

AMHA Directors Report
February 2023

25% OFF HARDSHIP JAN 1 - MARCH 31, 2023!!!

Sale is for both regular Hardship & Progeny Hardship. Sale price is given automatically by the office as long as the application and payment are postmarked by March 31. Sale is only for horses that are eligible to be Hardshipped in 2023 and their inspection/measuring/DNA is completed by Dec 31st.

TEMP TO PERM LATE FEES WAIVED FOR MEMBERS!!

Sale runs through April 30th! All Late Temp to Perms already in the AMHA office postmarked in 2023, but not yet completed, will also get the sale price. Sale price will automatically be given, no need to use a coupon.

Important Changes Effective Jan 1, 2023

- Free Stud Book Online with each Annual Membership! If you don't have a Stud Book Online Account, please email memberservices@amha.org to set one up.
- Annual Membership increased to \$80/year Jan 1 - Dec 31, no pro-rating
- \$10 Stud Book Online Annual Subscription for Lifetime Members!
- Hardship Registration into AMHA lowered to 3 years (over 36 months) from actual birthday
- Stock Type Attire - Must include western hat, long sleeved shirt or jacket, and western footwear or will be disqualified
- Stock Type Horse - Tails must be off the ground or be disqualified
- Stock Type - Razoring of heads is prohibited and cause for disqualification
- Stock Type - Exhibitor may use an empty hand of the hand holding the lead only to engage the horse's interest or enhance their expression. Stretching, baiting (enticing horse with any body part, equipment or material) and excessive jerking or harsh use of the lead line to be viewed as a negative towards presentation.

We are now, thanks to our new software, able to print the pedigree of AMHR hardshipped horses in the studbook and on the certificate. This is just for horses hardshipped from AMHR and the official AMHR certificate of registration must accompany the hardship application. There will be a small office fee (to be determined) if you wish to send your papers back to the office to have their AMHR lineage added.

Register of Merit (ROM) is also benefitting from our new software. When your horse reaches ROM status it will be reflected in the studbook and on your registration certificate. You can earn ROM points at local and Regional shows.

AMATEUR and YOUTH of the year has been approved! You earn points at all

local shows and at the regional show. The person who gets the most points in their division for their region will be receive this prestigious award.

Pay to Play was approved at the annual meeting. Instead of paying \$50 and requesting a hardship for not being able to attend two local shows (and being at the mercy of the committee to approve your reason for the request) you pay \$250 per horse per show for approval to show at the World Show. The money from this program goes back to the local clubs who put on shows. The hope is that this will help local clubs by getting money back from those that were qualifying for the World Show through the hardship program and are now “Paying to Play” instead.

Qualifying for the World Show has changed. Requirements now are to attend 2 local or regional shows to qualify for any class you wish to enter at the World Show. The number of judges requirement was dropped. Exception to this is for youth, who must show the horse themselves to qualify in their respective driving and/or halter division at the two shows.

Thanks to the amateur and youth committees for helping to sponsor them, we are able to give belt buckles to the 2022 Honor Roll winners! The final calculations for honor roll are finished and the winners will be notified soon!

Thanks to you all for being a part of the Amazing Journey of the American Miniature Horse Association!!

Respectfully submitted,

**Sheryl Peterson
AMHA Region 8 Director**