
PFHA RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS FOR 2012

REVIEW AND COMMENT WORKING DRAFT

PFHA CONSTITUTION

C-1 ARTICLE II SECTION 1 P. 3

L. Gait: The gait of the Paso Fino horse is totally natural and normally exhibited from birth. It is an evenly spaced, four-beat lateral gait with each foot contacting the ground independently in a regular sequence at precise intervals creating a rapid, unbroken rhythm. Executed perfectly, the four hoof beats are absolutely even in both cadence and impact. Footfall is in the same sequence as a natural equine walk, i.e., left rear, left fore, right rear, right fore. Propulsion is primarily from the hind limbs and the horse's motion is absorbed in its back and loins, resulting in unequaled smoothness and comfort for the rider. ~~The Paso Fino gait is performed at three (3) forward speeds and with varying degrees of collection.~~ ***The Paso Fino gait (Classic Fino, Paso Corto, and Paso Largo) is performed at three (3) forward speeds and with varying degrees of collection.***

In all speeds of the gait, the rider should appear virtually motionless in the saddle and there should be no perceptible up and down motion of the horse's croup. (See Chapter Three for complete description of gaits.)

Classic Fino: Forward speed is very slow, and the footfall is extremely rapid while the steps and extension are exceedingly short. This gait is to be executed fully collected.

Paso Corto: Forward speed is moderate, ground covering but unhurried, executed with medium extension and stride. The degree of collection desired varies with class requirements.

Paso Largo: The fastest speed of the gait. The largo is executed with a longer extension and stride. Forward speed varies with the individual horse, since each horse should attain its top speed in harmony with its own natural stride and cadence. The degree of collection desired varies with class requirements.

The Paso Fino can execute other gaits natural to horses in addition to the Paso Fino gait.

Walk: Smooth, steady, evenly spaced four-beat gait.

Lope: True three-beat gait, slow, cadenced, smooth, straight on both leads, with no tendency to mix gaits.

Canter: True three-beat gait, straight on both leads, smooth and unhurried with no tendency to mix gaits.

Rationale:

Clarifies that even though walk is defined as a four beat gait - it is not included as a Paso Fino gait.

Financial Impact: NONE

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Endorse

C-2 ARTICLE IV SECTION: 1 A. P. 5

Section 1. Requirements. A Regional Group is a group of people interested in the aims of the Association. To make application for affiliation with the Association:

A. The membership list of the group seeking affiliation with the Association must accompany the application to the Association office. The group must be comprised of at least 30 voting members in good standing ***in of the Association and of the proposed new Regional Group. The 30 members shall have indicated the willingness to change their Regional designation for voting purposes to the new Regional Group.***

Rationale:

Consistent with other proposed changes to the PFHA Constitution Art. IV, Sec. 4, p.6; and Art. VII, Sec. 9, p. 10: (1) Admission to membership in a Regional Group should be determined in accordance with the requirements and procedures of the Regional Group and not by designation by the Association or by the member; and (2) the proposed amendment that members of the Association be deemed members at large for voting purposes notwithstanding concurrent membership in one or more affiliated Regional Groups renders the language of changing Regional designation irrelevant.

Financial Impact: NONE

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Not Endorse.

C-3 ARTICLE IV SECTION 4 PP. 6-7

Delete existing Section 4 in its entirety

~~*Section 4. Regional Designation. The official regional designation of all members will be determined by the geographical location of the permanent residence of the member unless the member notifies the Association in writing of his or her desire to be listed as (1) nonspecified or (2) as affiliated with another Regional Group. Any changes to regional designation, other than those done with the Membership application or Membership renewal, must be provided to the Association office in writing and must be signed by each member requesting the change in designation. A member may designate "non-specified" if he/she chooses not to affiliate with a Regional Group to be represented on the Board of Directors.*~~

Replace with the following:

Section 4. Effect of Regional Membership. Members of the Association shall be members at large regardless of their concurrent membership in any affiliated Regional Group. All members of the Association who have been previously assigned to a Regional Group based upon the geographical location of the permanent residence of the member shall hereafter be deemed to be members at large.

Rationale:

Voting Members of the Association retain the right to vote in person or by proxy. The revision eliminates only the exercise by a Regional Director of what is essentially a

proxy vote by default at meetings of the Membership. Regional Directors will no longer be able to cast votes on behalf of members of the Association without first communicating with those members about the matters to be voted upon and obtaining their proxies. The revision relieves the administrative burden of generating accurate Regional Group membership lists that weighted voting entails and should create a better informed, more involved Membership.

Financial Impact: NONE

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Not Endorse.

C-4 ARTICLE IV: SECTION: (NEW SECTION 5) PP.7

Section 5. Suspension. *In the event an affiliated Regional Group is in violation of the Constitution or Rules of the Association, or in violation of its own governing articles of incorporation or by-laws, or conducts itself in an unlawful, unethical or improper manner which tends to discredit, demean or injure the reputation of the Association, or engages in any activity which is prejudicial to the best interests of the Association and its members, the Executive Director may immediately suspend that Regional Group until such time as the cause for the suspension has been satisfactorily remedied. During any period of suspension, a Regional Group shall lose all privileges of its affiliation with the Association, including but not limited to representation on the Board of Directors, and Association approval for any shows sponsored or to be sponsored by a Regional Group under suspension shall be denied or revoked.*

Rationale:

While the Association does not control nor interfere with the internal operation or governance of an autonomous affiliated Regional Group, the Association can and should have control over whether a Regional Group should retain its affiliated status with the Association whenever such affiliation negatively impacts or is otherwise prejudicial to the Association. Affiliation of a Regional Group with the national Association is a privilege, not a right, which should be subject to immediate suspension if the circumstances so warrant.

Financial Impact: None.

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Endorse

C-4A ARTICLE V. OFFICERS P.7

Section 1. President and Past President. There shall be an elected President who shall be Chief Executive Officer of the Association, Presiding Officer at Membership, Board of Director and Executive Committee meetings. The Past President shall serve as a voting member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee for a full year following his or her term of office and have such other authority and responsibility as may be prescribed elsewhere in the Constitution.

Rationale:

He/she needs to be changed to Past President otherwise it reads as if the President is only elected for one year.

Financial Impact: None.

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Not Endorse.

C-5 ARTICLE V SECTION 1 PAGE: 7

Section 1. President and Past President. There shall be an elected President who shall be Chief Executive Officer of the Association, Presiding Officer at Membership, Board of Director and Executive Committee meetings. He /She shall serve as a voting member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee for a full year following his or her term of office and have such other authority and responsibility as may be prescribed elsewhere in the Constitution. The President and immediate Past President shall have one (1) vote each on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee. ~~**No person shall be elected to the office of President who has served less than one (1) year on the Board of Directors. This service should be within the last five**~~

years.

Rationale:

There are many qualified members that have run/managed/led Associations/Corporations. For change to occur we need to allow other individuals to run for President. As an example: the last election only had one member run for president. That is not Democracy and does not serve the Association.

Financial Impact: None

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Not Endorse.

C-6 ARTICLE V SECTION 6 P. 8

Section 6. Requirements for Elected Officials. Elected officers shall serve for a two-year (2) term. No elected officer may serve in the same capacity for longer than two (2) consecutive two-year (2) terms, and no person may hold more than one official position at the same time including that of a Regional Group Director. No person shall be elected as an officer of the Association unless such person has been an active member in good standing for at least one (1) year prior to the date of such election. ***No officer will be a member of a competing Paso Fino horse association/organization.***

Rationale:

Officers of PFHA should not have an interest in competing organizations. It is a clear conflict of interest.

Financial Impact: NONE

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Not Endorse.

C-7 ARTICLE V, **NEW** SECTION 7 P. 8

Officers shall be elected by one vote per member. Members may vote for offices by absentee ballot, proxy, or attendance at membership meeting. No individual shall vote for any other member without proxy in hand.

Rationale:

One member One Vote. Officer elections are too important to be voted in blocks without Members direct involvement.

Financial Impact: NONE

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Not Endorse.

C-8 ARTICLE VI SECTION 1 PAGE 9

Add New Paragraph K. to Section 1. Executive Director:

K. Prepare a detailed agenda specifying the matters to be considered and voted upon at any meeting of the Board of Directors or the Membership, and as to each such matter, the recommendations of the Executive Director and/or his or staff, to be furnished to the Board and the Membership in accordance with the meeting Notice requirements of Article VII, Section 6.

Rational:

The only way that members of the Board of Directors and the Membership can prepare properly for a meeting and give intelligent consideration to matters upon which they are expected to vote is to be furnished with a detailed agenda specifying those matters within a reasonable time in advance of the meeting. The meeting agenda should also include the Executive Director's recommended course of action.

Financial Impact: NONE

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Not Endorse.

C-9 ARTICLE VII SECTION 1 P.9

Section 1. Annual Membership Meetings and Conventions. Annual membership meetings (and conventions of the Association) shall be held during the month of ~~January~~ **April** at a time and place designated by the Board of Directors.

Rationale:

The month of the annual membership meeting is changed to April to coincide with what would be the month during the show year in which the last of the regularly scheduled Board of Directors meetings is held. Considered together with the companion proposed revision to the PFHA Constitution changing the commencement date of the elected term of office to October 1, the change in the month of the annual meeting allows sufficient time for candidates for national office to conduct a campaign for office in advance thereof while at the same time allowing a sufficient transition period for newly elected officers.

Financial Impact: None.

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Not Endorse.

If this passes, this will impact a number of other BOD deadlines...these should be noted?

C-10 ARTICLE VII 6 P. 10

Section 6. Notice. The membership shall be entitled to receive no less than two (2) weeks' notice prior to the convening of any Board of Directors or Membership Meeting; and all notices shall include the meeting time, location and a list of items on the Agenda. At special meetings only, business will be limited to those items listed on the agenda. ***ADD: Notice shall be deemed as having been given to the Membership by the issuing of electronic notification to each member of the Board of Directors, the Regional Presidents, and the Membership of the Association. Said notification shall be accomplished by email, posting of notice on the website, and/or other electronic communications available to reach those members who have provided email addresses.***

Rationale:

This method will bring the Association into the 21th century of electronic communication use and disseminate the information in an expeditious manner to the predominance of the membership wherever they may be at the time the communication is issued. In our mobile society, announcements made by U.S. Postal delivery, often does not reach the intended recipient in a predictable or timely manner.

Financial Impact:

There would be a reduction in the costs involved in the use of additional Staff hours to prepare letters, stuff and stamp envelopes, to provide the office supplies (paper and envelopes), costs of postage, and any financial consequences caused by delay due to the slower methods of U.S. Postal System.

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Not Endorse.

