

## **NWMHC Show Rules**

1) Horses will be judged in accordance with the rules of the AMHA. A copy of the rule book may be found in the show office with the Show Manager. 2) Knowing the rules and regulations, as well as the requirements of each class entered, is the exhibitor's responsibility. 3) This AMHA sanctioned show is open to any horse registered with the AMHA whose exhibitor is able to prove valid registration. 4) Horses must not be shod. No pads, wedges, chains, or weighted ankle boots are allowed on the grounds. No whips and/or crops, lighters or any other devices detrimental to the well-being of the horse shall be allowed in halter classes. For rules concerning youth exhibitors and the exhibiting of stallions, please refer to the current AMHA Rule book. 5) Ribbons, braids, glitter and all decorative appurtenances and stallion tack (excluding bits) are not allowed in halter, conformation, or performance classes with the exception of Roadster horses which may have the forelock and first section of mane braided with ribbon. No farm, individual, or horse names may be displayed on exhibitor, horse, or vehicle, except for the multiple hitch or draft harness classes. Check AMHA rulebook for exception to the braiding rule.

### **LEASED HORSES OR PENDING REGISTRATION PAPERS**

If a horse has been leased by an exhibitor and is to be shown in amateur classes, it is the exhibitor's obligation to provide written verification from the AMHA office that the lease is on file. It is also the responsibility of the exhibitor to provide written verification from the AMHA as to a pending registration number for a horse that has not been issued papers. If, due to time constraints, the exhibitor is unable to provide written verification for either of these cases, the show management will attempt to obtain verbal verification by phone from the AMHA office during regular business hours. When the show management is required to make phone calls to the AMHA office to verify eligibility, it is understood that the exhibitor will be assessed \$10.00 per call. These charges are payable prior to receiving entry numbers. No leased horse to be shown in amateur classes or a horse with pending registration will be shown, under any circumstances without written verification or direct verbal verification by the show management from the AMHA.

### **GATE RULE**

It is the goal of the management that this show present miniatures in the best light possible, be entertaining to those who have come to watch the event, and expediently APPROVAL FORM THAT MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE PADDOCK MANAGER PRIOR TO THE REQUESTED HOLD.

### **CONDITION OF ENTRY**

Every horse entered for competition will be under the control of the Horse Show Management, but the Horse Show Management will, in no case, be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur, and it shall be a condition of entry that each exhibitor shall hold the Horse Show, the Show Management, the Northwest Miniature Horse Club, the Oregon Welsh Pony Society and the Arena facility harmless for any loss or accident to his horses, or equipment which may occur from sickness or otherwise.

## ENTRY PROCEDURE

Entries must be on the official entry form for the show. Entry forms may be photocopied for use. Fill out the necessary information for each horse entered, sign and send completely filled out entry form along with all required fees. Credit cards now accepted (fees will apply). NO NUMBERS WILL BE RELEASED WITHOUT FULL PAYMENT OF ALL FEES. If entry forms are postmarked on or before the closing of entries and are properly filled out, there will be no additional penalties. THERE WILL BE A \$25.00 ADMINISTRATIVE FEE CHARGED FOR EVERY ENTRY FORM NOT COMPLETELY FILLED OUT AND ALL NECESSARY INFORMATION PROVIDED. THIS MONEY MUST BE PAID BEFORE NUMBERS WILL BE ISSUED. NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED OVER THE PHONE. On any entry to be shown in any class, the exhibitor must use the complete name and number of the animal as it is shown on the horse's registration certificate. It is the responsibility of the exhibitors to be aware of progress of classes and be prepared to enter the ring promptly when a class has been called without prior public notice. The gate will remain open for two (2) minutes after each class has been called to enter the ring. Horses not in the arena when the gate is closed will be eliminated from the class. Breaks have been incorporated into the show schedule for necessary tack changes and to set up ring equipment. Additional gate holds, not to exceed two (2) minutes, requested by exhibitors may be called at the discretion of the

show manager. ALL GATE HOLDS MUST BE REQUESTED AT THE OFFICE AT LEAST FOUR (4) CLASSES IN ADVANCE OF THE REQUESTED HOLD. THOSE GRANTED GATE HOLDS WILL BE ISSUED A GATE HOLD

A PHOTOCOPY OF BOTH SIDES OF THE REGISTRATION PAPER MUST ACCOMPANY THE ENTRY FOR EACH HORSE AND WILL NOT BE RETURNED. Any exhibitor showing a senior stallion must also include a certificate of veterinarian inspection with their entry. Exhibitors are responsible for their own errors and those of their agents in the preparation of entry forms. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to notify the show manager if a credit from a previous show is being used. All show fees must be cleared before the end of each show.

