



2019 SHOW RULES.

REGULATIONS.

1. Horses must be entered in the correct class, observing the correct age. Category A Miniature Horses must not exceed 34” in height at maturity, measured from the last hairs of the mane at the base of the neck. Category B Horses exceed 34” and not exceed 38” at maturity. All horses are to be measured and details recorded as per the MHCGB Height Record.
2. Handlers must be suitably turned out. Hats, gloves, boots and jackets are required. Training shoes are optional for performance classes.
3. The judges’ decision is final.
4. Exhibitors are required to withdraw from a class if the judge has an interest in his or her exhibit. For the purposes of this rule, a judge has an interest in an exhibit if he/she has bred, owned, trained or has a financial interest in it.
5. Any horse acting in an unruly manner will be excused from the ring by the judge or steward for safety reasons.
6. The names of exhibits will not be made known to the judge until after the class. Exhibitors will be issued with a number for each horse that must be displayed whilst that horse is in the ring.
7. Cruelty, abuse or inhumane treatment of any horse will not be tolerated by show management and the offender will be barred for the duration of the show.
8. Conduct by an exhibitor, trainer or owner deemed unsportsmanlike, abusive or detrimental will not be tolerated the MHCGB, including but not limited to, threatening, abusive or intimidating conduct (physical, verbal or written) toward any show official or fellow exhibitor. Any person guilty of such conduct should be reported immediately to the show management. The management will suspend the offender for the duration of the show. Any person accused of unseemly behaviour may appeal his/her case to the council of the association which will render a decision. If found guilty such a person may be banned from further participation in Club events and a decision will be published in the official publication of the Club.
9. Exhibitors are requested not to converse with the judge unless initiated by the judge.
10. Late arrivals will not be admitted to the ring once the gate has closed or the class has commenced.
11. a. Objections must be made in writing with a £50 cash fee to the show Management Team no later than half an hour after the alleged incident. The fee will be returned to the protester in the event the protest is sustained. If the protest is not sustained the fee shall be forfeited.
 - b. Any protests shall be adjudicated by a protest committee of three show officials not involved with the incident/dispute.
 - c. The show protest committee shall meet promptly and adjudicate the issue, make effective its decision upon the parties in interest and report its determination to all parties. A show protest committee may disqualify a competitor and or his/her entries for the duration of the show.

- d. The protest committees' decision is FINAL.
12. Any member/exhibitor issuing a dishonoured cheque, or failing to pay any obligation owed to the MHCGB or an MHCGB approved show shall be withdrawn all member privileges and shall be barred from further MHCGB events until the debt is discharged in full. All debts to the MHCGB shall be paid within 15 days. Any suspensions/denial of privileges shall terminate upon full payment of the obligation due.
 13. All exhibitors, owners and handlers must be fully a paid up members of MHCGB. Membership runs from 1st January to 31st December. MHCGB Directors reserve the right to refuse membership without providing reasons.
 14. The MHCGB Show Management Team reserves the right to refuse any entry to an MHCGB show without providing reasons.
 15. The MHCGB Show Management Team reserves the right to ask any individual/s to leave a showground holding an MHCGB approved show without providing reasons.

PRESENTATION FOR SHOWING.

The permissible methods for showing are:

- a. Freshly clipped
- b. Clipped with new coat established
so long as the horse is neat, healthy and well presented.

Manes and tails are natural & unplaited (with the exception of performance classes). Pulling or shortening of the mane is permissible). A bridle path may be clipped into the mane to enhance the outline of the horse. Tails are to be trimmed clear of the ground.

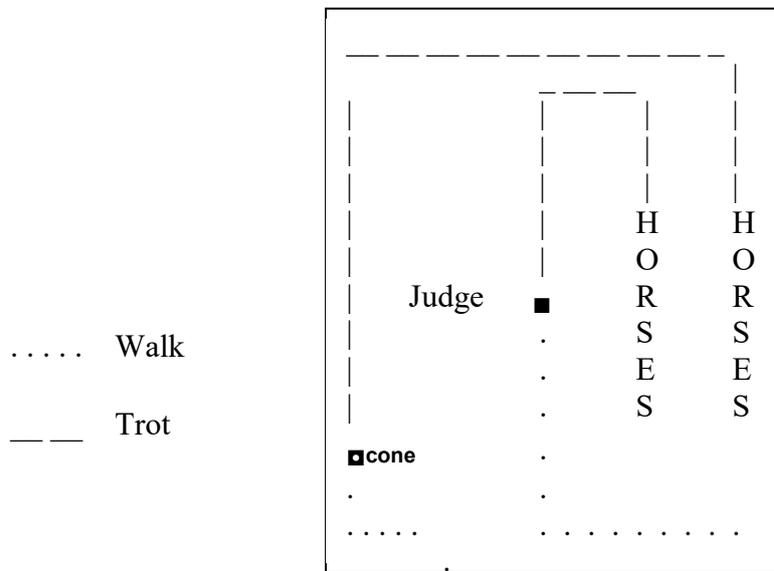
Alteration of the natural colour of the horse is not allowed, however, subtle use of makeup to enhance a natural colour is allowed.

