Foals of Current Year compete in the Under Junior Champion
- 197 class. Modern/Modern Pleasure Shetland Foals of Current Year are not eligible to show in
- 198 the Grand Champion Class.
- 199 An "Over" animal will compete in all "Over division" classes, an "Under" animal will compete in
- 200 all "Under division" classes.

201 *Example:* A yearling Shetland that measures 42" is over and, if qualified, would show in

202 the Over Championships. Although his actual height is 42" he is not eligible for the

203 Grand Championship Under.

204 The assumption is that a 42" yearling will mature over 43" and is to be considered an Over pony

205 throughout.

206 *Example:* A 2-year-old measuring 42.5" is an Over pony and would not be eligible for

207 Modern Under Harness or Modern Roadster class even though the height is listed 43"

208 and Under. It would be unusual for a 2-year-old to show in performance classes, but if

209 the pony in the example did compete, the pony would have to be shown in the Over

210 class.

211 **B. American Show Pony**

212 The American Show Pony will be measured the same as the Modern Shetland. It cannot exceed

213 48" from the highest point of the withers to the measuring surface. American Show Pony heels

214 are not measured.

- 215 1. 3 Years and Older – 48" & Under
- 216 2. 2-year-old – 46.5" & Under

Commented [KS24]: NOTE # 24 - The clarification and examples were pulled out of the paragraph and bullet pointed for clarity and ease of reading - lines 190-199 2023 CURRENT measurement section - LINED - 12-27-23

- 217 3. Yearling – 45” & Under
- 218 4. Foal of Current Year not to exceed 44”

219 **C. Classic American Shetland**

220 There are two major height divisions of Classic Shetlands, plus graduated divisions for ponies less
221 than three years of age. They are as follows:

- 222 1. 3 years & Older
 - 223 a. Over 42” not to exceed 46”
 - 224 b. Under 42” & under
- 225 2. 2-Year-Old
 - 226 a. Over 41” not to exceed 44.5”
 - 227 b. Under 41” & Under
- 228 3. Yearling
 - 229 a. Over 40” not to exceed 43”
 - 230 b. Under 40” & Under
- 231 4. Foal of Current Year
 - 232 a. Not to exceed 40”

233 An “Over” animal will compete in all “Over division” classes, an “Under” animal will compete in all
234 “Under division” classes.

235 *Example:* A yearling Classic Shetland that measures 41” is over and, if qualified, would show in
236 the Over Championships. Although his actual height is 41” he is not eligible for the Grand
237 Championship Under.

238 The assumption is that a 41” yearling will mature over 42” and is to be considered an Over pony
239 throughout.

240 *Example:* A 2-year-old measuring 41.5" is an Classic Shetland Over pony and would not be
241 eligible for Classic Pleasure Driving or Classic Roadster class even though the height is listed 42"
242 and Under. It would be unusual for a 2-year-old to show in performance classes, but if the pony
243 in the example did compete, the pony would have to be shown in the Over class.

244 **D. Foundation Shetland – Height not to exceed 42"**

- 245 1. 3 Years and Older – 42" & Under
- 246 2. 2-Year-Old – 41" & Under
- 247 3. Yearling – 40" & Under
- 248 4. Foal of Current Year not to exceed 38"

249 **E. Miniature Horses**

250 [REDACTED] follows:

Commented [KS25]: NOTE # 25 - slight change to statement to be consistent with the language used for Moderns/Modern Pleasure and Classic ponies - line 234 - 2023 CURRENT measurement section - LINED - 12-27-23

- 251 1. Under:
 - 252 a. Horses 3 years of age and older – 34" and Under
 - 253 b. 2-Year-Old – 33" and under
 - 254 c. Yearlings – 32" and Under
 - 255 d. Foal of Current Year – 30" and under
- 256 2. Over:
 - 257 a. Horses 3 years of age and older – over 34" but not over 38"
 - 258 b. 2-Year-Old – over 33" to 37"
 - 259 c. Yearlings – over 32" to 36"
 - 260 d. Foal of Current Year – over 30" to 32"

