



**National Miniature register Inc.**

# **By-Laws**

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### **1. Terms used.**

In these by-laws, unless the contrary intention appears, the terms used are those contained in the Rules.

### **2. Non-Members Exhibiting at Approved Events**

- (1) A non-member is eligible to exhibit a member's horse/pony at any Association approval event & may handle, show, or parade that member's horse/pony.
- (2) A member shall be responsible for any non-member exhibiting that member's horse / pony at any approved event.

### **3. Certificates**

- (1) The Association shall issue certificates of registration, based upon the information provided to the Association & submitted on the proper forms & attesting to the correct qualifications.
- (2) Transfer of ownership must be recorded on the relevant form & submitted to the Association, together with the correct fee payable, within (30) days of the transaction.
- (3) In the event of a horses/ponies death, sale without papers or failure to meet the requirements for further registration or Veterinary Certificates of Soundness, the certificate of registration must be returned to the Association for cancellation.
- (4) Requests for re-classing or upgrading must be accompanied by all the current registration certificates for the horse/pony.
- (5) To obtain any duplicate or official paperwork, the owner of the horse/pony must lodge a request & complete an affidavit, satisfactorily explaining the need for the same, with the Association. Upon approval by the Management Committee, a duplicate certificate, so marked, may be issued.
- (6) A fee will be payable for any duplicate registration certificate, with the fee being determined by the Management Committee.
- (7) Where appropriate, the certificate will be returned to the owner of the horse/pony.
- (8) Where a registration certificate is altered by anyone other than a person authorised by the Association, it shall be deemed invalid.
- (9) A Certificate must carry the stamp of the Association's Common Seal. To be considered valid.

### **4. Leases**

- (1) The Association will only recognise a lease of a horse/pony where written notice of the lease, signed by both the lessee & the lessor, together with the required transfer fee, is provided to the Association.
- (2) The notice to in sub by-law (1) shall contain a commencement date & an end date for the lease of a horse/pony.
- (3) The Lessee has the rights & responsibilities to execute all documents relating to the breeding & showing activities of the horse/pony in relation to the Association.
- (4) The Association will not recognise more than one (1) lease per horse/pony at any time.

### **5. Breeding Requirements**

- (1) After a mare has been exposed to be bred either by halter or pasture breeding to one (1) stallion, at least forty-five (45) days must elapse before exposure to any other stallion.
- (2) Pasture breeding requires that only one (1) stallion over 6 months of age may run with the mares.
- (3) Entry to the breeding pasture by any straying colt or stallion must be recorded on the Stock Returns.
- (4) Artificial breeding programs may be acknowledged subject to approval by the committee.

## 6. Annual Stock Returns

Annual Stock Returns shall be submitted by all members to the registrar by August 1 each year whether breeding or not, showing all horses owned or leased by the member at the time & intended registration, showing or breeding horses/ponies.

## 7. Registration Procedure & Requirements.

- (1) The owner of a horse/pony shall be responsible for the supply of true & accurate details of the horses/pony's parentage & history.
- (2) The owner of the dam at the time of service, shall be listed as the breeder.
- (3) The name of the horse/pony shall not be duplicate of any other name recorded in the register of horses/pony's or any other horses/pony's registered with a Miniature Society or affiliated breed registry & must be registered by a suffix or prefix to which the owner has legal rights.
- (4) Any horse/pony that is not re-classed or upgraded within three (3) months of the due date shall not be registered unless payment of double the registration fee is made & no progeny of this horse/pony will be registered with the Association until the horse/pony has been registered with the Association, unless otherwise decided by the committee.

## 8. Branding & Microchipping

- (1) A horses/ponies registered in the register of horses/pony's must be branded in accordance with the Stock (Brands & Movement) Act of 1970 (WA), or if the horse/pony is from outside the State of Western Australia, then in accordance with the equivalent legislation of the State in which the horse/pony is usually kept.
- (2) It is the responsibility of the person wishing to register a horse/pony to ensure that the horse/pony has been branded in accordance with sub by-law (1).
- (3) Horses/pony's must show a permanent mark of the breeder or owner & the order of foaling & year brand as detailed.
  - a. the number in order of which the foal was born to the stud; &
  - b. the last number of the breeding season (year) in which the foal was born.
- (4) Fire or freeze branding is acceptable.
- (5) Where applicable, tattoo or microchip insert may be allowed, providing sufficient proof is provided to the Association.

