

RULES:

MISSION STATEMENT The Calgary Stampede and the Miniature Horse Show Sub-Committee are committed to planning and delivering the annual Miniature Horse Show to a standard worthy of Canadian National Status, while simultaneously ensuring that administration of the show is efficient and effective. To achieve the foregoing objective, reliance is placed upon Calgary Stampede policies and guidelines as well as AMHA rules. Accordingly, exhibitors/participants must familiarize themselves with the governing policies, guidelines and rules. It is an expectation that all exhibitors/participants will comply with entry deadlines, move in and release requirements, shot box requirements and be on time for the pre-show measuring of horses. It goes without saying that all persons, in any way involved with the Miniature Horse Show, are expected to at all times, conduct themselves in a courteous manner.

1. Special attention is called to the following:
 - [Calgary Stampede Agriculture General Rules](#)
 - [Health Regulations](#)
 - [IAFE Code of Ethics](#)
 - [Animal Care Codes of Practice](#)
 - [Calgary Stampede Horse Show Committee Costume Class Guidelines](#)
2. A combined point score based on the placings of each judge will determine the Canadian National Champion. In the event of a tie, the call judge will make the final decision.
3. Exhibitors are responsible for carrying their own liability insurance, (see Liability - General Rules).
4. Exhibitors must ascertain at what time judging will take place; and no complaint or appeal based upon the statement that the judges have overlooked the exhibits will be considered by the Calgary Stampede.
5. Due to limited show time, there will be no gate holds.
6. It is compulsory for exhibitors to wear the official show numbers supplied by the Calgary Stampede.
7. Miniature Horse exhibitors who do not adhere to the Miniature Horse release time will automatically forfeit their prize money and may result in corrective action such as refusal of entry, suspension, or other action as may be deemed appropriate.
8. Exhibitors canceling their entries shall forfeit their entry fee except when a certificate of disability is issued by a qualified veterinarian. The certificate of disability must be received by the Agriculture Entries Office by Monday, July 10, 2023 in order to receive

an entry fee refund. Please submit a completed [SCRATCH FORM](#) if you wish to cancel any entries.

9. General show rules are governed by the AMHA. For specific rules and ring procedures, please refer to the 2023 Official Show Rules of the [American Miniature Horse Association](#).
10. All AMHA shows are open to any AMHA registered horses whose exhibitor is able to prove valid registration. To enter an AMHA approved show, the exhibitor must use the complete name and number of the animal as it is shown on the horse's registration certificate. Entry forms must be completely filled out and will not be accepted by the show management until all information has been listed, copies of both sides of the registration paper received, all fees paid and the entry form signed by the exhibitor.
11. Stallions over the age of 3 must also provide a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with their entry. These forms are available on the AMHA website.
12. Horses may be shown if the exhibitor furnishes proof that the registration application is pending in the AMHA office prior to the show. The Show Chairman shall accept as proof only a signed statement from the AMHA office or oral verification from the AMHA office to the Show Chairman that registration is pending.
13. No miniature horse shall exceed 34 inches in height at the withers. Weanlings must not exceed 30 inches. Yearlings must not exceed 32 inches. Two year olds must not exceed 33 inches. All horses must meet the height qualification for each class and will be measured at the base of the last hairs of the main.
14. The age of the horse is determined from January 1st of the year in which they were foaled.
15. **Conduct by an exhibitor, trainer, owner, or immediate family member of an unsportsmanlike, abusive or detrimental nature will not be tolerated by the show management, including but not limited to threatening or intimidating conduct, physical, verbal or written toward any show official. Any person(s) guilty of such conduct should be reported immediately to show management by the judge, steward, or show committee member. The show management will suspend the offender for the duration of the show.**
16. Protests:
 - Any protest must be made in writing to the show manager, (Tammy Botsford), or the ring steward no later than one hour after the completion of the last class of the show. The protest shall be accompanied by a \$100 deposit, which shall only be returned to the protestor in the event the protest is sustained. Please refer to the current AMHA Show Rules for a complete list of protest regulations.

