

# SECTION XI

## MODERN AMERICAN SHETLAND PONY

### Driving Performance Division Rules

#### 2.1 Performance Division Rules and Class Specifications

##### A. General Rules

1. Observance of Rules: Everyone connected with exhibiting or judging Shetland Ponies shown in Performance Division classes shall observe the following rules as well as all general rules.
  - a. Cross-entering between Modern and Classics will not be allowed at the same show.
  - b. Cross-entering between Open Pleasure & Country Pleasure will not be allowed at the same show.
  - c. Cross-entering between Formal & Harness will not be allowed at the same show.
  - d. Open Pleasure Driving & Country Pleasure Driving classes are all optional classes. See Modern Pleasure for class specifications and shoeing specifications.
  - e. Open Modern Formal Driving and Formal Driving Stake classes are required classes.
  - f. **Youth Drivers, Headers Required:** Judges are cautioned that this rule in no way negates the requirement in youth classes that animals must display good manners, stand quietly and back readily in Pleasure and Harness classes.
  - g. Stakes classes may be held for any of the specific categories of the Division (Junior, Ladies, Amateur, etc.) provided a preliminary (qualifying) class of the same title is held, and stake entry fees and premiums are paid.

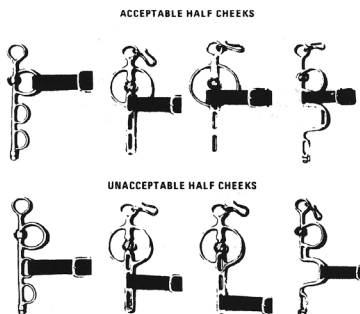
## h. Tack and Equipment

- (1) **Single Harness Shetlands**, as well as pairs, tandem and unicorns, are to be driven to a vice-roy, side bar buggy or four-wheeled vehicle of similar type.

Note: The use of a viceroy in Class “B” and Class “C” shows is recommended, but not required. Bridles worn in any Modern driving class (including Pleasure division) are to have a properly fitted cavesson or nose band.

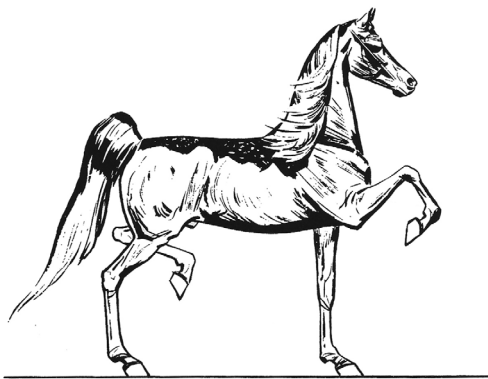
- (2) **Roadster Shetlands** are to be driven to a sulky, bike or two-wheeled vehicle of similar type.
- (3) **Roadster Shetlands** are to wear harness with a low crupper, overcheck, square blinkers with straight or broken snaffle bit. Martingales and trotting boots are permitted.
- (4) **Single Harness Shetlands** are to wear show type harness, including round blinkers, side check and choice of bit. Ladies, Amateur and Youth must be driven in the half cheek.

- a. Martingales, boots, rubber bands or strings of any description on the feet or legs are prohibited. However, high tail cruppers or other tail appliances are permitted.



*The term “driven in the half cheek” means that the reins should be around the post or through the top slot, provided the top slot is 3/4 of the way inside the ring.*

- (5) **Pairs and tandems** are to wear harness similar to that used on single ponies. Either breast or Kay collars may be used.
- (6) **Pleasure Shetlands** are to wear a show type harness, including side or overchecks, square or round blinkers with straight or broken snaffle bit. A properly fitted cavesson or nose band is required. Checkbit and martingales are optional. No liverpool bits, curb chains, or curb straps are allowed.
- (7) Whips, aprons, robes and similar equipment are optional unless definitely called for in the class specifications.
- (8) There shall be no penalty for use of hand holds.
- (9) No item disturbing to other entries may be used inside or outside the ring while showing a pony except the driver is allowed one whip no longer than 6 feet, including snapper and handle.



## 2.2 Harness Division – Performance Class Specifications.

- A. **Open Single Harness Class** is to be judged **40% on conformation and 60% on performance, quality and manners.** Excessive speed is considered undesirable.

