

**2024 ANNUAL MEETING RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS TO BE VOTED ON**

**BYLAWS**

**Article VII, Section 2, Qualifications**                      page B-12                      #2423  
Submitted by Bylaws Committee

**Add C.**

**Any director that fails to abide by the American Miniature Horse Association Board of Directors Job Description and Expectations of AMHA Board Members can be removed from the AMHA board of directors by a majority vote of the other board members.**

**RULES & REGULATIONS**

**193A Qualifications**    page R-27                      #2425  
Submitted by Shawn Hester  
**Add 3 - 5:**

- 3. Be 12 months of age or greater by its actual date of birth prior to hardship measuring of 32 inches or under.**
- 4. Be 24 months of age or greater by the actual date of birth prior to hardship measuring of 33 inches or under**
- 5. Horses with a Temporary Hardship Registration must be remeasured by the end of 3 years as outlined in Rule 193 C and 193 D1,2& 4. Temporary papers must be presented to the measurer/inspector to identify the horse; the only additional fee will be the Temporary to Permanent fee. No reimbursement will be made if the horse fails the remeasurement or inspection.**

**SHOW RULES**

**GR-025-D-1**    page S-9                      #2401  
Submitted by Kaycee Lunde

Change c to: Approved AMHA Clubs

Change d to: Major Stock Shows, State, or County Fairs

Add to d: Double Point Fair/Stock/Exhibition Show

- 1. Application for a Double Honor Roll point Fair, Stock, Exhibition show are to be submitted to the AMHA office on the Show Approval Form. The AMHA office shall award the Double Pointed Fair/Stock/Exhibition for each AMHA Region. Only one Double Honor**

**Roll point Fair/Stock/Exhibition show will be awarded per Region with the largest Fair/Stock/Exhibition given priority.**

- 2. Any Fair, Stock, or Exhibition that includes all AMHA classes as required by the GR-025-D1 hardship show approval minimum class list, along with having an AMHA licensed judge for said show, will be awarded one set of double honor roll points per Judge, up to 2 Judges.**

*“Currently a Standing Rule in place for 2024.”*

**GOES WITH**

**PA-015 Points**

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**#2402**

Submitted by Kaycee Lunde

**Add E: For Double Point Fair/Stock/Exhibition Show points refer to GR-025 D1. C**

*“Currently a Standing Rule in place for 2024.”*

**YD-010, H**

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**#2403**

Submitted by Youth Committee

Youth or COOL driving classes requiring an accompanying person for safety, (adult for all youth classes,) requires that the accompanying person remain in the cart at all times until the exhibitor leaves the arena. A separate header will be required for all youth drivers with an accompanying adult. ~~The accompanying adult will not assist the driver verbally or physically.~~

**It is optional for 7 & Under to have a Mentor accompany the youth in the cart. Accompanying Mentor is not to assist or interfere with the physical driving of the horse.** The touching of the driver by hand will constitute assistance. The accompanying adult's ~~Mentor's~~ hands must remain on the seat, on the cart, or in their own lap. Any **physical** assistance will result in automatic disqualification of that entry. **Verbally Mentoring is reserved for emergency situations in a subdued tone of voice as not to distract other youth. Verbally Mentoring is to be penalized but severity is up to the judges based on the situation.**

