

New England Pony Owners and Breeders Association

Show Rules

(Revised 2004)

DEFINITION OF A PONY

Hand: The height of all animals is stated in hands. A hand is 4". Horses must be over 14.2 hands except Registered Arabians, Half or Anglo-Arabians, Connemaras, Morgans, Pintos and Paso Finos. Ponies are 14.2 hands and under.

Horse:

1. The term "horse" as used in these rules denotes either a horse or pony.
2. When the term "horse" or "pony" is used or intended in prize lists and catalogs of Recognized competitions where height is one of the qualifications of the class, the word "horse" denotes animals over 14.2 hands with the exception of Registered Arabians, Half or Anglo Arabians, Connemaras, Morgans, Pintos and Paso Finos.

Pony: Ponies are animals that do not exceed 14.2 hands.

Age: For competition purposes-pony is considered to be one year old on the first day of January following the actual date of foaling.

STATEMENT

All awards to be given for Ponies or Exhibitors of Ponies in Registered Breed divisions must follow breed rules and regulations. A copy of pony's registration papers, along with exhibitor's Amateur and 4-H status where applicable, must be sent to Point Secretary at beginning of year. **A COPY OF LEASE MUST BE INCLUDED FOR LEASED PONIES.**

ELIGIBILITY

****All Owners and Lessees MUST be members on or before the date of the show or competition for points to count towards Year End Awards. Any pony owned by a member, or rider in equitation classes, is eligible to compete for annual high-score awards.**

EXHIBITORS MUST PLACE AT A MINIMUM OF 2 AFFILIATED SHOWS OR 2 NON-AFFILIATED SHOWS IN ORDER TO ACCRUE POINTS TOWARDS YEAR END AWARDS.

JUNIOR EXHIBITOR

All Junior Exhibitors must be under 18 years of age. The age of an individual on December 1st shall be maintained throughout the following entire show year. Persons born on December 1st shall assume the greater age on that date.

POINT SCORING RULES

The point scoring year runs from **November 1st** to **October 31st** of the following year. All final show points must be in no later than **November 10th**, all points on mid-season and year end standings are FINAL 10 days after post marked date. Decision of Rules Committee is final after review of any problems reported.

You will no longer be required to complete point scoring sheets **EXCEPT** for anyone accruing points in *non-NEPOBA affiliated shows and competitions*. Point Secretary will record points from results reported by NEPOBA affiliated shows. Be sure to completely fill out your entry blanks, especially at these shows, so that show secretaries can report correct data to NEPOBA.

NEPOBA AFFILIATED SHOW DIVISION

POINT SYSTEM

For Qualifying Classes and Championships

PLACING	CLASS OF RATED SHOW					SHOWS WITH NO RATING
	AA	A	B	C	D	
1st	30	24	18	14	10	24
2nd	28	22	16	12	8	22
3rd	26	20	14	10	6	20
4th	24	18	12	8	4	18
5th	22	16	10	6	2	16
6th	20	15	9	5	1	15

Where ratings differ points will be allowed for the highest rating for shows affiliated with NEHC, STATE ASSOCIATION and/or **AFFILIATED BREED SHOWS**.

BONUS POINT SHOW-TRIPLE AA points will be awarded at the NEPOBA Annual Horse Show.

EXCLUSION FROM POINTS

No points will be awarded in classes where the wording of which excludes any exhibitor from competing in that division, such as, but not limited to Medal and Medallion classes, Limit and Novice classes.

NON-AFFILIATED SHOW DIVISION

ALL shows not on NEPOBA's current Affiliated Horse Show list will be considered Non-Affiliated, including NON-AFFILIATED BREED SHOWS AND CARRIAGE COMPETITIONS. This division does not count toward the New England High Score Awards, New England First Year High Score Award or the Out of New England Awards. The show must have a minimum of 20 classes and a class list **MUST** accompany the report to the point secretary.