## 9. Sections of Registration

- (1) Miniature Horse - shall not exceed 34" in height.
- (2) Miniature Pony - shall not exceed 34" or 86.36cm in height.
- (3) Small Horse - shall not exceed 38" in height.
- (4) Small Pony - shall not exceed 38" or 96.52cm in height.
- (5) Little Horse - shall not exceed 42.5inches in height.
- (6) Section F – shall be for Foals under 24 months of age that meet the requirements for foal recording.
- (7) Miniature, small & little horse are self-governing, in the breeder/owner decides into which section their horse/pony is best suited, taking into account the Standards of Excellence.
- (8) If the breeder/owner feels that there is a mistake into which section their horse/pony is best suited, they may change the section up to two (2) changes in the lifetime of horse/pony, unless the committee permits additional changes to be made.

(9) Foals do not have to be classified until one (1) year of age, & may be shown in either sections, but not in both on the same day.

(10) Dual registration of a horse/pony with any other equine registry & organisation shall not prejudice the registration of the horse/pony with the Association.

## **10. Denial or Cancellation of Registrations**

The committee may deny or cancel registration of the horse/pony if it is believed that:

- (1) The horse/pony does not meet requirements for registration.
- (2) Any information on the application or registration form is determined to be false or inaccurate.
- (3) It is found that the horse/pony has had its markings hidden or altered by surgery, dye or other means.
- (4) Any surgery, even cosmetic, has been performed on the horse/pony to alter its natural conformation, appearance or performance, including genital alteration or enhancement.

This excludes gelding procedure, stifle repair or geldings & veterinary treatment for the health of the horse/pony.

## **11. Height Measurements**

### **HORSE SECTIONS**

[Miniature Horse, Small Horse, Little Horse & Section F]

Height measurements for these horses to be taken from the last hair of the mane.

### **PONY SECTION**

[Miniature Pony, Small Pony & Section F]

Height measurement for these ponies to be taken at the highest point of wither.

NO allowance except in the showing shall be given for excessive hoof or shoes.

Measuring may be done by the owner, with a witness being required as an aid & to assist verification. The onus is on the owner to ensure all details are correct & accurate.

Any individual involved in the equine industry, who has no pecuniary interest in the horse/pony, will be accepted as a measurer or witness. The onus remains on the owner to ensure all care & honesty is taken.

The committee may impose penalties on any member found at fault over measurements on a frequent basis.

### **RECLASS**

A horse/pony that grows over the height limit for Miniature horse or Miniature pony is automatically eligible for Small horse or Small pony, all other requirements being met. The return of the "original certificate" is necessary before the issue of a Small horse or Small pony certificate or before all further progeny recording is done.

- (1) A re-class form is to be filled in to re-class from:
  - Miniature horse to Small Horse
  - Small horse to Little Horse
  - Miniature pony to Small pony
- (2) A fee for each re-class is to be paid at the time of lodgement of the re-class with the registrar.

## **Height for Age for Horses & Ponies**

- (1) For Miniature horses/ponies height for age:
  - a. At less than 12 months of age – height must not exceed 32" or 81.28cm.
  - b. From 12 months of age to 23 months of age – height must not exceed 33" or 83.82cm.
  - c. From 24 months of age to 36 months of age – height must not exceed 33" or 83.82cm.
  - d. From 37 months of age to 47 months of age – height must not exceed 34" or 86.36cm.
  - e. From the age of 4years old – height must not exceed 34" 86.36cm.

- Where "height for age" is stipulated for attending "Royal Show" or any other Show, Members must accept the height requirements stipulated by that Show Society in all states.