1. Ponies are to enter the right, shall be worked both ways at gaits specified by the Judge(s) and lined up in the center of the ring. **“Park Pace” and “Show Your Pony”** are the commands to be given. At the “Park Pace” the feet should be lifted well off the ground and the stride medium in length, elastic and straight. “Show Your Pony” designates a smart trot which should be a straight forward, diagonal movement, forelegs being raised at least to a point where the forearm is extended in a horizontal position with the elbow and the hocks flexed, with the feet well under the body and well off the round. The body at all times should be in perfect balance, with head carried high. **These ponies are not required to back.**
  - a. Only one attendant per entry shall be permitted to enter the show arena when the class is instructed to line up. While the class is in progress, attendants must remain outside the in-gate of the show arena. They may set up, uncheck, and/or head ponies as needed.
  - b. Stallions, mares or geldings may be shown.
  - c. When in the line-up, ponies may be unchecked in any harness class except Ladies, Youth or Amateur.
- B. **Ladies Harness Class** is to be judged **40% on conformation and 60% on manners, quality and performance.** Excessive speed is undesirable. Entries limited to mares and geldings. Ponies are to enter to the right, shall be worked both ways at a “Park Pace” and lined up in the center of the ring. **Ponies are required to stand checked.**
  1. Tack and Equipment - same as Open Single Harness class.
  2. Attendant (header) may assist in lining up an entry and thereafter shall remain at least two paces distant

from the head. When lined up, ponies are required to stand without holding and back willingly without rearing.

3. **The judge must require ponies in this class to back.**
  4. Ladies Harness ponies should be driven in half cheek bits. (*See diagram on p. 4 above for acceptable half cheek bits*).
  5. Entries Limited to mares and geldings.
- C. **Youth Harness Class** is to be judged on the same basis, shall perform in the same way, and subject to the same specification as Ladies Harness. Attendants (riders) are optional.
1. Entries limited to mares and geldings.
  2. **Headers Required.**
- D. **Junior Pony Harness Class** shall be for the Shetlands, four years old and younger, 46" and under (44 ½" and under for two year olds). To be judged on the same basis as Open Single Harness.
- E. **Novice Pony Harness Class** shall be for Shetlands that have not won a total of three (3) first place awards in Class "AA" or "A" shows. Eligibility may continue for the life of the pony, but shall cease after winning the above mentioned awards. To be judged on the same basis as Open Single Harness.
- F. **Novice Driver Harness Class** is to be judged on the same basis as Open Single Harness. For the purpose of this class, a driver is a novice until such time as he wins three (3) first place ribbons in an "A" or "AA" show.
- G. **Maiden Harness Class** are for ponies that have not won a first place ribbon at "AA" or "A" shows. Ponies shall be judged on the same specifications as Open Single Harness.
- H. **Limit Harness Class** is open to ponies that have not won six (6) first place ribbons in Single Harness in its lifetime with competition in Class "A" or "AA" shows. Ponies judged on the same basis and subject to the same specifi-

- cations as Open Single Harness.
- I. **Amateur Harness** is to be judged on the same basis as Ladies Harness, except stallions may be shown. Driver must meet the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR requirements for Amateur status.
  - J. **Harness Amateur Owned and Shown Class** is to be judged on the same basis, shall perform in the same way and be subject to the same specifications as Ladies Harness, except stallions may be shown. A pony in an amateur owned and shown class is eligible and may be shown in other classes, including Stakes, provided it is driven by the amateur owner as defined in Section III - Definitions - 3.9 - Family, See also Section III - Amateur Rules - 4.8 - Modern Amateur Owned and Shown.
  - K. **Pair Harness Class** is to be judged **40% on conformation and 60% on performance, quality, manners and uniformity**. Excessive speed is considered undesirable. Ponies shall be judged on the same basis and subject to the same specifications as Open Single Harness class. A half inch difference in height shall not be considerable objectionable. However, if a definite height has been prescribed one may be under or over the limitation by no more than one-half inch, but not exceeding 46 inches. Combined ownership permitted. One attendant shall be permitted. Stallions, mares, or geldings may be shown.
  - L. **Tandem Class Shetlands (Harness)** are to be judge **40% on conformation and 60% on performance, quality, manners and uniformity**. Excessive speed is considered undesirable. Ponies shall be judged on the same basis and subject to the same specifications as Single Harness Class Shetlands. Ponies to be shown to 4-wheel buggy. Viceroy, side-bar or gig. It is desirable that there be slack in the traces of the lead pony and that both ponies travel in a straight line at all times. Combined ownership permitted. Two attendants shall be permitted. Stallions, mares or gelding may be shown.
  - M. **Collection of Three (Unicorn) Class Shetlands (Harness)** are to be judge **40% on conformation and 60% on performance, quality, manners and uniformity**. Excessive speed is considered undesirable. Ponies shall

