

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. Horses will be judged in accordance with the rules of AMHA. A copy of the rulebook may be found in the show office with the show manager.
2. Knowing the rules and regulations as well as the requirements of each class entered is each exhibitor's responsibility.
3. This AMHA sanctioned show is open to any horse registered with the AMHA whose exhibitor is able to prove valid registration.
4. Horses may not be shod. No pads, wedges, chains, weights, ankle boots, elastic bands, shackles or any other artificial appliances that enhance a horse's action will be allowed on the show grounds. No whips and/or crops are allowed in halter classes. Whips are permitted in jumping classes only (not in hunter classes).
5. For rules concerning Youth exhibitors and the exhibiting of stallions, please refer to the 2009 AMHA show rules.
6. Ribbons and all decorative appurtenances and stallion tack (excluding bits) are not allowed. Braids in mane and forelock are not allowed in halter, conformation or performance classes. Only braiding of forelock for driving is allowed. Exception: Hunter and Jumper, Halter obstacle and obstacle driving where braiding of manes and tails is permitted.  
No farm, individual or horse names may be displayed on exhibitor, horse or vehicle, except for the multiple hitch or draft harness classes.
7. The use of stimulants or depressants or any drug affecting the showing of a horse in halter or performance is strictly forbidden. EXCEPTION: therapeutic medication necessary for treatment of illness or injury.
8. Any horse showing evidence of the use of ginger or other irritants to produce a higher tail carriage than normal shall be disqualified.
9. No person shall alter, change, or attempt to hide or enhance the natural color of the body including legs of a horse by dye, bleach or paint. This rule does not preclude a person from enhancing the natural color of the mane and tail by artificial color. Hoofs may be colored.

## **LEASED HORSES OR PENDING REGISTRATION NUMBERS**

If a horse has been leased by an exhibitor and is to be shown in Amateur classes, it is the exhibitor's obligation to provide written verification from the AMHA office that the lease is on file. It is also the responsibility of the exhibitor to provide written verification from the AMHA office as to pending registration number for a horse that has not been issued papers. If due to time constraint, the exhibitor is unable to provide written verification for either of these cases, the show management will attempt to obtain verbal verification by phone from the AMHA office during regular business hrs. It is understood that the exhibitor will be charged \$10.00 per call. These charges are payable prior to receiving entry numbers. **NO LEASED HORSE TO BE SHOWN IN AMATEUR CLASSES OR A HORSE PENDING REGISTRATION WILL BE SHOWN UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES WITHOUT WRITTEN VERIFICATION OR DIRECT VERBAL VERIFICATION BY THE SHOWMANAGEMENT FROM AMHA.**

## **GATE RULE**

It is the goal of the management that this show presents miniatures in the best light possible, be entertaining to those who have come to watch the event, and expediently move through the class schedule for the exhibitors. It is the responsibility of the exhibitors to be aware of the progress of classes and be prepared to enter the ring promptly when a class has been called without prior public notice. Once a class is called and the gate is opened to enter, the gate will be closed after two minutes has elapsed from the time the first horse and exhibitor enters the ring. If sufficient entries warrant, the gate may remain open until the last horse and exhibitor enters the ring as long as there is continuous flow of entries into the ring. **ANNOUNCEMENTS TO BARN AREAS ARE A MANAGEMENT COURTESY- NOT MANDATORY. ALL GATE HOLDS MUST BE REQUESTED AT THE WHIPPER-IN AT LEAST 4 CLASSES IN ADVANCE OF THE REQUESTED HOLD.**

## **CONDITION OF ENTRY**

Every horse entered for competition will be under the control of the horse show management, but the horse show management will, in no case, be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur, and it shall be a condition of entry that each exhibitor shall hold the Horse Show, the Show management, the BC Miniature Horse Club and the Arena facility ( Cloverdale Agriplex ) harmless for any loss or accident to his/hers horses, or equipment which may occur from sickness, fire or otherwise.