Horses are to be shown not stretched, which means all four feet are flat on the ground and at least one front and one rear cannon bone remain perpendicular to the ground - stretched horses to be penalised after the initial warning by the judge in each class. It is permissible to hand set the horse.

General preparation and presentation is at the discretion of the owner, but the MHCGB wishes to promote the horse as being shown at its best visual and health advantage to portray the breed as one of beauty, intelligence and gentleness. NOTE: *'circus' or 'cute' type presentation is not relevant in any class other than the costume/fancy dress class.*

MHCGB Showing Style

Horses are to enter the ring, individually in catalogue order, at a walk clockwise on a loose lead to a designated point marked by a cone approximately 20 feet from the gate and then proceed at a trot past the judge/s. Judging will begin at the cone. Line up horses head to tail along the ringside, teeth and testicles are checked for correctness. The judge then re takes his/her position in the centre of the ring. From line-up, competitors walk to judge and trot past, back to the end of line, to assess straightness of movement. Horse are then posed nose to tail approx. 15 feet from the edge of the ring and with sufficient distance between to allow judges to assess horses from all sides. Horses are assessed individually in the nose to tail line up. (See diagram). The final line up is then called in and Rosettes are awarded.



Judges are asked to discourage exhibitors from sitting, squatting, kneeling in front of horses (with the exception of showing weanlings). If after a warning is given, exhibitors may be penalised

The horses are judged on:-

1. TYPE The horse must possess horse like qualities in a smaller size and proportion. Pony-like traits are not desirable in the modern miniature horse.
2. CONFORMATION. Consider the correctness of structure and conformation. Identify any faults and weaknesses.
3. QUALITY which includes the harmony and balance of body parts, the refinement and density of bone in the legs and the smoothness of muscling.
4. WAY OF GOING Perhaps meriting a higher consideration. Not just the quality of movement but the technical correctness of the stride, articulation of the joints, elevation and impulsion.
5. PRESENCE.

CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The first and second places from the applicable classes are called to the championship.

First placed horses form the front line, second placed horses stand behind the winner of their class. Horses are asked to walk/trot out at the discretion of the judge.

The horses are posed for the judge to reassess.

Champion and Reserve champion are selected.

Rules for each breed/type section.

The refined type classes are open to horses not exceeding 34” at maturity (measured at the last hairs of the mane).

The draft type classes are open to horses not exceeding 34” at maturity (measured at the last hairs of the mane).

The Falabella classes are open to Registered purebred Falabella horses not exceeding 38” at maturity (measured at the last hairs of the mane).

The Partbred Falabellas classes are open to horses with either parent registered with a Falabella Society and not exceeding 38” at maturity (measured at the last hairs of the mane).

The AMHA sanctioned section is run strictly under AMHA rules. All exhibitors are therefore asked to acquaint themselves with the current AMHA rule book. The section is open to horses registered with the AMHA owned and exhibited by AMHA members only. Please send copy front and back of registration papers with entry.

AMHA Partbred section classes are open to horses with either parent registered with AMHA please put sire and/or dam AMHA reg. nos. on entry form

The British Bred classes are open to horses with neither parent registered with AMHA or a Falabella society or of unknown breeding not exceeding 34” at maturity (measured at the last hairs of the mane).

Category B classes are open to horses expected to mature at a height exceeding 34” but not exceeding 38”.

Scaled down show horse section open to horses not exceeding 38” and is judged on the horse most resembling that specified type in miniature.

MHCGB Gelding Incentive class open to horses not exceeding 38” (measured at the last hairs of the mane).

Performance classes are open to horses not exceeding 38” at maturity (measured at the last hairs of the mane). **With the exception of AMHA performance classes.**

Futurity classes are open to nominated horses only.

