

# **SOUTHWESTERN MINIATURE HORSE CLUB**

## **BELL COUNTY SPRING SHOW**

AMHA Nationally Recognized Show  
Cadence Bank Center, Belton, TX

**May 9-10, 2026**

**Senior Judge Ron Bartholomew, NY**  
**Senior Judge Marti Lockwood, FL**  
**Senior Judge Dave Phillips, NY**

**Show Secretary: Laura Mullen, NC**

**Pre-Entry Deadline: April 11, 2026**

**Entries received after the postmark of April 11th will be charged a post entry fee of \$15.00 per horse.**

**Starting Time: No earlier than 1:00 p.m. 5/9; 8:00 a.m. 5/10**

**Youth/Youth COOL Classes: \$15.00**

**Amateur Classes: \$30.00**

**COOL Classes: \$25.00**

**Open Classes: \$35.00**

**No Arrivals Before noon on Thursday, May 7th without prior notice**

**Stalls must be vacated by 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 10th**

*If you are arriving before Thursday, please notify show management in advance so that we can be sure your stalls are available for you.*

All participating horses must be AMHA registered. All horses must be measured or present a permanent measuring card issued by AMHA. **Dirt floor horse stalls in the back barn will be priced at \$85 vs. \$100 per stall for concrete floor front barn stalls.** If you request a back barn stall--or if one is assigned to you--the rate will be \$85 for the weekend. Front barn stalls are not guaranteed and are assigned at show management's discretion. You may pay for stalls at the show. Camper hook-ups are \$45.00 per night. Valid AMHA registration, certification of veterinary inspection for stallions 3 years and older, coggins (current within 1 year), health certificate within 45 days on out-of-state horses, youth and/or amateur numbers must be provided. Foals six months and younger do not require a coggins. **Make checks payable to: Southwest Miniature Horse Club. Mail check and entries to: Laura Mullen, 705 Westland Drive, Greensboro, NC 27410. Phone: 607-769-6743.**

### **General Rules and Information:**

This show is accredited and conducted under the 2026 rules and regulations of the AMHA.

All horses must be registered with the AMHA.

This AMHA show has three judges. Points and awards will be awarded by each judge.

Awards will be given to 1st - 6th place. Championship ribbons will be awarded to Grand Champions.

## Welcome to the Cadence Bank Center!

- Stabling:** Stalls are 10' x 10'. No more than 2 horses per stall. Stallions 2 & older must be stalled separately **NO BEDDING IS INCLUDED WITH THE STALLS & NO OUTSIDE BEDDING MAY BE BROUGHT ONTO THE SHOW GROUNDS.** No stalls may be disassembled. Shavings are available for \$13.00. Showing off the trailer is permitted at a cost of \$50.00/horse per day. Please help keep the facility clean by putting trash in the barrels and manure in the dumpsters.
- Early Arrivals:** Exhibitors wishing to arrive before noon on Thursday 5/8 or layover on Sunday, 5/10 must make advance arrangements with Show Management and will be charged an **additional \$35 per stall per night.**
- Camping:** RV hookups with water and electric are \$45.00 per night. Payment is available on the entry forms.
- Food Stand:** A concession stand will be in operation Friday - Sunday during show hours.
- Smoking:** No smoking will be allowed in the barns, on deck, in the arena or in the horse show office.
- Dogs:** Dogs must be leashed or penned at all times and are NOT allowed in the concession area.
- Phone Numbers:**  
**Show Office:** 607-769-6743  
**Local Police:** 911 or 254-933-5840  
**Veterinarian:** Brazos County Equine Hospital, 1920 FM 2268, Salado, TX 254-947-1291  
Belton Veterinary Clinic, 707 W Loop 121, Belton, TX 254-935-3693  
**Medical Services:** Baylor Scott & White Medical Center, 2401 S 31st Street, Temple, TX 76508  
254-724-2111
- Lodging:**  
**Comfort Inn,** 235 W Loop 121, Belton, TX. 254-613-5289. Limited Rooms blocked for \$142.99/night; ask for Southwest Miniature Horse Club rate.  
**Budget Hospitality,** 1520 S Interstate 35, Belton, TX. 254-939-0744  
**Knights Inn,** 1102 E 2nd Avenue, Belton, TX. 254-939-3745  
**Holiday Inn Express Salado-Belton,** 1991 N Stagecoach Road, Salado, TX. 254-947-4004  
**La Quinta,** 229 W Loop 121, Belton, TX. 254-939-2772
- Directions:** **Cadence Bank Center (formerly Bell County Expo Center), 301 W Loop 121, Belton, TX 76513.**  
**From Dallas:** Take exit 292 from I-35 South and turn right on West Loop 121. Look to the left for the Expo Center dome.  
**From Austin:** Take exit 292 from I-35 North and turn left on West Loop 121. Look to the left for the Expo Center dome.
- Special Needs Exhibitors:** Special Needs exhibitors are welcome to show. We would appreciate advance notice so appropriate arrangements can be made, if necessary. Please contact the show manager.
- Measurement:** All horses must be measured before entering the show ring. Horses will be measured in accordance with AMHA rules beginning on Thursday, May 7 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and resuming Friday and Saturday mornings at 7:00 a.m. Hardhip measurements will be done during scheduled measuring hours and/or immediately following the last class of each show day.
- Paperwork Requirements:** Copies of registration papers must be included with entries. Gelding status must be reflected on the registration papers. Entries submitted without registration papers will be held pending receipt of same. Each horse must have a current coggins. Out-of-state should bring original negative coggins report (within one year) and health within 45 days.