## **ENTRY PROCEDURE**

Entries must be on the official entry forms for this show. Entry forms may be photocopied for use. Fill out the necessary information for each horse entered, sign and send completely filled out entry form along with all required fees. **NO NUMBERS WILL BE RELEASED WITHOUT FULL PAYMENT OF ALL FEES.**

If entry forms are postmarked on or before the closing date of entries and are properly filled out, there will be no additional penalties. **NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED OVER THE PHONE.** On any entry to be shown in any class, the exhibitor must use the complete name and number of the animal as it is shown on the horse's registration certificate. **A PHOTOCOPY OF BOTH SIDES OF THE REGISTRATION PAPERS MUST ACCOMPANY THE ENTRY FOR EACH HORSE AND WILL NOT BE RETURNED.** Exhibitors are responsible for their own errors and those of their agents in preparation of entry forms. **ALL SENIOR STALLIONS ARE REQUIRED TO PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION FOR CRYPTORCHIDISM TO SHOW MANAGEMENT PRIOR TO ENTERING.** Forms are available from AMHA.

## **AMATEUR CLASSES AND YOUTH CLASSES**

In order for an individual to enter amateur classes, he/she must qualify for amateur status as defined by the current AMHA show rules and have a valid amateur card issued by AMHA. The amateur card number must be placed in the appropriate space on the entry form, please also include a copy of the card with your entries. Applications for amateur and Youth cards will be available at the horse show office for exhibitors who have not been issued a card and plan on showing in amateur /youth classes at this show, mark pending in the space requesting your card number. You will be asked to complete an application for amateur/youth status prior to being issued entry numbers at the show. Amateur cards are \$10.00 to AMHA members, \$50.00 for non-members. Youth cards are \$5.00 (US). All horses shown in amateur classes must be either owned or leased by the exhibitor as defined in the 2009 AMHA show rules. If the registration papers do not show the exhibitor or family as owner of record a written verification of a lease from the AMHA must accompany the entry in order to allow the horse and exhibitor to compete in any amateur classes.

## **POST ENTRIES – ADDING CLASSES – LATE FEES**

After the closing date for entries, the post entry fee will be an additional \$3.00 per class entered. Post entries or adding classes will be accepted up to 3 classes prior to the class entering the ring provided that the horse is determined to be eligible for entry. Post entries made for the first 4 classes each morning will be accepted up to one half hour prior to first class entering the ring. . **POST ENTRIES MADE DURING THE SHOW MUST BE MADE AT THE SHOW OFFICE AND WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY FULL PAYMENT.** An entry authorization will be issued at the show office and must be presented to the whipper-in prior to entering the ring. Management reserves the right to accept entries for unfilled classes after the closing date at the regular fee.

## **SCRATCHED CLASSES – REFUNDS**

No entry fees will be returned without a Veterinary's Certificate as to the unsoundness of the entered horse. This must be presented to the show secretary before the first class in which the entry is to be shown. Failure to show a horse that has been entered constitutes a forfeiture of entry fees. Refunds will be mailed to exhibitors after the conclusion of the show.

## **AWARDS**

All classes ribbons to 6<sup>th</sup> place. Championship classes ribbons for Grand & Reserve. Supreme halter ribbon and Trophy. This year we will have tokens or ribbons your choice! You have the option of choosing a token redeemable for .50 at the horse show office at the end of the show or you can choose a ribbon. This applies only to 1 – 6 place ribbons.

## **MEASUREMENT**

No miniature horse may exceed 34" in height. Horses must be measured and qualify for their height classification or age to receive an entry number and compete. All measuring will take place on the show grounds in a designated area.

**FRIDAY JUNE 12 FROM 7 PM TILL 8.30 PM AND FROM 7 AM TILL 8.30 AM JUNE 13 & 14.**

If it is necessary to measure outside of these times special arrangements may be made at the show office.