be judged on the same basis and subject to the same specifications as Single Harness Class Shetlands. The Unicorn shall be driven with two wheel ponies and one lead pony. Combined ownership permitted. Three attendants shall be permitted. Stallions, mares or geldings may be shown.

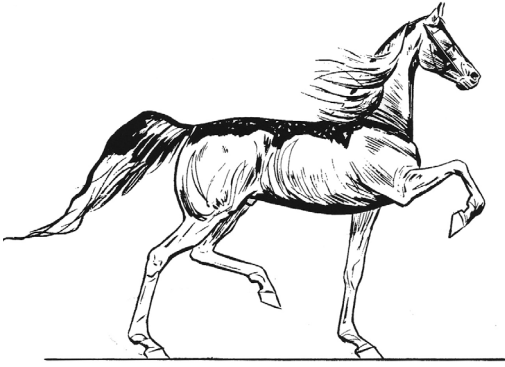
- N. Harness Championship/Stake Class** is to be judged on the same basis and subject to the same specifications as Open Single Harness.
- O. Fancy Turnout Class** is to be judged, **50% on the children's attire, 40% on conformation, manners and performance of the pony and 10% on the neatness and cleanliness** of their harness and vehicle.
1. Ponies are to be driven to a viceroy.
  2. Ponies are to enter to the right, shall be worked both ways at a **"Park Pace"** and lined up in the center of the ring. When lined up, ponies are required to stand checked. Ponies are to be driven at a safe speed at all times. One attendant (header) is required. Only mares or geldings may be shown.
  3. Participants in this class shall be a girl and a boy both 17 years of age or younger.
  4. Accepted attire for afternoon – the girl shall wear a summer type dress, hat, and parasol, with flowers optional; the boy shall wear a sport coat of any color (except black), white shirt, bow tie, slacks or jodhpurs of a color to harmonize with the coat and either dress straw hat or bareheaded.

Acceptable attire for evening – the girl shall wear formal evening dress and carry flowers; the boy shall wear current formal attire, ruffled or tucked shirt of white or color, a formal dinner jacket of suitable material of any color, including but not limited to brocade, or velveteen, etc. Trousers of black or midnight blue, formal bow tie, black socks and shoes, bareheaded or dress straw hat.

Formal full dress attire of top hat, tuxedo, or tails, white dress shirt, wing collar, white tie acceptable if available. Boy driver not required to wear gloves. “Hoops” fastened to buggy may support the girl’s dress for evening formal attire.

5. In the event of postponement, it is recommended that the attire be judged as originally scheduled. It is also suggested that duplicate awards be given for each placing.
  6. Fancy Turnout is not a qualifying class for the Harness Championship/Stakes class.
- P. **Phaeton Class** Shetlands are to be judged **50% on children’s attire, 40% on performance of the pony and 10% on neatness and cleanliness of harness and equipment.** Ponies are to enter to the right, shall be worked both ways at a “Walk” and “Park Pace” and lined up in the center of the ring.
1. Ponies are to be driven to a viceroy, at a safe speed.
  2. Pony to be driven by a girl, 16 years of age or under. She shall be accompanied by a boy who will ride behind the driver on a groom seat, which is attached to the viceroy. The groom shall not exceed five (5) feet in height. The groom will head the pony whenever the viceroy is stopped.
  3. Mares and Geldings only.
  4. Accepted attire - the girl shall wear afternoon party dress, hat, and gloves. The groom shall wear livery top hat, with brush, or hard hunting cap, coat (any livery color, such as red, green, blue, etc.) riding pants (with boots preferred) gloves, and neck scarf. Horn is optional.
- Q. **Single Harness to Bike Class** is to be judged on the same basis as Open Single Harness, except to be hitched to a two-wheeled cart, rather than a viceroy. Entry is not eligible for any other harness class in that specific show.