261 **F. National Sport Performance Pony**

- 262 1. Small ponies are not to exceed 10.2 hands (42")
- 263 2. Medium ponies are over 10.2 hands and do not exceed 12.2 hands (50")

264 3. Large ponies are over 12.2 hands and do not exceed 14.2 hands (58")

265 **G. Heel Measurement**

266 1. Procedure for Heel Measurement

- 267 a. [REDACTED]
- 268 [REDACTED] measured.
- 269 b. Using a six (6) inch metal rules or caliper, the heel height is determined by measuring
- 270 from the skin line on the lower side of the coronary band to the measuring surface,
- 271 directly behind the bulb of the heel, with the ruler perpendicular to the measuring
- 272 surface. Heel measurements must be made with the hoof firmly resting on the
- 273 measuring surface.
- 274 c. Always measure the heel of the left front foot to the nearest ¼ inch.
- 275 d. Classic Shetland maximum heel barefoot or shod including the plate shall not exceed 1 ¼
- 276 inches.
- 277 e. Foundation Shetlands maximum heel barefoot or shod including the plate shall not
- 278 exceed 1 ¼ inches.

Commented [KS26]: NOTE # 26 - defined which registries require heel measurements and which do not require heel measurement - line 252- 253 - 2023 CURRENT measurement section - LINED - 12-27-23

- 279 [REDACTED]
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Commented [KS27]: NOTE # 27 - measurement calculations changed to show math work used to calculate the allowance for Modern Shetlands - this should be reviewed by the BOD for accuracy and clarification - lines 262-274 - 2023 CURRENT measurement section - LINED - 12-27-23

Commented [KS28]: NOTE # 28 - The graphic at the end of the section showing the hoof and the measuring device needs to remain

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SECTION IX - CURRENT

MEASUREMENTS

1.1 General Rules

All exhibitors must carry a current ASPC/ AMHR/ASPR measurement card for each pony/horse and present that measurement card to show management before back numbers will be issued.

A. An ASPC/AMHR/ASPR Steward is required to follow all rules, regulations and specifications governing horse/ pony measurements at all recognized shows.

B. All Horses and Ponies not in possession of a measurement card, and all animals with permanent measurement cards, must be validated each competition show year, at the first sanctioned ASPC/AMHR/ASPR show where the animal is shown. Only permanent measurement cards issued after January 1, 1997 for Shetlands and Show Ponies are valid.

C. Stewards must use an official ASPC/AMHR/ASPR measuring stick. The certified measurement stick number must be recorded after the Steward's signature on the measurement form and validation of permanent card, as well as recorded on the Steward's report. Only sticks certified by the ASPC/AMRH/ASPR may be used for official measuring. Each Steward is required to have their own certified measuring stick.

D. All animals must be measured at the show with the same official stick.

E. Management shall announce the time and place for measurements. Upon inspection, the Steward has the discretion to change the measuring location or measuring surface to meet ASPC/AMHR/ASPR regulations.

F. The Steward is empowered to bar a pony from showing if owner or agent refuses to have the pony measured. The Steward's decision shall be final and the management of the show must accept the decision of the Steward. Failure to do so may result in loss of the show's classification.

G. In the event a complaint or disagreement regarding measurement cannot be resolved by the Steward and the one witness, another witness should be selected in the same manner. If the complaint or



26 disagreement still cannot be resolved, the matter will be written and sent to the ASPC/ AMHR/ASPR
27 Hearing Committee.

28 **1.2 Measurement Cards**

29 Permanent cards will be issued for Ponies & Horses six (6) years old and older.

30 **1.2.1 Miniature Horse**

31 All permanent measurement cards must be validated each competition show year at the first
32 sanctioned AMHR Show the animal is shown. At the time of validation, the Steward must see the
33 registration paper, the original permanent measurement card, and the animal to be measured.
34 Date, measurement, stick number, and signature of the Steward will be placed on the back of the
35 card. Only the original ASPC/ AMHR/ASPR permanent card will be accepted by the Official
36 Steward, or re-measurement will take place.