C-11 WITHDRAWN

C-12 WITHDRAWN

C-13 ARTICLE VII SECTION 9 A. AND B. P.10

CHANGE the second paragraph in Section A (noted in bold) to read:

Each regional group affiliated with the Association and in good standing shall have the right to send one (1) director to the meetings of the Association. ~~Such Director shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each person who is designated as a voting member of that Regional Group and who:~~ ***Each regional group, as represented by its director, will have a base vote of 10 votes for the board of directors meetings. In addition to the base of 10 votes, each regional group will get an additional 1 vote for every 100 members who are designated as voting members of that regional group and who:***

1. ~~is are~~, as of the date of the meeting, a members in good standing with ***the Association, and has have been a members of the Association*** in good standing for thirty (30) days before the meeting; and
2. is ***are*** in good standing with the regional group.

The total votes each regional group has will be the base 10 votes plus its variable votes per 100 members as noted above. The membership (change this word from "vote") tally for each regional group is determined by the number of designated voting members of that region on record in the Association office 30 days prior to the meeting. (continue on with existing paragraph)

Rationale:

This proposal would serve to help equalize the votes of all the regions. This is a national organization and the smaller and more western regions have a huge stake in how our association fares. At present time the smaller regions have little say and they cannot grow without having more input. The larger regions would still have a larger say in the voting but this proposal would keep the voting from being so disproportionate. This would only affect board of directors meetings but would not alter how the membership is allowed to vote in elections or in person at the membership conventions.

Financial Impact: NONE

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Endorse

C-13A Article VII. Meetings Section 9.A. P.10

Article VII. Meetings, Section 9. Voting, Sub Section (A) Annual Membership and Board of Directors

Meetings, Paragraph 2. Change paragraph 2 to read:

"Each Regional Group affiliated with the Association and in good standing shall have the right to send one (1) Director to the meeting of the Association. Such Director shall be entitled to one (1) vote per region unless they have over 200 members in which case the regions will have one (1) vote for every

200 designated voting members of the Regional Group, and each member:"

Rationale:

To allow for a more level playing field when it comes to motions.

Financial Impact: NONE

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Not Endorse.

The committee prefers C-13

Section 9. Voting.

A. Annual Membership and Board of Directors Meetings. At Membership Meetings a member may vote individually as specified In B. and C., below, or he/she may vote as represented by their designated Regional Group Director. ~~At Board of Director Meetings, only actual members of the Board of Directors (or their authorized substitute) may vote. Each Regional Group affiliated with the Association and in good~~

~~standing shall have the right to send one (1) Director to the meetings of the Association. Such Director shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each person who is designated as a voting member of that Regional~~

~~Group and who:~~

~~1. Is, as of the date of the meeting, a member in good standing of the Association, and has been a member of the Association in good standing 30 days before the Meeting; and~~

~~2. Is in good standing with the Regional Group. The vote tally for each Regional Group is determined by the number of designated voting members of that Region on record in the Association office 30 days prior to the meeting. No member shall be represented by a Director of more than one Regional Group. The Regional Director must have been designated voting member of the Regional Group represented and of the Association for 30 days prior to the meeting. Substitute may be authorized. When a Regional Director is unable to attend either a Membership or Board of Directors Meeting, a substitute may be authorized. The substitute must have been an Association member in good standing for 30 days prior to the meeting, a designated~~

~~voting member of that Regional Group on record in the Association office and in good standing with the Regional Group. An officer of the Regional Group must notify the Association in writing of the~~

~~authorized substitute.~~

Section 9. Voting.

A. Board of Directors Meetings. Each Regional Group affiliated with the Association and in good standing shall have the right to designate one (1) Director to represent the Regional Group at meetings of the Board of

Directors of the Association. Each designated Director shall be, as of the date of the meeting and for a period of not less than 30 days prior thereto, a member in good standing of the Association and of the Regional Group represented. When a Regional Director is unable to attend a meeting of the Association, the Regional Group may, upon prior written notice to the Association signed by an officer of the Regional Group, authorize a substitute Director. Each authorized substitute Director shall be, as of the date of the meeting and for a period of not less than 30 days prior thereto, a member in good standing of the Association and of the Regional Group represented. Each designated Director, or authorized substitute Director, shall be entitled to one (1) vote at all meetings.

Rationale:

Policy decisions at the Board of Directors level should be made based upon a consensus of the majority of the Directors as to what is best for the Association as whole and not driven by one or more combinations of Regional Groups as may occur with weighted voting. The revision eliminates the present exercise by a Regional Director of what is essentially a proxy vote by default at meetings of the Board of Directors. The revision also relieves the administrative burden of generating accurate Regional Group membership lists that weighted voting entails.

Financial Impact:

No negative financial impact – May result in reduction of Administrative Expense

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Not Endorse.

The Rules Committee prefers C-13

C-15 WITHDRAWN

C-16 WITHDRAWN

C-17 ARTICLE VII SEC 9 B. PAGE 11

Delete Paragraph 9.B. in its entirety and replace with the following:

B. Membership Meetings. At meetings of the Membership, each member of the Association who is, as of the date of the meeting and for a period of not less than 30 days prior thereto, a Voting Member of the Association (Article III, Section 4.A.) shall have the right to vote in person or by Absentee Ballot or by Proxy as provided in Paragraph C., below. All Voting Members of the Association shall be deemed members at large for purposes of voting, regardless of their membership in any affiliated Regional Group.

Rational:

Voting Members of the Association retain the right to vote in person or by proxy. The revision eliminates only the exercise by a Regional Director of what is essentially a proxy vote by default at meetings of the Membership. Regional Directors will no longer be able to cast votes on behalf of members of the Association without first communicating with those members about the matters to be voted upon and obtaining their proxies. The revision relieves the administrative burden of generating accurate Regional Group membership lists that weighted voting entails and should create a better informed, more involved Membership.

Financial Impact:

No negative financial impact – May result in reduction of Administrative Expense

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Not Endorse.

C-18 ARTICLE VII SECTION 10 P. 11

Section 10. Elections. At the annual Membership Meeting in the appropriate year, elected officials and members of a Nominating Committee shall be elected by a majority of those voting. ***Elected officials will be selected through absentee ballot, electronic online voting (when available), direct voting by the member at the meeting, and the vote of the Regional Director.***

Rationale:

To permit the use of technology to vote in elections for officials.

Financial Impact: None

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Endorse

C-19 ARTICLE VII SECTION 10. A. P. 11

Section 10 Elections. At the annual Membership Meeting in the appropriate year, elected officials and members of a Nominating Committee shall be elected by a majority of those voting.

A. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee, consisting of not less than five (5) members, shall be elected by the membership at the annual Membership Meeting in the year preceding the election of officers. It shall be the responsibility of this Committee to actively solicit and encourage qualified candidates and make, as well as receive nominations (preferably at least two (2) nominees per office) for officers for the ensuing term. They must ascertain that each person nominated is willing and able to perform the duties of the office (prior written or verbal approval of the candidate must be obtained.) The Committee shall, by August 15 of the election year, publish the election announcement and list of each office's candidate(s) in the Association's print publication, **PFHW**, and publish the list of candidates for each office on the Association's electronic publication(s) website(s). Nominations for officers of the Association shall be received by the Committee Chair by certified mail. In addition, nominations for any officer may be made by any member in good standing from the floor at any meeting or by letter to the President of the Association. Voting for officers shall be by ballot as provided herein. (See ARTICLE VII, Section 9. C.) A Nominating Committee member will voluntarily resign from the Nominating Committee if he or she is nominated for an office of the Association. The Nominating Committee shall remain in force until its recommendations are presented to the Presiding Officer at the annual Membership Meeting.

B. General Election Procedures. Elections shall be conducted in accordance with the Constitution by ballot mailed to each Member no later than November 1 of the year preceding the election year, which shall contain a space for write-in candidates. All position statements timely submitted by the candidates shall be included with the ballots. Returned ballots must be received by December 1 of the year preceding the election year. Winners shall be determined by that person or persons (qualified candidates) as the candidate receiving the highest numbers of votes. A special run-off election shall be held only in the case of a tie vote. In the event of a run-off, the newly seated Executive Committee will function based on a quorum of those seated. If an Officer's position is in question due to a

run-off, the Officer that held that specific position at the time of the election will continue in that capacity until the run-off election is completed and that seat on the Board is determined.

C. Voting No cumulative voting will be allowed. Each Member shall only be allowed one vote for each position to be filled.

D. Ballot indicating nominated and petition candidates

The ballot for the upcoming election shall indicate candidates nominated. All candidates must meet the requirements of Article V, Section 6 of the Constitution.

E. Requirement of good standing

No person may be nominated for or be elected by write in ballot who is not a member in good standing of the Association.

F. The Ballot for the Election of Officers

A) Prior to the mailing out of ballots, the fully assembled ballot shall be submitted by the Headquarters to the Board for approval. This approval may be obtained by electronic means.

B) The Ballot must comply fully with the requirements of the Constitution.

C) In addition the ballot shall be printed on paper that is difficult to copy and each ballot sequentially numbered with the Headquarters noting the starting and ending numbers. The range of numbers used for each election ballot shall be different from prior ballots. The Ballot shall contain clear voting instructions, i.e. numbers to vote for, write in candidates, return deadline, etc.

D) The ballot shall be accompanied by position statements, not to exceed 400 words, by each candidate that wishes to provide a statement. All statements must be of the same typeface and point size. They must be listed in alphabetical order for the position sought based on the first letter of the last name.

E) The Headquarters will provide a blank and separate envelope to place the ballot. They will also provide an envelope addressed to the selected repository for all ballots where they will be held until counting.

G) The Board shall select an appropriate repository for the returned ballots prior to each election.

C-20 ARTICLE VII WITHDRAWN

Section 10. Elections. At the annual Membership Meeting in the appropriate year, elected officials and members of a Nominating Committee shall be elected by a majority of those voting, **for a term of office commencing on October 1 of the year of their election.**

Rationale: The Association currently has a “show” year that runs from September 1 to August 31; a “term of office” year that runs from annual meeting to annual meeting; a “membership/dues” year that runs from October 1 to September 30; and a “fiscal” year that runs from January 1 to December 31. Under this proposed revision and companion proposed revision to the definition of show year (PFHA Rules, Chapter Two, Article VIII, Sec. A., p. 50), the terms of office, show year and membership year would all run concurrently (October 1 to September 30). This would eliminate a change in leadership of the Association in the middle of a show year as well as provide a transition period for newly elected officers instead of their assuming office immediately upon their election at the annual meeting. To ensure complete uniformity, it is suggested further that the Association change its fiscal year from a calendar year to one running from October 1 to September 30.

