

**SECTION IV**  
**REGISTRATION 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**

Registration



## SECTION IV

### GENERAL RULES -

#### REGISTRATION RULES

##### 1.1 Registration - Responsibility/ Liability

- A. The American Shetland Pony Club will not assume responsibility of settling civil disputes between members or non-members.
- B. The American Shetland Pony Club, its officers, directors, members of committees, employees, representative, and agents will attempt to obtain true and complete information in connection with registration of animals, transfer of registration certificates, hearings, and all other matters related to activities of the Corporation. Except for intentional wrongdoing, neither the American Shetland Pony Club, nor its officers, directors, committee members, employees, representatives or agents will be liable in any way, for issuance of any pedigree certificate, for the transfer of any pedigree certificate, for the cancellation of any pedigree certificate, for the refusal to issue a pedigree certificate, for the issuance of any pedigree statements, for the refusal to transfer any pedigree certificate, for any disciplinary procedure brought against or penalties imposed on any member or non-member as described in these Rules or for any other activities engaged in, by or on behalf of the American Shetland Pony Club.
- C. Other than as set forth above, neither The American Shetland Pony Club, nor any of its directors, officers, employees, committee members, representatives or agents shall be liable in any event for any action or failure to act in connection with the operation of the Registries maintained by the Corporation.
1. Any Registry record found to be inaccurate may be expunged or altered as deemed appropriate by the Director of Operations or the Board of Directors.
  2. If any statement in any registration or transfer application should at any time be found to be inaccurate, the

registration or transfer may be omitted from publication or published in altered form. If any error in published information should be discovered after publication, the correction may be made and published in such form as the Director of Operations or Board of Directors may determine.

3. No warranties, express or implied, arise from the issuance of any registry record by the Corporation. All records issued by the Corporation shall be issued on an “as is” basis in reliance on information supplied by the member seeking issuance of the record.
4. Registry records issued by the Corporation remain the property of the Corporation, and no member shall be entitled to claim any ownership interest in the record.

**1.2 General Registration Rules** - Performance and breeding divisions: All Shetland ponies must be registered with the American Shetland Pony Club, American Show Ponies must be registered with the American Show Pony Registry and Miniature Horses must be registered with the American Miniature Horse Registry to show at all sanctioned shows.

- A. Animals obtained by legal seizure, where a registration certificate and/or transfer is not obtained from the owner of record, must be brought before the Board of Directors and only in cases where there is clear proof of ownership and clear identification of the animal will a transfer of ownership be allowed.
- B. Registration must be evidenced by the original certificate or a photo static copy of the same. For show purposes, if there are no registration papers on site, the animal will not be allowed to show. As of March 8, 2014, the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR incorporated photo registration certificates being optional for all divisions within the registry. Photos or Marking Drawings are required for all registry work, including registration, transfers, leases/terminations, stallion to gelding, certificate corrections, and when applying for permanent status if the current registration certificate does not include photos or drawings.

- C. No Shetland or Miniature Horse foal may be registered out of a sire or dam unless BOTH have reached their actual third birthday during the foaling year.
- D. All animals are a year older January 1st for show purposes only.
- E. All Rules are to be observed by everyone in any way connected with exhibiting, showing, handling and judging Shetland Ponies, American Show Ponies and Miniature Horses.
- F. A Gelding Certificate must be completed and turned in with the registration application when registering an animal as a gelding. Gelding status must be on the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR registration paper for the animal to be shown in a gelding class.
- G. A name change for Shetlands or Miniatures will be accepted by the Registry only with written permission of the breeder, and provided there is no registered progeny or show record and proper fee is submitted.
- H. Ponies registered with ASPC or AHHS will retain their name when registered into ASPR and horses registered with ASPC, AMHA or Falabella will retain their name when hardshipped into AMHR. Exception: AMHA, Falabella, or AHHS names that conflict with a prefix or suffix reserved with ASPC/AMHR/ASPR.

(Note: No prefix or suffix conflict exists when cross registering from ASPC to ASPR or hardshipping from ASPC to AMHR. A ponies ASPC registered name will be retained when it is cross registered ASPR or hardshipped AMHR.)