### 2.3 Roadster Division – Performance Class Specifications

A. Open Roadster Class is to be judged **60% on speed in form, 20% on manners and way of going, 20% on conformation.**

#### 1. Tack and Equipment

- a. Roadster Shetlands are to be driven to a sulky, bike or two-wheeled vehicle of similar type.
- b. Roadster Shetlands are to wear harness with a low crupper, overcheck, square blinkers with straight or broken snaffle bit. Martingales and trotting boots are permitted.

2. Roadsters shall enter ring clockwise (left) at a “**Jog Trot**”; show the “**Road Gait**” when asked for; then **turn counterclockwise** at a “**Jog Trot**”; show the “**Road Gait**” when asked for and then “**Trot at Speed**”.

- a. At all speeds ponies should work in form, that is, their chins set and their legs working beneath them, going collectedly and in form. At the trot, a pony’s action should feature folding of knees, flexing of hocks, with straight true action of front legs and with hocks carried close together and with motions coordinated is executing a balanced trot. Long sprawling action in front, dragging or trailing hind legs and

spraddle gaited action behind makes a balanced trot impossible. Animation, brilliance and show ring presence should characterize the roadster in working at a jog trot or road gait. When asked to drive on, the pony must show speed and go in form. Pace gaited or mix gaited ponies that pace and rack the turns, or break and run on the turns shall be penalized. Ponies should be shown on the rail at all times except when passing and should go to the far end of every corner with outside reining; should be light mouthed, capable of being taken up at any time, and stand well when being judged in the center of the ring. When ponies are lined up, the driver shall not leave his/her own vehicle except for necessary adjustments. Driver is permitted, however, to uncheck and stand at pony's head when left in the center of the ring while a part of the class is on the rail for a workout.

- b. Headers are optional in all driving classes with the exception of a Youth, in any driving class must have a header.
  - c. Stallions, mares and geldings may be shown.
- B. **Ladies Roadster Class** is to be judged on the same basis and subject to the same specifications as the Open Roadster class. Entries are limited to mares and geldings.
  - C. **Youth Roadster Class** is to be judged **20% on conformation, 40% on manners, 40% on speed and form.** Youth must be in full control of the Pony without assistance. Pony must stand quietly and be suitable for a Youth Exhibitor. Entries limited to mares and geldings. **Helmet Required.**
  - D. **Junior Pony Roadster Class** shall be for the Shetlands, four years old and younger, 46" and under (44 ½" and under for two year olds). To be judged on same basis as Open Roadster.
  - E. **Novice Pony Roadster Class** shall be for Shetlands

that have not won a total of three (3) first place ribbons in Class “A” or “AA” shows. Eligibility may continue for the life of the pony, but shall cease after winning the above mentioned awards. To be judged on the same basis as Open Roadster.

- F. **Novice Driver Roadster Class** is to be judged on the same basis as Open Roadster. For the purpose of this class a driver is a novice until such time as he wins three (3) first place ribbons in “A” or “AA” shows.
- G. **Maiden Roadster Class** is for ponies that have not won a first place ribbon at “A” or “AA” shows. Ponies shall be judged on the same basis and subject to the same specifications as Open Roadster.
- H. **Limit Roadster Class** is open to ponies that have not won six (6) first place ribbons in Class “A” or “AA” shows with competition. Ponies shall be judged on the same basis and are subject to the same specifications as Open Roadster.
- I. **Amateur Roadster** is to be judged on the same basis as Ladies Roadster, except stallions may be shown. Driver must meet the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR requirements for Amateur status.
- J. **Roadster Amateur Owned and Shown Class** is to be judged on the same basis, shall perform in the same way and be subject to the same specifications as Ladies Roadster, except stallions may be shown. A pony in an amateur owned and driven class is eligible and may be shown in other classes, including Stakes, provided it is driven by the amateur owners or members of his or her family as defined in Section III - 3.9 - Family, See also Section III - Amateur Rules - 4.8 - Modern Amateur Owned and Shown.
  - 1. Headers Optional.
- K. **Roadster Championship/Stake Class** is to be judged on the same basis and subject to the same specifications as Open Roadster.

