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Board of Directors Spring Meeting March 19-20, 2022 Asheville, North Carolina

Area I – Bill Eperthener	Joel Rosenstern
Area II – Mike Mounts	John Rimmer
Area III – Donna Phillips	Steve Henderson
Area IV – Sherri Jolliff	Pat Sanders
Area V – Glen Russell (Absent)	Karen Shaw
Area VI – Tracey Slagle	Phyllis Hopwood
Area VII – Eric Tani	Jim Curry
Area VIII – Alan Dial	

Rob Crater called the meeting to order at 8:30am
Roll Call

Tracey Slagle motioned to accept the 2021 Convention minutes. Mike Mounts seconded. For: Bill Eperthener, Joel Rosenstern, Mike Mounts, John Rimmer, Steve Henderson, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Karen Shaw, Phyllis Hopwood, Tracey Slagle, Jim Curry, Eric Tani, Alan Dial.

Rule change proposals from 2021 Convention.

Rule 21-2 – horse/pony may cross enter at the same show.

Rule 21-3 – allow cross entering AMHR & ASPC at the same show. Discussion held regarding these rule change proposals. Animals would need to be measured both AMHR & ASPC at each show. Showing both ASPC & AMHR with the same animal would wear the animals out showing both halter and performance for ASPC and AMHR at the same show. It would be difficult for class list to give enough classes in between in order to give animals a rest. Discussion on how the judges will have to judge the same animal but in two totally different standards of perfection. Show expenses may increase due to show may take more time. Sherri Jolliff motioned to deny these two rule change proposals. Mike Mounts seconded. For: Bill Eperthener, Joel Rosenstern, Mike Mounts, John Rimmer, Steve Henderson, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Karen Shaw, Phyllis Hopwood, Tracey Slagle, Jim Curry, Eric Tani. Against: Alan Dial. Motioned passed

Rule 21-5 – all clubs/business/individuals need to be a recognized club or member of the American Shetland Pony Club to host a sanctioned ASPC/AMHR/ASPR/NSPPR show. Excluding fairs and USEF shows.

Alan Dial motioned to accept Rule 21-5. Steve Henderson seconded. For: Joel Rosenstern, Mike Mounts, Steve Henderson, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Jim Curry, Alan Dial. Against: Bill Eperthener, John Rimmer, Donna Phillips, Phyllis Hopwood, Eric Tani. Motioned passed. (January 1, 2023)

Rule 21-8 – AMHR Carriage Hall of Fame Classes

Carriage Driving/Carriage Stakes – HOF 70 points & 5 Stake wins with competition

Carriage Reinsmanship – HOF 70 points

Carriage Working – HOF 70 points

Carriage Timed Obstacle/Cones – HOF 70 points

Rule 21-9 – ASPC Carriage Hall of Fame

Carriage Driving/Carriage Stakes – HOF 70 points & 5 Stake wins with competition

Carriage Reinsmanship – HOF 70 points

Carriage Working – HOF 70 points

Bill Eperthener motioned to accept rule 21-8 & 21-9. Mike Mounts seconded. For: Bill Eperthener, Joel Rosenstern, Mike Mounts, John Rimmer, Steve Henderson, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Karen Shaw, Phyllis Hopwood, Tracey Slagle, Jim Curry, Eric Tani, Alan Dial. Motion passed. (January 1, 2023)

Rule 21-10 – Add Strong Trot to Definition of ASPC Carriage Reinsmanship.

Rule 21-11 – Add Strong Trot to Definition of AMHR Carriage Reinsmanship.

Tracey Slagle motioned to accept Rule 21-10 & 21-11. Karen Shaw seconded. For: Joel Rosenstern, John Rimmer, Steve Henderson, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Karen Shaw, Phyllis Hopwood, Tracey Slagle, Jim Curry, Eric Tani. Against: Bill Eperthener, Mike Mounts, Donna Phillips, Alan Dial. Motioned passed. (January 1, 2023)

Rule 20-10 – ASPR pony may cross enter into roadster & carriage.

Tracey Slagle motioned to accept Rule 20-10. Alan Dial seconded. For: Joel Rosenstern, John Rimmer, Mike Mounts, Steve Henderson, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Karen Shaw, Phyllis Hopwood, Tracey Slagle, Jim Curry, Eric Tani, Alan Dial. Against: Bill Eperthener, Pat Sanders. Motioned passed. (January 1, 2023)

Rule 20-31 – Change ASPC & AMHR Draft halter classes from non-rated to rated. Discussion held that ASPC does not have draft halter classes. Donna Phillips motioned to deny rule change 20-31 due to ASPC not having draft halter classes. Bill Eperthener seconded. For: Bill Eperthener, Joel Rosenstern, Mike Mounts, John Rimmer, Steve Henderson, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Karen Shaw, Phyllis Hopwood, Tracey Slagle, Jim Curry, Eric Tani, Alan Dial. Motioned passed. (January 1, 2023)

Alan Dial motioned to make AMHR Draft Halter Classes Rated. Tracey Slagle seconded. For: Bill Eperthener, Joel Rosenstern, Mike Mounts, John Rimmer, Steve Henderson, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Karen Shaw, Phyllis Hopwood, Tracey Slagle, Jim Curry, Eric Tani, Alan Dial. Motioned passed. (January 1, 2023)

Rule 20-40 – Add Driving Obstacle HOF to Classic and AMHR Class list. Alan Dial motioned to accept Rule 20-40. Donna Phillips seconded. For: Bill Eperthener, Joel Rosenstern, Mike Mounts, John Rimmer, Steve Henderson, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Karen Shaw, Phyllis Hopwood, Tracey Slagle, Jim Curry, Eric Tani, Alan Dial. Motioned passed. (January 1, 2023)

Rule 20-37 – Replace NSPPR Article 4 for new standards for ponies in which to compete.
SECTION X ARTICLE 4

4.1 Standard

The NSPPR Division is a performance division. Therefore, emphasis will be placed on a pony's manners and training. In appearance, the NSPPR pony should show style and substance, beauty and symmetry, being a balanced individual regardless of size, and correct in all aspects of conformation.