### 1.3 Registration Instructions

- A. Applicant Certification on Registration Papers: Upon applicant signature on the registration application – applicant certifies that the information submitted on this document is true and correct to their knowledge and agrees to abide by the rules set forth by the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR.
  - 1. If there is ever a question about the age of an animal, you must agree to have said animal inspected and/or mouthed to verify its age. Remember, the informa-

tion contained on the application will be used as documentation for the registration certificate. Be sure you are correct on the spelling of all names, registration numbers, the complete foaling date, the accurate description of the animal and note any distinguishable markings. The following information is required for all registration applications:

- a. Signature of Owner – Owner (owner of the dam at time of foaling), or owner’s authorized agent must sign the application. Owner signature card must be on file with the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR Office.
- b. Foaling Date – Give month, day and year.
- c. Name of animal to be registered. Two name choices are requested in case one name has already been taken. Names cannot have more than thirty-five (35) letters, including spaces and punctuation. Please check (yes) or (no) as to whether or not you wish a name to be chosen if your second choice is not acceptable. If you check “no”, you will be contacted for further choices. If you checked “yes”, a name similar to your preferred name will be chosen.
- d. Gender-Circle whether the animal is a stallion, mare, or gelding. (If you are registering a gelding, remember to include a Gelding Certification form signed by your vet or the person performing the procedure, indicating date animal was castrated).
- e. Name and Registration Number of Sire and Dam – give complete name of sire and dam and the registration numbers.
- f. Color of Body– Please be specific. “Dapple” or Roan” alone cannot be accepted as a color. Circle if horse is a Roan, Appaloosa, or Pinto.
- g. Color of Mane and Tail.
- h. Head Markings  
Leg Markings
- i. Breeder – This is the owner of the mare at the

time of service.

- j. If submitting photos (optional); include four (4) current photographs of the animal:

- (1) Full profile/side view of left side.
- (2) Full profile/side view of right side; In either right or left side photo the animal's head must be turned towards the camera with the forelock pulled back to show face markings or lack of.
- (3) Full facing forward frontal view; and
- (4) Full rear view.
- (5) All four legs must be seen from both sides;
- (6) Markings on face must be visible.
- (7) All photos should include all parts of the animal available in that view (ears to hooves or nose to tail inclusive) and be unobstructed by any other object or animal.
- (8) Photos must be a minimum of 3"x 5" and a maximum of 4"x 6". Scanned, digital or computer generated photos, if they are received on photographic paper, are acceptable. Additional photos should be submitted to verify markings not seen in the standard four photos (i.e., white on belly, markings under mane area, etc.).
- (9) Label each photo with first choice of name and owner's name on the back. All photos will be kept on file.

- k. Marking Drawings are optional from submitting photos. Drawings are completed on the registration form.

- B. Service Certificate – Must accompany all applications if the owner of the dam does not own the sire and all information must be completed.

1. The stallion owner must provide a Stallion Service Certificate for any mare they sell that is listed on the Stallion Service Report. Stallion Service Cer-

tificates for mares not owned by the stallion owner are to be issued solely at the stallion owner's discretion. Stallion Service Certificate disputes arising between the stallion owner and the mare owner are considered a civil matter and will not involve ASPC/AMHR/ASPR. Service certificates are available from the National Office or Website.

C. Stallion Reports – Must be filed each breeding season. Current year stallion reports are due on or before January 15th of the next year. Stallion Reports will incur a filing fee. Late or Amended Stallion Reports will be accepted with an additional fee (See Customer Work Order).