## **SCHEDULE OF SHOW FEES**

Regular class entry fee .....	\$25.00 per class
Youth class entry fee.....	\$12.00 per class or a special show fee of \$50.00 per horse/youth team
Futurity Class fee.....	\$25.00
Novice class fee.....	\$12.00 per class
Costume class.....	FREE!!
Stall fee.....	\$60.00 for the weekend (weekend starts at noon Fri. till show ends on Sun.)
Tackroom fee.....	\$50.00 for the weekend
AMHA fee.....	\$ 4.50 per horse Canadian funds
RV Parking.....	\$22.00 per nite payable to facility

**A DINNER TO BE HELD AFTER THE CLASSES ON SATURDAY NITE** cost to be announced, please join us!!

## **ALL US EXHIBITORS PLEASE READ THIS!!!!**

Please make all checks or money orders payable to BCMHC. US exhibitors may send a Canadian Money order or a personal cheque in American funds, please do not write Canadian funds on your cheques, as the bank will not accept them.

**JUDGES EVALUATION CARDS** will be available in the show office and may be completed on a voluntary basis.

## **STABLING**

Stalls whether occupied by horses, feed or tack will be available at \$60.00 each for the weekend. Stalls will be available from noon on Friday till show ends on Sunday. Bedding will be supplied (1 bale of shavings per stall) more shavings will be available at a cost of \$10.00 each. No nails or screws to be used in or around stalls.

Stalls will be assigned in the order that entries are postmarked. If all stalls are reserved prior to receiving your stall reservation, show management will attempt to notify you of this situation by phone prior to the show.

Anyone arriving earlier than Noon on Friday or staying over Sunday nite will have to make arrangements with the facility.

## **LUNCH AND DINNER BREAKS**

No specific breaks have been scheduled into this show. Lunch breaks will be determined by the show management and announced to exhibitors. If the show management and Judges determine, however that the show on either evening will extend substantially beyond 6PM a one-hour dinner break will be called at their discretion.

## **LODGING**

Ramada Limited Hotel – 19225 # 10 HWY Surrey. Toll free 1-888-576-8388

Hampton Inn & Suites – 19500 Langley Bypass. Toll free 866-530-6545.

Clover Inn Motor Hotel – 5708 –176<sup>th</sup> st. Surrey. 604-576-6751

RV Parking with Hook up is available at \$22.00 per night payable to facility.

***PLEASE NOTE!! ANIMAL ABUSE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AT THIS SHOW. IF REPORTED IT WILL BE INVESTIGATED AND IF VERIFIED, YOU WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THIS SHOW.***

## CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

*These descriptions are designed specifically to provide a general understanding of various terms and descriptions used in relation to this show. They are provided to assist newcomers and spectators gain a basic awareness of the criteria for various classes. They are in no way intended to supersede, replace, or be used in lieu of the official rules related to showing. For specific definitions and rule statement, refer to the current AMHA show rules.*

**HALTER:** *horses to be shown in hand at a walk and a trot. Horses are shown with all four feet flat on the ground and square or at least one front and rear cannon bone perpendicular to the ground. Stretched horses to be penalized. Transmissible weakness and unsoundness to be penalized. In the case of two animals being judged equal, the higher placement shall be awarded to the smaller animal.*

**HALTER CHAMPIONSHIPS:** *Shall include the first and second place winners from the appropriate age and height divisions. The champions will be selected from the first place winners in a given division, the second place winner from the class providing the champion and the other first place horses will be eligible for reserve champion.*

**SUPREME HALTER HORSE:** *This individual is selected from among the champions of the various divisions: Junior Champion Mare and Stallion, Senior Champion Mare and Stallion, Junior and Senior Champion Gelding.*

**SHOWMANSHIP:** *classes in which the exhibitor is judged based on the manner in which the animal is shown, groomed and fitted. The conformation traits of the horse are not a factor in these classes. Hats, boots and gloves are mandatory.*