Financial Impact: None.

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Not Endorse.

Any board member of a competing Paso Fino horse association with a registry will not be allowed to hold office as an elected PFHA official, sit on the PFHA board of directors as a regional delegate, be appointed to serve on a PFHA Committee, or serve as a PFHA Committee Chairman. If anyone holding any or all office (s) or position(s) noted above becomes a board member of a competing Paso Fino horse association with a registry they automatically forfeit the right to hold that PFHA office(s) or position(s).

Rationale:

Rationale: It is not in the best interest of the PFHA to allow board members of a competing registry to make decisions regarding PFHA. For instance it would not serve stock holders of Coca Cola to have members of Pepsi's board making business decisions for Coca Cola.

Financial Impact: None.

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Endorse

C-23 WITHDRAWN

C-24 ARTICLE X SECTION 6.B P. 16

A Senior Certified Judge or Steward is required to attend a clinic at least once every ~~five~~ **three (3) years**. A Certified Judge or Steward is required to attend a clinic at least once every **two (2) years**.

Rationale:

It is in the best interest of the Association to have its licensed officials attend clinics on a more frequent basis.

Financial Impact:

Increased fees to Association

More Costly to officials.

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Not Endorse.

C-25 ARTICLE X SECTION 13 P. 18

Section 13. Rules Committee. This committee shall consist of seven (7) members (no

two (2) of which may be members of the same Regional Group) elected by the Board of Directors for a two-year term. ~~Said election is to be held at the first Board Meeting following the Rules Convention.~~ The President shall appoint a Chairperson from the seven (7) members. The responsibilities of the Rules Committee are as follows:

Rationale:

The timing of this current rule does not allow for the Rules Committee to follow up with the Board as directed in the Constitution and be printed in a timely manner.

Financial Impact: None

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Endorse

This needs to be done to make the Rules Committee more efficient and effective.

C-26 ARTICLE XI SECTION 1 C P. 19

Section 1. At Regular Meetings. The Constitution may be amended at any meeting of the Association provided that:

A. Notice of intention to amend the Constitution shall first be published in the official Association publication or mailed to the membership at least 30 days prior to the convening of the meeting at which the amendment shall occur; and

B. Such notice shall contain the content of each proposed amendment and state its purpose and intent; and

C. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of Association voting members of those present, in person, or by **proxy representation**, shall vote in favor of such amendment.

Rationale:

The proposed revision is a clarification to be considered in connection with the proposed change to PFHA Constitution Article VII, Section 9, p. 10, eliminating voting by representation and providing instead for voting by the members either in person or by proxy.

Financial Impact: None.

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Not Endorse.

C-27 ARTICLE XI SECTION 2 B P. 20

Section 2. At Special Meetings. Special meetings to consider -21 Constitutional Amendments may be called by:

- A. Written petition signed by a majority of the Board; or
- B. Written petition signed by current voting members in good standing **constituting** ~~constitution~~ at least thirty-percent (30%) of the total voting membership.

Rationale:

Correction of scrivener's error.

Financial Impact: None.

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Endorse

C-28 ARTICLE X SECTION 14 P. 18

Section 14. USEF Paso Fino Division Committee. This committee shall **present updated and amended rules of the Association from Chapter 2 (PFHA Sanctioned Shows), Chapter 3 (Divisions and Classes), and Chapter 4 (Grand National Championship Show) in their entirety for inclusion in the USEF Rule Book under the Paso Fino Division and coordinate Association activities with the USEF. The USEF PF section should always mirror all show rules of the Association.** ~~shall~~ prepare an updated, condensed version of the Association's rules for inclusion in the ~~USEF Rule Book and coordinate Association activities with the USEF.~~ This committee shall perform such other duties as may be assigned on a regular or temporary basis by the President and/or the Board of Directors.

Rationale:

There are discrepancies between the Association's Rule Book and the Paso Fino Division section (PF) of the USEF rulebook. Per a USEF Committee motion at the January 2009 meeting (this motion passed 5001 in favor and 204 opposed), steps were supposed to be taken to implement the inclusion of the Association's rule book show rules in their entirety into the USEF Rulebook. This has not been accomplished. It is in the best interest of the Association that the submission of Chapters 2, 3, and 4 of the Association's rules in their entirety to USEF be made by the PFHA Rules Committee instead of the PFHA USEF Committee on a continuous basis.

Financial Impact: NONE

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Endorse

CHAPTER ONE

1-1 CHAPTER ONE - PAGE 23

Rules Affected: Chapter One. General Rules: Article I. Constitution and Rule Book
Change Procedure: A. Change Submission Procedure. ADD: Section 7 (new) page
22

Proposed Rule Change:

ADD: **All new rules added or changes in the Paso Fino Rule Book will be made in bold italic print.**

Rationale:

Allows Readers to find changes to rules.

Financial Impact:

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Endorse

CHAPTER TWO

2-1 CHAPTER TWO - PAGE 35

From a PFHA Committee? Yes/No N If so which Committee?

Rules Affected: Chapter Two. Association Sanctioned Shows: page 35

Proposed Rule Change: ADD after title Association Sanctioned Shows :

COMPETITION STATEMENT

A knowledge of the rules of any sport is required of each participant and the exhibitor at a licensed competition is in no way exempt from the responsibility. A complete knowledge of and compliance with the rules are essential and the exhibitor must be fully cognizant of all the rules as well as class specifications in the divisions in which he or she shows.

It is obvious that however complete rules may be, they can never cover all possible situations which may arise. If a matter cannot be solved by interpreting the rules to the letter, the solution to be adopted by those responsible should lie in a principle which follows as nearly as possible the spirit of the rules.

Rationale: This is an important statement that all exhibitors should be aware of, particularly the last sentence.

Financial Impact: None

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Endorse

2-2 CHAPTER TWO-- PAGE 35

Rule Affected: Chapter Two. Association Sanctioned Shows: Article I. Regional Group Sponsored Shows: Section A. Classification: 1. USEF –PFHA AB Sanctioned Shows: page 35.

Current Rule:

In USEF-PFHA sanctioned shows when any PFHA Rule conflicts with an USEF Rule, the USEF Rule will prevail. Thus, even if class specifications differ, USEF Rules will be followed and PFHA points will be recorded for that class.

Change to:

In USEF-PFHA sanctioned shows when any PFHA Rule conflicts with an USEF Rule, the USEF Rule will prevail. Thus, even if class specifications differ, USEF Rules will be followed and PFHA points will be recorded for that class. (ADD) **Refer to VIII. General Rules. B. Rules Not Found in the Association Rule Book – page 50**

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Endorse

2-3 CHAPTER TWO – PAGE 37

Brief Description of RCP: JUDGES AND STEWARD LIST POSTING

Rule Affected: Chapter Two. Association Sanctioned Shows: Article I. Regional Group Sponsored Shows: B. Show applications: 6. List of Officials: page 37

Other Rules Affected: Chapter Five Section III. Classifications G. Listed Officials p.96

Proposed Rule Change:

AS WRITTEN: The Executive Director shall maintain at the Association office a current list of the names and addresses of all Association certified Judges and Stewards in good standing. This will be published in the Association official electronic publication(s), website(s) and updated as it changes.

DELETE next sentence: "**notification.....Paso Fino Horse World**"

Rationale:

It is not a good use of the space in the PFHW Magazine. Suspended officials should be posted over the classified section along with any rule violations. Additionally the rule states it will be in the PFHW quarterly, this is not being done, so the rule is not being followed. This will reduce space needed for official publication in the PFHW and include more relevant information, such as article on the J&S Clinic and the J&S that were recently certified.

Financial Impact:

Reviewers' Comments:

J & S does not endorse.

Rules Committee Does Not Endorse.

2-4 CHAPTER TWO – PAGE 41

Rule Affected: Chapter Two I.F. Penalties

Other Rules Affected:

Proposed Rule Change:

F. Penalties. The Regional Group that sponsors an Association approved show shall be subject to a penalty or fine for failure to conduct a show in accordance with Association rules, for failure to meet show requirements or for failure to file the necessary reports in a timely manner. (ADD) **The Executive Director, or his or her staff, shall have no authority to waive assessment or payment of any penalty or fine without approval by the Board of Directors.**

Rationale:

The collection of penalties and fines assessed against one affiliated Regional Group inures to the benefit of all Regional Groups and the Association as a whole. The decision as to whether or not to waive the assessment or payment of any penalty or fine should be made by the Board of Directors and not by the Executive Director or staff acting alone upon the request of the penalized Region.

Financial Impact: Positive financial impact in undetermined amount.

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Endorse

2-5 CHAPTER TWO – PAGE 44

Brief Description of RCP: SOREING- DISQUALIFIED

Rules Affected: Chapter TWO IV. E. Soreing

Proposed Rule Change:

As stated: E. Soreing: soreing a horse is prohibited.

Any physical evidence including but not limited to scars, blisters, or training with heavy shoes or artificial devices or soreing shall cause the horse to be (CHANGE) **disqualified.**

Rationale:

This section does not match horse inspection which has the horse DQ as well as the National Championship Inspection which DQ's as well. The only word changed in this RCP is from excused to disqualified to agree with H. Inspection: "Any evidence that the hooves have been trimmed too closely, which is a practice recognized as soreing, shall disqualify the entry for the remainder of the show. At all other Association approved show, the Judge may, at his or her discretion, inspect any horse for evidence of soreing. Any evidence of soreing shall disqualify the horse from the class and from the remainder of the show."

Financial Impact: None

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Endorse

J & S Committee Does Endorse

2-6 WITHDRAWN

2-7 CHAPTER TWO - PAGE 45

Rules Affected: Chapter TWP IV. G. Soundness P.45

Proposed Rule Change: (Second sentence)... A horse must not show evidence of lameness (CHANGE) or broken wind. **Animals with complete loss of sight in either eye may be found serviceably sound at the Judge's discretion.** Transmissible weakness....

Rationale: Horses adapt and remain serviceably sound; i.e. The current Junior Hunter Champion horse this year has one eye. We are eliminating entries at competitions without good cause.

Financial Impact: Increase revenues due to additional entries.

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Endorse

J & S Committee Does Endorse

2-8 CHAPTER TWO – PAGE 48

Rules Affected: Chapter Two. Association Sanctioned Shows: Article VII. Tack and Attire: Section E. Western: page 48

Proposed Rule Change: CHANGE TO READ:

In all classes where Western tack is designated, the tack shall consist of a good working stock saddle. Silver equipment is permitted but must not predominate. The headstall....

Rationale: .This wording is what is used in USEF PF129.5 and would not need to be changed in the USEF rules if this RCP is passed.

