

PONIES

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PONIES MISSION STATEMENT: To provide an opportunity for exhibition of both registered and grade ponies which measure 50 inches or less for both children & adults of all ages in accordance with the American Shetland Pony Club guidelines. To promote the exhibition and ownership of ponies in a safe, competitive yet friendly atmosphere exclusively for ponies.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT: Mary Jane Storto
PREMIUMS: Over \$3,000
JUDGE: (to be announced)

2004 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(Class order posted in Pony Barn)

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| Friday, July 9 | |
| 5 pm | Entry forms due, Entry Office |
| Friday, July 30 | |
| After 5 pm | Pony entries accepted (Pony/Llama Barn) |
| Saturday, July 31 | |
| Before 11 am | Pony entries accepted (Pony/Llama Barn) |
| 11 am | All ponies on display (Pony/Llama Barn) |
| 5:30 pm | Pony Show, performance (South Park) |
| Sunday, August 1 | |
| 9 am | Pony Show, halter classes (South Park) |
| 11 am | All ponies on display (Pony/Llama Barn) |
| 5:30 pm | Pony Show, performance (South Park) |
| Monday, August 2 | |
| 11 am | All ponies on display (Pony/Llama Barn) |
| 4 pm | Pony Show, performance (South Park) |
| Tuesday, August 3 | |
| 12 Noon | Pony Costume Class (South Park) |
| 7 pm | Parade of Champions to follow Ponies released from grounds |

Every effort will be made to follow the schedule, but due to unforeseen circumstances schedule may be subject to change.

NO DOGS ALLOWED IN THE PONY BARN

GENERAL RULES:

- All parties participating at Montana State Fair Events are responsible for reading the **General Information & Montana Department of Livestock Health, Brand and Import** sections of this handbook and complying with the policies listed therein.
- No entry will be considered complete unless accompanied by appropriate entry fees. **Late entries are subject to double entry fees on a space available basis.** Entry Fees: \$15 Open shows and \$10 Junior shows.
- Each exhibitor shall purchase admittance tickets. A \$15 season ticket that will admit one person plus vehicle is available. Exhibitors 6-18 years may purchase a \$10 season ticket that will admit one for the week, no vehicles. State Fair will provide one additional season admission ticket for each \$50 of entry fees.

- AGREEMENT TO ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS HEREIN STATED IS UNDERSTOOD WHEN THE EXHIBITOR SUBMITS THE ENTRY FORM.
- Use the entry form included in this book to enter sheep divisions. Additional forms can be obtained from Montana State Fair by calling 727-8900 or by duplicating form in book. Entry forms and fees may be delivered to State Fair administration office, open weekdays 8 am to 5 pm. Mailed entry forms and fees should be sent to: Entry Office, Montana State Fair, PO Box 1888, Great Falls, MT 59403. All possible care will be exercised by State Fair in handling exhibits, but no responsibility for loss or damage in transit or during any phase of the exhibit will be assumed by State Fair.
- IMMEDIATELY UPON ARRIVAL**, exhibitors or individuals should report for assignment of stalls. Space will be assigned in order that entries are received. No horses or equipment to be at fairgrounds before July 30, without prior approval. Tack stalls will be given if possible. **Decorations are encouraged** for stall and tack areas.
- Stabling provided for exhibited horses only. **A \$5 stall fee will be assessed.** NO entry shall be entitled to stable space nor admitted to the show ring until entry & stall fees are paid. **FEES listed MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY FORMS.**
- Any class with less than four entries may be scratched, combined or changed at manager's discretion.
- No animals will be released before the stated check out time except out of state and Canadian entries. Out of state and Canadian animals will be released at the discretion of the superintendent. Prior arrangements **MUST** be made with the superintendent for all early releases.
- Stall and exhibition spaces MUST be cleaned before 10 am each day of the Fair.** Aisles must be kept free. Please do not block aisles with chairs, equipment, etc.
- Registration papers must be available for steward and show management.
- In order to qualify for judging, each contestant must appear in the ring wearing the correct number, plainly visible.
- Show management reserves the right to reject any entry at any time for disrespect to the rules, intoxication, rough treatment of animals or any other reason he deems reasonable.
- Should any question or dispute arise not provided for in the American Shetland Pony Club or the USEF rule books or rules herein, same shall be referred to the show manager. He will make a decision at that time or deem necessary to call together the show committee for a ruling.
- Official rule books may be obtained from the governing body of the American Shetland Pony Club.
- Anyone may show his pony or horse except the judge, his family or animals that he has in training or just completed training.
- No yearling may be more than 43" tall. No 2 year old may be more than 44 1/2" in any class. This rule covers both grade and registered ponies.