(2) For Small horses/ponies height for age:

- a. Up to & including 12 months of age shall – height must not exceed 34" or 86.36cm.
- b. Over 12 month of age up to & including 24 months – height must not exceed 36" or 91.44cm.
- c. Over 24 months of age up to & including 36 months of age – height must not exceed 37" or 93.98cm.
- d. Over 36 months of age – height must not exceed 38" or 96.52cm.

(3) For Little horses height for age:

- a. Up to & including 12 months of age – height must not exceed 38".
- b. From 12 month of age to 24 months of age – height must not exceed 40".
- c. From 24 months of age to & 36 months of age – height must not exceed 41".
- d. Over 36 months of age – height must not exceed 42.5".

## 12. Foal Recording

Foal recording is available to horses/ponies under 24 months of age & being the offspring of two registered parents in Miniature horse/pony, Small horse/pony.

## 13. Adult Registration

(1) Adult registration is available to horses/ponies aged between 24 months & 48 months of age, being the offspring of two registered parents.

(2) At least one parent is to be registered in Miniature horse/pony, Small horse/pony.

## 14. Qualifying for Little Horse Registration

(1) An application registration form must include photos of each side & front head of the horse.

(2) The horse must have two registered parents & details of parents registration numbers, height & the Society they are registered with must be included on the application registration form.

(3) At least one parent must be registered as a Miniature horse/pony, or Small horse/pony, or Little horse within a recognised Miniature Horse Society.

(4) If the horse is currently registered with another recognised Miniature Horse Society. A copy of the registration certificate with that Society must accompany the application registration form.

(5) Applications can be accepted or denied by the Association, at the discretion of the Committee.

(6) An application registration form must be accompanied by the applicable fees payable.

## 15. Showing

(1) Methods of presentation for showing are:

(2) Pulling or hogging of manes is at the exhibitors discretion.

(3) Plaiting is considered unnecessary, apart from a long decorative plait at the top of the mane to neaten a bridle path.

(4) Pulling or trimming a tail is at the exhibitors discretion.

(5) Halters & headgear must be safe & strong.

(6) Colts or stallions over one (1) year must be in the care of a member over the age of 15 years & must be in a bitted bridle, if the handler is between 15 years & 17 years 11 months.

(7) Unruly colts & stallions will be expected to leave the Showing Arena.

(8) No animal can be shown at any given time as a "Pony" if the animal is registered as a "Horse" with another Society.

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- (10) Artificial tails or manes are prohibited & any exhibit found to be displaying these will be disqualified.
- (11) Shod horses may be shown if also entered in Harness Classes. Farrier verification that the shoes are flat work shoes & not corrective must be supplied on the day of the showing, or at other times as the committee shall deem appropriate.
- (12) Same day duel showing must be limited to colour or performance classes.
- (13) Foals must not compete in both "Section Classes" on the same day.
- (14) The age of a horse/pony is taken from the day of its birth, or if unknown, an approximation by a Veterinary reckoning, except where Show Organisers stipulated as of the 1<sup>st</sup> August.
- (15) Any whip marks or welts found on an exhibit will be deemed disqualified.
- (16) Showing is open to any horse registered with the Association whose exhibitor can produce valid registration or written conformation of registration pending from the committee.
- (17) No horse shall be shown before a Judge that has been bred, sold or trained by the said Judge, within three years prior to the show.
- (18) No horse should have been viewed in a social atmosphere in the week prior to showing by the Judge.
- (19) The use of any drug or substance affecting the natural performance, personality or attitude of the horse/pony is strictly forbidden & the administration of such drugs may result in expulsion from the Association.
- (20) Cruelty or inhumane treatment of a horse/pony in the ring or elsewhere on the Show Grounds will not be tolerated & the owner/exhibitor may be expelled from the Association or penalised as the committee determined appropriate.
- (21) Overzealous applause or cheering should be avoided & due respect to all exhibitors displayed.
- (22) At all times the exhibitor must be aware that both horse & handler are on display & present both in a neat & appropriate manner.
- (23) Conduct of owners & handlers at Shows or displays must be exemplary at all times & courtesy shall be directed towards the Judge, their official helpers, show organisers & fellow exhibitors.