Financial Impact:

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Endorse

2-9 CHAPTER TWO – WITHDRAWN

2-10 CHAPTER TWO – WITHDRAWN

2-11 CHAPTER TWO – PAGE 48

Brief Description of RCP: ALLOW NON-CONTOUR PADS IN ALL CLASSES WITH ENGLISH TACK

Rule Affected: Chapter Two. Association Sanctioned Shows: Section VII. Tack and Attire: D. English Tack: 1. Saddle: page 48

Proposed Rule Change: CHANGE TO READ

1. Saddle. In all classes where English Tack is designated saddles may be of English-Type...in the class. If a saddle pad is used, it will be conservative in color and (INSERT) **may be full cut or** conform to the shape of the saddle. Stirrups for....

Rationale:

It is difficult to find contour pad anymore as they are "out of style"

Financial Impact: NONE

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Not Endorse.

J & S Committee Does Not Endorse.

2-12 CHAPTER TWO - PAGE 48

Rule Affected: Chapter Two. Association Sanctioned Shows: Section VII. Tack and Attire. D. English Tack: 3. Reins: page 48

From a PFHA Committee? (Y/N) Yes: PPFTA

Does this Rule Change affect other rules (Y/N)? Yes

Other Rules Affected: Chapter Three Sec I.B.2. Equitation I. Appointments/ Chapter Three. Sec VI .e. appointments // Chapter Three VI. G. Amateur Equitation.

1.Appointments

Proposed Rule will Change

Statement of Proposed Rule Change:

Chapter Two VII D. 3. Reins

(CHANGE paragraph to read): Reins may be leather, flat, rolled or braided. Nylon or other natural or man-made fiber reins may be used (hereafter referred to as "nylon") **except in Equitation or Horsemanship classes.** When nylon reins are used, they must be the same color as the headstall. Combination leather/nylon buckle-back reins may be used. Snaps that attach the reins to the bit or bosal may be used **except in Equitation and Horsemanship classes. Leather English reins with buckle attachments and without snaps must be used in all Equitation and Horsemanship classes.**

Rationale:

This is to add professionalism to the equitation and horsemanship divisions. In international competitions snap reins are not allowed. We are the only breed that allows rope reins and it is a big distraction when judging equitation.

Financial Impact: NONE

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Endorse

J & S Committee Does Endorse

2-13 CHAPTER TWO – PAGE 49

Brief Description of RCP: Allow two reins on Pelham bits in adult or non-schooling classes.

Ch. 2, VII, Tack and Attire, section F. Bits:

(ADD sentence at end of paragraph) **Where a pelham bit (see example in the Guide to Paso Fino Tack) is used, two reins on the bit will be permitted in both schooling and non-schooling classes.**

Rationale:

This bit is legal under our current rules and is designed to be used with 2 reins for proper function. This rule change would clarify this use for judges, stewards, and exhibitors as there is currently no rule that prohibits the use of 2 reins with a pelham bit.

Financial Impact:

Reviewers' Comments:

J & S Committee Does Not Endorse.

2-14 CHAPTER TWO – PAGE 50

Brief Description of RCP: Allow Short Sleeve or Sleeveless Shirts with long sleeve jackets

Does this proposal affect other rule(s) (Y/N)? no

If so which one(s)?

Chapter: Two Section: VII.I.1 pp. 50

1. Official Paso Fino Show Costume.

(DELETE SENTENCE) The exhibitor must wear a long sleeve shirt or long sleeve blouse.

(ADD SENTENCE TO REPLACE) **A long sleeve, short sleeve, or sleeveless shirt or blouse may be worn under the long sleeve bolero jacket.**

2. Western Attire.

(ADD SENTENCE AT END OF PARAGRAPH) **When a long sleeve jacket is worn, the rider may wear a long sleeve, short sleeve, or sleeveless shirt underneath.**

Rule Proposal will change Chapter Three Section: V and Sec VI Page: 75 & 83, sections for Pleasure Attire (currently in Chapter 3 but proposed to be put into chapter 2 with other attire descriptions)

(ADD SENTENCE AFTER: "riding boots"): **When a long sleeve jacket is worn, the rider may wear a long sleeve, short sleeve, or sleeveless shirt underneath.** Riders that use English....

Rationale:

Allow short shirts to be worn, especially during the hot weather. The jacket worn by the exhibitor covers the shirt so it is difficult to determine if the shirt is long sleeved or not. Many exhibitors already wear short sleeve or sleeveless shirts and blouses under their jackets.

Financial Impact: Stewards will have to be educated about the change to the class procedure.

Note: If this change passes, all applicable sections of the rule book regarding exhibitor

attire will be updated.

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Not Endorse.

J & S Committee Does Not Endorse.

2-15 CHAPTER TWO – PAGE 50

Rule Affected: Chapter Two. Association Sanctioned Shows. Article VII. Tack and Attire:
I. Exhibitor Attire: page 50

Other Rules affected: Yes

V. Paso Pleasure Division – C. Appointments – regarding the Pleasure attire and
E. Paso Fino Country Pleasure – 4. Appointments. Page 83 would need to be changed
if passed. (With the addition of jodhpurs.)

Proposed Rule Change:

(ADD NEW PARAGRAPH)

2. Pleasure Attire. Where English or Plantation type tack is used, the rider's attire shall consist of a long-sleeved shirt, full length trouser, tailored jacket or vest, hat and riding boots. Riders that use English tack cannot wear chaps. Sweater vests are not allowed. A tie is optional. Women riders may wear a skirt, culottes, jodhpurs, or gaucho pant that are long enough to cover the knees while seated in a saddle along with knee-high boots. Sequins, glitter or other similar reflective adornment is not allowed on any part of the Pleasure Attire. Jeans and baseball-style hats are prohibited. No part of the official Paso Fino costume shall be allowed except for riding boots, jumpsuit or pants.

(CHANGE) 2. Western Attire to 3. Western Attire

(CHANGE) 3. Safety Headgear to 4. Safety Headgear

Rationale:

Pleasure attire should be listed with the I. Exhibitor Attire on page 50. Also jodhpurs were added as a rule clarification in 2010,

Financial Impact: N/A

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Endorse

2-16 CHAPTER TWO – PAGE 50

Rule Affected: Chapter Two. Association Sanctioned Shows: Section VIII. General Rules: A. Show Year: page 50

Rules Affected: Chapter: TWO Section: VIII A Page: 50

Proposed Rule Change: ADD this statement to the title page below effective date.

Each Grand National Championship show will operate under the rules that were in effect during that show's qualifying year.

Rationale:

This is not a RCP because it is already an existing rule. It was requested at the February 2011 Judges and Stewards Clinic that this statement be listed on the first page of the rule book under effective date.

Financial Impact: NONE

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Endorse

J & S Committee Does Endorse

2-17 CHAPTER TWO – PAGE 50

Does this proposal affect other rule(s) (Y/N)? No.

If so which one(s)?

Statement of Proposed Change:

VIII. General Rules.

A. Show Year. The Association show year runs from ~~September 1 through August 31~~ **October 1 through September 30**. Each Grand National Championship show will operate under the rules that were in effect during that show's qualifying year.

Rationale:

The Association currently has a "show" year that runs from September 1 to August 31; a "term of office" year that runs from annual meeting to annual meeting; a "membership/dues" year that runs from October 1 to September 30; and a "fiscal" year that runs from January 1 to December 31. Under this proposed revision and companion proposed revision to the term of office year (PFHA Constitution, Article VII, Section 10, p. 11), the terms of office, show year and membership year would all run concurrently

(October 1 to September 30). This would eliminate a change in leadership of the Association in the middle of a show year as well as provide for a transition period for newly elected officers instead of their assuming office immediately upon their election at the annual meeting. To ensure complete uniformity, it is suggested further that the Association change its fiscal year from a calendar year to one running from October 1 to September 30.

Financial Impact:

The Association would incur professional fees to file the appropriate IRS returns/forms to change the election of the fiscal year.

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Not Endorse.

J & S Committee Does Not Endorse.

2-18 CHAPTER TWO – PAGE 51

Other Rules Affected: CHAPTER 2: 1.A.1 P 35

Proposed Rule Change:

RULES NOT FOUND IN THE ASSOCIATION RULE BOOK Current:

B. Rules Not Found in the Association Rule Book. At any horse show if these rules do not apply to a situation that may arise, the following portions of the USEF Rule Book, as amended from time to time will apply: USEF rule Book, Rule III. Conduct of Recognized Competitions, Chapter I. General Abuse GR839; Soundness-GR841, 1204; Falls-Gr 121; Scheduling-GR829 to 833; Chapter IV. Drugs and Medications in its entirety and Measurement of Toe and Heel GR 510.

CHANGE TO:

Rules Not Found in the PFHA Rule Book. At any horse show if these rules do not apply to a situation that may arise, the following portions of the USEF Rule Book, as amended from time to time will apply: General Rules (GR) and Western Division (WS) as applicable to Paso Fino classes and PF 101-152.

Rationale:

References which USEF rules apply to PFHA competitions. Most PFHA shows are also USEF competitions and therefore all USEF General Rules would apply to PFHA shows/

Financial Impact:

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Endorse

2-19 CHAPTER TWO – PAGE 51

Proposed Rule Change:

H- Same Rider on Two Horses/ Two Different Riders on Same Horse Prohibited

CHANGE existing paragraph to read as follows:

In saddle classes, a rider may only ride one horse in a class, with the exception of the trail class in which a rider can show more than one horse. In any saddle class, riders cannot be changed in the middle of the class.

Rationale:

This rule change may increase participation in the trail class which increases show revenues and participation. Additionally it shows the association is interested in promoting the Recreational Paso Fino Horse/Rider.

Financial Impact:

Increased show revenue and participation at Regional and National Levels.

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Endorse

J & S Does Not Endorse

2-20 CHAPTER TWO –XII , D. APPLICATION FOR AMATEUR OWNER PAGE
54

Brief Description of RCP: Amateur Class

From a PFHA Committee? Yes/No: N If so which Committee?

Does this proposal affect other rule(s) (Y/N)? No

DELETE the word "owner" and replace with "status." Should read **Application for Amateur Status.**

Rationale:

To better define the statement.

Financial Impact: A few more exhibitors.