**PA-030-B**

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**#2404a**

Submitted by Marie Powell

**ADD #41: Open Golden Halter Obstacle (exhibitor 60 years or older)**

Renumber rest of classes

**GOES WITH**

**WS-030 A**

Submitted by Marie Powell

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**#2404b**

**ADD #115 Open Golden Halter Obstacle (exhibitor 60 years or older)**

Renumber rest of classes

**CL-080 Pattern #10**

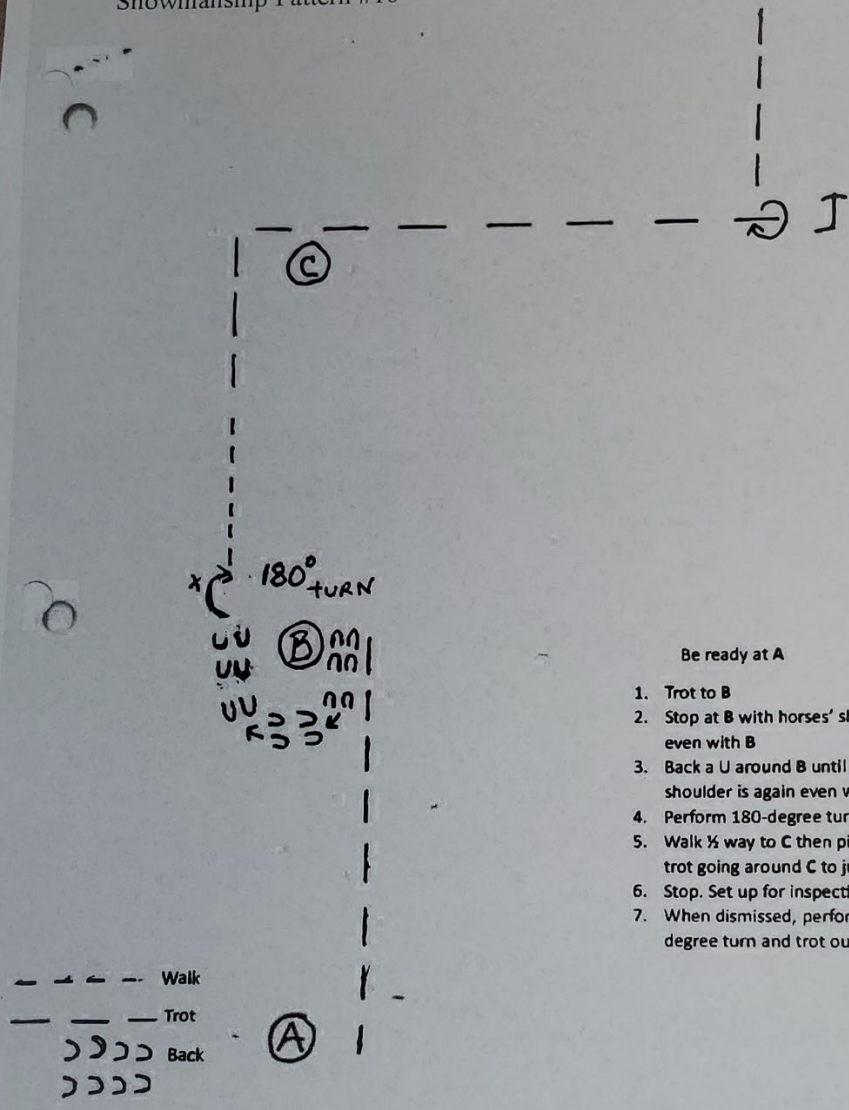
Submitted by Ailene Tarap

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**#2405**

**ADD Pattern #10** (*see Figure #1*)

Showmanship Pattern #10



Be ready at A

1. Trot to B
2. Stop at B with horses' shoulder even with B
3. Back a U around B until horses' shoulder is again even with B
4. Perform 180-degree turn
5. Walk 1/4 way to C then pick up trot going around C to judge.
6. Stop. Set up for inspection.
7. When dismissed, perform 270-degree turn and trot out

Figure 1

Figure #1 – Pattern #10

ADD Pattern #11 (see Figure #2)