ATTENTION

Note: Rule H is new and affects your entry

Send entry form and check to
MONTANA STATE FAIR
PO Box 1888
Great Falls, MT 59403

DIVISIONS:

- HALTER CLASSES
- HARNESSES CLASSES
- OPEN CLASSES
- CHILDREN, 14 & UNDER WITH 46" & UNDER PONY
- CHILDREN, 14 & UNDER WITH 46" TO 50" PONY
- CHILDREN, 8 & UNDER (PONY SIZE LISTED PER CLASS)

DIVISION 1: HALTER CLASSES

REGULATIONS:

- Ponies to be shown by American Shetland Pony Club rules.
- Ponies should be neatly trimmed, well groomed, braided with one braid in the foretop and one immediately back of the bridle path and attractively presented in the show ring.
- Show halter or bridle is mandatory equipment used for all entries. All appliances, including false tails are prohibited. For stallions 2 years and older, tack is optional equipment
- All classes offered will be required to work on the rail, both ways, at walk and trot. A handler and attendant are permitted per pony shown.
- Grade ponies used in children's classes may only enter appropriate Children's halter classes 115-118 **OR** class 112-114. Registered Ponies used in children's classes may enter classes 115-118 **OR** they may compete in appropriate class 100-111. **NO CROSS ENTRIES.** Note: It is recommended that ponies used in children's classes show in the children's halter classes provided, unless stable is actively breeding and promoting their breeding program for commercial purposes.
- If less than three foals per class, foal classes may be combined.

REGISTERED SHETLANDS

ENTRY FEE: \$3

PREMIUMS: 1st, \$10; 2nd, \$7; 3rd, \$5; 4th, ribbon; 5th, ribbon
Class Code

- PO-1-100 Stallion, 3 years and older (46" and under)
PO-1-101 Stallion, 2 years old (44 ½" and under)
PO-1-102 Stallion, 1 year old (43" and under)
PO-1-103 Stallion, Foal
PO-1-104 **Stallion, Grand and Reserve Champion** (46" and under)
PO-1-105 Mare, 3 years old and older (46" and under)
PO-1-106 Mare, 2 years old (44 ½" and under)
PO-1-107 Mare, 1 year old (43" and under)
PO-1-108 Mare, Foal
PO-1-109 **Mare, Grand and Reserved Champion** (46" and under)
PO-1-110 Mare and Foal
PO-1-111 Registered Gelding (46" and under)

ANY BREED OR COMBINATION OF BREEDS

ENTRY FEE: \$3

PREMIUMS: 1st, \$10; 2nd, \$7; 3rd, \$5; 4th, ribbon; 5th, ribbon
PO-1-112 50" and under Mare Class
PO-1-113 50" and under Stallion Class
PO-1-114 50" and under Geldings

GRADE PONIES AND CHILDREN'S REGULAR PONIES

ENTRY FEE: \$3

PREMIUMS: 1st, \$10; 2nd, \$7; 3rd, \$5; 4th, ribbon; 5th, ribbon
PO-1-115 Mares used in Children's Classes (46" & under)
PO-1-116 Gelding or Registered Gelding used in Children's Classes (46" & under)
PO-1-117 46" to 50" Mare used in Children's Classes
PO-1-118 46" to 50" Gelding used in Children's Classes

