

## **WMHC RULES & REGULATIONS**

**January 27, 2007**

**It is not the intent of this document to list all the rules and regulations of the NWMHC but to include those relevant to the members as they participate in the various activities of the Club.**

### **NWMHC GOALS**

1. To develop and promote the miniature horse.
2. To develop and promote good fellowship among other people and associations.
3. To encourage breeding, training and exhibition of good quality miniature horses.
4. To cooperate with all equine breed registries.
5. To preserve the health and welfare of the Miniature Horse.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

1. Membership in the NWMHC is open to all persons who are interested in the Miniature Horse breed, the purposes of the Miniature equine breed registries, and the goals of the NWMHC.
2. Two or fewer adults living at the same permanent address and their dependent children who are 18 years of age or less and that may or may not live at that permanent address are eligible for membership upon payment of the approved fee. Grandchildren under the age of 18 are eligible. Youth 18 years of age and under sponsored by an adult member and with written approval of parent or guardian are eligible for membership upon payment of the approved fee. Any Special Needs person 19 years of age or older must pay for a Regular Membership.
3. Annual dues are due and payable on or before January 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. After January 15<sup>th</sup> a person is considered to be in arrears and will not be eligible to vote on Club matters until the Club Administrator receives payment.
4. A membership list will be printed to include name, address, phone & e-mail address and mailed with the March/April NEWS to each member.
5. All Committee Members and Show Coordinators must be members of the NWMHC. A person may serve on three (3) committees in addition to the Show Committee.
6. Membership cards will only be mailed when requested for special events.
7. Notification of meetings shall be deemed delivered when such notice is sent by U. S. Mail, e-mail or published in the **NEWS**.
8. A special section included on the Club website provides a free classified ad (one per member/farm) for the sale of horses only.

### **FEEES**

1. A reduced "package" fee will be offered to include membership, business card ad in the **NWMHC NEWS**, farm listing in the Breeders List and inclusion in the Club ad that appears in the **MINIATURE HORSE WORLD**. All package fees must be to the Club Administrator no later than January 15 of the appropriate year.
2. If a NSF check cannot be resolved it is to be turned over to a collection agency and the person suspended from membership in the NWMHC. Membership will not be reinstated until the NSF check is covered and the collection fee paid in full. The AMHA will be notified and the person will be subject to the appropriate AMHA General Rules and Regulations. A \$25.00 fee will be assessed on each NSF check. Once a person has written two NSF checks in one year, no checks will be accepted from that person for a period of one year.
3. Canadian exhibitors will be given no discount on all entry fees at any NWMHC-sponsored show.

## **SHOW**

### **General**

1. With the exception of the Schooling Show, all NWMHC-sponsored shows shall be conducted under the current AMHA Show Rules.
2. A NWMHC member who is an approved AMHA judge is eligible to judge the Schooling Show.
3. With the approval of the Show Coordinator, if space is available a special section can be designated for "sale horses." Only horses can be placed in these stalls if the owner is participating in the show in an AMHA-approved class.
4. All dogs, except service dogs, who are on show grounds are to be in hand on a leash no longer than six feet. When owner is not with the dog the dog is to be kept in a closed tack stall or in a confined cage in the tack stall.
5. The NWMHC supports any member's right to his/her religious faith, but the Club cannot sanction the use of any show facility for a religious service.
6. In cases where a horse is displaying obvious health problems, the Show Management has the right to make the determination if the horse is to be removed from the premises.
7. If one of the Club's paid employee positions becomes available, it will be the responsibility of the Show Manager to present qualified candidates to the Board for approval.
8. Any person holding the following positions at a particular show cannot serve as Show Coordinator: Show Manager, Secretary, Announcer, Ring Steward, Gate Manager.
9. The B.C. Show and Oregon State Fair AMHA Shows will count toward the NWMHC Year-End Awards.
10. Each show will be allotted \$100.00 for advertising.
11. Anyone found guilty of vandalism at a NWMHC Show can be removed from the grounds. If it is a minor, the responsible adult will be removed also. There will be no refund of fees. The responsible parties will be accountable for any and all damages.
12. Any inappropriate behavior may result in expulsion from a show.
13. The NWMHC reserves the right to refuse service to anyone.

