

Newsrelease

AMHA Hosts 2008 Judges Seminar in The Netherlands

The American Miniature Horse Association is announcing the 2008 International Judge's Seminar will be held on November 8 & 9, 2008 in Leusden, Holland. The International Judge's Seminar will be open to all persons interested in becoming a licensed International AMHA Judge and Miniature horse show exhibitors. The seminar becomes a venue for the improvement of judging and showing skills for all Miniature Horse owners and exhibitors.

The location of the seminar will be the Hotel Leusden and the venue for the live horse activities is the De Vier Hoeven, located a short distance from the hotel. Attendees will receive a 10% hotel lodging discount if they use the booking code, GFC6127. The 2 day cost of the seminar is \$120 US Funds Only, for those selecting only attend 1 day, the cost will be \$70 US Funds Only.

Advance registration is mandatory to reserve space, as each venue has limited meeting room space. To be guaranteed a space all registrations need to be submitted by **October 23, 2008**. Contact the AMHA office for a registration application.

All persons desiring to become licensed AMHA International Judges must attend the 2 day educational program, take a written exam over the AMHA rules and regulations, and participate in a personal interview regarding show and judging situations. International judges will be limited to adjudicating AMHA show outside of the United States. All licensed judges must participate in a professional improvement seminar once every 2 years.

The 2 day seminar agenda would include the following schedule of event and educational forums:

Saturday

8:00-9:00	Registration
9:00am 10:30am	Lecture Session One
10:30-10:45am	Morning Break
10:45-12:00	Lecture Session Two
12:00-12:45	Noon Break
1:00-2:30pm	Lecture Session Three
2:30-2:45pm	Afternoon Break
2:45-4:00pm	Lecture Session Four
4:00-4:15pm	Break
4:15-5:30pm	Lecture Session Five – Open Discussions, any topics
7:30- ?	Interviews

Sunday

8:00 – Noon	Live Horse Session One [see topics below]
10:30-10:45am	Morning Break
Noon-1:00pm	Noon Break
1:00-2:30	Live Horse Session Two
2:30-2:45	Afternoon Break
2:45-4:00	Closing session, Reviews, Interviews, Written Examinations

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Lecture Session Topics:

Learning to Think Like a Judge
Professional Conduct and Ethics
Developing a Method of Evaluation
Analysis of Form to Function
Analysis of Gait and Movement
Methods to Assess and Record Exhibitors
Rules and Regulations for Shows

Live Horse Session Topics:

Conformation and Gait Analysis – Developing the “Eye” to See the Real Horse
In-Hand Presentation – Protocols and Procedures
Showmanship – Patterns and Scoring
Obstacle – Evaluation and Scoring
Driving – Differentiation between Single Pleasure/Harness and Country Pleasure Driving.
Judging and Scoring Hunters and Jumpers

Applications for participation at the seminar for all attendees can be obtained from the offices of the American Miniature Horse Association, Kristy Mackey, Kristy@amha.org. For information on the seminar content and participation contact Wayne G. Hipsley at HipsleyandAssocs@aol.com.