

GENERAL INFORMATION

The American Gaited Mule Association (herein after known as the A.G.M.A.) is an organization that was established in 1994 to promote the Gaited Mule and Gaited Donkey. To accomplish this A.G.M.A. has instituted a program for affiliating mule and donkey shows, and has established rules for the registering and showing of the American Gaited Mule and Donkey.

This rulebook is published for the express purpose of providing, in written form, uniform rules for registering and exhibiting Gaited Mules and Donkeys. These rules pertain to the classification, inspections, conduct, and operation of shows, and to general matters affecting Exhibitors, Judges, D.Q.P.s and Show Committees.

The rules of the A.G.M.A. (this rulebook) shall take precedence over the rules of any other committee. All divisions, sections, and classes for which rules are provided herein must be conducted accordingly and shall not be held under any rules that are not in agreement.

Every show and every person participating therein including Exhibitor, Owner, Lessee, Manager, Agent, Rider, Judge, Show Official, or Employee is subject to the rules of the A.G.M.A. and to the local rules of the show.

Every person participating in any show recognized by the A.G.M.A. is subject to provisions of the A.G.M.A. RULES.

Knowledge of the rules of any sport is required of each participant, and the Exhibitor at a mule show is in no way exempt from this responsibility. A complete knowledge of, and compliance with, the rules is essential; and Exhibitors must fully understand all the rules as well as class specifications for the divisions in which they show.

It is obvious that, however complete rules may be, they can never cover all possible situations that may arise. If a matter cannot be solved by the interpretation of the rules to the letter, then the only official rule interpretation is that which is received from the A.G.M.A. Board of Directors.

ANY RULE CHANGES must be submitted in writing by September 1st to the rules committee for review and forwarded to Board of Directors. Rule changes made every other year unless there is a unanimous vote by the rules committee and Board of Directors, starting with 2010.

All rule changes approved by the Board of Directors between publications of new rulebooks will be submitted to the Membership in writing or on the A.G.M.A. website and newsletter, 30 days before they will be in effect. Action taken with regard to adoption, amendment, and repeal of these RULES shall be published in the A.G.M.A. NEWSLETTER in addition to the minutes of the Board of Directors. This action shall be RULE ACTION.

An individual has the responsibility of adding rule change(s) to his/her rulebook. In the A.G.M.A. newsletter, no other breed's registration papers may be used in advertising. No picture of Mules or Horses wearing action devices, pads, set tails, etc. may be used in the publications. If the horse is registered with other breeds, that fact may be noted in the ad, but the A.G.M.A. registration must come before any other breed registration listing.