1. Instructions for completing Stallion Service Report:
  - a. Every stallion owner must report all registered Shetland, Miniature, Show Pony or Hackney mares bred to his stallion during the year, including mares owned by him/herself and others. Reports filed after January 15th will incur a late fee.
  - b. A separate report must be made for each stallion each year.
  - c. All registered mares bred (not just those in foal) must be listed, with the names of the owners of the mares, and first and last dates of service.
  - d. The report must be signed by the owner of the stallion or his/her authorized agent (owner Signature Card must be on file with the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR Office). The address of the owner or agent should be included.
  - e. The stallion owner must give a completed, signed Stallion Service Certificate, giving the dates of service to the owner of each mare bred. If the mare is sold, the Stallion Service Certificate should be given to the new owner.
  - f. Certificates of Registration for foals will not be issued unless the Stallion Service Report is on file in the Registry Office. The Stallion Service

Certificate must accompany the resulting foal's registration application. The dates, signatures and all information given on the two documents must correspond.

- g. If a mare is exposed or bred to one stallion, thirty (30) days must elapse before she can be exposed or bred to a different stallion. If thirty (30) days does not elapse between exposures or breedings, DNA parentage verification will be required before the foal can be registered.
- h. When a stallion is pasture bred to a mare, the stallion owner must furnish a statement certifying that there was no other stallions in the vicinity which could have covered the mare and give the date the mare was placed in the pasture with the stallion, as well as the date they were separated.
- i. When a stallion or mare is leased, a copy of the lease must be filed with the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR, along with the name of the party who is responsible for signing the reports required by the Registry Office.

#### **1.4 Transfer of Ownership**

- A. Original registration application or certificate of registration (either with the transfer recorded on the back of the certificate or accompanied by a transfer application).
- B. Signed & dated by the seller or authorized agent in his/her own handwriting. (Person who is named as owner on the certificate, the date of sale).
- C. If certificate is to be forwarded to anyone other than the party sending in the work, the Registry Office must be notified in writing.
- D. Photos or drawings are also required if there are none on the certificate and indicate markings if there are none on the certificate.
- E. Send the completed transfer, original certificate, and proper fee to the American Shetland Pony Club, 81-B East Queenwood Road, Morton, IL 61550.



- F. If the transfer has been altered in any way or white out was used, it will render the transfer null and void. You will have to contact the seller for a new transfer application. It is the owner of record's responsibility to complete the buyer, date and sign the transfer portion on certificate of registration or separated application for transfer.

### **1.5 Lease Procedures:**

- A. A registered horse/pony may be shown under a lessee's ownership provided an official lease is registered with the Registry Office. The lessee becomes the bona fide user of the horse for the period of the lease.
- B. January 1, 2000 all Miniature, Modern, American Show Pony, Classic, and Foundation registration papers will show "lease" of horse/pony as recorded in the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR Office.
- C. Procedure for lease:
  - 1. The owner must submit the original registration certificate, completed lease form, lease fee, and beginning and ending dates of lease agreement. (No open leases will be accepted.) A fee is required for a lease transaction. (See Custom Work Order).
  - 2. Lease information will be printed on the original registration certificate in the transfer portion of the certificate.
  - 3. The Registration certificate will be returned to the submitting owner. It is the submitting owner's responsibility to convey this document (original or copy) to the lessee.
  - 4. At the conclusion of the lease duration, the animal will, with submittal of lease termination form and original certificate, revert back to the owner prior to the lease.

- ### **1.6 American Shetland Pony Registration** - All Shetlands applying for registration after December 31st of their yearling year will be required to be DNA parent qualified prior to being registered.

- A. All Shetlands must be registered with the American Shetland Pony Club. The registry remains closed, since 1955, to imported Shetlands. Exception to this rule are Shetland Ponies registered with the Canadian Pony Society and progeny of ponies previously registered with ASPC.
- B. Division A Shetlands shall be the result of mating a Division A to a Division A with the exception as follows: a foal of Division B breeding that carries 12.5% (1/8) or less non Division A Shetland blood will be eligible for registration in Division A, i.e. one of the great grandsires or great granddams may be Hackney or Welsh, provided the remaining seven are Division A or two of the great grandparents may be Division B Shetland, Americana or Harness Show Pony, provided the remaining six are Division A.
- C. Foundation Shetlands shall be the result of mating of Division A to a Division A for four generations. All Foundation will be required to acquire pedigree verification from the American Shetland Pony Club, those accepted shall be issued a “seal” on their Registration paperwork.