The MHCGB Breeder of the year is open to Miniature Horse breeders who are members of MHCGB by 1st July 2012. Exhibitors to nominate their prefix on the National Championship show entry form. Points will be accumulated from that show.

SPECIALITY HALTER CLASS – COLOUR CLASSES.

These classes are judged on 80% colour, 20% conformation. Horses not to exceed 38”

Horses are walked into the arena and then asked to turn and walk in the opposite direction. Horses are then lined nose to tail in rows, allowing space for the judge to pass between each horse to assess. The horses are trotted at the discretion of the judge.

The following classes are available:-

Broken Colour ie, pinto, appaloosa, pintaloosa.

Spotted ie; appaloosa, pintaloosa Broken colour ie;
pinto, piebald, skewbald

Solid ie; bay, chestnut, grey, black, brown.

Any other colour ie; silvers, palaminos, buckskin, gruella, roan etc.

DRIVING CLASSES.

Horses are to be serviceably sound and must be three years old or older.

Drivers should strive to present an appropriate turnout that conforms to the class entered. Suggested attire:- Gentlemen, hat, jacket, tie, trousers, gloves & ladies tailored suite, skirt and blouse or evening dress (where appropriate) hat and gloves.

Whips must be carried at all times, failure will result in disqualification. Headers are acceptable.

SINGLE PLEASURE DRIVING.

The horse should give the appearance of a pleasurable drive. It should also show animation and brilliance of movement.

Horses are to enter the ring counter clockwise at a collected trot. Gait requirements - Walk, Collected Trot and working trot on both reins. The horses are required to stand quietly and to rein back.

This class is judged on Performance, manners, way of going, conformation, appropriateness, Condition and fit of vehicle and harness, Neatness of attire.

IN THIS ORDER

COUNTRY PLEASURE DRIVING.

Country pleasure is judged on attitude, manners, performance, quality and conformation IN THAT ORDER. Horses must be on the bridle, with a relaxed neck carriage, high action must be penalised, it is imperative that a horse give the distinct appearance of being a pleasure to drive.

Gait requirements – walk, pleasure trot and working trot on both reins. Stand quietly and rein back readily.

HORSES MAY ENTER EITHER COUNTRY PLEASURE OR SINGLE PLEASURE.

CONES DRIVING.

Horses complete a timed coned course incurring time penalties of 2 seconds when lowing balls from the cones.

A judge may dismiss from the ring any unsafe horse, vehicle or equipment.

JUMPING CLASS.

Horses must be aged 3 years or over.

Classes will be judged with 4 faults for a knockdown and 3 faults for a refusal. Jump offs occur for ties of first place only, each horse shall re jump a raised course until the horse with the lesser faults is declared the winner.

OBSTACLE CLASS.

Horses must be aged 2 years or over.

An obstacle course will be constructed and can be viewed by competitors and judges. The class is judged on performance and way of going with the emphasis on manners throughout the course. Entries will be evaluated on responsiveness and willingness, plus general attitude.

Maximum time per obstacle 60 seconds, horses are then asked to advance to the next obstacle

A score sheet system is advised to give a possible mark out of 10 for each obstacle.

LIBERTY.

Liberty is demonstrating the natural beauty of the horse. Horses are to be judged on style, grace, animation, gaits, presence, music and suitability, ease of catching. Judging begins when the halter is removed. Time of liberty is 1 ½ minutes, time to catch, 1 ½ minutes. (If not caught until after the 1½ minutes the horse is disqualified) One exhibitor (wearing the number) and one handler allowed in the ring. Horses are to be caught by the exhibitor only. Touching of the horse during 1 ½ minutes at liberty will count for disqualification.