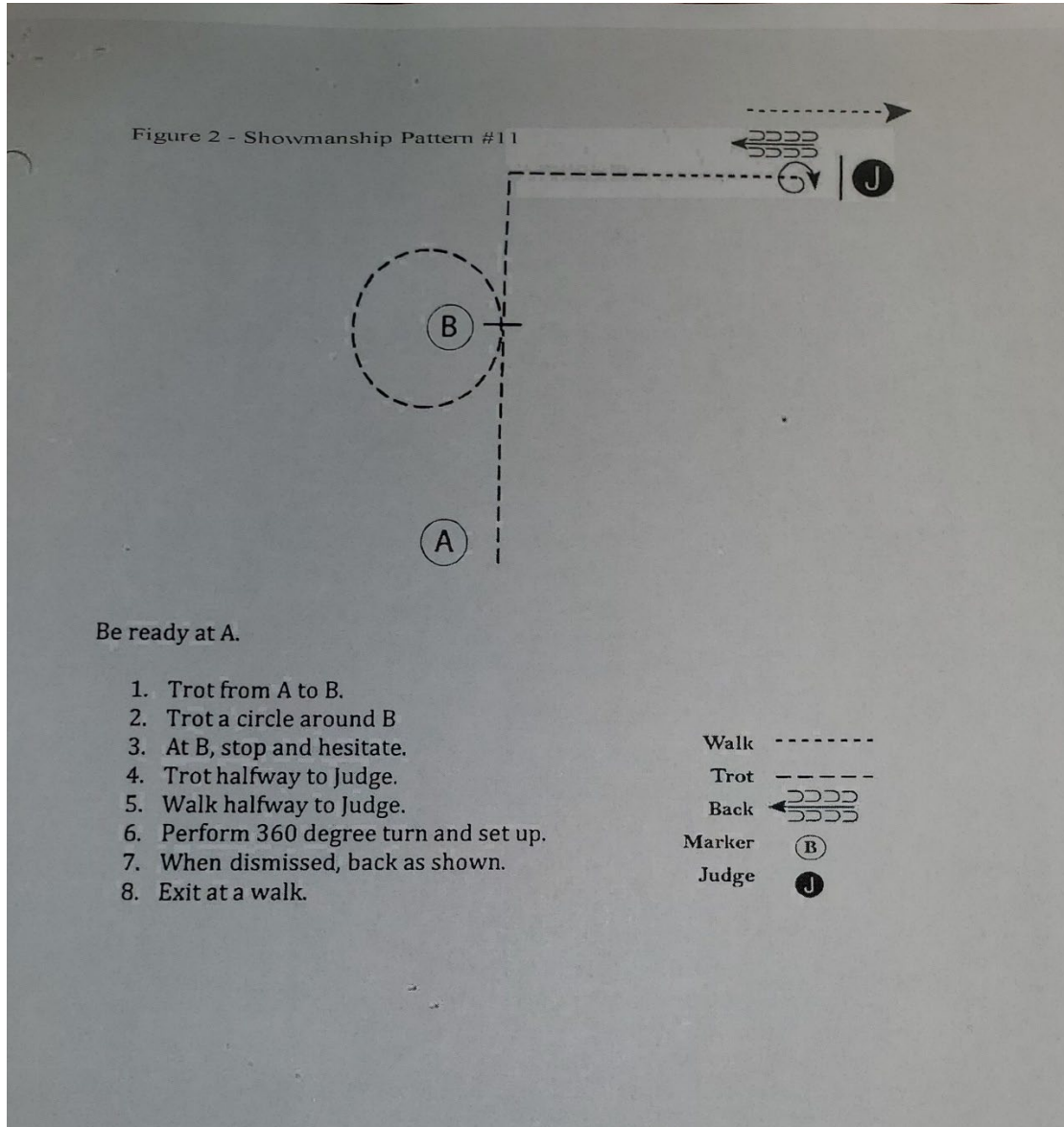


Figure #2 – Pattern #11

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**#2407**

Submitted by Stock Horse Committee

*Change E* **Stock Horse Champion (if given)**

**Grand and Reserve for Stock Horse Champion**

**First and second place winner stallions, mares, & gelding Open classes**

**First and second place winner stallions, mares, & gelding Amateur classes**

*Re-letter rest*

**PA-015**

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**#2408**

Submitted by Stock Horse Committee

**ADD E. The horse awarded Grand Champion Stock Horse will receive two (2) additional points regardless of the number of horses competing in that division. The horse awarded Reserve Grand Champion will receive one (1) additional point.**

**PA-020 D**

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**#2409**

Submitted by Stock Horse Committee

**ADD D. All first and second place winners of the Open Stock stallions, mares and geldings must show in the Open Stock Horse Championship class unless excused by the judge(s) or show manager. All first and second place winners of the Amateur Stock stallions, mares, and geldings must show in the Amateur Stock Grand Championship class. If an Amateur has more than one horse in the Amateur Stock Grand Championship class, the additional horse(s) must be exhibited by another Amateur handler or be withdrawn with the permission of the judge(s) or show management.**

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Submitted by Stock Horse Committee

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#2410

Change image to: (Figure #3)

