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Proposed Rule Changes Due January 1st of the Current Convention Year

Proposed Rule Changes to be brought before the National Convention must be sent to the Director of Operations to send to the Rules Committee who will review the submissions for the duplication, clarity and conflict with existing rules.

All submissions must be postmarked on or before January 1 of the current Convention year so that they may go through the appropriate process and be able to be printed in the October issue of The Journal. All items **MUST BE** submitted on the following proposal form. All copies must be signed and must include the submitter's ASPC/AMHR membership number.

NO ITEMS WILL BE INTRODUCED FROM THE FLOOR AT CONVENTION!

Proposed ASPC/AMHR Rule Change (Please type or print – Must include Section, Article Part & Item Info)
Section, Article, Part & Item Number: See below Page # 198-203
Section X, Standards and Halter Division Rules; Article 4, National Sport Performance Pony Registry

Indicate: Add or Delete: Delete entire Article 4 and Replace with new Article 4

Proposed Rule Change (provide desired language and intent of rule):

See Attached document for Section X; Article 4, National Sport Performance Pony Registry.

Reason/Justification for Rule Change (provide brief description of why this needs changed/added)

This new standard for NSPPR Halter adds additional types (all optional) for ponies in which to compete. It adds value for NSPPR exhibitors, as well as potential new revenue for the Association, as owners look for new options to continue exhibiting oversize animals.

Proposed Effective Date: January 1, 2022

Committees/Rules that will be effected by change: Rules, NSPPR

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SECTION X, ARTICLE 4

4.1 Standard

The NSPPR Division is a performance division. Therefore, emphasis will be placed on a pony's manners and training. In appearance, the NSPPR pony should show style and substance, beauty and symmetry, being a balanced individual regardless of size, and correct in all aspects of conformation.

4.2 Height of Ponies

Small ponies are not to exceed 10.2 hands (42"); medium ponies are over 10.2 hands (42") and not to exceed 12.2 hands (50"); large ponies are over 12.2 hands (50") and not to exceed 14.2 hands (58").

4.3 Conformation Characteristics and Gaits

There are four general types of NSPPR Ponies. Show Managers may offer halter classes by type or may combine types as suits their class list.

A. Stock Type

Stock ponies will display the conformation generally associated with Quarter or Paint horses, and will move with low strides, poll no lower than level with withers, with little flexion at the knees and hocks.

B. Pleasure Type

Pleasure ponies will display the conformation generally associated with Arabian or Morgan horses, and will move with rounded, medium strides, flexed neck with poll higher than withers, and will display forward reach and flexion of the knees and hocks.

C. Saddle Type

Saddle ponies will display the conformation generally associated with Saddlebred, Hackney or Tennessee Walking Horses, and will move with more energy and a higher head carriage with marked flexion of the knees and hocks.

D. Utility Type

Utility ponies will display the conformation generally associated with Gypsy or Drum horses, or any of the Draft breeds, and will move with forceful strides, flexed neck with poll higher than withers, and will display forward reach and flexion of the knees and hocks.

4.4 Performance Halter General Rules

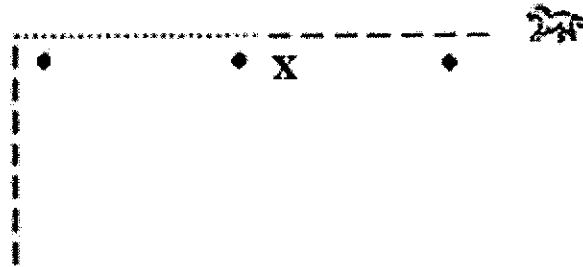
- A. Halter Classes shall be judged 50% on manners and 50% on conformation, due to NSPPR's emphasis on performance. When multiple types of ponies are shown in a**

- single halter class, judges will make their best effort to place the ponies that best meet the corresponding type criteria.
- B. Blemishes, such as scars, splints, or spavins are to be marked down according to their effect on the soundness of the pony. Transmissible weakness and/or unsoundness are to be counted strongly against the pony. Complete or partial loss of sight in either eye will not be a disqualification if the loss of sight results from a traumatic injury. A veterinarian must verify the etiology of the sight loss as traumatic and such document must accompany the pony's registration papers.
 - C. A pony's height shall not be discriminated against in a Performance Halter Class.
 - D. Correct number must be on the back of the exhibitor or the entry will be disqualified.
 - E. The NSPPR Registration Certificate must show the pony is a gelding to participate in a gelding class.
 - F. Youth may not show stallions in any class.
 - G. Show Management may combine age and/or type classes as desired. However, any class in which Stock or Utility type ponies are eligible to be shown, shall use the Stock/Utility ring procedure.
 - H. Ponies may be shown clipped or in full coat. Utility type ponies are encouraged but not required to show with full leg feathering.
 - I. Ponies may be shown with or without polished hooves.
 - J. Judge(s) may authorize adjustments to attire due to weather-related conditions.
 - K. When divided by age, Performance Halter Class Divisions shall be as follows:
 - 1. Weanlings
 - 2. Yearlings and Two Year Olds
 - 3. Three Year Olds and Older
 - L. Performance Halter Championship
 - 1. Junior and Reserve Junior Champion shall be chosen from first and second place winners of Weanling and Yearlings and Two Year Olds classes, in each Mares, Stallions and Gelding classes.
 - 2. Senior and Reserve Senior Champion shall be chosen from first and second place winners of the Three Year Olds and Older classes, in each Mares, Stallions and Gelding classes.
 - 3. Grand and Reserve Grand Champion shall be chosen from the Senior & Reserve Senior Champions and the Junior & Reserve Junior Champions.

