



# NATIONAL MINIATURE REGISTER INC.

## STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE

### Judging

\*Taken from Section 21 of the By Laws\*

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#### **Miniature / Small / Little Horse**

The Miniature Horse is a small well balanced animal not exceeding 34 inches or 8.2 hands in height and measured from the last hair of the mane.

The Small Horse is a small well balanced animal not exceeding 38 inches or 9.2 hands in height and measured from the last hair of the mane.

The Little Horse is a small well balanced animal not exceeding 42 inches or 10.2 hands in height and measured from the last hair of the mane.

The animal must possess good temperament and being free from hereditary unsoundness.

Mares must show femininity.

Stallions should show masculinity and boldness, without aggression.

1. Should have typical horse appearance in miniature.
2. Should have an upright carriage without exaggerated length of body
3. Should have greater length of leg in relation to depth of girth.
4. Should represent a fine appearance, showing grace and balance.

**TAIL:** Well Set.

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

**ACTION:** Straight, smooth and free flowing.

**HEAD:** Straight to 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 and high set, without heaviness.

All colours are acceptable.

Preferred show 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 is given preference.

*Promoting Miniature Horses and Miniature Ponies in Australia*

## **Miniature / Small Pony**

The Miniature Pony is a small well balanced animal not exceeding 34 inches or 8.2 hands in height and measured at the highest point of the wither.

The Small Pony is a small well balanced animal not exceeding 38 inches or 9.2 hands in height and measured at the highest point of the wither.

The animal must possess good temperament and being free from hereditary unsoundness.

Mares must show femininity.

Stallions should show masculinity and boldness, without aggression.

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

**TAIL:** Well Set.

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

**ACTION:** Smooth, active, free flowing.

**HEAD:** Well-proportioned to body, small concave below eye which are well set apart.  
Neat muzzle.

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

**NECK:** Lightly crested on mares and moderately crested on stallions.  
Proportionate neck to body. Some length of rein preferred.

All colours are acceptable.

Preferred at least 7 days elapsed from any clipping. No prejudice against full, natural or clipped coats otherwise.

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