### **Fees**

1. All exhibitor fees owed must be paid by the end of each show. If this is not done, all entries by that exhibitor at the following show must be paid at the time entry is made, including all monies owed from the previous show.
2. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to inform the Show Manager that a credit is being utilized at the time of entry.
3. At the completion of the show year, only credits of more than \$10.00 will be refunded at the discretion of the Show Manager.
4. A refund on stall fees only will be issued if notice is given to the Show Manager prior to the first class of that show and the NWMHC does not have to incur the cost of that stall.
5. Substitution of one horse for another horse with a "vet out" prior to show will be allowed with number of classes to transfer, refund or credit to next show.
6. After closing date of entries, the post entry fee will be an additional \$3.00 per class entered. Post entries or added classes will be accepted up to five (5) classes prior to the class entering the ring provided the horse is determined to be eligible for entry.

## **Measuring**

1. The Sligo Stick will be the official NWMHC measuring device beginning in 2002.
2. Procedure for measuring at NWMHC-sponsored shows:
  - A. The following measurement rules shall be posted at the measuring site of each show on a small sign:
    - (1). Measurement to be from the base of the hairs on the mane to the ground
    - (2). Front legs vertical and in line with the stick
    - (3). Back of the hocks in a vertical line with the horse's buttocks
    - (4). Head & neck in a natural position
    - (5). Standing squarely on all four feet
    - (6). Handlers are asked to refrain from manipulating the horse in anyway as to alter measurement.
  - B. A third person will be present to witness the official measurement.
  - C. All blankets, hoods and sleazys must be removed prior to being measured, preferably before coming to the line.

## **In the Show Ring**

1. Youth Mare and Gelding classes will be divided by the age categories of the exhibitor (7 & Under, 8-12 and 13-17) and eliminate the division by age of the horse (junior and senior).
2. Persons who are fulfilling official responsibilities in the show ring (Show Secretary, Gate Manager, Steward, Announcer, Ribbon Presenters) shall be appropriately attired-no shorts, t-shirts, sandals, etc. Any header improperly attired will result in disqualification of the exhibitor for which he/she is assisting.
3. All Roadster horses will reverse on the diagonal.
4. It is the responsibility of exhibitors to be aware of progress of classes and be prepared to enter the ring promptly when a class has been called without prior public notice. The gate will remain open for two (2) minutes after each class has been called to enter the ring. Horses not in the arena when the gate is closed will be eliminated from the class
5. Each exhibitor may choose to accept a cash token instead of a ribbon to be redeemed at that particular show. Each token will be worth 50 cents. Grand and/or Supreme winners will have the option to except a vendor voucher in the amount of \$20, cash in the amount of \$15, or an award provided by the club.
6. Five performance awards will be awarded at each of the AMHA-approved shows with the winners to be determined by the total number of points in the specified classes with each award not to exceed \$30.00:
  - A. Single Pleasure Driving – All Single Pleasure Driving classes except the Championship classes and Youth/Amateur classes.
  - B. Country Pleasure Driving – All Country Pleasure Driving classes except the Championship classes and Youth/Amateur classes.
  - C. Performance – Open Hunter, Open Jumper, Halter Obstacle and Driving Obstacle
  - D. Amateur – All Amateur classes except halter – one horse/one handler
  - E. Youth – All Youth classes – one horse/one handler.
7. The Roxy Sherrell Memorial Award will be distributed as follows: At the five NWMHC-sponsored shows all youth participating in the show who are NWMHC members will have their names placed "in a hat" and two names will be drawn. Each youth will receive \$100.00. Once a youth has won the award, he/she will not be eligible for the remainder of that show year.
8. No children below the age of eight will be allowed in the makeup arena without constant super-vision by someone 13 & older. There will be no playpens, strollers, etc. in the makeup arena at any time.
9. Points obtained in showmanship classes will be accumulated by the person. Youth and Amateur classes accumulated by the horse/exhibitor; all other classes accumulated by horse.

