## **Rules & Regulations**

The Mid-Atlantic Wild Horse and Burro Show is open to any animal freeze marked by a federal or state agency or animals registered with AMBA. Note: AMBA registers half mustangs and mules.

Any entry number (horse and handler combination) may show in one category and Games. Separate trophies will be awarded for English classes on Saturday and for Western Classes on Sunday. Categories are as follows:

In-Hand - Open to animals of any age that are not under saddle or harness. Trophy.

Youth - Open to youth under the age of 18 years. Trophy

- Amateur Open to anyone who has not accepted remuneration for any horse related activity. Example, lessons, boarding, trailering, training, etc. Trophy
- Open Open to anyone. Trophy
- Burro Open to all burros and handlers. Trophy
- Games Open to anyone. Trophy.

Scoring: First through fourth place ribbons in each class. Points awarded as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> place = 5 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place = 4 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> place = 3 points, 4<sup>th</sup> place = 2 points, participation upon finishing the class = 1 point. High point mustang and high point burro will receive a Montana Silversmith Belt Buckle.

When there are less than 5 entrants in a class, points will be based on the number of entrants in the class. For example, if only 3 entrants scored, first place would receive 3 points, second place would receive 2 points and 3<sup>rd</sup> place would receive 1 point. In case of a tie for High Point placing the winner will be decided by the number of qualifying entrants competed against.

All entries are accepted with the understanding that the AMBA, Delmarva Chapter, show committee, agents and the facility are not responsible for any loss, damage or injury to any animal exhibited or to any article of any kind. All animals shall be under the control and the risk of the exhibitor, who will be responsible for any loss, damage or injury to any person, animal or property occasioned by him, his agents or employees or by an animal owned or exhibited by him, and shall indemnify the AMBA Delmarva Chapter against any and all loss, damages and liability thus occasional, including attorney fees which may be incurred as a result thereof. The submitting of an entry form to the show secretary shall constitute an acceptance by each person signing same and the revisions herein set forth.

- 1. Parents are responsible for their children. Children are not to be unattended and are not permitted to run, jump or play around the gate, in the barns, or in any area where there may be horses or burros.
- 2 The show committee reserves the right to refuse, accept conditionally or cancel any exhibitor's participation in the show.
- 3 Classes with only one entrant may be cancelled or combined at the discretion of the show committee.
- 4 The show committee reserves the right to disqualify any exhibitor or his/her representative that may engage in un-sportsmanlike conduct, misconduct, discourtesy or disobedience to show officials or for the inhumane treatment of any animal.
- 5 A 2 minute gate rule will be enforced. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to be sure that his/her animal is at the gate on time.
- 6 After the 3<sup>rd</sup> refusal at any obstacle, the exhibitor must move on and may be asked to leave the ring.
- 7 The judge's decision is final.
- 8 No person will be permitted to enter the ring except the participants in the class, the judge, their assistance and show officials.
- 9 Classes must be held in the same order as advertised in the show bill. Exceptions can be made the day of the show with the approval of the show committee.
- 10 All awards will be given at the end of the show with the exception of Grand and Reserve Champion Halter.

- 11 Stallions and intact jacks must be handled by persons over 18 years old(exceptions may be decided by the show committee). Intact males shown in-hand must be shown with a stud chain.
- 12 The show committee reserves the right to remove any animal that becomes fractious and may be deemed a danger to its handler, other animals, participants or spectators.
- 13 Participants under age 18 are required to wear helmets. This is optional for persons over 18. All participants in over fences classes must wear helmets regardless of age.
- 14 An animal can only be shown once in any class. Animals are discouraged in participating in back to back classes.
- 15 All animals are expected to be in show condition
- 16 Assistants in the ring must be dressed in long pants, hard-sole shoes or boots with heels.
- 18. In the event of a disagreement, the aggrieved party must notify the show coordinator verbally as soon as possible and agree to meet in private in order to resolve the situation. If this is not possible, notification is to be in writing, signed by the protester, and addressed to the show coordinator within 48 hours. The Show Coordinator will attempt to effect a speedy resolution. However, if satisfactory resolution is not obtained, the matter will be referred to the show committee (officers of the Delmarva Chapter AMBA ) for resolution. The decision of the Show Committee is final

## SHOW COMMITTEE: (CHAPTER OFFICERS) MARK DAVIS, SHOW COORDINATOR; MARGE DAVIS; DEBBIE EDWARDS; MIKE CALLAHAN