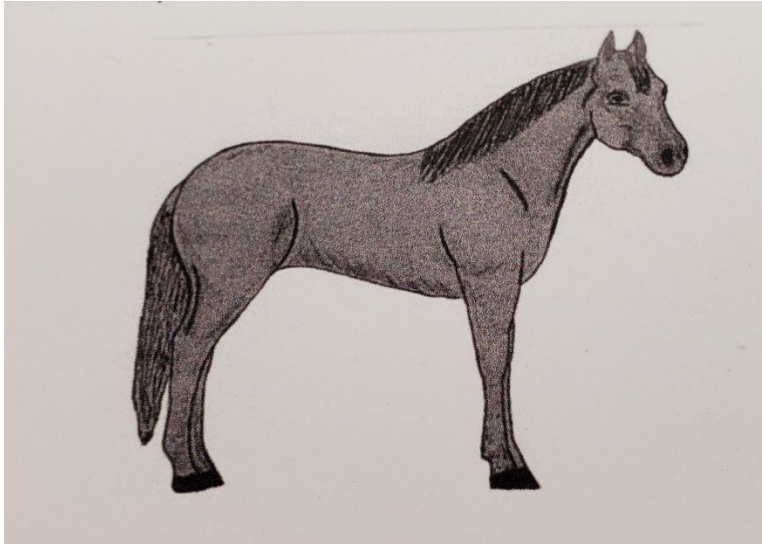


Figure #3

GR-020-G-1

Submitted by Jacob Elliott

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#2413

1. A permanent measurement card may be issued for horses 60 months and older when measured by a certified measurer at both a Championship Show and the World Show in the same show year providing the horse measured is 34" and under per AMHA rules. If the measurements at the 2 shows are different, the higher measurement will be used.  
**For horses outside of the United States, a permanent measurement card may be issued after 60 months when measured by a certified measurer at both an approved local show and Championship Show. The horse must measure 34" and under per AMHA rules. If the measurements at the two shows are different, the higher measurement will be used.**

WS-030 Classes

Submitted by Youth Committee

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#2414

ADD

**227. World Youth Grand Champion Stock-Type\*\*\***

**228. World Youth Grand Champion Halter Gelding\*\*\***

**229. World Youth Grand Champion Halter Mare\*\*\***

**\*\*\* These classes to be offered at each Regional Championship Show and at the World Championship show only.**

**Clarification: If the youth qualifies more than one horse for the same Grand class, they will have to choose one (1) horse they will show unless another youth is also qualified to show one (1) of the horses per WS-030 C.**

**GR-030-D-4-f**

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**#2415**

Submitted by Paul Tarap (LOC)

A judge shall not appear on the show grounds prior to thirty (30) minutes before judging **unless accommodations have been arranged by the show manager for the judge to be on the show grounds with their own RV, rented RV, or show facility's overnight rooms. Judges may not converse or socialize with any exhibitors in the RV/accommodations area.** A judge shall not visit the horse stall area, nor speak with owners, trainers, exhibitors, or owner's representatives nor inspect or discuss a horse entered in the show before the judging, nor shall he/she review the program until after the judging has been completed. **Violations of this rule will be subject to review by the LOC and may result in license suspension.**

*Currently a standing rule in place for 2024*

**CL-025 J**

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**#2416**

Submitted by Paul Tarap (LOC)

J. Score sheets are available on the AMHA website for use in judging **Showmanship, Halter Obstacle, Obstacle Driving, Hunter, Jumper, Versatility, and Liberty.** These score sheets outline scoring rules, penalties, faults, pluses, etc. that **must** be used for scoring AMHA classes in addition to what is outlined in the AMHA Rulebook. **Use of official AMHA score sheets is mandatory and must be turned in to show management.**

*Currently a standing rule in place for 2024*

**GR-000**

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**#2418**

Submitted by Show Rules

The Show Rules Committee shall consist of eleven (11) Regular members, five (5) members who have been retained from the previous three years from which a chairman shall be selected by those remaining members. The six (6) newly elected members may or may not be previous members. The nominations for these remaining six (6) positions will be made and elected by the membership present at the Annual Meeting. Committee members must **participate in** the Show Rules Committee meeting held at the Annual Convention, mid-year Board Meeting, and the World Championship Show in order to be eligible for the committee the next year. Failure to **participate in** both the mid-year workshop meeting and the World Championship Show may result in dismissal. If a



vacancy arises, the committee will fill the vacancy by appointment at the discretion of the committee.