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Endorse

J & S Committee Does Endorse

2-20A CHAPTER TWO - PAGE 53

Brief Description of RCP: clarifying age of amateur exhibitors

Does this proposal affect other rule(s) (Y/N)? yes

If so which one(s)? Chapter One XII

CHANGE existing paragraph to read:

A. Definition of an Amateur. A person, **who is 18 years of age or older**, is an Amateur for all competitions conducted under Association rules if he or she has not engaged in any activities that would make him or her professional. (See Section XII.E. Definition of a Professional, below) Spouses of professionals who assist in training or showing are not considered Amateurs. **Riders ages 17 and under are automatically considered amateurs.**

CHANGE existing paragraph to read:

E. Definition of a Professional. A person, **who is 18 years of age or older**, becomes a Professional for horse show purposes if the person engages in any of the following activities:

(then continue on with listing)

Rationale:

To clarify the age of amateur exhibitors in accordance with USEF guidelines, in which youth riders are automatically considered amateurs.

Financial Impact:

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Endorse

Definition of an Amateur Owner. page 54

Brief Description of RCP: delete owner from Amateur Owner designation

From a PFHA Committee? Yes/No: _N_ If so which Committee?

Does this proposal affect other rule(s) (Y/N)? Yes

If so which one(s)? Chapter Two XII. B. through D.

Statement of Proposed Change:

DELETE Section B in its entirety.

CHANGE section C. Senior Amateur Owner to Section B. Senior Amateur

CHANGE Section D. Application for Amateur Owner to Section C. Application for Amateur Status

Passage of this rule proposal will change all reference of Amateur Owner to Amateur.

Rationale: Eliminate use of false affidavits. Greater participation in shows. Marketing strategy to expose Paso Fino horses to non paso fino owners.

Financial Impact: Greater revenue from shows.

NOTE: This change, if passed, will affect fino, performance, and pleasure show divisions with a change from Amateur/Owner classes to Amateur classes. If this rule change passes, all applicable sections of the rule book will be updated and changed to delete references to "owner" from Amateur/Owner classes.

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Endorse

Does this proposal affect other rule(s) (Y/N)? NO.

If so which one(s)?

This Rule Change will change which rule(s)? Chapter: TWO Section: XII.C. pp. 54

Statement of Proposed Change: (CHANGE existing section C as follows):

C. Amateur Owner Status.

1. Senior Amateur Owner. (No Change)

(ADD NEW SECTION) 2. Novice Amateur Owner. Novice Amateur Owner status provides an opportunity for persons new to the breed to compete in classes against others with similar inexperience in competing. To be eligible to compete in a Novice Amateur Owner class in any division, the member must either be in his or her first year of membership in the Association as an Amateur Owner or have competed in no more than three (3) Association sanctioned shows since first becoming an Amateur Owner member. All other criteria for Amateur Owner status provided in the Constitution and these Rules apply. Nothing in this Rule is intended to preclude a Novice Amateur Owner from competing in a regular Amateur Owner class.

Rationale:

Competing for the first time as an Amateur Owner can be intimidating, but even more so when the other Amateur Owners in the show ring are “amateurs” only because PFHA Rules define nonprofessional riders as such and not because they are “amateur” in the generic sense of having little or no experience riding. The fact is that most Amateur Owners have been competing for years, and the Novice Amateur Owner status is intended to encourage the new generation of Amateur Owners to enter competition by leveling the playing field.

Financial Impact:

Positive financial impact in undetermined amount.

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Not Endorse.

J & S Committee Does Not Endorse.

CHAPTER THREE

3-1 CHAPTER THREE – PAGES 72, 74, 76

Rule Affected: Chapter Three. Divisions and Classes: see below

From a PFHA Committee? Yes/No: No___ If so which Committee?

Does this proposal affect other rule(s) (Y/N)? No

If so which one(s)?

Statement of Proposed Change:

V. Paso Pleasure Division: Section D. Classes within this Division. Add. 3. Amateur Trained Pleasure Class: page 76

Add- Amateur Trained Pleasure Class This class is open to Amateurs and to horses that have not been in professional training for sixty (60) days before the show. Same rules apply as those listed in the V. Paso Pleasure Division (A.B.C.).

IV. Paso Performance Division: Section D. Classes within this Division: Add 3. Amateur Trained Performance Class: page 74.

Add- Amateur Trained Performance Class – This class is open to Amateurs and to horses that have not been in professional training for sixty (60) days before the show. Same rules apply as those listed in the IV. Paso Performance Division (A.B.C.).

III. Classic Fino Division: Section D. Classes within this Division: Add 3. Amateur Trained Fino Class: page 72

Add- Amateur Trained Fino Class This class is open to Amateurs and to horses that have not been in professional training for sixty (60) days before the show. Same rules apply as those listed in the III. Classic Fino Division (A.B.C.).

Rationale:

To have classes for Amateur trained horses.

Financial Impact:

New trainers, new exhibitors, more money.

Reviewers' Comments:

J & S Committee Does Not Endorse.

3-2 CHAPTER THREE – PAGES 72, 74, 76

Rule Affected: Chapter 3. Divisions and Classes: see below

Brief Description of RCP: Add Three classes: 1 amateur pleasure, 1 amateur performance, and 1 amateur fino

From a PFHA Committee? Yes/No: No__ If so which Committee?

Does this proposal affect other rule(s) (Y/N)? No. If so which one(s)?

Statement of Proposed Change:

V. Paso Pleasure Division: Section D. Classes within this Division. Add. 2.e.. Amateur Pleasure Class: page 76

Add – Amateur Pleasure Class – Same rules apply per PFHA rule book for pleasure division – No affidavit of Sale required. Exhibitor does not have to own the horse. Horse gets points.

IV. Paso Performance Division: Section D. Classes within this Division: Add 2. e. Amateur Performance Class: page 74.

Add- Amateur Performance Class – Same rules as performance division and above. – No affidavit of Sale required. Exhibitor does not have to own the horse.. Points to horse.

III. Classic Fino Division: Section D. Classes within this Division: Add 2. E Amateur Fino Class: page 72

Add- Amateur Fino Class- Same rules as Fino Division No affidavit of sale required. Exhibitor does not have to own the horse. Points to the horse.

Rationale:

Could lead to new Amateur Owner Exhibitors

More exhibitors (new). Do not have to compete with Amateur Owners.

Could lead to new Amateur Owner Exhibitors

Financial Impact:

Increase show revenue. Potential new exhibitors.

Rules Committee Comment: This would add a class to each division.

Reviewers' Comments:

J & S Committee Does Not Endorse.

Rules Committee Does Endorse

From Rules Committee: If Rule 2-20B passes, there is no need for this rule change as it would be duplicating classes.

3-3 CHAPTER THREE

Brief Description of RCP: Eliminate 3 Year Old showing classes, excluding Bella Forma

Does this proposal affect other rule(s) (Y/N)? No.

If so which one(s)?

This Rule Change will change which rule(s)? Chapter: THREE Section: pp.

Statement of Proposed Change:

To Eliminate all 3 year old showing/exhibitor classes

Excludes Bella Forma/Halter Classes (non-exhibitor)

Rationale:

3 year olds are not fully developed for exhibitor/showing purposes. They are not fully developed mentally or physically. Some exhibitors are very heavy weighted people and 3 year olds are not physically able to sustain weighted people. 3 year olds get pushed into the show ring and therefore, are not mentally able to perform for the trainer or the amateur owner. So, a lot of 3 year olds are ruined and tossed aside and does not make it into the arena as 4 year olds. You can only start riding a horse at 3 years old so give it a year of training and evaluation.

Financial Impact:

Loss of income from 3 year old classes regionally and nationally.

But future 4 year old classes may be bigger and better, therefore more exhibitors and money. Some new people in the breed get out after their first year of showing their 3

year old horses. Substitute Amateur Owned and Amateur Trained classes, but not for 3 year olds.

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Not Endorse.

J & S Committee Does Not Endorse.

3-4 CHAPTER THREE WITHDRAWN

3-5 CHAPTER THREE - PAGE 59

Brief Description of RCP:

Proposed Rule Change:

1. WALK-CORTO LEADLINE

Walk-Corto Leadline

Current:

The horses shall enter the ring with the child mounted and an adult holding a leadline attached to a leather or nylon halter worn under the bridle or holding the pisador attached to the bridle.

Change:

The horses shall enter the ring with the child mounted and an adult holding a leadline attached to a leather or nylon halter worn over the bridle or holding the pisador attached to the bridle.

Rationale:

WEAR HALTER OVER BRIDLE..

Financial Impact:

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Endorse

J & S Committee Does Not Endorse.

3-6 CHAPTER THREE – PAGE 64I

Brief Description of RCP:

From a PFHA Committee? Yes/No N__ If so which Committee?

Rule Affected: Chapter Three. Divisions and Classes: Article I. Youth Division: B. Class
Descriptions: 8. Gold and Silver Equitation: page 64

Other Rules Affected:

Proposed Rule Change:

Delete: "Any horse that did not perform the proper Paso Fino gait will be eliminated at this time."

Rationale:

This class as well as Paso Equitation classes are to be judged 100% on Equitation.

Financial Impact:

Reviewers' Comments:

J & S Committee Does Not Endorse.

3-7 CHAPTER THREE – PAGE 65

Rule Affected: Chapter Three. Divisions and Classes: I. Youth Division: B. Class
Descriptions: b. Additional Tests: page 65

Does this proposal affect other rule(s) (Y/N)? yes

If so which one(s)? Chapter 3 I. B.2.8

This Rule Change will change which rule(s)? Chapter: Three Section: I.B. pp. 65

Statement of Proposed Change:

Delete: (7) Side pass left and right for as many steps as the Judge directs. The horse should move evenly left and right at the sidepass.

Rationale:

A side pass is NOT an appropriate test for an equitation class. For Paso Finos, a side pass is a trail class component.

Financial Impact: none

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Not Endorse

J & S Committee Does Not Endorse.

3-8 CHAPTER THREE – PAGE 70

From a PFHA Committee? Yes/No _Y_ If so which Committee? J&S

Rule Affected: Chapter Three. Divisions and Classes: Article III. Classic Fino Division:
A. Qualifying Gait: 1. Classic Fino: page 70

Other Rules Affected:

Proposed Rule Change:

(Presently Reads) In this class, horses shall demonstrate only the fully collected Classic Fino gait whenever moving.

(Proposed to Read) In this class, horses shall demonstrate the fully collected Classic Fino gait whenever they are being judged.

Rationale:

This would allow the exhibitor/rider to rest his horse when they are not being judged. For example, when they are on the rail waiting to be asked to transverse the sounding board and from the sounding board back to the line-up.

Financial Impact: NONE

3-9 CHAPTER THREE – PAGE 70

Rule Affected: Chapter Three. Divisions and Classes, Section III. Classic Fino Division. A. Qualifying Gait: B. Procedures: page 70

Brief Description of RCP: optional tests from line up

This rule change will change which rules? Chapter Three III. Classic Fino Division. B. Procedures

Statement of Proposed Change:

Horses must work both directions, reverse, halt and proceed in gait. Breaking gait on reverses, stops or starts shall be penalized... (Insert) After horses have performed all required rail work, horses will proceed to the line-up. At this time, judge(s) may call for optional tests. All optional tests must be called from the line-up.