**HALTER OBSTACLE:** *These are classes where the horse is shown in hand and the animal is judged 100% on the manner of its performance through the course. Horses must be TWO years old or older.*

**OBSTACLE DRIVING:** *similar to halter obstacle with the exception that the animal is driven through a course hitched to a cart. The cart must be a two or four-wheeled vehicle with a basket. Horses must be three years old or older.*

**HUNTER:** *Horses are judged on their style, manners and way of going over the fences. Exhibitors are not allowed to go over the jumps and whips are not permitted. Horses in this class must be three years old or older. Jumps to be a minimum height of 18" and a maximum of 24".*

**JUMPER:** *horses are judged on accumulated faults. Jump offs are to occur for first place only, jump offs will be held and course raised. Minimum height for first round is 18" and maximum height is 28". Exhibitors may go over the jumps with the horse and whips are permitted. Horses in this class must be 3 years old or older.*

**ROADSTER:** *Horses are to be shown with a stirrupped bike and no basket. Horses are to be 3 years old or older. The exhibitor is dressed in racing silks. Horses are shown at 3 speeds, the slow trot, the road gait and at a full extended drive on trot. Horses are not asked to rein back. Horses enter the arena clockwise at the jog trot.*

**PLEASURE DRIVING:** *Horses shown in these classes are 3 years old or older. Horses are shown in two wheeled vehicles with basket in Open Pleasure Driving and Youth Pleasure Driving. 4-wheeled vehicles may be used in all other pleasure driving classes. Horses are shown both ways of the arena and judged at the walk, collected trot and working trot. Horses enter the ring counter clockwise at the collected trot. Horses should stand quietly and rein back. Gaits of horses in pleasure driving classes should be natural and not artificially enhanced. NO CROSS ENTRIES WITH ANY COUNTRY PLEASURE DRIVING CLASSES.*

**COUNTRY PLEASURE DRIVING:** *Age and vehicle requirements and entry in the arena the same as in pleasure driving. Horses to be shown at a walk, pleasure trot and working trot. NO CROSS ENTRIES WITH ANY PLEASURE DRIVING CLASSES.*

**YOUTH CLASSES:** *open to anyone 18 years or under as of January 1, 2009. For specific rules relating to youth showing stallions, refer to AMHA show rules. All youth must have a current AMHA youth membership card. Application forms for youth cards available at the show office.*

**COLOR CLASSES:** *horses are to be judged 80% on color and 20% on conformation. Horses in color classes are circled both ways of the ring to provide judges an opportunity to view both sides of the animals. Multi colors are open to Pinto and Appaloosa marked horses. Solid color classes are open to all non-patterned colors.*

**NOVICE CLASSES:** *Open to any exhibitor 19 years of age or older who has not received 3 first place ribbons in approved AMHA classes of that type having 3 or more horses. The ribbons won refer to the exhibitor and not the horse. Therefore an exhibitor can use a highly successful horse as long as the person has not received 3 first place ribbons in that specific kind of class. A person is eligible to show in novice performance classes, even though they may not be qualified to show as a novice in halter classes.*

**AMATEUR CLASSES:** *open to any individual who is no longer eligible to show in youth classes and has not shown, judged, instructed, trained or assisted in training a horse or another person for pay within the last 5 years. In order to show a horse in amateur classes the horse must be either owned or leased by the exhibitor or the exhibitor's family prior to being shown. All leases must be on record with AMHA prior to the show date. In order to show in amateur classes the exhibitor must show proof of amateur status by presenting or applying for an amateur card at the show prior to entering the ring. Applications available in the show office.*

**OPEN CLASSES:** *These classes are open to all competitors.*

**SENIOR HORSES:** For the purpose of this show, senior horses are animals which are 3 years of age or older. Senior horses compete in halter classes based on their height. There are 4 height groupings in the senior division, 28" and under, over 28" – 30", Over 30" – 32", and over 32" – 34".