## NON-PAYMENT OF OBLIGATIONS

Any person submitting a non-negotiable check, or who fails to clear past due fees before leaving the show grounds, will not be allowed to participate in any NWMHC sponsored show until the account is cleared. All outstanding accounts due the NWMHC must be settled within 30 days of the date the debt was incurred, or the end of the last show of the season, whichever comes first, in order to be eligible for yearend award including Gelding Incentive monies.

Any NSF check must be replaced by cash, money order or cashier's check within 30 days, including all bank fees and/or collection fees and a NWMHC \$50 charge for returned check(s). Failure to do so will result in a notice to AMHA.

## AMATEUR CLASSES

In order for an individual to enter amateur classes, he/she must qualify for amateur classes as defined by the current AMHA show rules, and have a valid amateur card issued by AMHA. The amateur card

number must be placed in the appropriate space on the entry form. If the exhibitor has been issued an amateur card they should include a copy of the card with their entries.

Applications for amateur cards will be available at the show office for exhibitors who have not been issued a card. If the exhibitor has not been issued an amateur card and plans on showing in amateur classes at the show, mark PENDING in the space requesting the exhibitor's card number. The exhibitor will be asked to complete an application for amateur status prior to being issued entry numbers at the show. Amateur cards are \$10.00 to AMHA members. The cost to non-members is \$50.00. They must be renewed annually. All horses shown in amateur classes must be either owned or leased by the exhibitors as defined in the 2018 AMHA Show Rules. If the registration papers do not show the exhibitor or family as the owner of record, a written verification of a lease from the AMHA, dated prior to the first show in which the horse is to be shown, must accompany the entries in order to allow the horse and exhibitor to compete in any amateur classes.

#### AMATEUR OWNED, TRAINED & EXHIBITED

Horses must be owned or leased, trained and shown by an amateur. To be eligible for this class the horse must have been purchased or leased prior to January 1 of the current year and the transfer of ownership or lease must have been completed by AMHA by the above date.

#### POST ENTRIES-ADDING CLASSES-LATE FEES

After the closing date of entries, the post entry fee will be an additional \$3.00 per class entered. Post entries or added classes will be accepted up to five classes prior to the class entering the ring provided that the horse is determined to be eligible for entry. Post entries made for the first five classes each day will be accepted up to one half (1/2) hour prior to the first class entering the ring. Exception - Liberty. Entries will not be accepted once order of go has been established. This will be done 5 classes or 1 hour before start of such class. POST ENTRIES MADE DURING THE SHOW MUST BE MADE AT THE SHOW OFFICE AND WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY FULL PAYMENT. An entry authorization will be issued at the show office and must be presented to the paddock manager prior to entering the ring. Management reserves the right to accept entries for unfilled classes after the closing date at the regular entry fee. Post entry fee for a horse not entered will be an additional \$25.00 if entered at the show. There will be a \$50.00 charge for all checks returned for lack of funds. This must be paid before entry numbers will be issued at this or any following show.

#### SCRATCHED CLASSES-REFUNDS

No entry fees will be refunded without a veterinarian's certificate as to the unsoundness of the entered horse. This must be presented to the show secretary before the first class on which the entry is to be shown. Failure to show a horse that has been entered constitutes a forfeiture of entry fees. In the event of the sudden illness of a horse after the entry deadline you may substitute another animal at no

additional charge. If this is done at the show it must be done within the time frame outlined in the Post Entry section, and a veterinarian's certificate must be provided.

## VANDALISM

Anyone found guilty of vandalism at a NWMHC Show can be removed from the grounds. If it is a minor the responsible adult will be removed also. There will be no refund of fees. The responsible parties will be accountable for any and all damages.

