

Proposed Changes to Show Rules

1. B01 - Breed Halter Specific Rules (page 16-17)

(f) Supreme Halter Champion Classes

(iii) Change to: Reserve Supreme Halter Champion shall be judged from the remaining Champions and the Reserve Champion to the Supreme winner.

Rationale:

Sometimes the second best horse at the show is the one that is reserve to the horse that is judged Supreme. This would require that all Champions and Reserve Champions were lined up in the ring for each judge to make their selections in turn, before any results are announced.

2. Rule G08.02 Miscellaneous Prohibitions (page 13)

(b) Delete the words: "Switches, artificial tails"

Rationale: In some cases the loss of a tail is due to another animal chewing the tail off. An artificial tail does not aid in the conformation of a horse. A horse looks better with a tail that without it.

General Presentation etc as per Show Rule book states that the horse must be "shown to its best possible visual and health advantage to promote the Miniature Horse breed ..."
(See G02 (i) page 7)

3. Rule G02 - Presentation for Showing (page 7)

(d) Mane and tail are to be natural and free flowing in halter events

Change to: Mane and tail are to be natural and free flowing in Halter events. A mane may be hogged at exhibitor's discretion without penalty.

Rationale: Sometimes a horse may have a 'paddock accident' and its mane can become severely rubbed. In such cases it would look neater and better if it was hogged (clipped right off) so it may grow again evenly along its entire length. Some horses look very smart with a hogged mane.

4. B07.01 - Breeders Award of Merit (page 31)

Delete Workout: While a workout is not usually required this is left to the discretion of the Judge.

Replace with: Workout. Same as Breed Halter Classes

Rationale: At most National Shows these classes are cross judged between the halter and this class. It is too hard for judges to remember how they judged in the Cat A Classes 1.5 days earlier. This award class should be consistent to the halter classes, the movement of horses is important. Without a workout the judges cannot see the movement.

5. Breed Halter Section Rules (page 17)

B01 - Breed Halter Specific Rules

Add new rule (h)

If over 12 entries in any halter breed class the class is to be Split evenly with the class divided into 2 sections.

Rationale: This rule used to be in the rule Book and used until Council decided to remove it without asking the members. With the National Shows getting larger this will help the smaller horses.

6. Breed Halter Section Rules (page 17)

B01 – Breed Specific Rules

Add to (h)

- (i) if over 12 entries in Foal Classes they are to be split
Cat A Foal up to 28" plus Foal 28 – 30"
Cat B Foal up to 31" plus Foal 31 – 33"
- (ii) if over 12 entries in yearling classes they are to be split
Cat A Yearling up to 30" plus Yearlings 30 – 32"
Cat B Yearling up to 34" plus Yearlings 34 – 36"

Rationale: As Council decided to take away the rule about splitting classes with over 12 entries it is time the members decided if they would like it back.

7. H09 - Country Pleasure Driving (page 52 – 53)

H09.03 Basis of Judging (page 53)

Replace (a) with:

Judging procedure – Horses will be judged in the following order of importance:

- Attitude
- Manners
- Performance e
- Conformation

Rationale: This is to make it clear the basis on which this division is judged. This is similar to the AMHA rules.

8. H08 – Single Pleasure Driving (page 52)

H08.03 – Basis of Judging

a) Leave as it is

ADD b) criteria for judging:

1. Quality of performance
2. Way of going
3. Conformation
4. Manners

Rationale: To show the basis of judging this discipline. Brings in to line with International Standards and Practice.

9. H – Harness Section Rules

H01 – General Driving Rules

- c) Change Whip length from **minimum** length to **maximum**
- d) Delete "reins"
- e) Delete "full cheek"

Rationale:

- c) Whip only needs to be able to reach the horses shoulder. That is the maximum. Existing rule provides for a whip that extends further than the horses shoulder
- d) "Reins" not required in description
- e) "Full" cheeks run the risk of having a rein looped over the top - dangerous