#### **16. Show Dress**

- (1) Western Style or English Hacking Attire is allowed. Quality slacks/trousers or  $\frac{3}{4}$  to full length skirts are allowed when worn in combination with a short or long sleeved blouse or shirt (with collars)
- (2) Ties, hats & jackets or coats are to be worn at the discretion of the exhibitor, in accordance with the particular Show entered into.
- (3) Suitable foot ware is compulsory – only boots or closed in flat shoes will be allowed. No sneakers are to be worn by exhibitors.
- (4) Juniors may show in Hacking or Pony Club outfits.

#### **17. Show Measurements**

- (1) Registration measure must be done "minus" shoes.
- (2) For showing, an allowance can be given only on the thickness of the shoe, midway at the side of the hoof.

#### **18. Stewarding**

- (1) The Marshall or Steward shall refrain from discussing the horses or exhibitors with the Judge.
- (2) Should the Judge require information on the "breed standard" or the "Showing rules", that information shall be given in a way as not to sway the Judge in favour of one exhibitor over another.

## 19. Life Measurement

A lifetime measurement may be done on a horse/pony over the age of five (5) years of age, providing it is done in the presence of two (2) approved witnesses.

## 20. Standard Of Excellence

### Miniature Horse

It is a small well-balanced animal not exceeding 34" in height & measured from the last hair of the mane. Possessing good temperament & being free from hereditary un-soundness.

Mares should show femininity.

Stallions should show masculinity & boldness, without aggression.

- (a) Should have typical horse appearance in miniature.
- (b) Should have an upright carriage without exaggerated length of body.
- (c) Should have greater length of leg in relation to depth of girth.
- (d) Should represent a fine appearance, showing grace & balance.

**Tail:** - Well set.

**Legs:** - Squarely set, without heavy bone, but straight, with strong sloping pasterns, ending in strong open hooves

**Action:** - Straight, smooth & free flowing.

**Head:** - Straight in concave, not overlong, having an alert expression, with round expressive eyes, set well apart. Small, neat muzzle.

**Teeth:** - Must meet evenly, a maximum 3mm variation in over or under-bite.

**Neck:** - Good length of rein, flexible & high set, without heaviness.

All colours acceptable.

Preferred shown in "clipped or fine" coat, though no prejudice against the other, as climatic variations occur.

In Judging, where all other points are equal. The smallest shall be given preference.

### Small Horse

Is a well-balanced, conformed animal, not exceeding 38" in height measured at the last hair of the mane, possessing good temperament & free of hereditary un-soundness.

Mare should show femininity.

Stallion should show masculinity without aggression.

**Tail:** - Well set.

**Legs:** - Squarely set, without heavy bone, but straight, with strong sloping pasterns ending in open hooves.

**Head:** - Proportionate to the body, with alert expression & well-set eyes.

**Action:** - Smooth, active, free flowing.

**Teeth:** - Must meet evenly, a maximum of 3mm variation in over or under-bite.

**Neck:** - A good length of rein, flexible without heaviness.

All colours acceptable.

In Judging, where all other points are equal, the smallest shall be given preference.

### **Little Horse**

Is a well-balanced, conformed animal, not exceeding 42.5" in height measured at the last hair of the mane, possessing good temperament & free of hereditary un-soundness.

Mare should show femininity.

Stallion should show masculinity without aggression.

**Tail:** - Well set.

**Legs:** - Set squarely, of good straight bone, strong sloping pasterns, ending in strong, open hooves.

**Action:** - Smooth, active, free flowing.

**Head:** - Well-proportioned to body, with alert expression & well-set eyes. Neat muzzle.

**Teeth:** - Must meet evenly, a maximum 3mm variation in over or under-bite.

**Neck:** - A good length of rein, flexible without heaviness.

All colours are acceptable.

In judging, where all other points are equal, the smallest is given preference.

### **Miniature Pony**

Is a small well-balanced animal not exceeding 34". In height at the highest point of the wither, possessing good temperament & free from hereditary unsoundness.