POINT REPORTING FOR NON-AFFILIATED SHOWS AND COMPETITIONS

To be eligible for year end awards it is the responsibility of the member to report show results. Each member is required to furnish the names of the ponies exhibited plus other information asked for on the Point Scoring Sheet. Please circle classes on Prize List for show for each class entered. The Point Scoring Sheets will be provided with paid memberships with additional forms obtainable from the Point Scoring Secretary. Reports of the shows must be postmarked within 30 days from the date of the show and mailed to the Point Scoring Secretary:

SUE ARTHUR
199 Old Sandown Road
Chester NH 03036
(603) 887-5937
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Please mark show mailing number in the space provided on the Point Scoring Sheet. (Your first report would have the #1, the next #2, and so on...) This is to help track reports in case one has been lost in the mail.

NON AFFILIATED POINT SYSTEM

1st - 24 2nd -22 3rd - 20 4th - 18 5th - 16 6th - 15

CARRIAGE COMPETITION - POINT SYSTEM

3 Day Competition - Use AA Points
2 Day Competition - Use A Points
1 Day Competition - Use B Points

VERSATILITY AWARD

This Award is given for classes and/or divisions *in and out of New England* that are not pointed by NEPOBA. The show or competition must have a minimum of 20 classes and a class list **MUST** accompany the Point Scoring Sheet to the Point Secretary. The following points will be awarded with all points accruing towards one Year End Versatility Award with 6 placings:

1st - 24 2nd - 22 3rd - 20 4th - 18 5th - 16 6th - 15

DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

Unless otherwise specified in these rules, class specifications will follow NEHC, State or Breed organization rules.

REGISTERED HACKNEY DIVISION

Must be registered in the American Hackney Horse Society.

1. **HACKNEY PONY COLTS AND FILLIES** - Open to Hackney ponies 2 years of age and under. Futurity classes not to count.
2. **HACKNEY IN HAND** - Open to Hackney ponies of any age.
3. **SINGLE HACKNEY IN HARNESS** - Open to Short-tail Hackney Ponies only, 14.2 hands and under. All Single Hackney Pony Performance classes to count.
4. **SINGLE HACKNEY PONY PLEASURE DRIVING-AMATEUR** - Open to Hackney Ponies 14.2 hands and under. Junior Exhibitors and Amateurs only. Open to Mares, and Geldings only.
5. **HACKNEY HARNESS PONY** - Open to all Hackney Harness Ponies 12,2 hands and under. Harness Ponies will be shown in long mane and undocked tail. Ponies must be registered with the AHHS or CHHS with the exception of ponies shown prior to December 31, 1989 in the Harness Pony Division at a regular member AHSA show.

OPEN CARRIAGE DIVISION

6. **OPEN CARRIAGE CLASS** - Open to all ponies in a single carriage class, marathons, dressage or obstacle class at a recognized show or a carriage competition. Harness is to be appropriate for the carriage used. To be shown to an appropriate two or four wooden wheeled carriage at a walk, collected or working trot and extended trot. Excessive speed to be penalized. Must stand quietly and back readily. Must perform at least one figure eight at the discretion and on the instructions of the judge. Hat, apron, gloves and whip are required. To be judged 75% on performance, quality and manners; 25% on turnout.

ROADSTER PONY DIVISION

7. **OPEN ROADSTER PONY** - Open to ponies not to exceed 50 inches. Open Roadster Pony Classes only to count.

7A. **JUNIOR EXHIBITOR ROADSTER PONY UNDER SADDLE** - To be shown under English saddle, full martingale, open bridle with snaffle bit, single or double rein and protective boots. Rider to wear stable colors - jacket and cap to match. To be shown at a jog trot, road gait and then at speed. To be judged on manners, performance, speed and quality. (Stallions prohibited.)

7B. **AMATEUR/ JUNIOR EXHIBITOR ROADSTER PONY TO BIKE** - To be shown at a jog trot, road gait, then at speed. To be judged on manners, performance, speed and quality. Driver to wear stable colors - jacket and cap to match. (Stallions prohibited.) One attendant is permitted to head pony.

POINTS ACCRUED IN JUNIOR EXHIBITOR ROADSTER PONY UNDER SADDLE AND TO BIKE MAY ACCRUE TO ONE YEAR END AWARD. **Medallion classes not to count.**

PINTO PONY DIVISION

Must be registered as a pony with the Pinto Horse Association of America Inc. Height not to exceed 14.0 hands.