Rationale:

Instead of calling for tests from the rail which causes classic fino horses to either walk (which is prohibited) or tire themselves out, horses can rest in the line-up. Also, allows judges to see each individual entry without the distraction of other horses.

Financial Impact: none

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Not Endorse

J & S Committee Does Not Endorse.

3-10 WITHDRAWN

3-11 WITHDRAWN

3-12 WITHDRAWN

3-13A CHAPTER THREE – PAGES 72

Rules Affected: Chapter Three. Divisions and Classes: Section IV. Paso Performance
Division: A. Qualifying Gaits: 3. Collected Paso Largo: page 72

Proposed Rule Change:

IV- add the word "footfall" and "fast"

Change second sentence to read: **This gait is smooth, balanced, collected, bold and animated with rapid footfall and fast forward motion.**

Change last sentence to read: after penalized, ADD: **"speed in gait should be rewarded"**

Rationale:

To demonstrate the movement of the Horse.

Financial Impact:

None

Reviewer' Comments:

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Not Endorse.

J & S Committee Does Endorse

3-13B CHAPTER THREE - PAGES 74

Brief Description of RCP:

Add the word "footfall" to Pleasure Division

From a PFHA Committee? Yes: Judges and Stewards Committee

Rules Affected: Chapter Three. V. Paso Pleasure Division A. Qualifying Gaits 3. Paso Largo

Proposed Rule Change:

First sentence change to read: **A smooth, evenly spaced, four-beat lateral gait, fluid with rapid footfall showing no tendency to labor or become "strung out"**.

Rationale:

To demonstrate the movement of the Horse.

Financial Impact:

None

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Not Endorse.

J & S Committee Does Endorse

3-14 WITHDRAWN

3-15 WITHDRAWN

3-16 CHAPTER THREE – PAGE 75

From a PFHA Committee? Yes/No ____ If so which Committee?

Rule Affected: Chapter Three. Divisions and Classes: Article V. Paso Pleasure Division:
C. Appointments: page 75

Rules Affected: Chapter: THREE Section: V.C. Page: 75

Other Rules Affected:

C. SCHOOLING HEADGEAR P 48

Proposed Rule Change:

Delete Sentence: In any case metal is not permitted in, under, over or attached to the cavesson nosepiece or head rise, except for necessary buckles.

Rationale:

If the use of metal is too severe it should not be permitted in any classes. Judges and Stewards can use F. Cruelty and Abuse rule p44 if they feel metal is being used to severely.

This RCP would allow metal in all Pleasure Classes.

Financial Impact: NONE

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Endorse

J & S Committee Does Not Endorse.

3-17 CHAPTER THREE – PAGE 75

Brief Description of RCP: Pleasure Attire

Rule Affected: Chapter Three. Divisions and Classes: Article V. Paso Pleasure Division:
C. Appointments: page 75-76.

Proposed Rule Change:

Delete: “Sequins, glitter, or other similar reflective adornment is not allowed on any part of the Pleasure attire.” Replace with: “Sequins, and rhinestones or other similar reflective adornment, except glitter and mirrors, may be used as an accent or buttons on a jacket, vest, or hat band, but must not predominate. Reflective adornment is not permitted on shirts or blouses, except functional buttons at the cuffs and the front of the garment.

Rationale:

To allow exhibitors to add a tasteful amount of modest flair to our pleasure attire, and relax stringent rules that do not allow conservative metallic buttons and other small ornamentation.

This freedom to wear small amounts of “bling” will enhance the appearance of exhibitors and add a bit of fun to dressing for the competition in the Pleasure division. Please note that this proposal only affects attire in the Pleasure division, and does not alter or apply to the official Paso Fino costume.

Financial Impact: None

Rules Committee Comment:

If this RCP is passed all applicable Rules in Chapters Two and Three will be updated.

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Endorse

J & S Committee Does Endorse

3-18 WITHDRAWN

3-19 WITHDRAWN

3-20 CHAPTER THREE – PAGE 77

Rule Affected: Chapter Three. Divisions and Classes: Article VI. Specialty Classes: A. Paso Versatility Class: 1. Qualifying Gaits: d. Canter: page 77

Other Rules Affected:

Proposed Rule Change:

Current:

Failure to properly execute the Paso Corto and Paso Largo demonstrating an evenly spaced four beat lateral gait will automatically – eliminate the horse.....

Change "**eliminate**" to "**disqualify**"

Rationale:

Consistency with rule book. Not use eliminate but either excuse or disqualify.

This is not a qualifying class for any championship.

Financial Impact:

Reviewers' Comments:

J & S Committee Does Endorse

3-21 WITHDRAWN

3-22 WITHDRAWN

3-23 WITHDRAWN

3-24 CHAPTER THREE WITHDRAWN

3-25 CHAPTER THREE – PAGE 78

Rule Affected: Chapter Three. Divisions and Classes: Article VI. Specialty Classes: E. Paso Fino Country Pleasure: Section 5 (Add New). Classes within this Division: page 78

Brief Description of RCP:

From a PFHA Committee? Yes/No: No___ If so which Committee?

Does this proposal affect other rule(s) (Y/N)? No

If so which one(s)?

This Rule Change will change which rule(s)? Chapter Three Section VI.E. pp. 78-80

Statement of Proposed Change:

Add new section under this class as follows at end of current rule: (probable Section 5. Classes within This Division)

Classes with this division. One open class may be offered; or classes may be split into Country Pleasure Schooling and Country Pleasure Mares, Geldings, & Stallions Open; or classes may be split into Country Pleasure Schooling (this may be split into schooling 3 yr olds and schooling 4 yr olds), Country Pleasure Mares, and Country Pleasure Geldings/Stallions (this may be split into separate Geldings and Stallions classes). If at least two qualifying classes are offered at a given show, an open country pleasure championship class may be offered at that show.

Rationale:

This class is getting bigger and in some parts of the country this may be the type of horse that many people have. This may encourage some people to show who have otherwise not wanted to or who don't have a horse that fits in the open pleasure division. In marketing we have seen that many people think Paso Finos are too "hot" to handle and we are competing with other breeds who have very quiet riding horses.

Expanding this class into a division would give more emphasis to the nice quiet riding horse that new people want to buy, thus hopefully expanding our market

Financial Impact:

More class entries could be gained, possibly owners would bring more horses to the shows if they have the opportunity to show in more classes

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Not Endorse.

J & S Does Not Endorse

3-26 CHAPTER THREE - PAGE 78

Rule Affected: Chapter Three. Divisions and Classes:

Brief Description of RCP: Country Pleasure Classes

From a PFHA Committee? Yes/No: No_ If so which Committee?

Does this proposal affect other rule(s) (Y/N)? No

If so which one(s)?

Statement of Proposed Change:

Remove Country Pleasure from the Specialty Classes Section (VI) and renumber to a new section VI, make Specialty Classes new VII, then renumber or re-letter other sections accordingly.

Rationale:

It is only open to amateurs and so is not a true specialty class as the others in this section are.

Financial Impact:

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Endorse

J & S Does Not Endorse

Rule Affected: Chapter Three. Divisions and Classes: Article VI. Specialty Classes: C. Paso Trail: 2. Procedures: page 80

Brief Description of RCP: Trail Procedures

From a PFHA Committee? Yes/No: _N_ If so which Committee?

Does this proposal affect other rule(s) (Y/N)?

If so which one(s)?

This Rule Change will change which rule(s)? Chapter: Three Section: C.2. pp. 80

Statement of Proposed Change:

Current Rule:

Any horse not properly performing the gait required should be penalized in the same manner as not completing the obstacle. Failure to follow the prescribed obstacle, or course of travel through obstacles will result in automatic elimination.

Change to:

Pertaining to the posted trail pattern, any horse not properly performing the gait required between the obstacles or any horse that fails to follow the prescribed obstacle or follow the prescribed course of travel through the obstacle should be penalized in the same manner as not completing the obstacle.

Rationale:

Under the current rule you could not complete an obstacle and still place; however, if you failed to follow the prescribed obstacle, or course of travel through obstacles you would be eliminated. Change penalizes rather than eliminates a horse from the trail class.

Financial Impact:

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Endorse

J & S Committee Does Endorse

3-28 CHAPTER THREE – PAGE 81

Rule Affected: Chapter Three. Divisions and Classes: Article VI. Specialty Classes: C.
Paso Trail: page

Other Rules Affected:

Proposed Rule Change:

Current- Only one hand maybe used on the reins and the hand may not be changed
except to negotiate an obstacle.

Change: **Only one hand may be used on the reins except that both hands may be
used to negotiate an obstacle.**

Rationale:

Change to agree with USEF rule PF145.3 that was changed 1/17/2010

Financial Impact:

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Endorse

J & S Committee Does Endorse

3-29 WITHDRAWN

3-30 CHAPTER THREE – PAGE 81

Rule Affected: Chapter Three. Divisions and Classes: Article VI. Specialty Classes:
Section D. Paso Costume: 1. Procedures: page 81

Other Rules Affected:

Proposed Rule Change:

Current: 1. Procedures

... his or her favorite Paso Fino Gait.

Change: 1. Procedures

... his or her favorite Paso Fino gait (Classic Fino, Paso Corto, Paso Largo)

Rationale:

Exhibitor may not be allowed to just walk in this class. This was a clarification from a J&S Clinic that never made it to the rule book.

Financial Impact: NONE

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Endorse

J & S Committee Does Endorse

3-31 CHAPTER THREE - PAGE 87

Rule Affected: Chapter Three. Divisions and Classes: Article VII. Championship
Classes: A. Eligibility: page 87

Proposed Rule Change:

To be considered shown and judged, a horse must perform all required gaits, both ways of the ring (See exception, Chapter Five, Section VII., G. Class with Single Entry.), in the original class and must remain in the ring until either excused or placed by the Judge. (Add) **An entry disqualified by the judge for any reason may not use that class as a qualifier for the championship class.**

Rationale:

Change to agree with USEF rule PF150.2 that was changed 1/17/2010

Financial Impact: NONE

3-32 CHAPTER THREE - PAGE 81

Rule Affected: Chapter Three. Divisions and Classes: Article VI. Specialty Classes: C. Paso Trail: 2. Procedures: page 81

Proposed Rule Change:

Current: (see USEF Western Division. ws 129...)

Change to: **(See USEF Western Division, Dimensions of Trail Obstacles WF. 126...)**

Rationale:

Clarification of existing rule #. Housekeeping.