DIVISION 2: HARNESS CLASSES

REGULATIONS:

- This competition will allow stallions to be used in designated Women's classes provided stallions are well mannered. The judge may excuse any unruly pony.
- Single Harness: Qualifying class for single stake. To be driven to a viceroy, side bar buggy or four-wheeled vehicle of similar type. Harness to be show type including round blinkers, side check and choice of bit. Boots, bands or strings of any description on feet or legs, as well as martingales are prohibited. Ponies are to enter to the right and shall be worked both ways of ring at "Park Pace" and "Show your Pony". Only one attendant per entry shall be permitted to enter the show arena when the class is instructed to line up.
- Single Ladies: same as Single Harness with ladies only to drive. Qualifying class for single stake.
- Roadster: To be driven to a sulky, bike or 2 wheeled vehicle of similar type. Enter ring to left, (clockwise) at a jog trot. Shown at jog and road gate, reverse in ring at jog to counterclockwise direction and show jog, road gate and turn 'em on. Qualifying class for Roadster Stake.

- Women's Roadster: same as Roadster with ladies only to drive. Qualifying class for Roadster Stake.
- Pleasure Driving (Classes 204, 207, 214 & 217) – To be driven to a two wheeled cart with a foot basket or a four wheeled buggy (not a viceroy). To be shown at a walk, trot, and extended trot. Ponies shown in Pleasure Driving not eligible for other driving classes. Enter ring to right. To be shown at walk, pleasure trot and extended trot both ways of the ring. Ponies to line up in center, stand quietly and back readily. No attendants permitted.
- Classes 205, 206, 215 & 216 will run under USEF rules for harness ponies. (No cross entries from Shetland classes.) For 50" ponies and under, any breed or combination of breeds.
- All horses entered into Stake classes must have competed in the appropriate qualifying class.

ENTRY FEE: \$5

PREMIUMS: 1st, \$12.50; 2nd, \$10; 3rd, \$7; 4th, \$5; 5th, \$2.50

REGISTERED SHETLAND HARNESS

- PO-2-200 Single Harness (46" and under)
PO-2-201 Single Ladies (46" and under)
PO-2-202 Roadster (46" and under)
PO-2-203 Women's Roadster Class (46" and under)
PO-2-204 Pleasure Driving (46" and under)
ANY BREED OR COMBINATION OF BREEDS
PO-2-205 Roadster Show Pony (50" and under)
PO-2-206 Fine Harness Show Pony (50" and under)
PO-2-207 Pleasure Driving (50" and under)

STAKES ENTRY FEE: \$10

PREMIUMS: 1st, \$35; 2nd, \$20; 3rd, \$15; 4th, \$10; 5th, \$7.50; 6th, \$5

REGISTERED SHETLAND HARNESS

- PO-2-210 Single Stake (46" and under)
PO-2-212 Roadster Stake (46" and under)
PO-2-214 Pleasure Driving Stake (46" and under)
ANY BREED OR COMBINATION OF BREEDS
PO-2-215 Roadster Stake (50" and under)
PO-2-216 Fine Harness Stake (50" and under)
PO-2-217 Pleasure Driving Stake (50" and under)

DIVISION 3: OPEN CLASSES

(HORSES NEED NOT BE REGISTERED)

REGULATIONS:

- Class 300 - 50" and Under Obstacle Class, adult class, no crossover from children's pony, 2 or 4 wheel vehicle to be used.
- Class 301 - Hand Driving - 50" and under - to be shown in training equipment, handler to walk only, demonstrating skill in handling pony. Cross entries allowed. **NO CHILDREN'S PONIES.**
- Class 302 - 50" Parade Class - No cross entries with class 400. Child under 14 years. 50" pony may be used in adult classes. To be shown in parade costume at parade walk and parade trot both ways of ring and to halt.
- Class 303 - Get Ready and Show - Children 14 and under to groom pony and prepare for ring; change clothing and show in ring as in a halter pony class. To be judged on the ability of the child based on experience. Adult assistance will disqualify the exhibitor. This class may be split depending on number of entries according to prior experience and age.
- Class 304 - Lead Line Class - Child to be six or younger. To be led at a walk both ways of ring. To halt and stand quietly. To be judged on rider's ability to handle and aid pony.
- Class 305 - Special Pony Class - Costume Class. Open to all ponies 50" and under, including children's ponies. Cross entries allowed. Costumes and props encouraged. Ponies may be ridden, driven or led.
- Class 306 - Open English Pleasure is open to all ponies 50" and under. To be shown hunt seat or saddle seat at the walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Cross entries allowed. Helmet required.
- Class 307 - Children Hand Driving Equitation-Child, 16 and under, to be judged on ability to control pony performance on an open course. Adult or child's 50" and under Pony eligible. Handler to be attired in clothing suitable for a Roadster or Pleasure Driving Class.

- i. Class 308- Children Pairs Class. Children 14 & under and ponies 50" and under. Class conducted as pleasure class that will include a walk, trot & lope both ways of the ring. English or Western attire acceptable, but same attire must be worn by team pair. Class may be run as individual teams or as full or divided class at judge's discretion.
- j. Class 309-Youth Pleasure Driving. Open to all ponies 50" and under driven by youth 14 years and under. Pony may have been used in adult classes or be children's pony. – To be driven to a two wheeled cart with a foot basket. Entering to right. To be shown at walk, pleasure trot and extended trot both ways of the ring. Ponies to line up in center, stand quietly and back readily. Attendants permitted to enter ring at line up.

ENTRY FEE: \$5

PREMIUMS: 1st, \$12.50; 2nd, \$10; 3rd, \$7.50; 4th, \$5; 5th, \$2.50

(see Div 3 rules)

Class Code

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| PO-3-300 | 50" and under Obstacle Class |
| PO-3-301 | 50" and under Hand Driving Class |
| PO-3-302 | 50" Parade Class - no cross entries with class 400 |
| PO-3-303 | Get Ready and Show (see rule) |
| PO-3-304 | Lead Line - ponies to be kids' ponies |
| PO-3-305 | Special Pony Class |
| PO-3-306 | Open English Pleasure (50" and under) Children 14 & under |
| PO-3-307 | Children's Hand Driving Equitation, 50" and under |
| PO-3-308 | Children Pairs Class |
| PO-3-309 | Youth Pleasure Driving |

DIVISION 4, 5, 6: CHILDREN'S CLASSES

REGULATIONS:

(For show purposes child's age on Dec 1st of prior year shall be maintained for the current show year.)

American Shetland Pony Club and USEF rule books rules will prevail.