### **1.7 American Miniature Horse Registration**

- A. AMHR horses for which an application for registration has been submitted to the National Office, will be registered only if the sire and dam do not have expired registration certificates.
- B. As of January 1, 1995 all AMHR registered miniature horses must have both parents registered with AMHR or meet one of the following hardship requirements.

#### **1.7.1 Hardship for AMHR Registration**

- A. The horse must have been registered with the American Miniature Horse Association, provided all proper paper work is filled out and a copy of the registry papers is submitted with the application and fees to the AMHR.
- B. As of January 1, 2005 in order to register an ASPC

registered pony with AMHR, the animal must have reached its actual 3rd birthday (or older). A copy of the ASPC Certificate of Registration along with the AMHR Height Verification form, (measured and filled out, on or after its actual 3rd birthday, by a licensed ASPC/AMHR/ASPR Steward and examined by an ASPC/AMHR/ASPR Judge; both judge and steward need to be present, measure, and inspect the horse at the same time and same location) must be submitted along with the application for registration and appropriate fees. Any 3 year old hard-shipped will be issued temporary papers upon meeting hard-shipped requirements.

- C. As of March 5, 2007 in order to register a horse registered with the Falabella Miniature Horse Association, the animal must have reached its actual 3rd birthday (or older). A copy of the FMHA Certificate of Registration along with the AMHR Height Verification form (measured and filled out by a licensed ASPC/AMHR/ASPR Steward and examined by an ASPC/AMHR/ASPR Judge) must be submitted along with the application for registration and appropriate fees. (See Customer Work Order).

### **1.7.2 AMHR Temporary to Permanent Status**

- A. Registration of horses under the age of six years is temporary. A miniature horse becomes eligible for permanent registration after it reaches its actual sixth birthday, and application for permanent registration must be made before December 31st of the year it becomes six. Animals brought permanent after their three year old year will be assessed a late fee.
- B. The certificate of registration will need to be submitted to the National Office with the height of the horse record and dates on the back of the certificate or application for Permanent Status form. Miniature horses are measured at the last hair of the mane.
- C. Although not required, owners are encouraged to include acceptable current photos or drawings when updating their horse to permanent status.
- D. The AMHR registry shall recognize two divisions

of miniature horses. The Under Division miniature horse shall be an AMHR registered miniature horse over three years of age who is 34 inches and under. The Over Division miniature horse shall be an AMHR registered miniature horse over three years of age who is over 34 inches but not over 38 inches. No horse, regardless of parentage, who measures over 38 inches shall be allowed to become an AMHR registered miniature horse.

### 1.8 American Show Pony Registry

- A. Any pony that is registered with the American Shetland Pony Club, the Hackney Horse Society or any pony that is the result of the mating of a registered Shetland and a registered Hackney Pony, any pony that is the result of the mating of a registered Shetland and a registered American Show Pony, any pony that is the result of the mating of a registered Hackney and a registered American Show Pony, or any pony that is the result of the mating of a registered American Show Pony to an American Show Pony is eligible to be recorded in the stud book of the ASPR upon the completion of an application for registration and submission of the appropriate fee.
- B. Must have a copy of the Shetland or Hackney certificate of registration, both front and back showing the current owner of the animal.
- C. There is no age restriction to register an animal with the American Show Pony Registry. Stallion Reports or Service Certificates are not required to register an animal that is Not ASPR registered i.e., Registered Hackney, Registered Shetland or a cross of a Shetland to a Hackney. Ponies being registered from a breeding of ASPR to ASPR must file a stallion certificate.
- D. An animal measured out as a Shetland but desiring to compete in ASPR as a result of that measurement may apply for registration at a sanctioned show with an ASPC/AMHR/ASPR licensed Steward and is eligible to compete once application is completed and

fee paid to said official.