**JUNIOR HORSES:** Junior horses are animals that are no more than 2 years of age. In halter classes junior horses compete against each other based on their ages and height. Classes are for weanlings, yearlings and 2 year olds.

**LIBERTY:** Liberty is demonstrating the natural beauty of the miniature horse. Horses are to be judged on style, grace, animation, gaits, presence, music and suitability and ease of catching. The hoes halter is removed and then allowed to work at liberty for 1-½ minutes. Two handlers are allowed in the arena during this period. Additional assistance from outside the arena will result in disqualification of the horse. All horses shown in liberty class are at least one year old. Whips are permitted but the horse cannot be touched after the halter is removed. After the liberty period the exhibitor (the handler with the number on their back) has 1-½ minutes to catch and halter the horse. Music is required for this class. A cassette tape preset to the appropriate sons or CD will need to be supplied to the show management before the class starts.

**VERSATILITY:** The horse will be shown first in driving (either Country or Single), then shown in halter and then shown as a hunter. Horses do not leave the arena between divisions. All three count equally. Horses must be 3 years of age or older. Only one assistant will be allowed in the arena only for the heading and unharnessing of the horse. Exhibitor and assistant must be properly attired. There is a two-minute time limit to unharness and remove cart from the arena. Failure to do so will result in disqualification. For complete rules see AMHA rulebook.

**REINSMANSHIP:** a class judged on the handler (similar to equitation)

**FUTURITY:** Horses nominated as a yearling or two year old. All horses to be judged by AMHA halter rules. Judges scores to be totalled for each horse. Payout depends on # of entries. 1 – 4 60% to 1st, 40% to 2<sup>nd</sup>. 5 – 9 50% to 1<sup>st</sup>, 30% to 2<sup>nd</sup>, 20% to 3<sup>rd</sup>. 10 – 14 40% to 1<sup>st</sup>, 30% to 2<sup>nd</sup>, 20% to 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10 % to 4<sup>th</sup>. 15 & up 35% to 1<sup>st</sup>, 25% to 2<sup>nd</sup>, 20% to 3<sup>rd</sup>, 12% to 4<sup>th</sup>, 8% to 5<sup>th</sup>. Ribbons to sixth, prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

PLEASE NOTE CLASSES FOLLOWED BY THIS MARK #### ARE NOT AMHA POINT CLASSES.

FOR A COMPLETE EXPLANATION OF ALL REGULATIONS CONSULT THE CURRENT AMHA SHOW RULES.

THE PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY CHALLENGED ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL CLASSES.

**SILENT AUCTION: TO BE HELD DURING THE SHOW ON SATURDAY. PLEASE BRING SOME ITEMS FOR THIS IF YOU CAN, DOES NOT HAVE TO, BE HORSE RELATED.  
SILENT AUCTION TO BE COMPLETED DURING LUNCH TIME ON SUNDAY.**

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### **B.C.MINIATURE HORSE CLUB SHOWSPONSORSHIP & PROGRAM ADVERTISING**

CHOICE OF CLASS: (first come first served)

Advertiser: \_\_\_\_\_.

Program Advertising (page size) \_\_\_\_\_.

Business Card: \_\_\_\_\_.

Sponsor ship fee is \$25.00 per class.

Sponsorship of a class will be announced at the beginning of the class you are sponsoring and will be in the show program.

Show program advertising: Front cover \$ 50.00 with ½ page write up inside. Back cover \$75.00.

Inside front cover \$50.00, inside back cover \$35.00. Full page \$25.00, ½ page is \$15.00 (no color).

All other pages can be in color for an extra \$50.00. Business card ad \$10.00.

Contact Heather Ward for details or questions 604-858-9650

Email: [hward-zeus@telus.net](mailto:hward-zeus@telus.net).

### **SPONSORSHIP REWARD PROGRAM.**

For every \$25.00 sponsor you obtain \$5.00 is given back to the exhibitor to be used for entry fees or membership or advertising. So get out there and get some sponsors it could be worth your while!!