- a. **FOR SAFETY REASONS IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT ALL CHILDREN PARTICIPATING WEAR HELMETS DURING ALL CLASSES AND PRACTICE SESSIONS.** For classes stating that helmets are required a helmet will be provided. If child is not wearing a helmet they must be wearing the appropriate headwear for classes entered. i.e. cowboy hat for western attire. USEF rule—no contestant using protective headgear will be penalized as long as rest of appropriate dress code is adhered to.
- b. In ALL TIMED CLASSES (Races) headgear, be it helmet or hat, must be on when contestant passes the starting line or they will be disqualified.
- c. Show dress should be appropriate to class entered. Western Riders should have long sleeve shirts, hat and long pants. Chaps are optional. English riders should have jacket, stock, breeches and helmet. Proper Attire and Equipment are part of the "showing" experience. Neither equipment or attire has to be fancy but it should project an image of good grooming and cleanliness.
- d. Children are required to enter ring with their ponies show number either attached to both sides of pony's saddle blanket or on their back. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.
- e. NO STALLIONS allowed in CHILDREN'S CLASSES
- f. Children 8 and under; ponies entered in Division 6 may cross enter into Division 4 or 5 respectively.
- g. Children's Classes ponies can be registered or grade. Any pony used in Children's Classes may not be used in Division 2, Harness Classes or Division 3, Open classes 300 & 301.
- h. PENALTIES: In all timed events a 5 second penalty will be assessed for each knock down of stake, pole or barrel and a 5 sec penalty if a contestant reaches with hand or arm to steady a falling stake, pole or barrel.
- i. Two hands on the reins or changing of rein hands in any timed event can result in disqualification. Because of the age of our competitors this rule will be treated more leniently except in pole bending where strict compliance of game rules will be adhered to. Exhibitors are encouraged to ride with one hand only. Judge will be observing and MAY choose to impose a penalty on riders who do not ride with one hand.
- j. **DISQUALIFICATIONS:** Runouts, refusals, or leaving the course in all events will disqualify the contestant. Any rider whipping pony with properties of an event will be disqualified. The use of a quirt, bat or spurs ahead of the cinch in any event will be a disqualification. Unsportsmanlike conduct-Judge may disqualify riders for unnecessary roughness, or disorderly conduct of any kind and may disqualify unmanageable pony for reasons of safety. Decisions of the judge are FINAL.
- k. Class 401-501 - Pole Bending Race - six stakes, 40" to 48" high and placed 18 feet apart, will be used. The start (finish) line will be 18" from first pole of course. A five-second penalty will be assessed for each stake tipped over. American Pony rules prevail. **ONLY ONE HAND ON REINS.** Free hand may be in contact with rider's own body.
- l. Class 402, 502, 602 - Barrel Race - barrels will be placed 50' apart. Start (finish) line will be 20' from center line of 1st and 2nd barrel. Barrels will be painted white and will be 15 gallon size. Rider will have choice of direction to start his or her race, but must complete a cloverleaf. Pony game rules will apply.
- m. Classes 403, 503, 603 - Showmanship - will be judged 50% on ability and appearance of the exhibitor and 50% on the pony. Entries will enter ring at walk on rail one at a time as judge observes and move to the center of the ring to line up at ringmasters direction. Each child will be instructed by the judge to show his pony at a walk and trot on the rail. On completion they will return to the line up and reset their pony. (Note: exhibitors are to show their ponies following ASPC rules—not 4-H guidelines.)
- n. Classes 404, 504 – Western Pleasure will be shown both ways of the ring at walk, trot and lope with an emphasis on manners and control. Class 604- Walk/Trot Western Pleasure – will be shown both ways of ring at walk & trot with an emphasis on manners and control.
- o. Classes 405, 505 - Musical Chairs - all entries will use saddles, but stirrups need not be used during this event. Requires child to dismount when music stops and to sit on a bucket and to remount when music resumes. Last two entries will race for chair. Class 405, 505 participants are required to bring their own bucket with them to class. Class 605 modified. Children will stay on their ponies and must grip hands with the (human chairs) when music ends and resume circling when music restarts. Last two entries will race to human chairs.
- p. Classes 406, 506- Children's Trail. Course will consist of 6 to 8 obstacles, which may include a gate, bridge, back and over poles obstacles. Contestants may be asked to walk, trot or lope in different portions of course. Class 606 will be simplified and will not require a lope.
- q. Classes 407, 507- Children's Figure 8 Race: Pattern will be posted in barn. Four stakes will be used: two set 80 feet apart at opposite ends of the course, with two center stakes set 14' apart at a point half-way between the two end stakes. These two center stakes will mark the starting and finishing line. Rider starts between two center stakes and runs a figure "3" around the two end stakes, first turn optional as long as a full "8" pattern is completed.
- r. Class 408, 508 - Jumping Class - Children 14 and under. **HELMET REQUIRED.** There will be a minimum of 6 jumps with the highest being 2 feet, with the longest width being 3 feet. Jump pattern will be posted in the barn. Will be judged using USA Eq rules. Brick wall and baled straw may be used as two of the jumps.
- s. Class 409, 509, 609- Keyhole Race. Pattern posted in barn. Keyhole will be constructed of poles laid out in pattern. Touching any pole on course will result in disqualification.
- t. Class 410, 510- Scurry Race. **HELMET REQUIRED.** Course consists of 3 parallel low jumps (under 18") spaced 20' apart, 20' and around a marker and a return over the 3 jumps. (pattern posted in barn) If a pole is knocked down it must remain down until rider has cleared the course. A 5 second penalty will be incurred per knock down.
- u. Class 411, 511-Flag Race. Pattern posted in barn. Child must remove flag from 4 barrels and transfer it to next barrel in square pattern. Class 611 modified: Child will remove flag from human barrels and transfer them to next human barrel. Timed event. Rider must ride on the outside of the barrels but may circle a barrel if he missed the flag at the first attempt. A left handed rider has the privilege of taking the course in reverse.