## YOUTH

All youth must have an AMHA Youth Card to show in youth classes at an AMHA show. Applications are available in the office. Children under 8 must be supervised by someone 13 or older at all times while on the show grounds. No children under 8 will be allowed in the warm up arena without the constant supervision by someone 13 & older. There will be no playpens, strollers, etc. in the warm up arena at any time. Parents failing to provide adequate supervision will be subject to review by the NWMHC board.

## AWARDS

Youth classes, ribbons to 8th

Amateur and Open classes, ribbons to 6th

Championship classes, ribbons to Grand & Reserve

Supreme, ribbon

Any inappropriate behavior may result in expulsion from the show.

The NWMHC reserves the right to refuse service to anyone.

## CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

THESE DESCRIPTIONS ARE DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY TO PROVIDE A GENERAL UNDERSTANDING OF VARIOUS TERMS AND DESCRIPTIONS USED IN RELATION TO THIS SHOW. THEY ARE PROVIDED TO ASSIST NEWCOMERS & SPECTATORS GAIN A BASIC AWARENESS OF THE CRITERION FOR VARIOUS CLASSES. THEY ARE IN NO WAY INTENDED TO SUPERCEDE, REPLACE, OR BE USED IN LIEU OF THE OFFICIAL RULES RELATED TO SHOWING. FOR MORE SPECIFIC DEFINITIONS AND RULE STATEMENTS, REFER TO THE CURRENT AMHA SHOW RULES.

**HALTER:** Horses to be shown in hand at a walk & a trot. Horses are shown with all four feet flat on the ground & square, or at least one front & one rear cannon bone perpendicular to the ground. Stretched horses to be penalized. Transmissible weakness and unsoundness to be penalized. In the case of two animals being judged equal, the higher placement shall be awarded to the smaller animal.

**HALTER CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Shall include the first and second place winners for the appropriate age & height divisions. The champions will be selected from the first-place winners in a given division. The second-place winner from the class providing the Champion & the other first place horses will be eligible for Reserve Champion.

**SUPREME HALTER HORSE;** This individual is selected from among the Champions of the various divisions, Junior Champion Mare, Stallion & Gelding, Senior Champion Mare, Stallion & Gelding.

**SHOWMANSHIP:** Classes in which the exhibitor is judged based on the manner in which the animal is shown, groomed & fitted. The conformation traits of the horse are not a factor in these classes.

**HALTER OBSTACLE:** These are classes where the horse is shown in hand & the animal is judged 100% on the manner of the performance through the course.

**OBSTACLE DRIVING:** Similar to halter obstacle with the exception that the animal is driven through a course hitched to a cart.

**HUNTER:** Horses are judged on their style, manners & way of going over the fences. Exhibitors are not allowed to go over the jumps & whips are NOT permitted. Horses in this class are 3 yrs. old or older.

**JUMPER:** Horses are judged on accumulated faults. In the event of identical scores for exhibitors, jumps are raised & a jump off is held for first place only. Exhibitors may go over the jumps with the horses. Horses in this class are 3 yrs. or older. Whips are not permitted.

**ROADSTER:** Horses are shown in a bike with stirrups & no basket. Horses are to be 3 yrs. of age or older. The exhibitor is dressed in racing silks. Horses are shown at 3 speeds, the Slow Jog Trot, Road Gait, & at a full extended Drive On Trot. Horses are not asked to rein back. Horses enter the arena clockwise at the jog trot.

**SINGLE PLEASURE DRIVING:** Horses shown in these classes are 3 yrs. or older. Horses are shown in a two-wheel vehicle with baskets in Open Pleasure Driving & Youth Pleasure Driving. Horses are shown both ways of the arena & judged at the Walk, Collected Trot, & Working Trot. Horses enter the ring counter clockwise at a collected trot. Horses should stand quietly & rein back. Gaits of horse in pleasure driving classes should be natural & not artificially enhanced.