4.2 Height of Ponies

Small ponies are not to exceed 10.2 hands (42"); medium ponies are over 10.2 hands (42") and not to exceed 12.2 hands (50"); large ponies are over 12.2 hands (50") and not to exceed 14.2 hands (58").

4.3 Conformation Characteristics and Gaits There are four general types of NSPPR Ponies. Show Managers may offer halter classes by type or may combine types as suits their class list.

A. Stock Type

Stock ponies will display the conformation generally associated with Quarter or Paint horses, and will move with low strides, poll no lower than level with withers, with little flexion at the knees and hocks.

B. Pleasure Type

Pleasure ponies will display the conformation generally associated with Arabian or Morgan horses, and will move with rounded, medium strides, flexed neck with poll higher than withers, and will display forward reach and flexion of the knees and hocks.

C. Saddle Type

Saddle ponies will display the conformation generally associated with Saddlebred, Hackney or Tennessee Walking Horses, and will move with more energy and a higher head carriage with marked flexion of the knees and hocks.

D. Utility Type

Utility ponies will display the conformation generally associated with Gypsy or Drum horses, or any of the Draft breeds, and will move with forceful strides, flexed neck with poll higher than withers, and will display forward reach and flexion of the knees and hocks.

4.4 Performance Halter General Rules

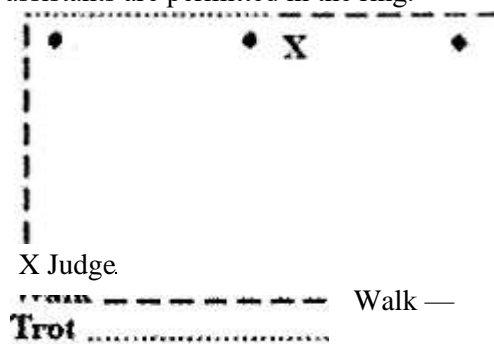
- A. Halter Classes shall be judged 50% on manners and 50% on conformation, due to NSPPR's emphasis on performance. When multiple types of ponies are shown in a single halter class, judges will make their best effort to place the ponies that best meet the corresponding type criteria.
- B. Blemishes, such as scars, splints, or spavins are to be marked down according to their effect on the soundness of the pony. Transmissible weakness and/or unsoundness are to be counted strongly against the pony. Complete or partial loss of sight in either eye will not be a disqualification if the loss of sight results from a traumatic injury. A veterinarian must verify the etiology of the sight loss as traumatic and such document must accompany the pony's registration papers.
- C. A pony's height shall not be discriminated against in a Performance Halter Class.
- D. Correct number must be on the back of the exhibitor or the entry will be disqualified.
- E. The NSPPR Registration Certificate must show the pony is a gelding to participate in a gelding class.
- F. Youth may not show stallions in any class.

- G. Show Management may combine age and/or type classes as desired. However, any class in which Stock or Utility type ponies are eligible to be shown, shall use the Stock/Utility ring procedure.
 - H. Ponies may be shown clipped or in full coat. Utility type ponies are encouraged but not required to show with full leg feathering.
 - I. Ponies may be shown with or without polished hooves.
 - J. Judge(s) may authorize adjustments to attire due to weather-related conditions.
 - K. When divided by age, Performance Halter Class Divisions shall be as follows:
 1. Weanlings
 2. Yearlings and Two-Year old
 3. Three-Year old and Older
 - L. Performance Halter Championship
 1. Junior and Reserve Junior Champion shall be chosen from first and second place winners of Weanling and Yearlings and Two-Year old classes, in each Mares, Stallions and Gelding classes.
 2. Senior and Reserve Senior Champion shall be chosen from first and second place winners of the Three-Year Old and Older classes, in each Mares, Stallions and Gelding classes.
3. Grand and Reserve Grand Champion shall be chosen from the Senior & Reserve Senior Champions and the Junior & Reserve Junior Champions.

4. 4.5 Performance Halter Ring Procedures

A. Stock / Utility Ring Procedure

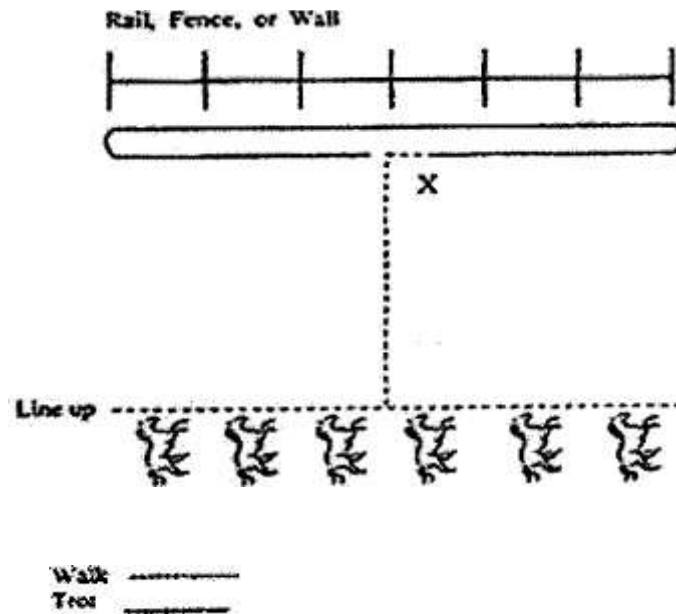
1. Ponies shall enter the ring at a walk and walk to the judge(s). They will trot straight away from the judge(s) to a cone, stop, and then walk to the ring steward to stand for inspection.
2. Ponies shall stand squarely on all four feet, with at least one front and one rear cannon bone perpendicular to the ground.
3. Whip or crop is prohibited.
4. No assistants are permitted in the ring.



