

To show all-around action at a Park Trot and not faster. Must stand quietly and must back easily. To be judged on manners, quality and performance.

Attendant/header can be available during line-up, but if a parasol is used and opened an attendant/header must be present. If no attendant/header and parasol is opened entry will be disqualified. This is a safety factor.

MODERN PLEASURE SHETLAND PONY

Driving Performance Division Rules

2.6 General Rules

A. Tack and Equipment

1. Modern Pleasure Driving ponies are 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.
2. Modern Pleasure Driving ponies are to 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.

2.7. Modern Open Pleasure Driving Class Definition-

Open Pleasure Pony to be shown barefoot or with an evenly weighted shoe of uniform thickness and an optional light pad. Toe clips and/or side clips are permitted. No artificial attachments such as lead chunks, weights, rings, etc., are allowed. Artificial appliances (rubber bands, chains, shackles, etc.) are prohibited in the ring or warm up area at the horse show. Cross-entering between Modern Open Pleasure and Modern Pleasure-Country Pleasure classes will not be allowed at the same show.

2.7. Modern Open Pleasure Driving Division - Class Specifications

A. Modern Open Pleasure Driving Class to be judged

25% on conformation and 75% on manners, quality and performance. There should be light contact with the mouth, slight flexion at the poll without evidence of undue restraint. The pony should be higher headed than a Modern Country Pleasure pony and have a free way of moving. The checkrein 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 in the ring at the “Walk”, “Pleasure Trot” and “Extended Trot”**. Excessive speed and extreme action are to be penalized. Extreme action to be defined as consistently at or above level. The “Walk” should be a relaxed flatfooted walk, a four beat straight movement and not a jog trot. The “Pleasure 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 be lined up in the center of the ring, stand quietly and back readily.** Driver to be dressed in appropriate attire (not silks or colors), headers optional except in youth classes.

1. Ponies shown in Modern Open Pleasure Driving are not eligible for any other driving division.
- B. **Modern Ladies Pleasure Driving** is the same as Modern Open Pleasure Driving Class and is limited to mares and geldings.
- C. **Modern Youth Pleasure Driving** to be judged the same as Modern Open Pleasure Driving. **Attendants (riders) are optional.** Limited to mares and geldings.
- D. **Modern Amateur Pleasure Driving** is to be judged on the same basis as Modern Open Pleasure Driving, driver meeting the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR requirements for Amateur status.
- E. **Modern Junior Pleasure 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 Modern Open Pleasure Driving.
- F. **Modern Limit Pleasure Driving** 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

the Modern Open Pleasure Driving.

- G. **Modern Pleasure Driving Championship/Stake Class** is to be judged on the same basis and subject to the same specifications as Modern Open Pleasure Driving.

2.8 Modern Pleasure-Country Pleasure Driving Division - Class Definition - Entries are to be shown barefoot or with a evenly weighted shoe of uniform thickness and an optional light pad. Toe clips and/or side clips are permitted. No artificial attachments such as lead chunks, weights, rings, etc., are allowed. Artificial appliances (rubber bands, chains, shackles, etc) are prohibited in the ring or warm up area (that would include the back of a ring used as a holding or warm up) at the horse show.

A. Tack and Equipement

1. Modern Pleasure Driving ponies are 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.
2. Modern Pleasure Driving ponies are to 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.

B. **Modern Pleasure-Country Pleasure Open Class to be judged 25% on conformation and 75% on manners, quality and performance.** There should be light contact with the mouth, slight flexion at the poll without evidence of undue restraint. The head set should appear natural for the pony with slight flexion at the poll. High headed ponies will be marked down. Pony to have a free way of moving and the checkrein should not interfere with the relaxed and free way of going. Ponies to be judges on an easy, naturally animated way of going. Ponies lift can be level, ponies breaking level will be marked down.

1. Ponies are to enter the ring counterclockwise (to the right). To be **shown both ways of the arena at the “Walk”, “Country Pleasure Trot” and “Extended Trot”**. The “Walk” should be a relaxed flatfooted

walk, a four beat straight movement and not a jog trot. The “Country Pleasure Trot” should be easy going, square with elasticity and freedom of movement, a pleasure to drive. The “Extended Trot” should be ground covering, open and reaching but not roadster speed. The pony should move freely on a taut but light rein while maintaining a balanced gait and forward movement. **Ponies are to be lined up in the center of the ring, stand quietly and back readily.** Driver to be dressed in appropriate attire ladies hats are option but not required. No silks or colors allowed. Headers are optional with the exception of youth classes where headers are required.

2. Ponies shown in Modern Pleasure-Country Pleasure Driving cannot cross enter into Modern classes with the exception of Sunday in the Park.
- C. **Ladies Modern Pleasure-Country Pleasure Driving Class** is the same as Modern Pleasure-Country Open Class and is limited to mares and geldings.
 - D. **Youth Modern Pleasure-Country Pleasure Driving Class** to be judged the same as Modern Pleasure-Country Open Class. Attendants (riders) are optional. Limited to mares and geldings.
 - E. **Novice Driver Modern Pleasure-Country Pleasure Driving Class** is to be judged on the same basis as Modern Pleasure-Country Open Class. For the purpose of this class a driver is a novice until such time as he/she wins three (3) first place ribbons in any “C”, “B”, “A” or “AA” shows.
 - F. **Junior Pony Modern Pleasure-Country Pleasure Driving 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 Modern Pleasure-Country Open Class.
 - G. **Limit Modern Pleasure-Country Pleasure Driving Class** is open to ponies that have not won six (6) first place ribbons in Class “A” or “AA” show with competition. Ponies shall be judged on the same basis and are subject to the same specifications as Modern Pleasure-Country Open Class.

- H. **Amateur Modern Pleasure-Country Pleasure Driving Class** is to be judged on the same basis as Modern Pleasure-Country Open Class, with driver meeting the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR requirements for Amateur status.
- I. **Modern Pleasure-Country Pleasure Pony Driving Championship/ Stake Class** is to be judged on the same basis and subject to the same specifications as Modern Pleasure-Country Open Class. To qualify for a Championship/Stake class a pony must have been shown in at least one other class of the same specific division of the show in progress.
1. Show Management may not, as part of the local rules, require entries in the Ladies and Youth classes to compete in the Championship/Stake class. Said classes will, however, be considered as qualifying events.

AMERICAN SHOW PONY REGISTRY

Driving Performance Division Rules

3.1 Performance Division Rules and Class Specifications

A. General Rules

1. Observance of Rules: Everyone connected with exhibiting or judging American Show Ponies shown in Performance Division classes shall observe the following rules as well as all general rules.

B. Tack and Equipment

1. Whips, aprons, robes and similar equipment are optional unless definitely called for in the class specifications.
2. There shall be no penalty for use of hand holds.
3. The breakage of equipment or casting of a shoe shall be handled in accordance with Current USEF Rule Book, General Rule (GR)833.
4. 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.