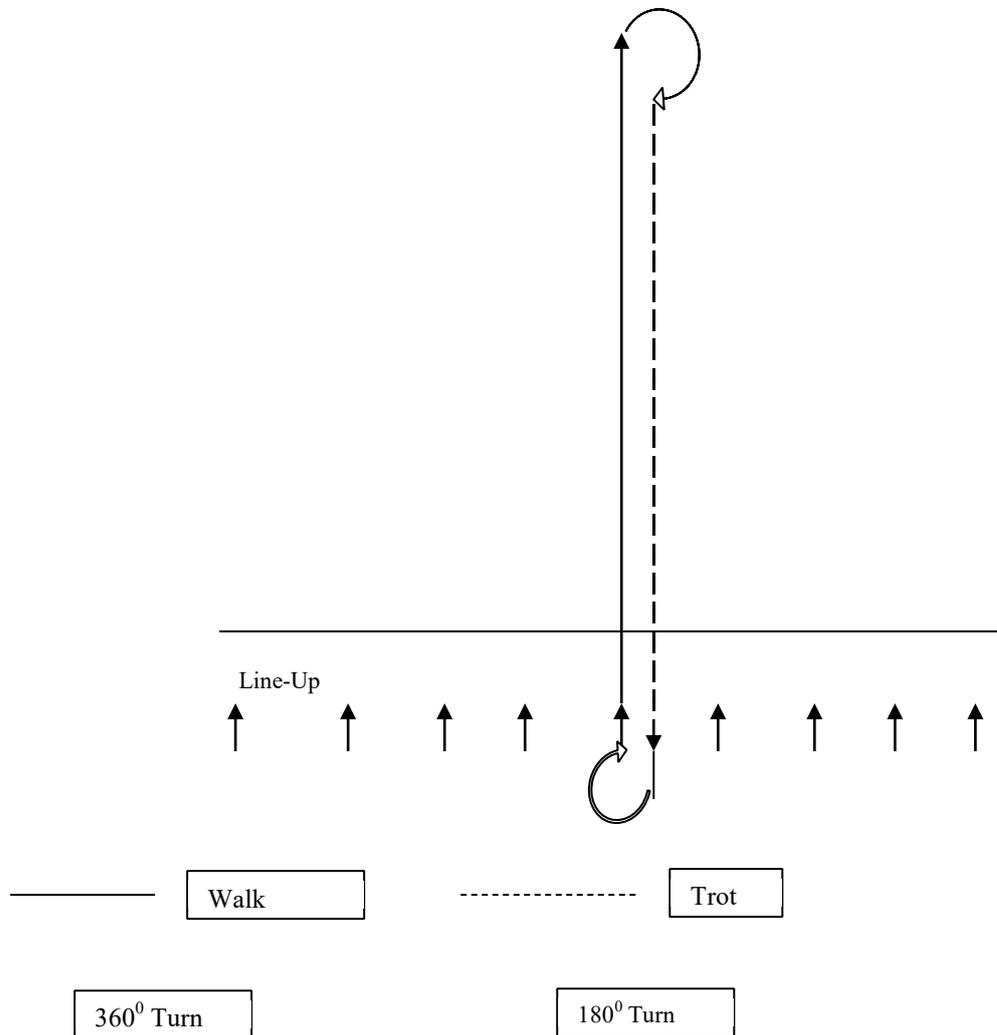
The following assessment can be made. Style and grace 30 points, animation and presence 30 points, gaits 30 points, music and suitability 10 points, catch 10 points **SHOWMANSHIP.**

The showmanship class is an assessment of the handler's ability to show and turn out his/her horse.

Showmanship
Pattern 1

The below pattern
is used.

Judge
X
Stop



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Points can be awarded for the following:-

Appearance of handler 10 points, suitability and cleanliness. Gloves, hat, boots and jackets are required

Appearance of horse 40 points, (conformation is not a factor.) Cleanliness, conditioning and tack.

Showing of horse 50 points

This system of presenting the horse (see diagram) results in the exhibitor always being in a safe position, the exhibitor always being able to see the judge and the horses position, the exhibitor always being in a position to keep the horses hindquarter from swinging toward the judge should the horse become fractious and unsafe for the judge and the judge being in a safe position at all times to evaluate the exhibitors ability to show the horse as desired.

PROGENY CLASSES

Horses enter the ring and are lined up nose to tail in groups. The judge, at his discretion, may ask to see horses' movement.

PRODUCE OF DAM.

To be judged with emphasis on the reproductive likeness, uniformity, quality of breed characteristics and confirmation. The minimum of two offspring and a maximum of 4 per entry. Any sex of offspring may be shown. One number is issued per group of horses.

GET OF SIRE.

This class will be judged with emphasis on the reproductive likeness, uniformity, quality of breed characteristics and confirmation. The minimum of two progeny and a maximum of 4 per entry. Any sex may be shown. One number is issued per group of horses.

TWO, THREE HORSES BY THE SAME OWNER.

Any two/three horses owned by the same owner. Judged on quality of conformation and breed characteristics.

HORSE BY THE SAME BREEDER.

Judged on quality of conformation and breed characteristics.

PAIRS.

Judged on likeness of both horses.