



HEIGHT VERIFICATION

for AMHA horses at

AMHA approved MHCGB Shows



No Miniature Horse shall exceed 34 inches in height.

Weanlings must not exceed 30 inches.

Yearlings must not exceed 32 inches.

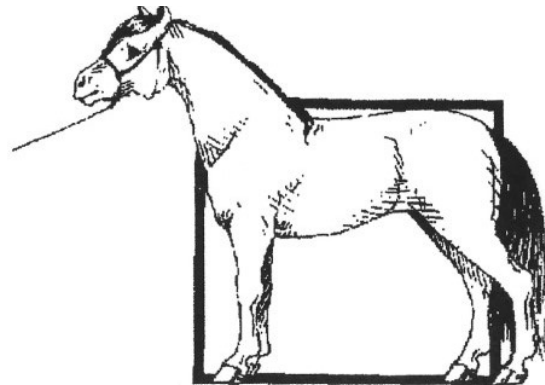
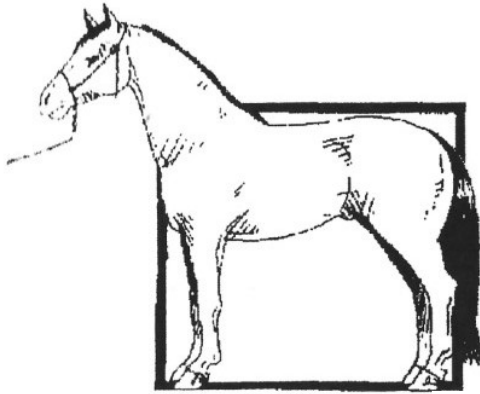
Two-year-olds must not exceed 33 inches.

(The show age of the horse is determined from January 1 preceding its birthday.)

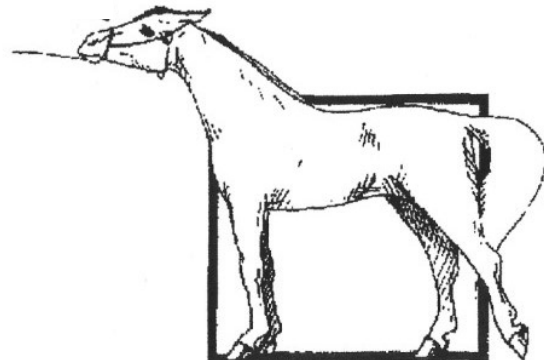
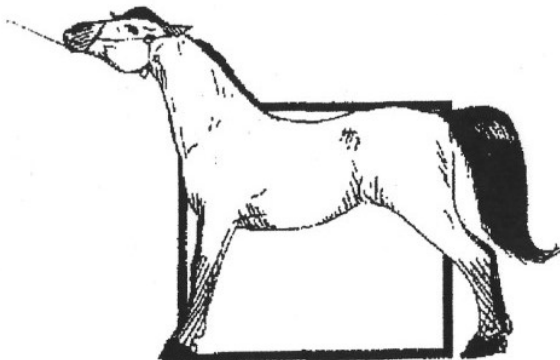
Presentation for Measuring

The height verification of the Miniature Horse shall be determined by measuring the vertical distance from the base of the last hairs of the mane to the ground with the front two (2) legs vertical and in line with or parallel to the measuring device, and the back of the hocks in a vertical line with the horse's buttocks. The last hairs of the mane refers to the last coarse (longer) hair of the horse's mane. Any softer body hair, left longer so as to be considered as an extension of the mane, should be differentiated from mane hair and should not be included as part of the mane when measuring. The horse's head and neck shall be in a natural position, facing forward, with the nostrils lower than the eyes. The animal must stand squarely on all four (4) feet. No height allowance will be made for excessive foot.

ACCEPTABLE



UNACCEPTABLE



After the horse is set up for measuring by the handler, said handler may not touch the horse, i.e. stretching the head up forward, moving the feet; touching the back or pressing down on any part of the back until the measurer removes the measuring stick.