Financial Impact: NONE

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Endorse

3-33 CHAPTER THREE – PAGE 83

Rule Affected: Chapter Three. Divisions and Classes: Article VI. Specialty Classes: E. Paso Fino Country Pleasure: 3. Procedures: page 83

Does this proposal affect another rule (Y/N)? No

If so which one(s)?

Current rule:

When the Judge requests, the rider will back the horse out of the line-up, dismount from the left side, walk around to the front of the horse checking the headgear and/or bridle appointments, remount from the right side and return to the line-up. A rider's style of dismount and mount is not to be emphasized; rather, emphasis is placed on the horse's willingness to back in a calm and controlled manner and to stand quietly.

Statement of Proposed Change:

When the Judge requests, the rider will back the horse out of the line-up, proceed at a corto to the area designated by the judge and perform a figure eight at the corto. The rider should halt the horse before and after performing the figure eight. The figure eight should be as small as possible. Emphasis is placed on the horse's willingness to obey commands in a calm and controlled manner.

Rationale:

The dismounting and mounting is physically difficult for some riders and discourages them from entering the class. The horse's obedience and its manners can be judged by how well it performs the back, the halt, and the figure eight.

Financial Impact: Judges will have to be educated about the change in the class procedure.

3-34 CHAPTER THREE – PAGE 83

Rule Affected: Chapter Three. Divisions and Classes: Article VI. Specialty Classes: E. Paso Fino Country Pleasure: 3. Procedures: page 83

Proposed Rule Change:

On the rail, except to Pass. ADD Sentence: **When western style tack is used, the rider may use either one or two hands.**

Rationale:

Only Western Pleasure class should be limited to using one hand.

Financial Impact:

3-35 CHAPTER: THREE – PAGE 87

Rule Affected: Chapter Three. Divisions and Classes: Article VI. Specialty Classes: Add H. Amateur Adult Horsemanship Class.

Brief Description of RCP: Add Amateur Adult Horsemanship class

Does this proposal affect other rule(s) (Y/N)? No

If so which one(s)?

Statement of Proposed Change:

Add in its entirety but change the name to Amateur Adult Horsemanship the section on 6. Youth Horsemanship page 62.

Change first paragraph to:

H. Amateur Adult Horsemanship. Regional Group shows may offer this class at their discretion. This class shall be judged: 50% on horsemanship of rider, 10% on the suitability of the horse to the rider and 40% on the performance of the horse.

Otherwise in its entirety as listed in Youth Horsemanship on page 62.

Rationale:

Offer additional equitation class for adults.

Financial Impact:

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Endorse

CHAPTER FOUR

4-1 CHAPTER FOUR – PAGE 89

Rule Affected: Chapter Four Grand National Championship Show: Article I.
Specifications: A. Date and Location: page 89

Brief Description of RCP:

From a PFHA Committee? Yes/No: NO_ If so which Committee?

Does this proposal affect other rule(s) (Y/N)? No.

If so which one(s)?

Statement of Proposed Change: **Delete stricken language and add underscored language as follows:**

A. Date and Location. The date and location of the Association's Grand National Championship Show, hereinafter referred to as "National show," are to be selected by the Association Board of Directors at least three years in advance. The National show dates must commence within one of the following months: July, August, September or October.

Rationale:

The revision gives the Board of Directors greater flexibility in determining the dates and locations of the National show, or changing them, as the circumstances may dictate. Nothing in this revision prevents the Board of Directors from planning in advance. The revision would at least eliminate debate in the future such as occurred this year as to whether moving the 2011 National show from Perry to Memphis, or to another location in 2012, would be contrary to the existing three year rule.

Financial Impact:

The date and location of the National show is a decision having a major financial impact on the Association. Granting the Board greater flexibility to make or change the selection could have a positive or negative financial impact depending upon whether the Board exercises this flexibility prudently.

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Not Endorse.

4-2 CHAPTER FOUR – PAGE 89

Rule Affected: Chapter Four. Grand National Championship Show: I. Specifications: C. Selection of Stewards: page 89

Proposed Change: **All Stewards are to be PFHA Certified or USEF Certified**

(strike “**senior**” from the rule).

Rational: PFHA no longer requires judges to be senior certified in order to judge the National Show. The result being an increase in the judges “pool”. It should be no different in the selection of stewards. Removing the “senior certified” requirement will increase the number of stewards from which to choose with the end result being a rotation of stewards at the National Show.

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Not Endorse.

4-3 CHAPTER FOUR – PAGE 89

Rule Affected: Chapter Four. Grand National Championship Show: I. Specifications: E. Eligibility: page 89

Brief Description of RCP: Point Eligibility for the National Show

Statement of Proposed Change:

E. Eligibility. Except as provided in the next sentence, to be eligible for entry and competition in the National show, an entry must have accumulated, in the specific class in which it/he/she is entering, a minimum of 20 points in Association sanctioned shows during that

show year. **ADD: IN CASES OF A NATURAL DISASTER OR CAUSES BEYOND THE CONTROL OF THE REGION, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CAN WAIVE THE POINT REQUIREMENT AT ITS DISCRETION.**

Rationale:

REGIONS AND MEMBERS SHOULD NOT BE PENALIZED AND PROHIBITED FROM ATTENDING THE NATIONAL SHOW

Financial Impact:

POSITIVE IMPACT. ALLOWS PARTICIPATION THAT OTHERWISE WOULD NOT TAKE PLACE

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Not Endorse.

CHAPTER FIVE

5-1 CHAPTER FIVE V.,D. – PAGE 98

Brief Description of RCP: Judge and Steward Clinic Requirements

From a PFHA Committee? Yes/No _Y_ If so which Committee? J&S

Rules Affected: Chapter Five. Judges and Stewards: Article V. Annual Renewal: Add D.Clinic Requirement: page 96.

Proposed Rule Change:

A Senior Certified Judge or Senior Certified Steward is required to attend a clinic at least once every three (3) years. A Certified Judge or Certified Steward is required to attend a clinic at least once every two (2) years. A Judges and Stewards Clinic will be held annually.

Rationale:

We have rule changes every two years. How can we not bring Judges and Stewards to clinic to teach them?

Every year we get complaints about National Show Judging. How can we correct problems from happening again? Confepaso certifies every year.

Financial Impact:

The National Show is the main source of income. Our number of horses and entries keep decreasing. Additional income to PFHA adds more expense to officials.

Rules Committee Comment: The Rules Committee recommends that this be included in Chapter Five – Judges and Stewards. These two sentences are currently in the

Constitution: Article X. Committees: Section 6. Judges and Stewards Committees. Whether or not the Board approves the 3 instead of 5 or the 2 instead of 3. The Committee would like to change this regulation to appear in Chapter Five.

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Not Endorse.

J & S Does Endorse

5-2 CHAPTER FIVE – PAGE 94

Rule Affected: Chapter Five. Judges & Stewards: Section II. Application Procedures: Section C. Approved Applicant Judge – Additional Requirements (Add 3.): page 94

Other Rules Affected:

Proposed Rule Change

Currently reads:

The Learner Judge must attend the next Judge's clinic after all three learner sessions have been satisfactorily completed and pass with a score of at least 85%, another written test given at the clinic.

Proposed change

- 3 The Learner Judge must attend the next Judge's Clinic after all three learner-sessions have been satisfactorily completed and**
 - a. Pass a written, open book test with a score of 85% or better, on the PFHA Rule book, and**
 - b. May make a presentation on a topic selected by the Judges and Stewards Committee...**

Rationale:

Applicant judges have been making presentations instead of taking tests a second time.

Also cleaned up format and wording in this section. Applicant judges must take a test at the second clinic.

Financial Impact: NONE

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Endorse

Education Committee Does Endorse

5-3 CHAPTER FIVE – PAGE 96

Rule Affected: Chapter Five. Judges and Stewards: Article III Classifications: H. List of Judges and Stewards: page 96

Other Rules Affected:

Proposed Rule Change:

Remove "**quarterly in**"

ADD: "**at least annually in**"

Rationale:

Magazine is no longer published on a monthly basis. This notification should be published at least annually in PFHW.

Financial Impact:

Reviewers' Comments:

J & S Does Endorse

Rules Committee Does Endorse

Rules Committee Comment:

Note: RCP 2-3 to delete or above either/or.

5-4 CHAPTER FIVE – PAGE 98

CLARIFY DRESS CODE FOR WOMEN JUDGES AND STEWARDS

From a PFHA Committee? Yes: Rules Committee

Rule Affected: Chapter Five. Judges and Stewards: Article VII. Responsibility of a Judge: B. Acceptable Dress: page 98

Proposed Rule Change:

B. Acceptable Dress. Judges..... Women will wear a skirt or dress of floor length or no more than five (5) inches above the knee, blouse and/or vest, slacks or two piece suit....

Rationale:

Remove Stewards from the Judges Section. To clarify the dress code for women Judges.

Financial Impact:

None

Rules Committee Comment: Clarifies Judges verses Stewards attire

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Endorse

5-5 CHAPTER FIVE – PAGE 98

Rule Affected: Chapter Five. Judges and Stewards: Article VII. Responsibility of a Judge: B. Acceptable Dress: page 98

Brief Description of RCP: Judges' and Stewards' attire

From a PFHA Committee? Yes/No: N___ If so which Committee?

Does this proposal affect other rule(s) (Y/N)? yes

If so which one(s)? Chapter Five B Judges Attire

Statement of Proposed Change:

B. Acceptable Dress. Judges and Stewards will dress in a serious and professional manner to show respect for their position as a show official. Men will wear a suit, or a trouser with shirt and sports jacket; ties are not required. A traditional formal Guayavera shirt may be worn. (delete) **when, due to hot temperature, jackets are deemed**

optional.

In all cases, all shirts or Guayaveras must be long sleeved.

For evening performances, a tuxedo may be worn by men and formal dresses by women.

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Endorse

This section is for Judges also changes 5-9

Rules Committee Comments: If 5-4 passes, Stewards would be deleted.

5-6 CHAPTER FIVE – PAGE 99

Rule Affected: Chapter Five. Judges and Stewards: Article VII. Responsibility of a Judge: E. Disqualify, Soundness: page 99

Other Rules Affected:

Proposed Rule Change:

Amend Paragraph E. to include the underscored language:

E. Disqualify, Soundness. A Judge must order from the ring any unruly horse or one whose actions threaten to endanger other exhibitors or their entries. A Judge may disqualify any contestant for excessive abuse to a horse. At their discretion, the Judge may refuse entry into the arena or remove an entry from a class for improper attire and/or equipment, except where such attire and/or equipment was known to, inspected and approved in advance by the Show Steward. The Judge or official veterinarian of the show shall make appropriate decisions concerning a horse's soundness, as defined in Chapter Two, Section IV., G. Soundness.