B. Pleasure / Saddle Ring Procedure

1. Ponies shall enter the ring at a trot and stand for inspection as directed by the ring steward.
2. Ponies may stand squarely on all four feet or may be stretched or parked.
3. Judge(s) will inspect ponies in the line-up then each pony will walk from the judge to the rail, trot both ways on the rail, and then return to the line-up.

4. Whip or crop is allowed; however, a handler shall be penalized for excessive use of whip that disturbs any other entrant.
5. Assistants are permitted in the ring.



4.6 Performance Halter Tack and Attire

All conformation types may be shown in halter in either Western or English tack and attire.

A. Western Tack and Attire

1. Entries will be shown in a plain or silver Western style halter with lead shank.
2. Entries may be shown with natural or shortened mane or tail. Braiding or banding is permitted but not required.
3. Western attire requires:
 - a. Western hat;
 - b. Long-sleeved shirt with collar;
 - c. Jeans, slacks or pants;
 - d. Riding length (below the knee) split skirts are acceptable in halter classes;
 - e. Ties and/or scarves are optional;
 - f. Gloves are optional;
 - g. Chaps or chinks are optional;
 - h. Spurs are not permitted in halter classes;

B. English Tack and Attire

1. Entries will be shown in a halter or show bridle with lead shank;
2. Pleasure type entries may be shown with natural, full or shortened mane, and natural full or shortened unset, un-gingered tail. Braiding is prohibited except where allowed by individual class specification;

3. Saddle type entries may be shown with natural, full or shortened mane and tail, without artificial appliances except for inconspicuously applied hair in mane and tail or tail brace. Entries may be braided in Modern or ASPR Shetland style or Saddle Horse manner;
4. English attire requires:
 - a. Collared polo shirt or collared dress shirt (solid-colored and either white or another conservative color);
 - b. Slacks or pants loose enough in which to run;
 - c. Jeans are not permitted;
 - d. Conservative running shoes or paddock boots are required;
 - e. If a belt is worn, it should be a plain belt not of Western style;
 - f. A non-Western hat, vest, coat, tie, and gloves are optional;

4.7 Shoeing Requirements

All NSPPR types may show either barefoot or shod. When shod, the following rules apply:

- A. Stock Type, Utility Type, Pleasure Type - ponies one year and older may be shown with plain plates of light weight. No pad, no caulks, and no weights of any kind shall be permitted. No toe shoes, tapered shoes or recessed shoes will be allowed.

Tracey Slagle motioned to accept Rule 20-37. Alan Dial seconded. For: Bill Eperthener, Joel Rosenstern, Mike Mounts, John Rimmer, Steve Henderson, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Phyllis Hopwood, Jim Curry, Eric Tani, Alan Dial. Motioned passed. (January 1, 2023)

Rule 20-38 – Add NSPPR Ranch Riding division.

Tracey Slagle motioned to accept Rule 20-38. Alan Dial seconded. For: Joel Rosenstern, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Eric Tani, Alan Dial. Against: Bill Eperthener, John Rimmer, Mike Mounts, Steve Henderson, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Phyllis Hopwood, Jim Curry. Motioned failed.

Rule 20-48 – Remove entire section for open driving NSPPR, replace with new section.

Mike Mounts motioned to table this and send to the NSPPR Committee for clarification. Eric Tani seconded. For: Bill Eperthener, Joel Rosenstern, John Rimmer, Mike Mounts, Steve Henderson, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Phyllis Hopwood, Jim Curry, Eric Tani, Alan Dial. Motioned passed.

Rule 20-1 – Add Liverpool bits can be used with curb checks in AMHR Carriage and Light Harness classes.

Karen Shaw motioned to accept rule 20-1. Bill Eperthener seconded. For: Bill Eperthener, Joel Rosenstern, John Rimmer, Mike Mounts, Steve Henderson, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Phyllis Hopwood, Jim Curry, Eric Tani, Alan Dial. Motioned passed. (January 1, 2023)

Rule 20-5 – Replace rulebook with final Carriage division write-up and remove precision driving out of the Carriage section.

Carriage Division

General Description:

The Carriage division is opened to any registered ASPC-AMHR-ASPR-NSPPR horse/pony that comes from diverse driving backgrounds. Our carriage rules are unique to the ASPC/AMHR and may have some resemblance of rules from other carriage venues.

Carriage Driving Standard ASPC-AMHR-ASPR-NSPPR:

The main trait for any pleasure driving horse is its ability to give a pleasurable drive. Soundly obedient yet responsive (a horse that would drive out privately on the road) has strong presence. Elasticity in its step, working with a lifted back, flexed at the poll, hind-end engaged and not on the fore-hand, head straight while traveling and keeps its balance while bending in turns. Collected, walks and stands willingly and quietly.