37 **1.2.2 Modern, Modern Pleasure, Classic, Foundation**

38 A. Permanent measurement cardholders must have their heel validated each competition show
39 year at the first sanctioned ASPC/AMHR/ASPR show that the animal is shown, and have heel
40 measurement checked every 60 days during the show season. At the time of validation, the
41 Steward must see the registration paper, the permanent measurement card, and the pony for a
42 heel measurement (always measure the heel of the left front foot while it is firmly resting on the
43 measuring surface). Date, heel measurement, stick number and signature of the Steward will be
44 placed on the back of the card. Only the original ASPC permanent card will be accepted by the
45 Official Steward or re-measurement will take place.(Note: American Show Pony heels are not
46 measured).

47 B. Annual cards will be issued to Ponies & Horses five (5) years old and younger. Annual cards are
48 valid for a sixty (60) day period. The measurement form has space provided to record dates of
49 measurement every 60 days.

50 C. No measurement cards will be issued from the measurements at the ASPC/ASPR Congress or
51 the AMHR National Show.

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53 **1.2.3 National Sport Performance Pony**

54 The NSPPR pony must be measured each competition year. Measurements must be performed by the
55 ASPC/AMHR/ ASPR Steward and recorded on the measurement form.

56 **1.3 Measurement Protocol**

57 A. At the time of measurement, the exhibitor is required to present to the Steward:

58 1. The original registration paper of the animal or a photo static copy of the same (no registration
59 papers, no official measurement, no showing). With the exception of measurement, all other
60 information necessary to complete the form can be taken from the registration paper. The
61 Steward must see the registration paper, should check the description of the animal being
62 measured and determine if it matches the animal being measured.

63 2. For show purposes, all foals of the current year who will be shown at a sanctioned show, scheduled
64 to be held prior to July 1st, of the current year, and do not possess registration papers or
65 photocopies of same, must present the following criteria to Show Management before they will
66 be allowed to show.

- 67 a) A copy of the Application for Registration
- 68 b) A copy of the Official Work Order
- 69 c) A copy of the check or form of payment method

70 3. On or after July 1st of the current year, all foals of the current year, who are to be shown at a
71 sanctioned show, must present show management with an Original Registration or a photocopy
72 of the same in order to show.

73 B. If the animal is obviously not the one described on the certificate, the Steward should question the
74 owner or exhibitor immediately. If in the Steward's opinion, a satisfactory explanation is not made,
75 the animal is to be barred from showing until a more positive identification is furnished. The Official
76 Steward is required to fill out a Registration Correction form on any animal that does not match their
77 registration paper, and also record all discrepancies on the official Steward's report. The owner of said
78 animal has thirty (30) days, from recorded date, to submit the registration correction form and the
79 original registration paper to the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR Office for correction.



80 C. The Steward should measure the animal in the prescribed manner, and record the height measurement
81 (as well as heel measurement on Shetlands) on the form. The form must be accurately filled out,
82 including maximum heel allowance for Modern Shetlands. When the forms are completed and the
83 copy returned to the exhibitor, the Steward should point out that the form should remain attached to
84 the certificate, and that the exhibitor will be expected to have the measurement form and his papers
85 upon arrival at all shows.

86 D. If a measurement results in a change of divisions:

87 1. The owner or trainer must surrender to the Steward the old measurement form and notify Show
88 Management of the change in divisions.

89 2. The Steward must issue a new measurement form with the current height.

90 3. The Steward must send in the old card and the copy of the new Measurement Form to the
91 ASPC/AMHR/ASPR Office.

92 E. If the measurement results in a new height or heel measurement, but does not involve a change of
93 divisions, the Steward will record the new height or heel measurement on the card.

94 F. If a horse is presented for measurement un-shod, it must be shown un-shod.

95 G. The office copy of the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR measurement forms must be sent to the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR
96 Office via the official Steward's report. Note: It would be advisable that a Steward maintain a personal
97 record of all animals measured in the event an envelope is lost in the mail.