## 1.9 National Sport Performance Pony Registry

- A. Starting January 1, 2012, the NSPPR will be open to register any pony 14.2 hands and under that can be verified that one parent is registered in either the ASPC or AMHR registries.
- B. A NSPPR pony may be registered by showing proof of parentage by submitting a stallion report and recording the stallion and/or dam recognized registration numbers on said form by January 15th.
- C. The NSPPR ponies prior to January 1, 2012 will be open to any pony 14.2 hands and under that can be verified by DNA that one parent is registered in either the ASPC or AMHR registry. A stallion report is not required for ponies foaled prior to January 1, 2012 in order to register. DNA forms are available from the National office or the website at [www.shetlandminiature.com](http://www.shetlandminiature.com).
- D. Animals Eligible for Registration in NSPPR:
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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| ASPC x Grade          | AMHR x Grade          |
| ASPC x Other Registry | AMHR x Other Registry |
| ASPC x ASPC           | AMHR x AMHR           |
| ASPC x ASPR           | AMHR x ASPR           |
| ASPC x AMHR           | AMHR x ASPC           |
| ASPC x NSPPR          | AMHR x NSPPR          |
| NSPPR x NSPPR         |                       |
- E. An animal desiring to compete in NSPPR may apply for registration at a sanctioned show with an ASPC/AMHR licensed steward and is eligible to compete once applicatin is completed and fee paid to said official. Owner must have a copy of Shetland or Miniature certificate of registration, both front and back showing the current owner of the animal to be submitted with NSPPR application. No NSPPR animal will be given registration at the ASPC Congress, all registrations must be completed prior to the start of the show.

- F.. Any pony already registered with ASPC or any horse already registered with AMHR is also eligible for registry in NSPPR without DNA verification.

### **1.10 American Shetland Pony International Registry**

- A. The American Shetland Pony International Registry is available to animals that are registered as Shetland ponies with a Shetland breed registry other than the American Shetland Pony Club. Animals that have one parent registered with ASPC and one parent registered with another Shetland breed registry are also eligible to register in the ASPIR. Animals registered with the ASPIR are eligible to show in ASPC sanctioned shows in non-rated ASPIR classes. ASPIR ponies are allowed to hardship into the AMHR with an official measurement and examination by a licensed ASPC/AMHR/ASPR judge and steward. ASPIR ponies are eligible for the National Sport Performance Pony Registry with the proper DNA testing.
- B. Offspring of a horse registered as a American Show Pony that is bred to mares with German registered parents whose offspring are not qualified to be Shetland registered will not be allowed to be registered in the International Shetland registry.

### **1.11 Canadian Pony Society Pony Registration Requirements**

- A. Must include a copy of the front and back of the Canadian Certificate of Registration showing the applicant as the current owner.
- B. Completed, signed ASPC application for registration must be included.
- C. Four (4) Photos or drawings are required.
- D. Proper fee for the age of the pony.

### **1.12 Reproduction – Embryo Transfer**

- A. Permits for the use of Embryo Transfer will and must be issued for a mare participating in an embryo transfer program as a donor mare prior to any transfer tak-

- ing place.
- B. Donor mare permits are a one-time fee of \$50.00 to the mare owner. DNA typing of the mare must accompany the application for a permit for embryo transfer. When ownership of a mare changes a \$10.00 permit transfer and recording fee is charged.
  - C. All mares and foals must be DNA typed prior to the application for registration being processed by the American Shetland Pony Club, Inc., American Miniature Horse Registry, or American Show Pony Registry. Registration of the foal will only be made if the foal's DNA type is in harmony with that of the listed sire and dam. In addition, all standard registration procedures will be followed. Artificial Insemination (A.I.) Foal Addendum form or insemination report must accompany foal's registration application.
  - D. Donor mares are not limited to the number of foals that can be registered to said donor mare per year as long as all DNA type profiles are in harmony.
  - E. Mares may be inseminated via transported fresh cooled semen, frozen semen or natural service. All mares must be filed on the annual Stallion Service Reports with ASPC/AMHR/ASPR.
  - F. Donor mare owners must be members of ASPC/AMHR/ASPR in order to participate in an embryo transfer program.
  - G. Permits and the rules published by the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR must have a liability clause stating that all agreements, guarantees and representations are strictly between the stallion owner, the donor mare owner and the transfer facility. The ASPC/AMHR/ASPR does not endorse nor guarantee the use or participation in any particular embryo transfer program.
  - H. All other rules and regulations pertaining to registration are applicable to the use of an embryo transfer program.
  - I. The American Shetland Pony Club, Inc., Board of Directors approved these rules on January 1, 2004 for

foals born in 2004 and after.