4.5 Performance Halter Ring Procedures

- A. Stock / Utility Ring Procedure
 - 1. Ponies shall enter the ring at a walk and walk to the judge(s). They will trot straight away from the judge(s) to a cone, stop, and then walk to the ring steward to stand for inspection.
 - 2. Ponies shall stand squarely on all four feet, with at least one front and one rear cannon bone perpendicular to the ground.
 - 3. Whip or crop is prohibited.

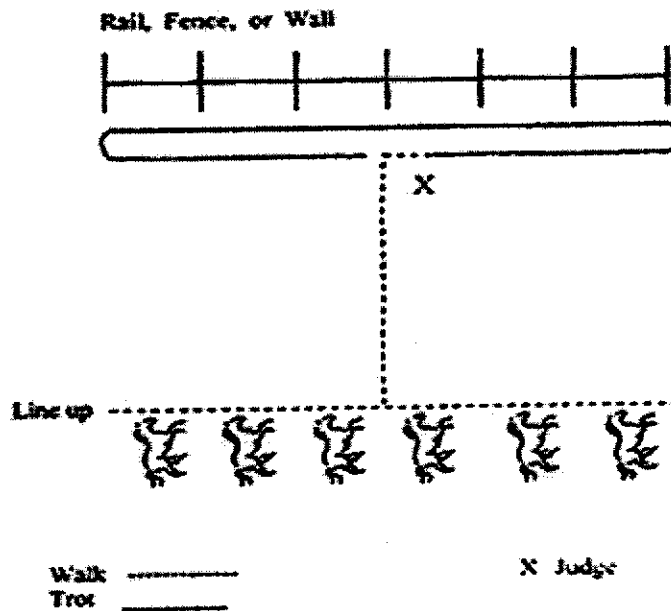
4. No assistants are permitted in the ring.



X Judge
Walk - - - - -
Trot

B. Pleasure / Saddle Ring Procedure

1. Ponies shall enter the ring at a trot and stand for inspection as directed by the ring steward.
2. Ponies may stand squarely on all four feet or may be stretched or parked.
3. Judge(s) will inspect ponies in the line up then each pony will walk from the judge to the rail, trot both ways on the rail, and then return to the line up.
4. Whip or crop is allowed; however, a handler shall be penalized for excessive use of whip that disturbs any other entrant.
5. Assistants are permitted in the ring.



4.6 Performance Halter Tack and Attire

All conformation types may be shown in halter in either Western or English tack and attire.

A. Western Tack and Attire

1. Entries will be shown in a plain or silver Western style halter with lead shank.
2. Entries may be shown with natural or shortened mane or tail. Braiding or banding is permitted but not required.
3. Western attire requires:
 - a. Western hat;
 - b. Long-sleeved shirt with collar;
 - c. Jeans, slacks or pants;
 - d. Riding length (below the knee) split skirts are acceptable in halter classes;
 - e. Ties and/or scarves are optional;
 - f. Gloves are optional;
 - g. Chaps or chinks are optional;
 - h. Spurs are not permitted in halter classes;

B. English Tack and Attire

1. Entries will be shown in a halter or show bridle with lead shank;
2. Pleasure type entries may be shown with natural, full or shortened mane, and natural full or shortened unset, un-gingered tail. Braiding is prohibited except where allowed by individual class specification;
3. Saddle type entries may be shown with natural, full or shortened mane and tail, without artificial appliances except for inconspicuously applied hair in mane and tail or tail brace. Entries may be braided in Modern or ASPR Shetland style or Saddle Horse manner;
4. English attire requires:
 - a. Collared polo shirt or collared dress shirt (solid-colored and either white or another conservative color);
 - b. Slacks or pants loose enough in which to run;
 - c. Jeans are not permitted;
 - d. Conservative running shoes or paddock boots are required;
 - e. If a belt is worn, it should be a plain belt not of Western style;
 - f. A non-Western hat, vest, coat, tie, and gloves are optional;

4.7 Shoeing Requirements

All NSPPR types may show either barefoot or shod. When shod, the following rules apply:

- A. Stock Type, Utility Type, Pleasure Type - ponies one year and older may be shown with plain plates of light weight. No pad, no caulks, and no weights of any kind shall be permitted. No toe shoes, tapered shoes or recessed shoes will be allowed.
- B. Saddle Type – ponies one year and older may be shod using Modern or ASPR Shetland rules.