- Exhibitors may not protest to the judge directly or by interference, on the placing of any horse. Any person guilty of such conduct will be excused from the show and forfeit any premiums received at that show, and the right to show in any additional classes at the show. No entry fees will be returned.
17. Horses eligible and entered must show unless excused by the manager or judge.
 18. Harness Championships are limited to first and second place winners from classes in that division. Any horse competing is eligible to be Grand or Reserve Champion. In the event that one horse qualifies with different drivers, the exhibitor must decide which driver will show the entry in the championship class.
 19. There will be no cross entries between any Classic, Country, or Single Pleasure Driving classes.
 20. **LORD STERLING CUP** (non rated)- Open to teams of two Miniature Horses with a four wheeled vehicle. Points are accumulated over both shows. The presentation of the Lord Sterling Cup will take place during the Miniature Horse Show. In case of a tie on total points, a call judge will make the final decision. The purpose of this class is to demonstrate the general utility of the Miniature as a driving horse simulating work conditions. Prize money and The Lord Sterling Cup will be awarded to the hitch accumulating the most points over both shows. Description - Hitches to enter the ring at a working trot. At the direction of the Ring Steward, hitches shall then be exhibited at a flat footed walk and a working trot in both directions of the ring. Upon completion of the required rail work, hitches will then be required to work individually through the following pattern: back to dock, swing left and right, and drive a figure eight. Points will be awarded as follow: Rail work - 50 points; Performance - 40 points; Turnout - 10 points. An appropriately attired header is required for each hitch. Headers may enter the ring when called or may ride on the wagon, but headers must take no action that will affect the performance of any horses in the ring. Headers must be a capable person of 13 years of age or older; for youth drivers, headers must be an adult, 19 years of age or older. Headers will enter the ring, or dismount when the hitch is halted on the rail or in line up. The header will remain at least 2 paces distant from the heads of the team when the judge is inspecting the horses. While the horses are at the dock, the header will stand nearby in order to assist when requested by the driver.
 21. Amateur and Youth are required to submit a copy of their current card with horse show entries.
 22. **If there are 3 or less horses entered in a class** at the close of class registrations on **May 31, 2023**, classes may be combined or cancelled.
 23. **In any non-rated class, should any questions, concerns, disputes, discrepancies or tabulation errors arise or be identified at any time after placings, titles and/or awards are announced and/or distributed (including but not limited to Canadian National Grand and Reserve Champion placings, titles and awards), placings, titles and/or**

awards may be adjusted and re-distributed and any such adjustment or redistribution will be at the sole discretion of the Calgary Stampede Miniature Horse Sub-Committee. Any such situation that occurs will be evaluated by the Committee on an individual basis. As a condition of entry into a non-rated class and/or allowing one's horse to be considered for a non-rated placing, title or award, Exhibitors agree to these terms and agree to honour and abide by Committee decisions.

24. Added Rule: Gambler's Choice Class Rules

Open to all exhibitors in the show. Horses may only enter once, but exhibitors can enter more than one horse. The course will be posted the morning of the show day the class will run. Each obstacle will have a point value based on degree of difficulty and can be taken from either direction. When a horse incurs a rail or lowers the height of an obstacle said points will not be calculated toward the final score and the jump may not be jumped again. A jump can be jumped twice but not back-to-back. A time limit will be set and indicated on the posted course design sheet. When time is called, the score will be announced after which the Exhibitor has the choice, Gambler's Choice, to keep that score or jump the Joker Fence. The Joker Fence is a special jump of increased difficulty that is not to be taken during the initial class. If the exhibitor chooses to try the Joker Fence and clears it 50 points will be added to their score. If they try the Joker fence and do not clear it, they lose 1/2 of their points. If they choose not to jump it the score remains the same. Each horse only has one try at the Joker fence. The exhibitor horse pair who has the highest score at the end of the class is the winner. Tie for the first place winner take all purse will be split amongst leading horse/rider combinations sharing the same number of points.