## Stall

1. All stalls must be utilized as assigned by the Show Coordinator or designated Barn Manager.
2. Stall assignments and measuring locations are to be posted in each barn with a copy in the Show Office.
3. All stall requests received 14 days or more prior to the show and accompanied by full fees will be included in a drawing to determine stall placement. Any requests received after the 14-day cutoff will be assigned in the order they are received.
4. Haul-ins will be allowed at a fee of \$20/horse/day.

## Vendors

1. Vendors are not allowed to sell merchandise from stalls or in front of stalls at any NWMHC Show. Appropriate space is provided for that activity. Each individual vendor will be charged a \$60.00 fee per show. Two or more vendors cannot share spaces.

## YEAR-END AWARDS

### 1. Year-End Class Awards Criteria

- A. Only exhibitors who are NWMHC members and only horses that are owned or leased by NWMHC members are eligible for year-end class awards. Only youth who are Club members, sponsored by a Club member, or related to a Club member, are eligible for year-end class points. Points will accumulate from the date the membership is received by the Club Administrator.
- B. Points for year-end awards must be earned at an AMHA-sanctioned show which has been designated by the NWMHC as eligible for that show year.
- C. Year-end awards will be presented for every class that is offered in at least **THREE (3)** different locations/shows during that show year. Novice and/or green horse classes are not eligible for year-end awards. A High Point and Reserve High Point will be awarded for each eligible class and be determined by a total accumulation of points per eligible class. Exception: In the case of open halter classes where a horse could show in different height classes, all the points will be allocated to the height class in which the horse showed most often. If the participation in each height class is evenly distributed the points will revert to the taller height class.
- D. Amateur Stallion, Mare & Gelding classes are divided into two age groups (junior and senior) and Levels 1 & 2. In the event the classes are not so divided due to size of show, for the purpose of year-end awards, the points will be allocated to the appropriate divisions.
- E. Points for Showmanship classes will be awarded to the exhibitor. All points in Open classes are earned by the horse and in Youth and Amateur classes to the exhibitor/horse team.
- F. If young horses are shown in different height classes in an equal number of shows, the taller height will be considered for year end awards.
- G. To be eligible for a year-end award, a horse/exhibitor must have shown in that class in at least **THREE (3)** different NWMHC recognized locations/shows during that current show year. The only exceptions will be Weanlings and all Youth who will be required to show at only **TWO (2)** different NWMHC recognized locations/shows during the current show year.

### 2. Overall High Point and Reserve High Point Division Awards

- A. All rules in Section 1 are applicable.
- B. Overall High Point and Reserve High Point Halter awards will be an accumulation of points for that division of halter classes: Senior Stallions, Junior Stallions, Senior Mares, Junior Mares, Senior Geldings, Junior Geldings.
- C. Overall High Point and Reserve High Point Driving will be an accumulation of points from all Open driving classes (Single Pleasure, Country Pleasure, Roadster, Ladies, Gentlemen, Stallions, Mares & Geldings). Obstacle Driving and Youth, Amateur, or AOTE classes are **NOT** included. The eligible classes must be offered at **THREE (3)** different NWMHC recognized locations / shows during the current show year. The horse does not have to be entered in all classes offered but must be driven in at least **THREE (3)** NWMHC-sponsored locations/shows during the current show year.
- D. Overall High Point and Reserve High Point Individual Performance Horse will be an accumulation of points from all Open individual performance classes (Halter Obstacle, Obstacle Driving, Jumper, Hunter, & Liberty. Youth, Amateur & AOTE classes are **NOT** included. The eligible classes must be offered at **THREE (3)** different NWMHC-sponsored locations/shows during the current show year. The horse does not have to be entered in all classes offered but must participate in at least **THREE (3)** NWMHC-sponsored locations/shows during the current show year.

