

SECTION III

GENERAL RULES Part 4 - Youth Rules

2019 RULEBOOK

of the
American Shetland Pony Club
American Miniature Horse Registry
American Show Pony Registry
National Sport Performance Pony Registry
American Shetland Pony International Registry



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- 4.1 Eligibility** - Youth is an individual who has not attained eighteen years of age as of December 1st of the current competition year (example: for 2018, a youth must not have attained 18 years of age by December 1, 2017 and will be considered a Youth for that entire show season.
- 4.2 Youth Membership** - Upon making proper application for youth membership, the office will issue a one-time youth membership card, valid until they reach their competition year limit. A Youth Membership does not give the youth eligibility to register a pony/horse unless an adult member in his/her family has a valid membership. Non-member prices charged without a valid adult membership in the house-hold.
- 4.3 Dress** - Dress for the youth exhibitor should be appropriate for purpose. Dress should be safe, neat, and clean for the Rider, Driver, or Exhibitor. Closed toe/heel foot attire is required (boots or athletic shoes). No T-shirts, shorts, skirts above the knee, strapless tops, or canvas/cloth shoes allowed.
- 4.4 Miniature Horse Division Class Entries**
- A. Youth 13 – 17 years of age may show senior stallions (3 years or older) in Youth Hunter, Youth Jumper, Youth Driving, or Youth Obstacle Classes.
 - B. Youth 13 – 17 years of age may show stallions in Open Halter and Performance classes.
 - C. Youth are not allowed to show a stallion in any Youth Halter or Youth Showmanship class with the exception of 13 – 17 year olds may show in the Junior Stallion class at AMHR Nationals.
 - D. Youth under 13 years of age may not show stallions of any age, including junior stallions (weanlings, year-

lings, or 2 year olds), in any class.

4.5 Shetland Division Class Entries

- A. Youth are not allowed to show a stallion in any Youth Halter or Youth Showmanship class.
- B. Stallions are not allowed in any Classic Youth Performance classes.
- C. Exception: Youth may show a stallion foal of current year.

4.6 Modern/Modern Pleasure/American Show Pony Youth Rules

4.6.1 Youth Exhibitor In Hand. The exhibitor is to have complete control of the pony throughout the class. One tailer is permitted. Tailer will retire to the end gate after the class is worked.

4.6.2 Modern Showmanship Youth Exhibitors are to enter the ring at the trot, single file on the rail and then line-up at center ring. Exhibitor is to show his/her pony to the presiding (call) Judge only. Pony is to be shown as in a halter class. See Showmanship Section for Rules. Youth Showmanship Rules of the Modern, Modern Pleasure, and American Show Pony. There are to be no patterns or pivots as required in other divisions.

4.7 Classic/Foundation & Miniature Youth Showmanship - Exhibitor is to show his/her pony to the presiding (call) Judge only. The half system is used when exhibiting your horse or pony. See Showmanship Section for Rules. Entries are limited to mares & geldings.

4.8 General Performance Division Youth Rules

4.8.1 Headers Required - All youth exhibitors in any driving class **must have a header** 16 years or older. Headers are to enter the ring when the line-up is called, may assist in setting up the animal and then step back two paces where they are to remain, except in an emergency, until the judge's card is turned in.

- 4.8.2 Helmet Required** - Youth exhibitors in Roadster and in Under Saddle Classes, must wear protective headgear (Certified ASTM/SEI Equine Helmet). Headgear harness must be secured and properly fitted.
- 4.8.3 Leaders** - All Youth Classes which requires a “leader”, that leader must be 16 years or older.
- 4.8.4 Riding attendants** (riders) are optional in Youth driving classes. The youth shall be in full control of the pony/horse without assistance. Attendants must be sixteen (16) years old or older for safety reasons.
- 4.8.5 Spotter** - Any class where a Youth 7 & Younger is competing is allowed a spotter for safety reasons, the spotter must be at least 16 years of age or older. The spotter must stand back 2 paces from the Youth and pony/horse, where they are to remain except in an emergency.
- 4.8.6 Equitation Division** - All classes will be judged equally on hands, seat, and control of mount and suitability of purpose. English or Western. Youth may not cross enter into Leadline classes. No Stallions permitted.
- 4.8.7 Hunter/Jumper Over Fences** - Rider to be 14 years of age or younger. No stallions permitted.
- 4.8.8 Leadline Class** - Rider to be six years old or younger. No stallions permitted.
- 4.8.9 Leading Rein** - Pony to be ridden by Youth, 8 years of age or younger. No stallions permitted.
- 4.8.10 Under Saddle Classes** - Rider’s attire should be appropriate to the equipment being used, English or Western. No stallions permitted.
- 4.8.11 Walk Class** - Youth 12 years of age and under (Moderns) 10 years of age and under (Classics). No stallions permitted.
- 4.8.12 Walk-Trot Class** - Youth 12 years of age and under (Moderns) 10 and Under and 11-17 years of age (Classics). No stallions permitted.

4.8.13 Youth Halter Obstacle - Attendants sixteen years of age or older, may be allowed in the ring during Youth Halter Obstacle for safety purposes only. Attendants must not interfere with or influence individual's or equine's performance.

4.9 AMHR Nationals Show - American Miniature Horse Registry Youth Entries

A. To qualify for the AMHR National Show, the Youth and Miniature horses entered must have shown together under two (2) judges prior to the AMHR National Show.

1. The Youth must qualify by showing that horse in a Youth or Open class.
2. Any Youth showing in a Youth or Open class must have a signed AMHR Nationals Qualification Form from the show manager confirming that they have shown the miniature in a Youth or Open class. The form is available from the National Office and is also available on the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR Website www.shetlandminiature.com.
3. In addition, the horse must also qualify as normal for AMHR Nationals.
 - a. ASPC/AMHR/ASPR may require that a copy of a birth certificate be submitted to verify the eligibility of a youth.

5.0 Any youth that engages in business activities and/or accepts remuneration for equine activities prior to attaining the age of 18, do not qualify to move into the Amateur Division. Amateur reinstatement rules apply.