Mares should show femineity.

Stallions should show masculinity & boldness without aggression.

- (a) Should have typical appearance in miniature.
- (b) Should be stocky & compact, allowing some length in the back, without exaggeration.
- (c) While the body should have well sprung ribs & generous girth with a well-rounded rump, the whole should be well-balanced & well-proportioned to height.

**Tail:** - Well set.

**Legs:** - Set squarely, of good straight bone of some substance. Strong forearm, short cannons & strong sloping pasterns, ending in strong, open hooves.

**Action:** - Smooth, active, free flowing.

**Head:** - Well-proportioned to the body, small concave below eyes which are set well apart. Neat muzzle.

**Teeth:** - Must meet evenly, a maximum of 3mm variation in over or under-bite.

**Neck:** - Lightly crested on mares & moderately crested on stallions. Proportionate neck to body. Some length of rein preferred.

All colours are acceptable.

Preferred at least seven days elapsed from any clipping. No prejudice against for, natural or clipped coats otherwise.

In Judging where all other points are equal, the smallest is given preference.

### **Small Pony**

Is a well-balanced, conformed animal, not exceeding 38" in height measured at the highest point of the wither, possessing good temperament & free from hereditary unsoundness.

Mares should show femineity.

Stallions should show masculinity & boldness without aggression.



**Tail:** - Well set.

**Legs:** - Squarely set straight bone. Strong sloping pasterns ending in open hooves.

**Head:** - Proportionate to the body, with alert & well-set eyes.

**Teeth:** - Must meet evenly, a maximum 3mm variation in over or under-bite.

**Action:** - Smooth, active, free flowing.

**Neck:** - A good length of rein, flexible without heaviness.

Preferred at least seven days elapsed from any clipping. No prejudice against for, natural or clipped coats otherwise.

In Judging, where all other points are equal, the smallest shall be given preference.

### **STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR HUNTER TYPE HORSE**

- a) - The Hunter should have more substance without coarseness.
- b) - It should have a nobler head rather than a fine small head.
- c) - It should display a substantial bone without being unduly fine.
- d) - It should be of middle weight/heavy weight but not unduly heavy.
- e) - The Hunter must have quality.
- f) - It should display boldness.
- g) - The Hunter must also display a steady & relaxed temperament.
- h) - It may be of any colour.

The Hunter must be of good conformation & soundness, with a kind bold eye, a good length of rein, a strong well-muscled back & hindquarters.

It should have a good length of forearm & be shorter in the cannon for strength & action. The knee should be flat & the hocks strong, clean & should have natural balance.

The Hunter must be free, forward moving & straight in its actions, some knee action may be displayed.

### **SHOW PRESENTATION**

- a) - The Hunter should be clipped with a 10 blade.
- b) - Outside of ears clipped but not int inside of ears.
- c) - No dying.
- d) - No shaving
- e) - The hooves can be blackened.
- f) - Bridle path must be no more than 10cm long.
- g) - The Hunter can be shown in a show halter, BUT if using a chain it must be CAPTURED.
- h) - Should be stood up square & not over stretched.

## **21. Disqualifications**

A horse/pony shall be denied registration ot disqualification for any of the following reasons.

- (a) Height in excess of 34" for Miniature horses.
- (b) Height in excess of 34" or 86.36cm for Miniature ponies.
- (c) Height in excess of 38" for Small horses.
- (d) Height in excess of 38" or 96.25cm for Small ponies.
- (e) Height in excess of 42.5" for Little horses.
- (f) Dwarfism.

- (g) Overshot mouth (3mm maximum).
- (h) Undershot mouth (3mm Maximum).
- (i) Monorchids or Cryptorchids in stallions.
- (j) Lock stifle – Geldings having had surgery may still be registered.
- (k) Congenital Cataract, Nasal disease, Navicular Disease, Malformation of Genitals or any other determinable genetic fault.