## 2.4 Formal Driving Division – Performance Class Specifications.

### A. Open Modern Formal Driving Class to be judged **40% on conformation and 60% on manners, quality and performance.** Pony to be judged on an easy animated, but not extreme way of going.

#### 1. Tack and Equipment:

- a. Pony to be shown to a suitable two-wheeled cart with foot basket or four-wheeled vehicle, but not a viceroy, racing sulky or fine harness rig.
- b. The Modern Formal Driving pony must wear a show-type harness, including side or over-checks, square or round blinkers with straight or broken snaffle bit. A properly fitted cavesson or nose band is required. Check bit and martingales are optional. No liverpool bits, curb chains or curb straps are allowed.

2. There should be light contact with the mouth, slight flexion at the poll without evidence of undue restraint. The pony should be relatively high headed and have a free way of moving. The check rein should not interfere with the relaxed and free way of going. Ponies are to enter the ring **to the right and be shown both ways** of the ring at the **“Walk”, “Trot” and “Extended Trot”**. Excessive speed is to be penalized. The “Walk” should be a relaxed flatfooted walk, a four beat straight movement and not a jog trot. The “Trot” should be easy going, square with elasticity and freedom of movement. The “Extended Trot” should be ground covering, open and reaching. Ponies are to line up in the center of the ring, **stand quietly and back readily.**
3. Driver to be dressed in appropriate attire (not silks or colors).
4. **It is imperative that ponies stand quietly, back readily, and return to the lineup.**

- B. **Ladies Modern Formal Driving Class** is the same as Open Modern Formal Driving and is limited to mares and geldings.
- C. **Youth Modern Formal Driving Class** to be judged the same as Open Modern Formal Driving. **Attendants (Rider) are optional** in Modern Formal Driving classes. Youth must be in full control of the pony without assistance.
- D. **Novice Driver Modern Formal Driving Class** is to be judged on the same basis as Open Modern Formal Driving. For the purpose of this class a driver is a novice until such time as he wins three (3) first place ribbons in any “C”, “B”, “A” or “AA” shows.
- E. **Junior Pony Modern Formal Driving** shall be for the Shetlands, four years old and younger, 46” and under (44 ½” and under for two year olds). To be judged on same basis as Open Modern Formal Driving.
- F. **Limit Modern Formal Driving Class** is open to ponies that have not won six (6) first place ribbons in Class “A” or “AA” shows with competition. Ponies shall be judged on the same basis and are subject to the same specifications as Open Modern Formal Driving.
- G. **Amateur Modern Formal Driving** is to be judged on the same basis as Open Modern Formal Driving, with driver meeting the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR requirements for Amateur status.
- H. **Modern Formal Driving Championship/Stake Class** is to be judged on the same basis and subject to the same specifications as Open Modern Formal Driving.

## 2.5 Other Modern Driving Classes

### A. Reinsmanship

1. General: this class is designed to test the knowledge and ability of the driver. To be conducted in the manner of Open Pleasure Driving Class. To be shown **on the rail at a walk, pleasure trot and extended 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.

2. Suggested Tests:

- a. Back.
- b. Drive a circle of designated size, at judge's discretion.
- c. Drive a figure eight.
- d. Extended trot-intermediate gait.
- e. Negotiate simple obstacles, i.e., drive between two obstacles.
- f. Stop and stand.
- g. Drive with one hand.

**B. Sunday In the Park:**

To be shown to a viceroy or suitable vehicle. **To be judged 50% on turnout of viceroy or suitable vehicle and driver attire.** Vehicle turnout can be decorated with floral arrangements or appropriate Sunday in the Park theme.

Acceptable women's attire for afternoon classes is summery type dress with hat, parasol/parasol whip is optional, but cannot be held or open while driving. Parasol can be opened in line-up provided a header is present.

Gentleman afternoon attire shall be sports coat of any color except black. Bow ties to match the sports coat and appropriate straw hat.

Evening ladies attire shall be formal length, parasol is optional, but cannot be held or open while driving. Parasol can be opened in line-up provided a header is present.

Evening gentlemen attire shall be formal dinner jacket, ruffled or tucked white shirt or color. Formal jacket to be suitable or black suitable material to include but not limited to brocade or velveteen. Trousers of black, dark blue or midnight blue. Formal bowtie, black socks and shoes and dress hat.