8. **PINTO PONY COLTS AND FILLIES** - Open to Pinto ponies 2 years of age and under. Futurity classes not to count.

9. **PINTO PONY IN HAND** - Open to Pinto ponies of any age.

10. **PINTO PLEASURE PONY UNDER SADDLE** - Points to accrue in Pinto Pony English Pleasure or Pinto Pony Western Pleasure Classes.

SHETLAND PONY DIVISION

Ponies must be registered in the American Shetland Pony Society.

11. **SHETLAND PONY COLTS AND FILLIES** - Open to Shetland ponies 2 years of age and under. Futurity classes not to count.

12. **SHETLAND IN HAND** - Open to Shetland ponies of any age.

13. **SHETLAND PLEASURE PONY DRIVING** - Only points in Registered Shetland Pleasure in Harness classes to count.

WELSH PONY DIVISION

Ponies must be registered in Welsh Pony Society of America.

NOTE: Welsh Pleasure Ponies may be ridden or driven by an adult or junior exhibitor.

14. WELSH PONY COLTS AND FILLIES - Open to Welsh ponies 2 years of age and under. Futurity classes not to count.

15. WELSH IN HAND - Open to Welsh ponies of any age.

16. WELSH PLEASURE PONY UNDER SADDLE

17. WELSH PLEASURE DRIVING PONY - Points in all Welsh Pleasure Driving classes to count. Formal or Fine Harness classes not to count.

OPEN PONY DIVISION

Open to animals shown as ponies that do not exceed 14.2 hands.

19. OPEN PONY COLTS AND FILLIES - Open to ponies two years of age and under.

20. OPEN PONY IN HAND - Open to ponies of any age.

AMATEUR PLEASURE DRIVING PONY DIVISION

21. AMATEUR PLEASURE DRIVING PONY - Open to all pleasure driving ponies. Martingales permitted. To be shown to a two or four wheeled vehicle appropriate for pleasure driving, excluding road carts, viceroys or fine harness rigs. To show at walk, slow trot, and extended trot both ways of the ring. To be judged on manners, performance and quality.

JUNIOR EXHIBITOR DIVISION

22. **JUNIOR EXHIBITOR HACK** - Pony to be shown under English tack. Ponies cannot exceed 14.2 hands. Animal shown by a Junior Exhibitor in all classes MUST BE A PONY.

23. **THREE GAITED SADDLE PONY** - The pony should resemble the Saddlebred type as closely as possible. Manners are paramount.

24. **OPEN PLEASURE PONY UNDER SADDLE** - English or Western.

To be shown at a walk, trot or jog, canter or lope both ways of the ring, with extreme speed to be penalized. To be judged on manners, performance and quality. May cross into Pet Pony at the same show but not Hunter Type Pet Pony. Pleasure Pony classes only to count.

JUNIOR EXHIBITOR EQUITATION DIVISIONS

LEAD LINE DIVISION

Open to Saddle Seat, Hunt Seat and Stock Seat riders. Lead Line Equitation, Pleasure or Suitability classes to count. Rider to be 8 years of age or under. Rider's mount must be a pony. An adult shall be required to lead entry. Riders can not compete in any other under saddle class at the same show. *Leadline Equitation and Leadline Pleasure/Suitability will accrue to 2 awards.*

25. **LEAD LINE EQUITATION** - To be shown individually, on a lead line only, at a walk and trot or jog. To be judged with emphasis on equitation. Suitability and manners of mount to be considered.

26. **LEAD LINE PLEASURE OR SUITABILITY** - To be shown individually on a lead line only, at a walk and trot or jog. To be judged with emphasis on pleasure with suitability and manners of the mount to be considered. *Points to be accrued by Pony.*

WALK TROT DIVISION

27. **WALK TROT EQUITATION** - Open to Saddle Seat, Hunt Seat and Stock Seat riders 10 years of age and under No child entered may compete in any other class requiring entries to canter or lope at the same show. Any child entered in this class WILL BE ELIGIBLE to enter the Beginner's Pleasure Division.