## **22. Soundness Certificates for Colts/Stallions**

- (1) Where there is intent to use a colt/stallion to breed to mares, a Certificate of Soundness must be carried out by a qualified Veterinarian & submitted to the registrar with the colt/stallion upgrade papers or prior to commencement of breeding that animal.
- (2) Any progeny of a colt/stallion that does not have a Certificate of Soundness approved by the registrar, will not be eligible for registration unless assessed by a qualified Veterinarian & found to be free of any genetic disorders as outlined in the Constitution or By-Laws.
- (3) The By-Law will apply to all colts/stallions applying for an upgrade after the date of implementation of these By-Laws.

## **23. Violations**

- (1) No person shall refuse on reasonable request to assist the Association & the office holders in locating, identifying inspection, or answering truthfully any query concerning a horse in his or her ownership or control.
- (2) No person shall refuse to return, on request from the committee, any certificate of registration paper or property given by or holding record of business of the Association, at any time.
- (3) No person shall direct abuse, disrespect, be uncooperative or engage in threatening conduct towards any representative of the Association, in the course of conduct of their official duties.

## **24. AMATEUR/OWNER CLASSES**

1. In Amateur Owner classes, horses are to be led by their recorded owners or owned or leased by the Amateur's immediate family. Where horses are registered in more than one name, all parties must be eligible for amateur status for the horse to compete.

2. Owner means the person who is noted in the records of the AMHS Inc. as the Owner or Lessee of the Horse/Pony.

3. An Amateur is one who regardless of his/her equestrian skills and/or accomplishments, does not act as a professional and has been approved by AMHS Inc. as an Amateur and is 18 years of age or older and no longer eligible to compete in youth classes.

### **4. A Professional is not eligible to compete in amateur classes and is someone who, in the past three years:**

- a) Has accepted remuneration directly or indirectly for training, schooling, driving, halter preparation and showing in halter.
- b) Has earned \$50,000 or more in one financial year for the sale of horses either directly or on consignment.
- c) Has conducted clinics or seminars or given instruction in showing or training for which remuneration has been received.
- d) Has performed the above list of activities for which another person in his/her family or corporation, which a member of his/her family controls, will receive remuneration directly or indirectly.
- e) Has performed such activities while accepting remuneration directly or indirectly for employment in another capacity for an employer or member of the said employer's family who owns, boards, or trains the involved horse.
- f) Has driven or exhibited in halter at horse shows any horse he/she or a member of his/her family accepts remuneration directly or indirectly for boarding or training.

**5. The following activities shall not affect the Amateur status of a person who is otherwise qualified:**

- a) In emergencies/unforeseen circumstances such as helping another Competitor when they may have two or more horses out for a Grand Champion/Supreme or if they sustain an injury and are unable to compete.
- b) The writing of books pertaining to horses
- c) Accepting remuneration for judging or stewarding
- d) Speaking at workshops, clinics, seminars, or youth training days in a voluntary capacity where they do not accept a fee for their services
- e) Receiving prize money
- f) Holding the occupation of farrier or veterinarian
- g) Owning or operating a saddlery, stud or breeding farm or boarding stables

**6. Explanations:**

**Amateur Owner Rules:**

- a) Basically, the above amateur rules mean that anyone who is employed by a training establishment to do duties other than breaking, training, schooling, driving, showing or preparing halter horses is eligible to be an Amateur.
- b) Spouses and immediate family of a trainer are also able to be an Amateur as long as they are not involved with the breaking, training, schooling or showing of any of the horses the trainer is being paid to work.
- c) People who board horses are eligible for Amateur status as long as they do not show, train or do any of the tasks in 15.4 of the rules, for the boarders. If they did, they would be involved in receiving remuneration indirectly for those tasks upon payment of boarding fees.
- d) People not being paid money for any of those tasks in (4) of the rules but are exchanging goods or services for those tasks would also be seen to be receiving remuneration indirectly.
- e) Halter preparation has been included as a professional service as those preparing halter horses are being paid for their duties in the same manner someone would be paid to train and or show a horse.

**7 – Amateur Related Protests**

Any, and all Protests regarding amateur eligibility must be made to the Committee at least one hour prior to commencement of the amateur classes.