### 3. Rookie Awards

- A. There are three Divisions: Adult Rookie, Youth Rookie and Rookie Driver of the Year
- B. The Adult Rookie is a non-professional NWMHC member, 18 years of age or older, who has never shown a miniature horse in that specific class division.
- C. The Youth Rookie meets the AMHA requirements for a youth exhibitor and has not shown a miniature horse in that specific class division.
- D. The Rookie Driver is a youth or an adult who has never shown a miniature in a driving class (including driving obstacle). The same person cannot qualify as the Rookie Driver of the Year and Youth or Adult Rookie.
- E. Any "Rookie" must show in at least **THREE (3)** NWMHC recognized shows in the current show season to be eligible.
- F. At the completion of the show season, the Show Committee will review the eligible exhibitors and select the "Rookie of the Year" in each category. Awards for each category will be given only if there are qualified "Rookies" under these guidelines.
- G. Sponsorship for Rookie jackets will be made available. No farm names will be included on the jacket.

### 4. Special Awards

- A. Special awards are those, which are sponsored by individual farms and have been approved by the Board of Directors:
  - (1). **Youth High Point:** Awarded to the Youth showing the same horse in any Youth class. Once a youth has received this award, he/she is not eligible for future awards.
  - (2). **Twiggy Driving Award:** Awarded to the One Youth/One Horse team who accumulates the most points in all Youth driving classes including Obstacle Driving.
  - (3). **George Roberge Perpetual Trophy:** Awarded to the Northwest-bred Two- Year-Old Stallion who accumulates the most points in the Two-Year-Old Stallion Halter Class. "Northwest-bred" is defined as the owner of the mare at the time of foaling must be a NWMHC Member and reside in AMHA Region 8, Alberta or British Columbia.
  - (4). **Heermann All Around Trophy:** Awarded to the horse who accumulates the most points in his/her respective halter class and their top **FOUR (4) OPEN** performance classes (the halter and performance classes must be in the **OPEN** division and cannot include Youth, Amateur, AOTE or any restricted classes such as geldings, mares, stallions, ladies or gentlemen to drive).
  - (5). **Amateur High Point Trophy, Levels 1 & 2.** Awarded to the Amateur/Horse team who has accumulated the most points in the appropriate Amateur Halter class and **TWO (2)** Amateur performance divisions at each show. The three performance divisions are: Driving, Obstacle, and Hunter/Jumper. The Amateur/Horse must have participated in at least **THREE (3)** NWMHC-sponsored locations/shows. In the case of the Amateur being in **TWO (2)** different levels in halter and performance, the halter points will be allocated to the same level as the performance classes.
- B. Point system for all AMHA-approved classes in NWMHC for NWMHC Year-End Awards:

1st	7 points
2nd	6 points
3rd	5 points
4th	4 points
5th	3 points
6th	2 points
7 <sup>th</sup> thru ....	1 point
Reserve	1 additional point
Grand	2 additional points
- C. Only NWMHC-sponsored shows will be eligible for NWMHC points.
- D. A person or farm may sponsor only one special Year-End Award.
- E. All Year-End Class Sponsorships must be paid by February 1<sup>st</sup>. Those not paid by that date will be released to the general membership.

### GELDING INCENTIVE FUND

- 1. Owner must be a current member of the NWMHC. Points accumulated from the date membership paid.
- 2. Points are awarded per NWMHC point system.

3. Horse must have been born in the Northwest. Horses born outside the Northwest receive one-half points. "Northwest" is defined as AMHA Region 8, British Columbia & Alberta, Canada.
4. Horse must compete in at least **TWO (2)** NWMHC recognized shows.
5. A portion of each Gelding class entry fee will be allocated to the Gelding Incentive Fund:
  - A. \$3.00 per horse per judge in Open Gelding classes
  - B. \$2.00 per horse per judge in Amateur Gelding classes
  - C. \$1.00 per horse per judge in Youth Gelding classes
6. All payouts will be made to the owner of the horse and distributed at the Year-End Awards Banquet.
7. Only NWMHC-sponsored shows are eligible for accumulation of points: Sea-Tac Classic, Emerald Valley Classic, Can-Am Classic, MiniMac Classic and Central Point Classic. Points will be awarded based on the horse only.
8. The Youth With An Awesome Gelding Prize will be awarded at each NWMHC Show. Each youth may nominate his/her gelding. The names will be placed in a hat and the winner drawn and brought to the ring for the presentation. A budget of \$100.00 was approved.
9. All Gelding Incentive Fund donations must be paid in full by January 1 in order to be included in the January/February **NEWS**.