**Youth Classes:** All youth must have an AMHA Youth number to be considered for National awards or titles. Youth card applications are available at the Horse Show Office. Youth membership fee is \$20.00 or \$25.00 if applied for at show.

**Amateur Classes:** An AMHA Amateur Card is required to participate in Amateur classes. Amateur cards are \$20.00 or \$25.00 if applied for at the show. Applications are available from Show Manager.

**Evaluation Forms:** Judge and Steward evaluation forms will be available at the horse show office.

**Liability Statement:** Southwestern Miniature Horse Club, its officers, officials and employees will not be responsible for any accident or loss which may occur to an exhibitor, spectator, guest, driver, groom, attendant or other employee, animal or equipment at this show. THIS SHALL BE A CONDITION OF ENTRY to this show or show grounds.

**Show Policy:** Evidence of any cruelty, abuse or inhumane treatment to a horse, in or out of the ring, will not be tolerated by the Show Management and shall result in disqualification of the horse and that exhibitor for the balance of the show. The offender will be barred from the show area for the duration of the show. The results shall be the forfeiture of all trophies, ribbons, awards, and points for that show. The show manager will notify AMHA of any such disqualification when the show results are reported.

**Pre-Entries:** **Pre-Entries must be postmarked by April 11, 2026.**

**Added Classes:** **Added classes** will be accepted up to four classes preceding the class to be entered.

**Refunds:** The SWMHC will give a full refund if entries are cancelled in writing by the pre-entry closing date. If entries are cancelled in writing to the show manager and accompanied by a veterinarian's or doctor's certificate of inability to show after the pre-entry closing date, but before the official start of the show (8:00 a.m. Friday, March 7) all fees other than the stall and office fee will be refunded. After the official start of the show, there will be no refunds. **Substitutions will be accepted without penalty.**

**Vendors:** The fee for commercial exhibitors is per day depending on the size of the booth and use of electricity. Tables and chairs are not provided. Contact Show Management for a contract. Rates are as follows:

\$25 per day - 10 x 10 display or tent with no electricity  
\$35 per day - 10 x 10 display or tent with electricity  
\$50 per day - 10 x 20 trailer with electricity  
\$75 per day - 10 x 40 trailer with electricity

**Class Sponsorships:** The cost of sponsoring a regular class is \$10.00 and \$15.00 for a championship class. Sponsors will be acknowledged during the show and are welcomed to present the ribbons for their classes.

**Send Entries To:** Laura Mullen, 705 Westland Drive, Greensboro, NC 27410. Phone: 607-769-6743; Email: [Winectry@aol.com](mailto:Winectry@aol.com). **ENTRY NUMBERS WILL NOT BE RELEASED WITHOUT PAYMENT IN FULL OR AN OPEN CHECK ON FILE AT THE SHOW OFFICE. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**Fee Schedule:**

Open Classes _____	\$35.00
Amateur Classes _____	\$30.00
Youth Classes _____	\$15.00
COOL Classes _____	\$25.00
Office Fee Per Horse _____	\$25.00
Shavings Per Bag _____	\$13.00
Stalls (entire weekend) _____	\$100.00
Early Arrival/Layover per night _____	\$35.00
Showing Off Trailer Per Horse Per Day _____	\$50.00
RV Hookup Per Night _____	\$45.00
Returned Check Fee _____	\$40.00