98 H. The Steward hired to measure animals at the competition is responsible for their true measurement and
99 the Steward may be subject to penalty if it is determined that a measurement is incorrect.

100 1.4 Measuring Device

101 A. The Official Certified ASPC/AMHR/ASPR Measuring Stick may be purchased by contacting the National
102 Office.

103 B. The stick measures 24"-48" or 24"-54". Bubble is countersunk into the crossbar, flush with plane of
104 crossbar. Bar may be plain or with a foot. The crossbar may fold flush with the stick so as to fit into a
105 carrying case. It is stamped, numbered and certified by the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR. A carrying shippable

Commented [KS1]: NOTE: This section is removed in the proposed changes because we do not follow this protocol - this item is not the current protocol - Per the BOD - "measurement forms" are not collected/surrendered due to change of division - height is recorded on any current Permanent Measurement card presented and IF SHOWN the animal is shown in the appropriate division - in addition, Stewards and the office are not pulling any papers of animals that have measured out of the division or registry - A decision needs to be made on what the current protocol is and any updates/corrections/rule proposals need to be submitted to correct this section - lines 86-91 2023 measurement section - UNED - 12-27-23



106 case is available. Any other measuring stick meeting these requirements may be sent to the National
107 Office for inspection and certification, for a slight fee to cover return shipping.

108 1. All measuring sticks must be certified by the ASPC/ AMHR/ASPR Registry Office and carry a stamp
109 and number from that Office. The following stick is grand fathered in:

110 a) The stick is of aluminum construction, having two vertical legs and a horizontal bar, through
111 which a movable calibrated vertical bar is suspended. Affixed to the lower extremity of the
112 calibrated bar is a small plate which is to be positioned on the pony's withers or the
113 miniature horse's base of the last hair of the mane. The device is also equipped with a weight
114 at the top of the vertical calibrated bar, which brings the total weight of the vertical
115 calibrated bar to four (4) lbs. The pressure of this weight is the only pressure exerted on said
116 bar at the time the measurement is read. The animal's height is read on the calibrated bar
117 through a window in the horizontal bar.

118 b) The stick is straight, stiff, unbendable, and is equipped with a plumb bob or spirit level to en-
119 sure that the stick is perpendicular to the ground and that the crosspiece or arm is parallel
120 the ground service.

121 **1.5 Measuring surface**

122 The measuring surface must be level and under no circumstances should animals be measured on dirt or
123 gravel. A concrete slab or other paved surface is most desirable, but when not available, a 4x8 sheet of ½
124 or thicker plywood, placed directly on level ground, can be used as an alternative measuring surface. In no
125 way should the plywood be placed on a frame or raised off the ground.

126 **1.6 Position of Animal**

127 The animal must be standing squarely on all four feet and should not be permitted to "stretch". The front
128 legs should be on a vertical line directly under the shoulder. The back of the hocks should be in a vertical
129 line with the animal's buttocks. The horse/pony's head must be held low enough to reveal the highest
130 point of the withers and no lower. The animal must be free of blanket, hood, neck wrap and tail set to
131 verify the description on the registration paper to the animal being measured. The handler must not
132 interfere with the animal in any way that will prevent it from standing in this position.



133 **1.7 Method of Measurement**

134 **A. Modern, Modern Pleasure, American Show Pony, Classic, and Foundation** – With the animal in the
135 aforementioned position, measure the vertical distance from the highest point of the withers to the
136 measuring surface. The cross-piece, arm or bar of the measuring device must be placed over the
137 highest point of the withers and no measurement taken at any other part of the animal's body will
138 count. The crosspiece, arm or bar must have firm contact with the animal but no additional pressure
139 must be applied. Heel measurements are required on all Shetlands (exception: no heel measurement
140 required on American Show Ponies). Height and Heel measurements are to be recorded to the nearest
141 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch. If a measurement falls between the $\frac{1}{4}$ inch increments the measurement shall be rounded
142 down to the lower $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.