If an animal does not meet the desired height, the handler has the right to request a second measurement. Upon repositioning the animal and the measuring stick a second measurement will be made. If the second measurement is still not acceptable a third measurement is allowed. Only one reading is permitted with each measurement. The third measurement is final and will be recorded as the official height. If after the first or second measurement, it is obvious the animal needs to be trimmed, the handler should be advised that the third measurement is final and that any alteration to the animal's feet should be made prior to that measurement. A horse that has to be remeasured must be sound. The measuring process will result in a final measurement.

CLARIFICATION - "The Official Show Measurer will not attempt to measure the horse until the handler has set the horse, as per stated above, and is positioned near the horse, in a kneeling or standing position, not touching the horse with any part of his/her body, and advises the measurer the horse is ready to be measured. The Official Measurer will then attempt to measure the horse. During the measuring process, if the handler touches the horse, the attempt to measure will be stopped, and the handler will be advised the horse cannot be touched during the measuring process."

Regulations for Accurate Measurement and Recording

Horse's height must be verified on a hard, level surface, preferably concrete or paved, in a public place, by a show official and witnessed by a recording official of the show. No person with horses being shown competing in the show may be a measuring official at the show.

The measuring device used to measure the first horse must be used to measure all the horses. A standard measurement stick is a straight, stiff unbendable stick (metal) that is equipped with a bullseye, plumb bob or a spirit level to make sure that the standard is perpendicular to the ground and that the cross piece or arm is parallel with the ground surface.

Management shall announce the time and place for height verification.

To receive an exhibitor's number, the horse must be measured and have height recorded on the entry sheet by the person measuring horses or by his designee.

It is mandatory for Show management to provide the signed Final Height Measurement List from all AMHA approved shows to the AMHA Office with Show Results. This list will be retained in the AMHA Office. Signatures must be: Measurer and Show Manager.

Any horse showing evidence of the use of any drugs, sedatives or stimulants to produce deceptive height will be refused measurement until such time as the Measurement Team sees no sign or effects of said drugs or stimulant use.

AMHA Permanent Measurement cards

A permanent measurement card may be issued for horses 60 months and older when measured by a certified measurer at both a Championship Show and the World Show in the same show year providing the horse measure is 34" and under per AMHA Rules. If the measurements at the 2 shows are different the higher measurement will be used.

Owner must request this card prior to measurement at the earlier show by completing a Permanent Measurement Card request form to the AMHA office. This form will be signed by the official measurer at both shows and returned to the AMHA office for a Permanent Card to be issued from the Show Department.

This card will be valid indefinitely at all future AMHA sanctioned shows.

The permanent carded horse can still be protested at any future show under the current AMHA Rules or under Rules and Regulations Rule 181 & 182.

If a horse receives a permanent measurement card and is sold the permanent measurement card will be passed to the new owner.

Fee for card to be \$25.00 dollars and fee to replace a lost card to also be \$25.00 dollars.

Penalty: If protested and the horse measures over its permanent carded height the card is revoked and must be measured at all future shows. Can reapply for a permanent card the following year.

Protest concerning Height (GR-050)

The measurement of a horse may be protested at any time prior to the end of the show so long as the horse is present on the show grounds. The protest must be made in writing accompanied by a \$100 deposit.

The horse shall be re measured by a show official other than the show official that measured all animals at the show, and in the presence of the original measurer and at least two (2) other show officials.

If there is no discrepancy in measurements from the first measurement to the measurement after protest, the original measurement stands as official.

All measurements must take place in direct view of the owner/trainer of protested animal, and the individual who filed the protest.

Any animal submitted for an official measurement must show no evidence of lameness. If lameness is determined by the show veterinarian, this shall result in disqualification of the animal for the balance of the competition, and the owner of the animal forfeits fees and winnings for the entire show for the protested animal.

CLARIFICATION "An AMHA horse that does not measure within required height constraints for its age group at a show cannot be protested in attempt for further measurement to enter the show. GR-050 pertains to horses in a show and does not apply to horses that do not meet qualification. Under GR-050 horses that have qualified and been accepted in a show can only be protested one time, per show, for a height challenge." The rule above is clarifying that if a horse measures out of the show, it is not considered in the show; therefore it can not be protested.