

*Welcome at the yearly Miniature Horse Show:  
MHCE Swedish International Open 2011*

*2 + 3 July, Storfors*



*Storfors Fair*

*"take time for a good time!"*

*The Miniature Horse Club Europe would like to invite you,  
your family and your horses to the 3rd Swedish  
International Open for miniature horses.*

*The show will be held at the yearly Storfors Country Fair.  
Be part of a fantastic weekend and wonderful tradition!*

**Country Fair.**

The MHCE will again organize a show for miniature horses in Sweden! It will be held during the yearly Storfors Fair in Värmland. In the nice atmosphere from the historic park around Hotel Storfors, there will be held a fair in English style. It is very attractive for lots of spectators exhibitors and participators. There will be done a big amount of PR for both the fair and the show. Last year, the fair did get about 6000 visitors! We expect even much more this year!

The focus at the Fair will be on outdoor living, animals and leisure time.

There will be held nice demonstrations, businesses are present, also several kind of animals (among others: rabbit jumping, ferret-race and young ducks!), food, ice-cream and more for the good life! The ambiance is going to be very nice for both horses and yourself.



The **show-arena** is placed in the centre of the Fair. A terrace will be right next to the showing. The central location makes the Fair very attractive for both showers and exhibitors.

The stables for the horses will be next to the show-ring. The stables are the same as last year. Be sure to make early reservations for these stables!

The stables will be 2x2 m each and we even have several bigger mare & foal stables to offer.



**ALL miniature horses are welcome** at the show: AMHA, AMHR, Falabella's, mix-breeds, mini-shetlandponies, mini-appaloosa's, all miniaturehorse from any kind of miniature registry (till example from Denmark, Holland, Belgium, France, England), Brittish miniature horses. All horses below 38inch" (96cm) are welcome!  
We offer classes for all sorts of miniaturehorses!



### **First time showing?**

The amount of miniature-horses and number of breeders are still growing in Sweden...because of that there will probably be lots of participators with little or no show experience. To make it more relaxed (and possible to organize), fun and a joy for everybody, we will again focus on the nice and joyful elements of showing and NOT on the American show-rules in detail.

The show will follow the AMHA rules as much as possible, but not in every detail. We will follow the patterns that are used in the classes and will have a qualified AMHA judge present so that you can get your horses judged in a proper and meaningful way.

But you don't have to worry about all the details in and around the show-arena but just enjoy all the horses present, meet old friends and make new ones! Our goal for this show is enjoying a nice time together and helping everyone in and around the show-ring...

The showmanager, secretary and ring-stewards will help you as much as possible during the show.

### **Please notice:**

- wear proper **clothing** (in miniature horse shows it is expected that the handler is decent clothed. Actually, about the same as going to a dinner party. So, **NO horse-riding clothes, no jeans, no white sneakers, no baseball-hats, no clothes that could be offending to anyone**).

- **Whips** are not allowed!

Only exception: jumping, liberty and driving classes.

- only **1 handler** per horse is allowed in the show-ring (except liberty).



### **Where do the horses stay during the show?**

There will be a show-ring special for the miniature horse show in the centre of the Fair. At the showground there will be little in fenced areas (stables) for your horses (appr. 4m<sup>2</sup>) where they can stay during the day and night. The number of stables are limited, so make a reservation as soon as possible. Please make sure you bring your own water buckets, food and blankets. The stables will be 'indoors' in a big tent. The stables will have bedding.

### **Some things to know:**

*To make a show in Sweden (economically) possible, we had to adjust and change some things in a 'normal' show organization. Among other things are for example important facts to know and realise:*

*-Mijke van Ratingen (vice-president MHCE) will be showmanager, responsible for the organization and some of her horses will be shown by a youth-member.*

*If you have any questions before, during or after the show, please address them to Mijke -Madeleine Jonsson (board member MHCE) will be secretary at the show, is in the organization. There will be also shown horses of her farm.*

*-There will be several volunteers that help out before, during and after the show. They are there to help out to make the show run more 'smoothly' and help you while you are showing. They will watch out for everybody's safety.*

*Without this construction there would be to little amount of people to organize the show and too few horses to participate. And we think it is better to have such a 'leisure' show then no show at all!*

*If you feel uncomfortable with our solution, please let us know and we will discuss it further with you. If you like it, join the fun and take a chance at your share of the ribbons and prices!*

**Judge:**

The show is (partly) held according to the rules of AMHA (same height regulations and same patterns in the classes), and will be judged by an **AMHA Judge: Mrs Allison Johnston**

**Classes:**

At this Swedish show there will be offered a large variety of classes. We offer **MHCE (Open) and AMH classes**, but we have also have **Amateur, Oversized, Youth, performance and NON-AMH classes**. So there will be numerous classes to participate in for everyone! Take a look at the separate list (also in this mail) to get an explanation. If you doubt about what classes your horse may participate in, please don't hesitate to ask!

**What, when:**

**Friday:** for the ones that are already in Storfors on Friday there will be a chance for measuring in the evening.

**Saturday:** we start at 09.00 AM with the measuring - please remember that all horses will be measured at the last hair of the manes according to the AMHA rulebook. We expect to start the first class at 10.00. We will be ready in the late afternoon.

**Sunday** we will start also at 9.00 AM with measuring (horses who are measured on Saturday don't have to be measured again).