### **FUTURITY**

1. The sire and dam must be registered with the AMHA and the owner must be a member of the NWMHC. Nominated foal must be in utero prior to December 31 of the year of breeding. Foal must have been bred in AMHA Region 8, Alberta or British Columbia.
2. There will be Yearling and Two-Year- Old Futurities.
  - A. Yearling Colts, Yearling Fillies, Yearling Geldings will be held at Can-Am Classic.
  - B. Two-Year-Old Colts, Two-Year-Old Fillies, Two-Year- Old Geldings will be held at Emerald Valley Classic.
3. Futurity class entries will be accepted until the first horse enters the arena for the first class of the show.
4. Total monies, except for the cost of trophies, ribbons and mailing costs, become prize money for the Futurity. The Futurity Chairperson will maintain records for the Futurity and the Club Treasurer will hold the monies.
5. Fee Schedule:
 

By December 31 <sup>st</sup> year of breeding	\$10.00
By December 31 <sup>st</sup> year of foaling	\$15.00
By December 31 <sup>st</sup> as a yearling	\$20.00
By closing date of Emerald Valley	Class entry fee
6. A weanling who was not nominated in-utero, may be nominated prior to Dec. 1st in the year that he/she foaled for a fee of \$35.

### **NWMHC NEWS**

1. The **NWMHC NEWS** will be published six times a year with deadlines one month in advance.
2. No inserts will be accepted for the **NEWS** - paid ads only.
3. February **NEWS** will be sent to past and current year members.

4. While the NWMHC is not responsible for accuracy and content of ads in the **NEWS**, it does reserve the right to take disciplinary action against advertisers if inaccurate or false statements are contained in an ad.
5. The Covers of the **NEWS** will be offered to members at the following fees:
  - A. \$175.00 Front Cover
  - B. \$125.00 Back Cover
  - C. \$100.00 Inside Covers
6. The drawing for covers will be held at the Year-End Awards Banquet and those individuals wishing to be considered will be requested to submit their request to the Editor or "place their name in the hat" at the Awards Banquet. Once a person is selected for a cover at the Year-End Awards Banquet he/she will not be eligible for the remainder of the drawing. Alternates will be selected from the remaining names. If the editor does not hear from cover winners within two weeks prior to the News deadline for their issue, the alternate will be contacted.
7. A non-member subscription to the **NEWS** is available at a cost of \$25.00.
8. Advertising for any auction/sales will be accepted as long as there is no reference to NWMHC Events.
9. Any horse advertised in the **NEWS** must be registered with AMHA and/or AMHR.
10. Advertising Rates are as follows:
 

<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>NON-MEMBER</b>
Full Page – \$55.00	\$100.00
Half Page - \$35.00	\$60.00
Fourth Page - \$25.00	\$40.00
Business Card - \$20.00	N/A
11. Each member family/farm will be given a free Sales Barn ad in each issue of the **NEWS** not to exceed 50 words; must be for one horse or one horse related item. If it is a horse, AMHA/AMHR number must be included. Editor will have the authority to edit if necessary to meet criteria.

### **GENERAL**

1. Any use by an individual of any facility that the NWMHC rents, other than a club-sponsored function and specifically where a fee is charged to attend, requires prior Board approval.
2. The NWMHC will not accept live animals for a donation.
3. The NWMHC e-mail list is restricted to notification of official Club activities and information.
4. All expenditures are to be submitted to the Treasurer within 90 days of incurring the expense.
5. Only those members who have paid to be on the Breeders List will be included on the Club's website.
6. Spaces on the Breeders List are limited to 40 spaces with all copy to be strictly equine related.
7. NWMHC members will be allowed to purchase copies of the Information Booklet at a cost of \$1.00 each.
8. Any activity designated to raise funds for the NWMHC must be approved previous to taking place and all monies raised as a result of this activity turned over to the Club Treasurer within 72 hours.