EQUITATION DIVISION (UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE)

Medal classes not to count. Three awards with one for each seat will be given.

28. SADDLE SEAT EQUITATION

29. STOCK SEAT EQUITATION

30. HUNT SEAT EQUITATION

SHORT STIRRUP EQUITATION DIVISION

Open to Hunt Seat riders 12 years of age or under. All three classes to accrue to one award. Not to compete in any other Equitation classes at any show and *has not competed in a Jumping class exceeding 18 inches in height*. Mount MUST be a pony.

31. SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER SEAT ON THE FLAT - To be judged at the walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. May be asked to halt and back.

32. SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER SEAT OVER FENCES - To be shown over 4 fences not exceeding 18 inches in height. Fences may be taken at a trot or canter at the option of the rider.

33. SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER SEAT CHAMPIONSHIP - To be shown over 4 fences not exceeding 18 inches in height. Fences may be taken at a trot or canter at the option of the rider.

CHILDRENS HUNTER SEAT EQUITATION

Open to exhibitors who are eligible for Children's Hunter and who have not shown over a course where fences exceed 3' at a recognized show after October 31st of NEPOBA's preceding show year. To be shown over a minimum of 6 fences with no combinations. Fences for Small-Medium ponies- 2' and fences for Large ponies 2'6". Three classes- Childrens Hunter Seat Equitation on the Flat, over Fences and Championship/Stake to accrue to one award.

34. CHILDREN'S HUNTER SEAT EQUITATION OVER FENCES

35. CHILDREN'S HUNTER SEAT EQUITATION ON THE FLAT

BEGINNERS DIVISION

Open to Hunt Seat, Saddle Seat and Stock Seat riders. Riders to be 10 years of age and under. To be shown at a walk and trot or jog. Not eligible for classes requiring entries to canter or lope. *Mount must be a pony*. Two separate awards will be given.

36.. BEGINNERS PLEASURE

37. BEGINNERS TRAIL

PET TYPE PONY DIVISION

Child must be sole handler. Child must be under 14 years of age. Entries showing in the Hunter Type Pet Pony classes may not cross enter into the Open Pet Type Pony division at the same show.

38. MODEL AND/OR IN HAND PET PONY - Points to count only in Pet Type Pony Model or In Hand Classes.

39. OPEN PET TYPE PONY UNDER SADDLE - Points in Open Pet Type Pony Under Saddle to count only.

40. OPEN PET TYPE TRAIL PONY - Points in Open Pet Type Trail Pony only to count.

41. OPEN PET TYPE PONY IN HARNESS - Points in Open Pet Type Pony in Harness only to count.

42. HUNTER TYPE PET PONY - All ponies shown in Hunter Pony classes at a show shall be classified as Hunter Ponies and shall not be eligible for Open Pet Type Pony Classes at the same show.

4-H DIVISION

Current 4-H membership cards to be presented at time of entry. Mount must be a pony and the exhibitor's current 4-H project. Three classes will accrue to one year end award. (Points to count in recognized and non-recognized shows.)

43. 4-H FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP

44. 4-H PLEASURE UNDER SADDLE (ENGLISH OR WESTERN)

JUNIOR EXHIBITORS HUNTER SECTION

****MOUNT MUST BE A PONY! MEMBER MUST STATE WHETHER SHOWING SMALL-MEDIUM OR LARGE PONY ON SHOW REPORT FORMS.****

Warm up classes not to count.

PONY HUNTER DIVISION

45. MODEL HUNTER PONY - Model Hunter Pony classes only to count. Pony must also compete in at least one full point class-Pony Hunter over Fences but not Children's Hunter.

Fences for Small ponies not to exceed 2'3", fences for Medium ponies not to exceed 2'6" and fences for Large ponies not to exceed 3'. Three classes for Small-Medium and three for Large consisting of Over Fences, Stake and Under Saddle to accrue to one award for Small-Medium and one for Large Pony. Hunter Pony classes only to count.