We expect to start the first class at 10.00 and will finish sometime in the late afternoon.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

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<b>FEES:</b>		
Entries:	members MHCE Per class, per horse: (MHCE members pay max. €45 per horse, the rest of the classes are free! So, even if you participate in more than 3 classes, you only have to pay 45 euro.)	€ 15,00
	Non members MHCE Per class, per horse:	€ 20,00
	Youth - per youth-class, per horse:	For FREE
Stables	You can make the reservation of your stables on next address:  mhce@miniaturehorse.eu  The stables are 2x2 m and situated on the showground. Bedding is inclusive.	€ 20 per stable/ per weekend

Late entry:	Entries received after June 15th, will be charged an extra fee of EUR 5,00 per class per horse in addition to regular class fees, and will not be mentioned in the catalogue.
Measuring	Measuring will take place on Friday (we will announce the time), Saturday (for the show on Saturday) at 9 a.m. And Sunday (for the Show on Sunday; only horses who are not measured on Saturday) at 9 am. All horses must be measured or present a valid measurement card. Exhibitor packets and numbers will be issued after measurement. A clear copy of your registration papers must be presented at measurement.  The measuring results are at the secretary and you can only protest until the end of the show. After the show protesting is not possible anymore and will not be accepted.
Bank account:	Showsubscriptions MHCEurope:  Easy way to subscribe your horses: fill in the form attached to this e-mail.  <b>Bankinformation:</b> <b>Name bank: Handelsbanken accountnumber: 698 324 412</b> <b>Name accountholder: Maria van Ratingen, Storfors, Sweden.</b> <b>IBAN: SE53 6000 0000 0006 9832 4412</b> Remember to write who you are and what you pay for

<b>HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:</b>	
Equine influenza:	All horses must be up to date on vaccinations and their de-worming program.
Exhibition and transport:	Owners are responsible for knowing and meeting any health requirements regarding the exhibition of horses and their transport between their home location and the show. Please check with your local veterinarian.

<b>GENERAL RULES:</b>	
Entries:	We check all AMHA and AMHR horses on Studbook online. If the information is not okay, the horse cannot participate in the show.
PA system:	It is the owner/handler/exhibitor's responsibility to be on time for classes. Announcements to the barn area are a management courtesy.
Conduct:	Cruelty, abuse or inhumane treatment of any horse in the show ring, barn, stalls, or on the show grounds is strictly prohibited. The use of stimulants or depressants or any drug affecting the showing of a horse is forbidden.
Responsibility:	The MHCE, sponsors and show management cannot be held responsible for any accidents, damages, or loss to personal property or livestock.

## CONTACTS:

Host:	<p>MHCEurope Swedish division Mijke van Ratingen mhce@miniaturehorse.eu Tel. 0046(0)70 0924 964</p> <p><b>fax:</b> 0031 848677045 M. van Ratingen, Tallbacksgatan 9, 688 30, Storfors, Sweden</p>
Show manager:	<p><b>Mijke van Ratingen</b></p> <p><b>Email:</b> mhce@miniaturehorse.eu</p> <p><b>Regular mail:</b> Mijke van Ratingen Tallbacksgatan 9 688 30 Storfors Sweden Mobile phone: 0046(0)70 0924 964</p>
B&B and other facilities:	<p>Hotel, campings, vandrarhem: <a href="http://www.hotelstorfors.com">www.hotelstorfors.com</a> (hotel at the showground)</p> <p><a href="http://www.lungsundet.com">www.lungsundet.com</a> (hotel &amp; camping, 9 km)</p> <p><a href="http://www.badsta.se">www.badsta.se</a> (camping, 2 km)</p> <p><a href="http://www.bedandbreakfaststorfors.se">www.bedandbreakfaststorfors.se</a> (appr. 17 km)</p> <p>Heliantus Blomsterhandel, <a href="http://www.heliantus.se">www.heliantus.se</a> (500 m) 0046(0)550 60615</p> <p>Eva Bodinger, vacationhouse (appr. 10 km) <a href="mailto:eva@bodinger.se">eva@bodinger.se</a></p> <p>Bo på lantgård Sundviks gård i Lungsund (appr. 10 km) Info: 0550-700 26, 0730-565630.</p> <p>Rooms in Bjurbäcken Rum och kök på lantligt belägen gård. Info: 070-442 70 73. (appr. 13 km)</p> <p>Stuga in Släbråten Info: 070-242 40 92. (appr. 10 km)</p>
Showground:	<p>Hotel Storfors Tallbacksgatan 9 688 30 Storfors Sweden 0046(0)70 0924 964</p>

If you would like to support the show and give yourself and your stud some promotion, you have the following possibilities:

<b>Sponsor of a class.</b> Your name will be in the catalogue with the class you sponsor, and you will be mentioned by the speaker during the class	40,- €.
<b>Full page add in the catalogue (A5)</b>	100,- €.
<b>½ page add in the catalogue (½ A5)</b>	60,- €.
<b>Full page add in the catalogue (A5) + sponsor of a class</b>	125,- €.
<b>Sponsor of a Championship</b>	70,- €.

If you have any questions...feel free to contact us!

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We are looking forward seeing you all here in beautiful Sweden!!!

*Madeleine Jonsson & Mijke van Ratingen & Tina Lundblom*

Miniature Horse Club Europe – Sweden