143 **B. Miniature Horse**

- 144 1. In measuring a miniature horse, position as above, the head is to be in a normal position. Measure
145 the vertical distance from the base of the last hair on the mane to the measuring surface. The
146 crosspiece, arm or bar must have firm contact with the animal but no additional pressure may be
147 applied. Measurements are to be recorded to the nearest $\frac{1}{4}$ ", unless over the required
148 measurement for that division. If a measurement falls between the $\frac{1}{4}$ increments the measure-
149 ment shall be rounded down to the lower $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.
- 150 2. If a miniature horse is measured and found to be over 38" the Steward shall not allow the horse to
151 show and shall notify AMHR of such findings and the papers of said horse in question shall be
152 reviewed by the Board of Directors of the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR and action taken.
- 153 3. If a miniature horse is measured and is recorded as an Under Division and found to be over 34" the
154 Steward shall notify the National Office of such findings via the official Steward's Report and the
155 horse in question shall have its paper changed from Under Division to Over Division.

156 **C. National Sport Performance Pony** – The animal must stand squarely on all four feet in such a position
157 that the front legs are vertical to the ground and the back of the hocks are in a vertical line with the point
158 of the animal's quarters. The poll must be in the same horizontal plane as the withers and no lower and
159 the head should be in a normal position. A maximum of two handlers may present the animal for
160 measurement and they must not interfere with the animal in any way that will prevent it from standing in

161 this position nor may they have any direct physical contact with the animal that could influence the
162 measurement, except that a handler may cover the animal's eyes.

163 **1.8 If Animal Does Not Meet Height Requirement**

164 A. If an animal does not meet the desired height requirement; the handler has the right to request a
165 second measurement. Upon repositioning the animal and measuring stick the Steward will make the
166 second measurement. If on the second measurement, the animal still does not make the height required,
167 a third measurement is allowed. Only one reading is permitted with each measurement.

168 B. The third measurement is final and is recorded on measurement form as the official height. If animal
169 does not meet height requirement after the 3rd measurement, there will be NO protest allowed to
170 gain additional measurements.

171 *Note:* If after the 2nd measurement, it is obvious that the animal must be trimmed, the Steward
172 should advise the handler that the 3rd measurement is final and that any alteration of the animal's
173 feet should be made prior to that measurement. If the animal comes back for re-measurement, the
174 Steward should make certain that it is the same animal that was measured the first time. If there are
175 no distinguishing marks on the animal to identify it, it is suggested that the Steward put a colored
176 chalk mark on a rear hoof, and inform the handler that the mark must be evident when the animal
177 returns for re-measurement. The animal must not be lame when brought back for re-measurement.

178 **1.9 Height Division A. Modern American Shetland**

179 1. There are two major height divisions for Modern Shetland, plus graduated divisions for ponies less
180 than three years of age. They are as follows.

181 **3 Years & Older**

182 Over 43" not to exceed 46"

183 Under 43" & Under

184 **2-Year Old**

185 Over 42" not to exceed 44.5"

186 Under 42" & Under

187 **Yearling**

188 Over 41" not to exceed 43"

189 Under 41" & Under

190 2. Modern Shetland foals compete in the Under Junior Champion class. Modern Shetland and Modern
191 Pleasure Shetland foals are not eligible to show in the Grand Champion Class. An Over animal
192 regardless of age is just that. *Example:* A yearling Shetland that measures 42" is over and, if
193 qualified, would show in the over championships. Although his actual height is 42" he is not
194 eligible for the Grand Championship Under. The assumption is that a 42" yearling will mature over
195 43" and is to be considered an Over pony throughout. *Example:* A 2-year old measuring 42.5" is
196 an Over pony and would not be eligible for Modern Under Harness or Modern Roadster class
197 even though the height is listed 43" and Under. It would be unusual for a two-year old to show in
198 performance classes, but if the pony in this example did compete, the pony would have to be
199 shown in the Over class.

200 **B. American Show Pony** – The American Show Pony will be measured the same as the Modern Shetland. It
201 cannot exceed 48" from the highest point of the withers to the measuring surface. American Show
202 Pony heels are not measured.

