

2022 MINIATURE HORSE FACT SHEET APPENDIX 1
LONGE LINE RULES

A. Purpose

1. The purpose of showing a small equine or production horse (under the age of one) on a longe line is to demonstrate the equine has movement, manners/expression/attitude and conformation desired for breed's purpose.

B. General Rules:

1. Longe line may not exceed 30 feet in length. Chain optional.
2. Regular or show type halters are acceptable.
3. Whip should be a driving type no longer than 4 foot and can have a lash at the end of the whip no longer than 6 inches (including plastic).
4. The time for longe line will be 2 minutes.
5. Carrying a whip is permissible but will result in a disqualification if they touch or strike the horse during the demonstration.

C. Ring Procedure:

1. The class will consist of two parts:
 - a. Confirmation Inspection
 - b. Longing Demonstration
2. Confirmation Inspection:
 - a. Confirmation inspection will occur before the longing demonstration for soundness and confirmation evaluation
 - b. Each entry will enter the arena one at a time and walk toward judge and trot off straight around a cone.
 - c. Entries showing lameness will be disqualified from the class
3. Longing Demonstration:
 - a. ***Horses must be shown at a walk, trot, and canter or walk, park gait, and road gait in both directions.***
 - b. The turnaround at the walk to take the second direction may be considered as fulfilling the walk requirement for the second direction.
 - c. Demonstration will be two minutes. (one minute each direction)
 - d. More than one horse may be in the arena at a time, but horses will be judged individually.
 - e. Judging will begin at the sound of a whistle or "begin" is announced.
 - f. At one minute, another whistle or "half" will be announced, which the exhibitor is to turn the horse the other direction.
 - g. At the conclusion of two minutes, a final whistle or "end" will be announced.