**AM-010, clarifications, h,1**  
Submitted by AOTE Committee

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**#2420**

1. Violations at Local/Championship/World Shows: the declared AOTE horse will be disqualified from all **AOTE** classes in the calendar year where the violation occurred. The AOTE horse will forfeit its AOTE status for the remainder of the calendar year it was declared for. The Amateur will be subject to the AMHA Disciplinary Committee.

**YD-010-D-h-2**  
Submitted by AOTE Committee

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**#2421**

After h.2, ADD Clarifications

<sup>1</sup> "Grooming" includes bathing, clipping, razoring and all other allowable enhancements needed to prepare horse for showing.

<sup>2</sup> "Conditioning" includes, but is not limited to, exercising and neck or body wrapping.

<sup>3</sup> If you co-own your horse with a non-related individual, only one owner (household/family) can show the horse YOTE, and the other owner will not be allowed to show the horse that calendar year. Dental, medical and farrier care do NOT have to be done by the YOTE exhibitor.

Must be harnessed by YOTE handler/owner or non-professional family member  
Headers - Only non-professionals can head YOTE horses.

4 Must be measured at all shows by the YOTE handler/owner or non-professional family member.

1. Exhibitor exceptions: Another Youth may show YOTE horses in Championship classes only when the YOTE exhibitor has more than one horse qualified. Another Youth may assist in any class requiring multiple handlers.

2. Horse handling exemptions: A YOTE horse may be held or petted by anyone. The petting of a horse with your bare hand is not considered grooming the horse. Anyone may assist a YOTE horse in an emergency.

3. Transportation YOTE horses may be transported to and from shows by anyone, including trainers. This includes loading, unloading, feeding and watering during transport.

b. (con't). Ownership The owner or lessee of record must be so recorded on the registration certificate (not postmarked) by January 1st of each year in which the YOTE horse is to be shown. If a horse is acquired or recorded on the registration certificate in the AMHA office after January 1, the youth owner/lessee must wait until the following year to enter the YOTE classes.

c. Foals Current year foals, whose dams met the ownership or lease requirements on January 1 (lease must be dated on or before January 1), may be shown by a YOTE exhibitor who would be eligible to show the dam.

d. YOTE Declaration A horse will be declared a YOTE horse when it enters its first YOTE class of the calendar year. Prior to being declared, the YOTE horse must abide by the YOTE rules starting on January 1st. The YOTE horse must be shown under the YOTE guidelines for one calendar year starting on January 1st regardless of the class entered (including open division classes).

e. Opt-Out A declared YOTE horse may be removed from the YOTE program by submitting the YOTE Opt-Out Declaration form to the AMHA Office. The YOTE Opt-Out Form must be on file with the Office prior to the YOTE horse being trained, conditioned, groomed, or shown by a professional trainer. The Opt-Out Declaration will not be accepted during the course of any show. Fees - See Fee Schedule.

f. Sale of a YOTE Horse: Should a declared YOTE horse be sold during the calendar year it was designated for, a YOTE Opt-out Declaration Form must be submitted to the Office prior to, or with the Transfer of Ownership or Lease. Once a horse has been sold, it must wait until the following calendar year to enter YOTE classes.

g. YOTE showing in other divisions: The YOTE horse and handler may show in their appropriate Youth classes or open division class.

h. Rule Violations: Failure to abide by the YOTE rules: Once YOTE horse has begun showing within a given calendar year will result in the following penalties:

1. Violations at Local/Championship/World Shows: the declared YOTE horse will be disqualified from all classes at the show where the violation occurred. The YOTE horse will forfeit its YOTE status for the remainder of the calendar year it was declared for. The Youth will be subject to the AMHA Disciplinary Committee.
2. All alleged violations must be substantiated by official records, show management observation, or other recorded visual evidence.

**AM-010 Clarifications**  
Submitted by AOTE Committee

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**#2422**

#### CLARIFICATIONS

1 "Grooming" includes bathing, clipping, razoring and all other allowable enhancements needed to prepare horse for showing.