Driver: The driver should be seated comfortably on the seat so to be relaxed and effective. Either one or two-handed methods of driving is acceptable. Common to both methods of driving, the elbows and arms should be close to the body with an allowing but steady hand enabling a consistent "feel" of the horse's mouth. Drivers should not be penalized or rewarded for using one style over another. Drivers should strive to present an appropriate turnout. "Appropriate" indicates the balance and pleasing appearance of the combination of the horse and vehicle. Factors determining the above include compatible size, type and weight of horse and vehicle. The way of going of the horse may also affect the overall appearance, i.e., a high-actioned horse is more suitable for a formal vehicle; the low-going, ground covering horse presents a more pleasing appearance put to a road or country-type vehicle.

Cross Entering ASPC-AMHR-ASPR:

A carriage horse may cross enter into the following driving classes: Country Pleasure, Pleasure, Western Pleasure, Formal, Harness, Roadster, Draft, Park Harness, and Chariot at the same show.

Tack and Equipment-ASPC-ASPR-NSPPR (See Rule Change 20-12)

1. Light harness (breast or collar type)
2. To be shown in a suitable two or four wheeled carriage pleasure type driving vehicle.
NO pneumatic or wire wheels permitted, Boot removed
3. Type of bit(s) optional, Snaffle, Liverpool's, are acceptable driving bits and blinkers appropriate to type of harness.
4. Martingales and Over-checks are prohibited for all vehicles. False Martingales are acceptable.
5. Side checks, breeching are optional Tying down of tongues is prohibited. Bridles should fit snugly to prevent catching on the vehicle or other pieces of harness. A throatlatch and noseband or cavesson is mandatory. Open bridles are permitted, but are not encouraged.
6. Whip required to be carried in hand.

Tack and Equipment-AMHR (See Rule Change 20-14)

1. Light Harness (breast or collar type)
2. To be shown in a suitable two or four wheeled carriage pleasure type driving vehicle. Pneumatic wheels permitted, Boot removed
3. Type of bit(s) optional, Snaffle, liverpools are acceptable driving bits. Blinkers appropriate to type of harness
4. Martingales and over-checks are prohibited for all vehicles. False Martingales are acceptable.
5. Side checks, breeching or thimbles are optional. Tying down of tongues is prohibited. Bridles should fit snugly to prevent catching on the vehicle or other pieces of harness. A throatlatch and a noseband or cavesson is mandatory. Open bridles are permitted but are not encouraged.
6. Whip required to be carried in hand.

Carriage Hames:

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Dress ASPC-AMHR-ASPR-NSPPR

1. Hat, gloves, (brown gloves preferred) apron required to be worn.

General Rules:

1. All carriage classes are open to single or multiple horses unless otherwise specified
2. All carriage driving classes are open to stallions, mares and geldings unless otherwise specified
3. The Driving Class in ASPC-AMHR-ASPR-NSPPR is the qualifying class for the Carriage Stake class. Carriage Turnout, Carriage Working and Carriage Reinsmanship, Precision Driving or Carriage Obstacle (Cones class) Are Not qualifying classes for stakes
4. The AMHR Carriage class may be split from 38" & under to 34" & Under and Over 3438" at any show including all Area shows and AMHR Nationals. Stakes classes may be split for singles and multi at all local shows, all Area Shows, ASPC Congress and AMHR National
5. Failure to comply with these rules will incur elimination

Carriage Driving Gaits:

Walk: A free, regular and unconstrained walk of moderate extension is required. The horses should walk energetically, but calmly, with even and determined pace.

Slow Trot: The horse should maintain forward impulsion while showing submission to the bit. The trot is slower and more collected, but not to the degree required in the dressage collected trot. However, the horse should indicate willingness to be driven on the bit while maintaining a steady cadence.

Working Trot: This is a pace between the strong and the slow trot and more-round than the strong trot. The horses go forward and freely and straight; engaging the hind legs with good hock action; on a taut, but light rein; the position being balanced and unconstrained. The steps should be as even as possible. The hind feet touch the ground in the foot prints of the forefeet. The degree of energy and impulsion displayed at the working trot denotes clearly the degree of suppleness and balance of the horses.

Strong Trot: This is a clear, but not excessive, increase in pace and lengthening of stride while remaining well balanced and showing appropriate lateral flexion on turns. Contact to be maintained. Excessive speed will be penalized.

Halt: Horses and vehicle should be brought to a complete square stop without abruptness or veering. At the halt, horses should stand attentive, motionless and straight with the weight evenly distributed over all four legs and be ready to move off at the slightest indication from the driver.

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. To be performed in two parts: A) The horse must move backward at least four steps in an unhurried manner with head flexed and straight, pushing the carriage back evenly in a straight line. The driver should use quiet aids and light contact. B.) Move forward willingly to former position using the same quiet aids. Road coaches and park drags should not be asked to back.

BREAK IN GAIT: In pleasure competitions cantering is not allowed unless clearly stated in the prize list. Management is strongly encouraged not to allow cantering in any class unless it is held in a securely enclosed area. If cantering is not allowed, a break to a canter is defined as three full strides (an example: hopping around a cone) if advantage is not gained. A break to canter will be penalized by the judge, if in the opinion the judge; entry is gaining an advantage. Prolonged cantering will be penalized according to class specifications. A break to a walk should not be penalized unless it gains an advantage (walking will be penalized in a progressive obstacle class). In a multiple turnout all ponies must break for a penalty to be assessed

Carriage Driving ASPC-AMHR-ASPR-NSPPR class description:

To be judged 60% on manners, quality and performance, 40% on conformation. To be shown at a walk, slow trot, working trot both ways of the ring, to line up and stand quietly.

- a. The ASPC and AN'THR Carriage Driving class will be divided into two (2) separate driving divisions. A Single Pony Carriage Turnout class and a Multiple Pony Carriage Turnout class for the ASPC/ASPR Congress, AMHR Nationals and the split will be optional for all Local and Area shows

Carriage Turnout ASPC-AMHR-ASPR-NSPPR:

To be judged 70% on the condition, fit and appropriateness of the harness and vehicle, neatness of attire and overall impression and 30% on performance, manner and way of going.