46. SMALL-MEDIUM HUNTER PONY OVER FENCES -

47. SMALL-MEDIUM HUNTER PONY ON THE FLAT

48. LARGE PONY HUNTER OVER FENCES

49. LARGE PONY HUNTER ON THE FLAT

CHILDREN'S HUNTER DIVISION

Fences for Small and Medium ponies not to exceed 2' and fences for Large ponies not to exceed 2'6". Three classes for Small-Medium and three for Large consisting of Over Fences, Stake and Under Saddle to accrue to one award for Small-Medium and one for Large Pony. Children's Hunter classes only to count.

50. CHILDREN'S HUNTER OVER FENCES

51. CHILDREN'S HUNTER ON THE FLAT

SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER DIVISION

Three classes of Hunter over Fences, Stake and Hunter under Saddle will accrue to one award. Short Stirrup Hunter classes only to count.

52. SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER OVER FENCES

53. SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER ON THE FLAT

HIGH SCORE AWARDS

Ponies can not compete in both the FIRST YEAR AWARD and the NEW ENGLAND HIGH SCORE AWARD.

54. NON-AFFILIATED SHOW AWARD - Points accumulated in Non-Affiliated shows and Carriage Competitions only to count. Preceding awards divisions only count: Must have the same specifications as the above categories. Each show must have a minimum of 20 classes (including sub-divisions) and a prize list must be submitted with your points.

Trophy and 6 Ribbons to be awarded.

55. NEW ENGLAND FIRST YEAR HIGH SCORE AWARD - All points won by any pony (excluding *Equitation, Non Affiliated Shows and Versatility Division*) which has completed its first year of showing in New England, in the preceding divisions will apply toward this award. Exhibitor **MUST** notify Point Secretary at the beginning of show year involved of the name and data on the pony going for this award. Pony cannot compete for both the New England High Score Award and the New England First Year High Score Award. Trophy and 6 Ribbons to be awarded

56. NEW ENGLAND HIGH SCORE AWARD - All points won by a pony (excluding *Equitation, Non Affiliated Shows and Versatility Division*) in New England allowed in the preceding awards divisions apply toward this award. Trophy and 6 Ribbons to be awarded.

57. OUT OF NEW ENGLAND AWARD - Points accumulated in Out of New England shows or carriage competitions only to count. Preceding awards divisions only to count. Must have the same specifications as above categories to count. Each show (other than carriage competitions) must have a minimum of 20 classes (including sub-divisions) and a prize list must be submitted with your points for shows and carriage competitions.

Trophy and 6 Ribbons to be awarded.

58. VERSATILITY - This award is given for classes and/or divisions in and out of New England that are not pointed by NEPOBA. Points do not accrue towards any other award or Challenge Trophy. Trophy and 6 Ribbons awarded.

YEAR END AWARDS

A Year End Championship and Reserve Championship award will be presented for the divisions and/or classes pointed at the annual banquet. In Junior Exhibitor, Out of New England, Versatility and Non-Affiliated Divisions a trophy and six ribbons will be presented. In case of a tie duplicate ribbons and trophies will be awarded (Challenge or Perpetual Trophy will be held by each winner for half of the season.) All winners of the Challenge and/ or Perpetual Trophies will sign a receipt when receiving the trophy and agree to return the trophy as directed 30 days prior to the next awards program.

CHALLENGE AND PERPETUAL TROPHIES

Registered Hackney, Pinto, Shetland and Welsh Ponies accrue points towards its respective breed High Score Challenge or Perpetual Trophy in any class in which it may show except for Equitation, Versatility, Pet Type Pony, Pet Type Hunter Pony, Open Pony and Hunter Pony (the latter 4 divisions have challenge or perpetual trophies of their own) Non-Affiliated show points count towards challenge and perpetual trophies. Trophy only awarded.

When a Challenge or Perpetual Trophy is retired it is the option of the winner to replace it with another Challenge Trophy (not Perpetual). The individual must notify the President and Point Scoring Secretary that they will replace it and give a description that fits the following criteria:

Value of at least \$100.00

Mounted in such a way that can be easily engraved for many years.

Be engraved with the name of the Challenge Trophy