



## AMERICAN SHETLAND PONY CLUB, INC.

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To: ASPC/AMHR/ASPR Licensed Stewards

The Board of Directors made two decisions which dramatically impact your work this year.

First, the Board passed a motion to discontinue videotaping measurements at Nationals and Congress in 2018. This action was based on a Show Committee recommendation to suspend videotaping until a review of the tapes to determine their overall value for evaluating the measuring process has occurred, and guidelines for how the videotapes will be handled and what they are going to be used for are established.

Second, the Board passed a motion that AMHR registered miniature horses with a current year Permanent Measurement Card, meaning the white hard copy (issued by the National Office), not a pink card, (measured at an ASPC/AMHR sanctioned show during the show season) do not have to be measured at the AMHR National Show. This follows the same rule already in place for Shetland and Show Ponies at Congress. Also horses 2 years of age and older (senior horses without a permanent card), if measured at an Area National Show will not have to measure at the AMHR Nationals. Their pink forms will be stamped by the steward officiating, with the official stamp provided by the office. Although all measurements can still be protested according to the ASPC/AMHR Rulebook, it is our hope that this action will not result in more protests but improve the checking in process for all involved.

These two changes were based on the premises that (1) All stewards at local and Area National Shows are measuring all Miniature Horses accurately; and (2) Stewards at our local and Area National shows are following all rules governing the measurement of Miniature Horses as stated in the ASPC Rulebook.

It has come to the Steward's Committee and ASPC Presidents attention that these two premises may not have been achieved in at least one show already this season.

The board has addressed this situation and voted unanimously for two changes! Please see these below and make the changes in the rulebook.

**Item # 1.** Page 142. 1.2 Measurement Cards - Permanent cards will be issued for Ponies six (6) years old and older, and Miniature Horses three (3) years old and older. (Please note three (3) year-olds will not be issued permanent cards until receipt of an official measurement subsequent to their "actual third (3rd) birthday"). A copy of the measurement card will be issued temporarily by the Steward. ~~said copy to be valid only through the end of the current competition year.~~ AMHR Papers must be brought permanent with the home office before you can receive a card.



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**Item # 2.** Page 144. B. Annual cards will be issued to Ponies five (5) years old and younger and Miniatures two (2) years old and younger. Annual cards are valid for a sixty (60) day period. *~~The measurement form has space provided to record dates of measurement every 60 days.~~*

Our reasoning for changing this is because the Stewards Board of Governors due to some issues which have occurred this year, recommended that these changes be made. We as stewards and the office need a better way to track 60-day measurements and having the ability to use the same card, doesn't allow the office to know of a proper verification. Also, with the 3-year-old animals not having a permanent card, due to not reaching their actual third birthday, their papers not having been brought permanent etc., we felt that those animals should have to measure every 60 days as well. So please note these two changes in all the shows that you will be stewarding in the coming season. Big changes, but they are to protect US and the ASSOCIATION.

Making accurate measurements all local and area shows is very important and greatly appreciated by both the exhibitors and the ASPC Board of Directors. The Board's hope, in passing these motions, was to reduce the amount of time required for measuring horses at Mini-Nationals as well as to make our rules more consistent for all the breed registries. The results of this effort will be carefully examined at the Board's annual meeting in November. Thank you for all of your help in making our miniature horse and pony shows run smoothly and pleasant for exhibitors, show managers and attendees.

Sincerely,

Rob Crater  
Stewards Committee Chairperson