Ponies/horses are to enter to the right and be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, slow trot working trot and strong trot. Ponies/horses are to be lined up in the center of the ring, stand quietly and back readily. The walk should be relaxed flat-footed walk, a four-beat straight movement. The slow trot should be easy going, square with elasticity and freedom of movement.

Carriage Reinsmanship ASPC-AMHR-ASPR-NSPPR:

This class is designed to test the knowledge and ability of the driver. To be shown on the rail at a walk, slow trot and working trot. To be judged primarily on the ability and skill of the driver. To be judged 75% on the handling of the reins and whip, control, posture and overall appearance of the driver and 25% on the condition of the harness and vehicle and the neatness of attire.

In order to evaluate a driver's versatility, the judge may require a test

. A Suggested Test:

1. Back
2. Drive a circle or designated size, at judge's discretion
3. Drive a figure eight
4. Extended trot-intermediate gait.
5. Negotiate simple obstacles, e.g. drive between two obstacles.
6. Stop and Stand
7. Drive with one hand

Carriage Working-ASPC-AMHR-ASPR-NSPPR:

A class in which entries are judge primarily on the suitability of the pony to provide a pleasant drive. To be shown both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot, working trot and strong trot. To halt, stand quietly, both on the rail and while lined up, and to rein back. All entries chosen for a workout may be worked both ways of the arena at any gait requested by the judge and may be asked to execute a figure of eight. To be judged 70% on performance, manners and way of going of the pony(s)/horses, 20% on the condition and fit of harness and vehicle and 10% on neatness of attire.

~~Precision Driving ASPC AMHR ASPR NSPPR:~~

~~A. General: the purpose of this competition is to test the skill of the driver and the obedience and handiness of the animal. Martingales and over checks are prohibited for all vehicles. Side checks are optional. Failure to comply will incur elimination. Entries are required to drive over a course consisting of at least six to a maximum of eight obstacles. The track of the course will be irregular, necessitating changes of direction. Markers indicating obstacles must be at least 12" wider than the outside hub of the wheels of each vehicle. To be judged 80% on the fault system and 20% on manners and performance.~~

~~B. Faults:~~

Displacing markers	1 fault
Each hoof outside marker	1 fault
Wheel outside of marker	
Canter, each time	
Not completing an obstacle	8 faults
Refusals: (cumulative though out the course)	
1 refusal	
2nd refusal	3 faults
3rd refusal	Elimination

C. Elimination:

- ~~1. Failing to pass through the Start & Finish Markers~~
- ~~2. Receiving outside assistance~~
- ~~3. Taking any obstacle out of order (off course)~~
- ~~4. Showing an obstacle to the horse~~

D. Course:

- ~~1. Enter at a trot.~~
- ~~2. Through two pair of cones~~
- ~~3. Trot a figure eight~~
- ~~4. Trot a serpentine of five cones~~
- ~~5. Walk with right wheel(s) between poles~~
- ~~6. Walk to four cones and back into square, stop for 10 seconds, trot out~~
- ~~7. Trot with left wheel(s) between poles and exit~~

ASPC-AMHR-ASPR-NSPPR Carriage Obstacle Driving:

- To be driven over a prescribed course of numbered obstacles (traffic cones with balls to similar objects placed on top). The numbers are to be placed on the right side of the obstacles. The number of obstacles to be proportionate to the dimension of the driver area, not to exceed 20 obstacles.
- After passing the starting line, the driver shall proceed through each obstacle in order to the designated finish line.
- Course faults are assessed as penalty seconds and are added to the driver's elapsed time. Placings are determined on a low total time basis. Tie for first will be decided by a drive off.
- Suggested width for obstacles is 10 inches wider than the carriage from outside hub to outside hub. Should cones be set up and carriages not be measured, obstacle widths are to be set:
 - For ASPC-ASPR-NSPPR-66 inches (5 feet 6 inches) apart.
 - For AMHR-60 inches (5 feet) apart.
- The decision to allow cantering for this class is left to the discretion of show management. It is not allowed unless clearly stated in the prize list. If cantering is not allowed, breaks in gait on the course will be penalized.
- Penalties
 - Knocking over start or finish marker 5 seconds
 - Knocking down or dislodging obstacle 5 second
 - Break to canter

I st break to canter	5 seconds
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2 nd break to canter	5 seconds
3 rd break to canter	5 seconds
4 th break to canter	Elimination
Prolonged canter	Elimination
4. Disobedience or groom(s) dismounting (cumulative over course)	
1 st incident	5 seconds
2 nd incident	10 seconds
3 rd incident	Elimination
5. Starting before signal	Elimination
6. Failure to cross starting line within one minute Of signal	Elimination
7. Off course	Elimination
8. Outside assistance	Elimination
9. Failure to carry whip	Elimination
10. Use of martingale or over check	Elimination
11. Breakage of harness or vehicle	Elimination

Karen Shaw motioned to accept Rule 20-5. Joel Rosenstern seconded. For: Bill Eperthener, Joel Rosenstern, John Rimmer, Mike Mounts, Steve Henderson, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Phyllis Hopwood, Jim Curry, Eric Tani, Alan Dial. Motioned passed. (January 1, 2023)

Rule 20-6 – Adding A Header/Safety Section to the Carriage Division.