**COUNTRY PLEASURE DRIVING:** Horses shown in this class are 3 yrs. or older. Horses are shown in two-wheel pleasure vehicles only. Horses are to be judged on attitude, manners, performance, quality & conformation in that order. Horses are to be shown both ways of the ring at the Walk, Pleasure Trot, & Working Trot. Horses will enter the ring counter-clockwise at the Pleasure Trot & will be required to stand quietly & back readily.

**CLASSIC PLEASURE DRIVING:** Horses shown in this class are 3 yrs. or older. Horses are shown hitched to show cart with either wooden or metal spoke wheels. A basket is mandatory. Horses are to be judged on attitude, manners, performance, quality & conformation in that order. Horses are to be shown both ways of the ring at the Walk, Pleasure Trot, & Working Trot. Horses will enter the ring counter-clockwise at the Pleasure Trot & will be required to stand quietly & back readily. A horse shown in Classic Pleasure Driving cannot be shown in Country Pleasure or Single Pleasure in the same show.

**YOUTH CLASSES:** Open to anyone 18 years of age or under as of January 1 of the current year. Youth classes are further divided into age groups. Age as of January 1 is used to determine a child's age for the show year. For specific rules relating to youth showing stallion, refer to the AMHA Show Rules.

**COLOR CLASSES:** Horses are judged 80% on color and 20% on conformation. Horses in color classes are circled both way of the ring to provide the judges an opportunity to view both sides of the animals. Multi-color classes are open to pinto & appaloosa marked horses. Solid color classes are open to all non-patterned colors.

**AMATEUR CLASSES:** Open to any individual who is no longer eligible to show in youth classes & has not shown, judged, instructed, trained or assisted in training a horse for another person for pay within the last 5 yrs. In order to show a horse in amateur classes, the horse must either be owned or leased by the exhibitor or the exhibitor's family prior to being shown. All leases must be on record with the AMHA prior to the show date. In order to show in amateur classes, the exhibitor must show proof of amateur status by presenting an AMHA amateur card or applying for an amateur card at the show prior to entering the ring.

**AMATEUR OWNED, TRAINED & EXHIBITED:** These classes are open to amateurs whose horse is trained, conditioned, groomed & shown by the amateur or other nonprofessional family member.

**LIMIT DRIVING CLASSES:** These classes are open to horses who have not won 6 first places at recognized AMHA shows in driving.

**OPEN CLASSES:** These classes are open to all competitors

**SENIOR HORSES:** For the purpose of this show, senior horses are animals which are 3 yrs. of age or older. Senior horses compete in halter classes based on their height.

**JUNIOR HORSES:** Junior horses are animals that are no more than 2 yrs. of age. In halter classes, junior horses compete against each other based on their ages & heights. Classes are for weanlings, yearlings & two-year olds.

**LIBERTY:** Liberty class is what its name implies. The horses halter is removed and then allowed to work at liberty for 1 ½ minutes. Two handlers are allowed in the arena during this period. All horses shown in the liberty class are at least 1 yr. old.

Whips are allowed but the horse cannot be touched after the halter is removed.

After the liberty period, the exhibitor has 1 ½ minutes to catch & halter the horse. Music is required.

**VERSATILITY:** The horse will be shown first in driving, then shown in halter & as a hunter. Horses do not leave the arena between divisions unless a split is required for safety in the driving portion of the class.

**DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS:** These classes are similar to halter championship classes in that the first & second place award winners in each of the various driving classes (single pleasure, country pleasure, classic pleasure & roadster) offered at the show will be called back into the arena for these classes to determine a champion & reserve champion pleasure driving, country pleasure driving, classic pleasure driving & roadster horse.

**FOR A COMPLETE EXPLANATION OF ALL REGULATIONS CONSULT THE CURRENT AMHA SHOW RULES.**

## ATTENTION

Please remember if you have any type of a vehicle or trailer (truck, horse trailer, or car) parked in an RV spot you **WILL** be charged for RV parking. This is a rule of the facility, so your cooperation would be greatly appreciated. You must have a camping permit visibly posted in the window of your vehicle. They are available in the show office.

## VENDORS

Vendors will not be allowed to sell their merchandise from stalls or in front of stalls at any NWMHC show. Check with the show coordinator for available vending spaces.