### **1.13 Artificial Insemination (A.I.)**

- A. Permits for the use of A.I. will and must be issued for stallions participating in the program prior to any breeding via A.I. taking place.
- B. Stallion permits are a one-time fee of \$100.00 to the stallion owner. DNA typing of the stallion must accompany the application for a permit to use A.I. When ownership of a stallion changes a \$10.00 permit transfer and recording fee is charged.
- C. All mares and foals must be DNA typed prior to the application for registration being processed by the American Shetland Pony Club, Inc., American Miniature Horse Registry, or American Show Pony Registry. Registration of the foal will only be made if the foal's DNA type is in harmony with that of the sire and dam. In addition, all standard registration procedures will be followed. The A.I. Foal Addendum form or insemination report must accompany the foal's registration application.
- D. A Cooled/Frozen Semen Transportation, Collection, and Insemination report shall be filed with the registry within 10 days for each mare inseminated. Reports are a multiple NCR form available at no charge from the Registry Office.
- E. Stallion owners must file the annual standard Stallion Service Report with the Registry Office and designate on the report which mares were bred via A.I.
- F. Stallion and mare owners must be a member of the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR in order to participate.
- G. Permits and the rules published by the registry must have a liability clause stating that all agreements, guarantees, and representations are strictly between the stallion owner and the mare owner. The ASPC/AMHR/ASPR does not endorse nor guarantee the use or participation in any particular A.I. program.
- H. The approval of Artificial Insemination will allow the use of A.I. on premises or off the farm.



- I. If A.I. and natural service are used within 42 days of each other, the resulting foal will be considered an A.I. foal unless otherwise by DNA testing.

**1.14 Frozen Semen** - The use of frozen semen will be allowed under the following rules:

- A. All requirements for A.I. permits must be completed before an annual permit for frozen semen use can be issued at a one-time fee of \$25.00. When the ownership of frozen semen changes; a \$5.00 permit transfer fee is charged per ampule or straw.
- B. Owners of frozen semen must be members of ASPC/AMHR/ASPR prior to A.I. use.
- C. All other rules and regulations pertaining to A.I. are applicable to the use of frozen semen.

**1.15 DNA Typing**

- A. DNA Typing for ASPC/AMHR/ASPR registered individual's animals can only be done through the American Shetland Pony Club, American Miniature Horse Registry, or American Show Pony Registry respectively. DNA forms can be obtained by contacting the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR Office. Forms are also available for download on [www.shetlandminiature.com](http://www.shetlandminiature.com). DNA typing will be done via the University of Kentucky Serology Department, or University of California-Davis (UCD), or Animal Genetics, Inc., or may be done by any other official approved by the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR.
- B. These rules were approved by the American Shetland Pony Club Board of Directors on January 1, 2004 for foals born in 2005 and after.

**1.16 Cloning** - Horses produced by any cloning process are not eligible for registration. Cloning is defined as any method by which the genetic material of an unfertilized egg or an embryo is removed, replaced by genetic material from another organism or otherwise modified by any means in order to produce a live foal.

### **1.17 Suffix/Prefix and Duplicate Horse/Pony Names**

The registered name of a horse/pony cannot be a duplication of any other registered name recorded on the records of the Registry. The name of the horse/pony may be distinguished by a prefix or suffix which is not an exact duplication of a prefix or suffix which has been previously reserved by written request and payment of the required fee of \$200.00 to the Registry. The Board of Directors may adopt procedures and guidelines for the implementation of the prefix and suffix reservation process. Application form requests a listing of three choices for your prefix. Prefix choices are based on availability. Suffixes are no longer available for purchase.