Headers:

1. Must be 16 years or older
2. Enter the ring when the line-up is called, a groom acting as a header may come from within a vehicle designed to carry one when headers are called
3. May assist in setting up the animal
4. Stands two paces back from the pony/horse's head and will remain there, except in emergency, until judge's card(s) are turned in
5. The header should not step back to allow judge in between pony/horse and header
6. All headers/grooms should be appropriately attired
7. For Safety reasons any unruly pony/horse, unsafe carriage, unsafe equipment, or unsafe hitching of ponies/horses may be excused from the ring by the judge, ring master, or steward. An exhibitor cannot protest this action
8. All Youth exhibiting in any non-youth driving class must have a header
9. In youth and COOL classes where a passenger is used for safety, they may also serve as the header/groom
10. Multiple pony carriage turn-outs require at least one passenger or groom capable of rendering assistance at all times; except a tandem using a two wheeled carriage or cart header may enter the ring when headers are called.

Bill Eperthener motioned to accept Rule 20-6. Donna Phillips seconded. For: Bill Eperthener, Joel Rosenstern, John Rimmer, Mike Mounts, Steve Henderson, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat

Sanders, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Phyllis Hopwood, Jim Curry, Eric Tani, Alan Dial. Motioned passed (January 1, 2023)

Rule 20-11 – Delete Current Tack & Equipment Carriage ASPC/ASPR/NSPPR.

Rule 20-12 - Replace with new Tack & Equipment Carriage ASPC/ASPR/NSPPR.

Tack and Equipment-ASPC-ASPR-NSPPR

1. Light harness (breast or collar type)
2. To be shown in a suitable two or four wheeled carriage pleasure type driving vehicle. Wooden Wheels, Solid Spoke, or Steel Wheels are acceptable, NO pneumatic or wire wheels permitted, Boot removed
3. Type of bit(s) optional, Snaffle, Liverpool's, French link, Mullen, Butterfly or Myler are acceptable driving bits. No leverage bits, Curb chains or Curb straps are allowed and can only be driven in the half cheek. Blinkers appropriate to type of harness.
4. Martingales and Overchecks are prohibited for all vehicles. False Martingales are acceptable.
5. Side checks are optional, breeching or thimbles or shaft stops or brakes are preferred. Tying down of tongues is prohibited. Bridles should fit snugly to prevent catching on the vehicle or other pieces of harness. A throatlatch and noseband or cavesson is mandatory. Open bridles are permitted, but are not encouraged.
6. Whip required. The thong (lash) of the whip should be long enough to reach the shoulder of the farther horse.
7. Braiding of mane and forelock is optional but not required in any carriage driving class.
NOTE: ASPC Moderns, ASPC Modern Pleasures, ASPR Show Ponies and NSPPR ARE NOT required to wear braids in the carriage division but MUST wear them in accordance to their other division rules when participating in those other divisions.
8. Fly Bonnets are optional but not required in any carriage driving class
9. Spares Kits are optional, but not required

Karen Shaw motioned to accept Rule 20-11 & 20-12. Tracey Slagle seconded. For: Bill Eperthener, Joel Rosenstern, John Rimmer, Mike Mounts, Steve Henderson, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Phyllis Hopwood, Jim Curry, Eric Tani, Alan Dial. Motioned passed (January 1, 2023)

Rule 20-13 – Delete Current Tack & Equipment AMHR Carriage

Rule 20-14 – Replace with new Tack & Equipment AMHR Carriage

Tack and Equipment-AMHR

1. Light Harness (breast or collar type)
2. To be shown in a suitable two or four wheeled carriage pleasure type driving vehicle. Wooden wheels are preferred. Solid Spoke or Steel wheels are acceptable, Pneumatic wheels permitted, Boot removed
3. Type of bit(s) optional, Snaffle, Liverpool's, French link, Mullen, Butterfly or Myler are acceptable driving bits. No leverage, Curb chains or Curb straps are allowed and can only be driven in the half cheek. Blinkers appropriate to type of harness
4. Martingales and overchecks are prohibited for all vehicles. False Martingales are acceptable.

- 5, Side checks are optional, breeching or thimbles or shaft stops or brakes are optional. Tying down of tongues is prohibited. Bridles should fit snugly to prevent catching on the vehicle or other pieces of harness. A throatlatch and a noseband or cavesson is mandatory. Open bridles are permitted but are not encouraged.
- 6, Whip required. The thong (lash) of the whip should be long enough to reach the shoulder of the farther horse.
7. Braiding of mane and forelock is optional but not required in any carriage driving class.
8. Fly Bonnets are optional but not required in any carriage driving class.
9. Spares Kits are optional, but not required.

Karen Shaw motioned to accept Rule 20-13 & Rule 20-14. Steve Henderson seconded. For: Bill Eperthener, Joel Rosenstern, John Rimmer, Mike Mounts, Steve Henderson, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Phyllis Hopwood, Jim Curry, Eric Tani, Alan Dial. Motioned passed (January 1, 2023)

Rule 20-15 – Delete Carriage Dress ASPC/AMHR/ASPR/NSPPR.

Rule 20-16 – Replace Carriage Dress ASPC/AMHR/ASPR/NSPPR.

Dress ASPC-AMHR-ASPR-NSPPR

1. Hat, gloves (brown gloves preferred) apron or knee rug or lap blanket is required; Protective headgear may be worn without penalty.

Tracey Slagle motioned to accept Rule 20-15 & Rule 20-16. Sherri Jolliff seconded. For: Bill Eperthener, Joel Rosenstern, John Rimmer, Mike Mounts, Steve Henderson, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Phyllis Hopwood, Jim Curry, Eric Tani, Alan Dial. Motioned passed (January 1, 2023)

Rule 20-19 - Add Modern Rules – Liverpool bit may have a curb chain or curb strap and can only be driven in half cheek.