203 3 Years and Older – 48" & Under

204 2-Year Old – 46.5" & Under

205 Yearling – 45" & Under

206 Foal of Current Year not to exceed 44"

207 **C. Classic American Shetland**

208 1. Open Classic Shetland – There are two major height divisions of Classic Shetlands, plus graduated
209 divisions for ponies less than three years of age. They are as follows:

210 **3 Years & Older**

211 Over – Over 42" not to exceed 46"

212 Under – 42" & Under

213 **2-Year Old**

214 Over – Over 41" not to exceed 44.5"

215 Under – 41" & Under

- 216 **Yearling**
- 217 Over – Over 40" not to exceed 43"
- 218 Under – 40" & Under
- 219 Foal of current year not to exceed 40".
- 220 2. Regardless of age, here are examples of a pony being "Over": *Example:* A yearling Shetland that
- 221 measures 41" is Over and if qualified, would show in the Over Championships. Although his actual
- 222 height is 41" he is not eligible for the Grand Championship Under. The assumption is that a 41"
- 223 yearling will mature over 42" and is to be considered an Over pony throughout. *Example:* A two-
- 224 year old measuring 41.5" is an Over pony and would not be eligible for Classic Pleasure Driving or
- 225 Classic Roadster class even though the height is listed 42" and Under. It would be unusual for a
- 226 two-year old to show in performance classes, but if the pony in this example did compete, the
- 227 pony would have to be shown in the Over class.
- 228 **D. Foundation Shetland – Height not to exceed 42"**
- 229 3-Years and Older – 42" & Under
- 230 2-Year Old – 41" & Under
- 231 Yearling – 40" & Under
- 232 Foal of current year not to exceed 38"
- 233 **E. Miniature Horses**
- 234 1. AMHR shall have 2 height divisions
- 235 a) **Under:**
- 236 Horses 3 years of age and older – 34" and under
- 237 2-Year Old – 33" and under
- 238 Yearlings – 32" and under
- 239 Foal of current year – 30" and under
- 240 b) **Over:**
- 241 Horses 3 years of age and older – over 34" but not over 38"
- 242 2-Year Old – over 33" to 37"

243 Yearlings – over 32" to 36"

244 Foal of current year – over 30" to 32".

245 2. Miniature foals of current year must be measured.

246 **F. National Sport Performance Pony**

247 1. Small ponies are not to exceed 10.2 hands (42").

248 2. Medium ponies are over 10.2 hands and do not exceed 12.2 hands (50").

249 3. Large ponies are over 12.2 hands and do not exceed 14.2 hands (58").

250 **1.10 Heel Measurement**

251 **A. Procedure for Heel Measurement**

252 1. Heel measurements are required on all Shetlands (*Exception: American Show Pony heels are not*
253 *measured*).

254 2. Using a six (6) inch metal ruler or caliper, the heel height is determined by measuring from the skin
255 line on the lower side of the coronary band to the measuring surface, directly behind the bulb of
256 the heel, with the ruler perpendicular to the measuring surface. Heel measurements must be
257 made with the hoof firmly resting on the measuring surface.

258 3. Always measure the heel of the left front foot to the nearest ¼ inch.

259 4. Classic Shetlands maximum heel barefoot or shod including the plate shall not exceed 1¼ inches.

260 5. Foundation Shetlands maximum heel barefoot or shod including the plate shall not exceed 1¾
261 inches.

262 **B. Calculating Maximum Heel Allowance**

263 *Example: (Modern Over)*

264 Maximum height for "Over" 2 year 44.50"

265 Pony's actual measured height 43.75"

266 Difference 75"

267 Actual heel measurement 2.25"

268 Maximum heel allowance 3.00"

269 *Example: (Modern Under)*

- 270 Maximum height for "under" yearling 41.00"
- 271 Pony's actual measured height 40.25"
- 272 Difference 75"
- 273 Actual heel measurement 1.50"
- 274 Maximum heel allowance 2.25"