- v. Class 412, 512 - Western Riding. Rider to follow a pattern that will demonstrate their skill in control of pony at walk, trot and lope. Patterns may be obtained prior to Fair by calling the Superintendent and will be posted in the barn. Class 612 will be simplified and will not require a lope.
- w. Class 613- Tag & Run Relay - child and one parent; child to ride pony to parent, dismount, parent to lead pony back to starting spot.

DIVISION 4

46" and under

Children 14 and under

ENTRY FEE: \$2

PREMIUMS: 1st, \$10; 2nd, \$7; 3rd, \$5; 4th, \$3; 5th, \$1

(see Division 4 rules)

Class Code

- PO-4-400 Junior Parade
- PO-4-401 Pole Bending Race
- PO-4-402 Barrel Race
- PO-4-403 Showmanship
- PO-4-404 Western Pleasure Ponies
- PO-4-405 Musical Chairs
- PO-4-406 Children's Trail Class
- PO-4-407 Children's Figure 8 Stake Race
- PO-4-408 Children's Jumping Class
- PO-4-409 Keyhole Race
- PO-4-410 Scurry Race
- PO-4-411 Flag Race
- PO-4-412 Western Riding, 46" and under

DIVISION 5

Ponies 46" to 50"

Children 14 and under

ENTRY FEE: \$2

PREMIUMS: 1st, \$10; 2nd, \$7; 3rd, \$5; 4th, \$3; 5th, \$1

(see Division 5 rules)

Class Code

- PO-5-501 Pole Bending
- PO-5-502 Barrel Race
- PO-5-503 Showmanship
- PO-5-504 Western Pleasure
- PO-5-505 Musical Chairs
- PO-5-506 Children's Trail Class
- PO-5-507 Children's Figure 8 Stake Race
- PO-5-508 Children's Jumping Class
- PO-5-509 Keyhole Race
- PO-5-510 Scurry Race
- PO-5-511 Flag Race
- PO-5-512 Western Riding, 46" to 50"

DIVISION 6

Ponies 46" and under

****Ponies 50" and under eligible**

Children, 8 and under

ENTRY FEE: \$2

PREMIUMS: 1st, \$10; 2nd, \$7; 3rd, \$5; 4th, \$3; 5th, \$1

(see Division 6 rules)

Class Code

- PO-6-602 Barrel Race
- PO-6-603 **Showmanship
- PO-6-604 **Walk-Trot Western Pleasure
- PO-6-605 Musical Chairs - modified
- PO-6-606 **Children's Trail Class - modified
- PO-6-609 Keyhole Race
- PO-6-611 Flag Race, modified
- PO-6-612 **Western Riding
- PO-6-613 **Tag & Run

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