Karen Shaw motioned to accept Rule 20-19. Donna Phillips seconded. For: Bill Eperthener, Joel Rosenstern, John Rimmer, Mike Mounts, Steve Henderson, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Phyllis Hopwood, Jim Curry, Eric Tani, Alan Dial. Motioned passed (January 1, 2023)

Rule 20-26 – Add Classic Rules - Liverpool bit may have a curb chain or curb strap and can only be driven in half cheek.

Tracey Slagle motioned to accept Rule 20-26. Mike Mounts seconded. For: Bill Eperthener, Joel Rosenstern, John Rimmer, Mike Mounts, Steve Henderson, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Phyllis Hopwood, Jim Curry, Eric Tani, Alan Dial. Motioned passed (January 1, 2023)

Rule 20-27 – Add ASPR Rules - Liverpool bit may have a curb chain or curb strap and can only be driven in half cheek.

Tracey Slagle motioned to accept Rule 20-27. Mike Mounts seconded. For: Bill Eperthener, Joel Rosenstern, John Rimmer, Mike Mounts, Steve Henderson, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Phyllis Hopwood, Jim Curry, Eric Tani, Alan Dial. Motioned passed (January 1, 2023)

Rule 20-21 – Add Carriage Driving can cross enter into Modern Open Pleasure Driving.

Mike Mounts motioned to accept Rule 20-21. Tracey Slagle seconded. For: Joel Rosenstern, John Rimmer, Mike Mounts, Steve Henderson, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Phyllis Hopwood, Jim Curry, Eric Tani. Against: Bill Eperthener, Pat Sanders, Alan Dial. Motioned passed. (January 1, 2023)

Rule 20-27 – Add Carriage horses may cross-enter into AMHR Pleasure, Country Pleasure, Western, Roadster, Draft, Park, Formal and Chariot at same show. Mike Mounts motioned to accept Rule 20-27. Tracey Slagle seconded. For: Joel Rosenstern, Mike Mounts, Steve Henderson, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Phyllis Hopwood, Jim Curry, Eric Tani. Against: Bill Eperthener, John Rimmer, Alan Dial. Motioned passed. (January 1, 2023)

Rule 20-28 - Add AMHR Rules – Liverpool bit may have a curb chain or curb strap and can only be driven in half cheek.

Tracey Slagle motioned to accept Rule 20-28. Mike Mounts seconded. For: Bill Eperthener, Joel Rosenstern, John Rimmer, Mike Mounts, Steve Henderson, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Phyllis Hopwood, Jim Curry, Eric Tani, Alan Dial. Motioned passed (January 1, 2023)

Rule 20-30 – AMHR Carriage Rules – Add Type of bit(s) optional. Snaffle, Liverpool bit may have a curb chain or curb strap and can only be driven in half cheek, are acceptable bits, and blinkers appropriate to type of harness.

Tracey Slagle motioned to accept Rule 20-30. Mike Mounts seconded. For: Bill Eperthener, Joel Rosenstern, John Rimmer, Mike Mounts, Steve Henderson, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Phyllis Hopwood, Jim Curry, Eric Tani, Alan Dial. Motioned passed (January 1, 2023)

Discussion held regarding officials of the American Shetland Pony Club Inc., All judges and stewards must renew their membership on or before January 1 of the year or there is a \$100.00 penalty. Show Managers and Board of Directors are also officials and they should be included. Mike Mounts motioned that ALL licensed officials, Judges, Stewards, Show Managers and Board of Directors must renew memberships on or before January 1st each year or must pay penalty fee. Donna Phillips seconded. For: Bill Eperthener, Joel Rosenstern, John Rimmer, Mike Mounts, Steve Henderson, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Phyllis Hopwood, Jim Curry, Eric Tani, Alan Dial. Motioned passed (January 1, 2023)

Discussion held on Judge's clinics and classifications. Bill Eperthener motioned that if you are a Large R., you must attend the Judges clinic once every five (5) years. If you are a Small r., you must attend the Judges clinic once every three (3) years. Alan Dial seconded. For: Bill Eperthener, Joel Rosenstern, John Rimmer, Mike Mounts, Steve Henderson, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Phyllis Hopwood, Jim Curry, Eric Tani, Alan Dial. Motioned passed (January 1, 2023)

Rob Crater will be forming a committee to discuss point program, Hall of Fame, All Stars, Year-end awards etc. Discussion held on All Star Certificates to make them as a requested form like the Silver Hall of Fame and the Gold Hall of Fame.

Tracey Slagle motioned that if you want All Star Certificates, you must complete form and send in on or before February 28th of following year. Effective 2022 Show Season. John Rimmer seconded. For: Bill Eperthener, Joel Rosenstern, John Rimmer, Mike Mounts, Steve Henderson, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Phyllis Hopwood, Jim Curry, Eric Tani, Alan Dial. Motioned passed (January 1, 2023)

Discussion held regarding 2022 ASPC Congress class list, facility pricing increase, dates etc. Mike Mounts motioned to accept the Congress Class list, stall fee pricing increase to \$135.00, shavings increase. John Rimmer seconded. For: Bill Eperthener, Joel Rosenstern, John Rimmer, Mike Mounts, Steve Henderson, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Phyllis Hopwood, Jim Curry, Eric Tani, Alan Dial. Motioned passed.

Discussion held regarding 2022 AMHR Nationals class list, facility pricing increase, dates etc. Alan Dial motioned to accept the Nationals Class list, stall fee pricing increase to \$150.00. Mike Mounts seconded. For: Bill Eperthener, Joel Rosenstern, John Rimmer, Mike Mounts, Steve Henderson, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Phyllis Hopwood, Jim Curry, Alan Dial. Against: Eric Tani. Motioned passed.

Discussion held on Mileage rate and per diem rates. Organization has not changed rates for over 12 years. Phyllis Hopwood motioned that the organization follows the Government per diem & mileage rate effective March 19, 2022, for the remainder of 2022 and review January 1st of each year. Pat Sanders seconded. For: Joel Rosenstern, John Rimmer, Mike Mounts, Steve Henderson, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Phyllis Hopwood, Jim Curry, Eric Tani, Alan Dial. Against: Bill Eperthener. Motioned passed.

Pat handed out "SALE" information and a working budget to hold the first sale in October 2022. Alan Dial motioned to approve the "Sale" and give a budget of \$25,000.00. Mike Mounts seconded. For: Bill Eperthener, Joel Rosenstern, John Rimmer, Mike Mounts, Steve Henderson, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Phyllis Hopwood, Jim Curry, Eric Tani, Alan Dial. Motioned passed.

2022 Area National Show Payout Fees was discussed. The Board of Directors voted in November 2021 that a payout up to \$5,000.00 would be paid out for 2022. \$2,000.00 designated to the hosting club to disperse or use to their discretion. Up to \$3,000.00 will be paid out depending on entries. Payouts will only be paid to current members of the organization. Payout fee:

Grand & Reserve Grand Halter Payouts
Grand Champion - \$28.57
Reserve Grand Champion - \$19.04

Performance Stake Payouts
Stake Champion - \$35.71
Stake Reserve Champion - \$21.43
Third Place - \$14.29

Though the fee schedule pays out for Grand/Reserve halter and Grand/Reserve and Third place stake; if there are not sufficient entries only those that qualify will be paid. These classes are based strictly on the National Area Show Required list. Any classes added from the optional class list, it is up to the discretion of the hosting show if there will be payouts or not.

Alan Dial motioned to accept the Area National Show Payout. Tracey Slagle seconded.

For: Bill Eperthener, Joel Rosenstern, John Rimmer, Mike Mounts, Steve Henderson, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Phyllis Hopwood, Jim Curry, Eric Tani, Alan Dial. Motioned passed.

Discussion held on Rules Committee and Rule change proposals. The amended sections of the 2021 Rulebook are at the printers and should be in the office in the next two weeks. As soon as received they will be sent out to Judges, Stewards, Show Managers. The amended sections are already up on the website in the 2021 amended rulebook. Discussion held on the process of Rule change proposals. The committees need to make sure they are discussing rules change proposals prior to convention so the process is smoother at convention. Some proposals are hard to read due to being hand written, scanned, faxed, etc.

Steve Henderson motioned that rule change proposals MUST be presented in typed format. Bill Eperthener seconded. For: Bill Eperthener, Joel Rosenstern, John Rimmer, Mike Mounts, Steve Henderson, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Phyllis Hopwood, Jim Curry, Eric Tani, Alan Dial. Motioned passed.

Discussed the Rules committee holding meetings and a budget put in place for these meetings. Steve Henderson motioned for budget monies to hold annual Rule Committee meeting. Mike Mounts seconded. For: Bill Eperthener, Joel Rosenstern, John Rimmer, Mike Mounts, Steve Henderson, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Phyllis Hopwood, Jim Curry, Eric Tani, Alan Dial. Motioned passed.

Discussion held on rules changing so frequently that the Judges, Stewards and exhibitors are having a hard time keeping up with current rules. Bill Eperthener motioned beginning in 2023, changes in the rulebook will be noted with the date of change. Alan Dial seconded. For: Bill Eperthener, Joel Rosenstern, John Rimmer, Mike Mounts, Steve Henderson, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Phyllis Hopwood, Jim Curry, Eric Tani, Alan Dial. Motioned passed.

Bill Eperthener motioned any rule changed may not be changed for Five (5) years unless detrimental to club or a safety issue effective January 1, 2024. Tracey Slagle seconded. For: Bill Eperthener, Steve Henderson, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Phyllis Hopwood, Jim Curry, Eric Tani, Alan Dial. Against: Joel Rosenstern, John Rimmer, Mike Mounts, Donna Phillips. Motioned passed.

Discussion held changing the Youth age to 18 years of age and under. The rule change/bylaw change – Request was a to change Youth is an individual 18 Years and under. The age of the youth as of January 1st will be the age maintained the entire year. For example, a youth who has a birthday in September and is 18 years of age as of January 1, must show the entire year as a youth. This would increase class 13-18 sizes. Alan Dian motioned to not accept this rule change/bylaw change. Bill Eperthener seconded. For: Bill Eperthener, Steve Henderson, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Phyllis Hopwood, Jim Curry, Eric Tani, Alan Dial. Against: Joel Rosenstern, John Rimmer, Mike Mounts, Donna Phillips. Motioned passed.

Discussion held regarding USEF. Comments back to Board members is Safe Sport is not user friendly. Cannot get answers back from phone calls made to the Safe Sport number. People who have renewed don't show up on the website as certified. Discussion held on the new rules regarding the Lite Program. Membership is mandatory for Stewards, any person signing an entry form will have to be a member of USEF.

Sherri Jolliff motioned to end our ASPC affiliation with USEF effective immediately and amend our rulebook accordingly. Bill Eperthener seconded. For: Bill Eperthener, Joel Rosenstern, John Rimmer, Mike Mounts, Steve Henderson, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Phyllis Hopwood, Jim Curry, Eric Tani, Alan Dial. Motioned passed.

Meeting Adjourned – Moved to Closed Session

Minutes – submitted Jill Gleason