Rationale:

Inasmuch as the Show Steward is responsible for monitoring compliance with the PFHA Show Rules, it would be unfair to the exhibitor to be disqualified for improper attire and/or equipment when the same has been approved by the Show Steward and the impropriety could have otherwise been corrected had it been timely called to the exhibitor's attention.

Financial Impact: None.

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Not Endorse.

Rules Committee Comment: This would be very difficult to enforce.

5-7 CHAPTER FIVE - PAGE 100

Brief Description of RCP: Chapter 5 Section VII Page 100

Rule Affected: Chapter Five. Judges and Stewards: Article VII. Responsibility of a Judge: Section K. Show Management Direction;; Effect on Judge's Decision: page 100

Rules Affected: Chapter: Five Section: VII K Page: 100

Proposed Rule Change:

Delete "**of either the Judge or**"

Add: "**Any decision by a judge regarding soundness of a horse shall be verified by the official show veterinarian should a complaint be filed. The official show veterinarian findings shall be attached to the complaint.**"

Rationale:

Unless the unsoundness of a horse is blatantly obvious, a Judge is not in a position to determine the soundness of a horse in a class a veterinarian is required to do the appropriate testing.

Financial Impact: NONE

Rule Committee feels that this RCP is in conflict with USEF GR 1034 Judges: Article 7. Consulting with a Veterinarian: a. Only the judge may call a veterinarian during a class but is encouraged to do so if his opinion necessitates the disqualification of an entry., The judge shall give the numbers of the horses in question and the veterinarian shall render his finding. If the veterinarian is not immediately available or not called upon, the judge's decision as to the serviceable soundness of a horse shall be accepted for the purpose of disqualifying a horse from showing in that class and shall be final.

At most PFHA shows the veterinarian is on call and not on the show grounds during the show.

All but approximately five PFHA shows are USEF shows.

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Not Endorse.

5-8 CHAPTER FIVE – PAGE 100

Brief Description of RCP: JUDGES CONTINUING EDUCATION

From a PFHA Committee? Yes J&S

Rule Affected: Chapter Five. Judges and Stewards: Article VII. Responsibilities of a Judge: Add: L. Continuing Educations: page 100

Proposed Rule Change:

Add New "L" **Continuing Education**

The Education Committee in conjunction with the Judges and Stewards Committee shall develop, implement, and enforce a continuing education program for Licensed Officials. All Licensed Officials are required to comply to maintain their license.

Rationale:

During the 3 or 5 years between clinics, Professionals need to keep up with the ever changing rules, procedures, and techniques.

Financial Impact: None

Reviewers' Comments:

Education Committee Endorses

Rules Committee Does Not Endorse.

5-9 CHAPTER FIVE – PAGE 100

Brief Description of RCP: CLARIFY DRESS CODE FOR WOMEN STEWARDS_2

Rule Affected: Chapter Five. Judges and Stewards: Article VIII. Responsibilities of a Steward at the Show: Add B. Acceptable Dress: page 100

Rules Affected: Ch 5. Sec VIII.B

Proposed Rule Change:

Add the following as letter B – re letter remaining paragraphs

B. Acceptable Dress. Stewards will dress in a serious and professional manner to show respect for their position as a show official. Men will wear a suit or a trouser with shirt and sports jacket; ties are not required. A traditional formal Guayavera shirt may be worn when due to hot temperatures; jackets are deemed optional. In all cases, all shirts or Guayaveras must be long sleeved.

Women will wear a skirt or dress of floor length or no more than five (5) inches above the knee, blouse and slacks or two piece suit. Revealing fabrics and necklines must be avoided. Good taste and propriety are expected. Jeans are not acceptable.

Rationale:

Dress code for stewards was under Judge's Section

Financial Impact:

None

Rules Committee Comment:

The Rules Committee would “clean up” wording in both sections. If 5.5 passes, applicable to this rule.

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Endorse

5-10 CHAPTER FIVE – PAGE 104

Brief Description of RCP: Rule Affected: Chapter Five. Judges and Stewards: Article X. Additional Conflict of Interest and Similar Rules Governing Judges and Stewards (Add s on Stewards): J. Judge's Obligation of Isolation: page 104

Other Rules Affected:

Proposed Rule Change:

In title change “**Isolation**” to “**Separation**” and

Change: “**isolate**” to “**separate**” in body of text. And add at end:

Judges may conduct a question and answer forum with exhibitors prior to a show as long as the show steward is present except a Judge may not be present on the show grounds at any time before the day he or she officiates.

Rationale:

Conducting question and answer forums for exhibitors is an excellent education tool for exhibitors.

Financial Impact:

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Endorse

5-11 CHAPTER FIVE – PAGE 105

Brief Description of RCP:

Rule Affected: Chapter Five. Judges and Stewards: Article X. Additional Conflict of Interest and Similar Rules Governing Judges and Stewards: O. Restriction on Judge's Presence: page 105

Proposed Rule Change:

Currently reads:

A Judge may not be present on the show grounds at any time before the day he or she officiates. This includes both move-in days that precede the set of shows, as well as any show days that proceed the day he or she officiates.

Change to:

Correct the spelling of the word "**proceed**" to read "**precede**".

Rationale:

Housekeeping

Financial Impact:

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Endorse

Brief Description of RCP Rules Affected: Chapter Five. Judges and Stewards: Article X. Additional Conflict of Interest and Similar Rules Governing Judges and Stewards: Add T. Restrictions Regarding Regional Group Shows: page 106

Other Rules Affected:

Proposed Rule Change:

Amend Article X. by adding new Paragraph T.:

T. Restrictions Regarding Regional Group Shows. A Judge may not, in any one show year, serve as judge in more than one Association sanctioned show sponsored by the same affiliated Regional Group, nor may a Judge serve as judge in any Association sanctioned show sponsored by an affiliated Regional Group of which that Judge is a voting member.

Rationale:

Integrity in judging and the appearance thereof are critical to the credibility of the Association. Affiliated Regional Groups should be precluded from relying repeatedly on “favorite” Judges during a single show year, as this practice undermines confidence in the impartiality of the judging. Judges also should not serve as judges at shows sponsored by the Regional Group of which the Judge is a voting member. This may give rise to the appearance that the Judge has been hired in consideration of the Judge’s vote in the election of the Regional Group officers and directors who hired that Judge, and that the Judge may in return be giving preferential treatment to competitors in the show who are members of the Regional Group sponsoring the show.

Financial Impact: Regional Only.

Reviewers’ Comments:

Rules Committee Does Not Endorse.

CHAPTER SEVEN

7-1 CHAPTER SEVEN- EVENTS- PAGE 112

Brief Description of RCP: Add definition of Trail Ride

From a PFHA Committee? Yes, Recreational Rider

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE:

I. DEFINITION OF TRAIL RIDES

For the purposes of this rule a ride is defined as any scheduled, organized function involving the riding of a horse over a pre-determined trail or course and which takes place within a period of time not to exceed one twenty-four hour period. So-called multi-day rides may be counted, but on a daily basis, i.e. one day equals one ride.

Re-letter: II. Sanctioned Trail Rides. , III Types of Rides and Points Awarded

Rationale:

It has come to the attention of the Recreational Rider Committee that at least one individual has counted a five day pleasure long distance trail ride as one ride thus being awarded a larger number of points (80) than would have been awarded by counting each daily 20 mile ride as one ride (40).

Financial Impact:

Potential to increase Recreational Rider Program revenue by bringing in \$50 versus \$10.

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Endorse

7-2 CHAPTER SEVEN- EVENTS II A PAGE 114

Brief Description of RCP: Change point system

From a PFHA Committee? Yes, Recreational Rider

Proposed Rule Change:

Replace current paragraph with:

One point shall be awarded for each five-mile increment completed of the competitive trail ride for rides of 25 through 29 miles ; two points for each five-mile increment for rides of 30 miles up to and including 49 miles; three points for each five-mile increment for rides of 50 miles up to and including 74 miles; four points for each five-mile increment for rides of 75 miles up to and including 99 miles; and five points for each five mile increment for rides of 100 miles.

For example: A horse that completes a 75 mile ride will be awarded 60 points for mileage.

Rationale:

1. There are no competitive trail rides under 25 miles. So called “fun” rides of 10-24 miles run in conjunction with the active competitive trail ride are considered to be in the Pleasure Long Distance Trail Ride category.

2. Distance riding organizations consider any ride of 50 or more miles to be a true long distance ride. By changing the rule to reflect this common knowledge, PFHA brings itself into alignment with accepted practice.

Financial Impact: None

Reviewers' Comments:

Rules Committee Does Endorse

7-3 CHAPTER SEVEN -EVENTS II B PAGE 114

Brief Description of RCP: Change point system

From a PFHA Committee? Yes, Recreational Rider

Proposed Rule Change:

Replace current paragraph with:

One point shall be awarded for each five mile increment completed on the endurance ride with a fit horse earning a completion recorded as such on the veterinarian ride book or card for a ride of 25 through 29 miles; two points for each five-mile increment for rides of 30 miles up to and including 49 miles; three points for each five-mile increment for rides of 50 miles up to and including 74 miles; four points for each five-mile increment for rides of 75 miles up to and including 99 miles; and five points for each five-mile increment for rides of 100 miles. For example, a horse that completes a 50 mile ride will be awarded 30 points for mileage.

Rationale:

1. There are no limited distance endurance rides of less than 25 miles. So called “fun” rides of 10-24 mile run in conjunction with endurance rides are considered to be in the Pleasure Long Distance Trail Ride category.
2. Distance riding organizations consider any ride of 50 or more miles to be a true long distance ride. By changing the rule to reflect this common knowledge, PFHA brings itself into alignment with accepted practice.

Financial Impact:

NONE

Reviewers' Comments:

Rule Committee Does Endorse

C-29 Rule Change Proposal

To: Board of Directors, Paso Fino Horse Association

This proposal was inadvertently deleted from the proposal list. It goes along with C-13, a proposal to establish different guidelines for voting at a Board Meeting. In actuality, C-29 does not change a current rule. It only clarifies, in case C-13 does pass. The Rules Committee asks that if you vote for C-13, you vote for C-29. If you vote against C-13, please vote against C-29.

We apologize for the confusion, yet want to be as fair as possible with these proposals.

If you have any questions in this matter, feel free to contact any Rules Committee member.

C-29

Constitution Section: Article VII, Section 9. B. Page 11

Add the following as the first sentence in the existing paragraph:

At membership meetings, the vote count for each regional group will be based on 1 vote per member who is in good standing with both the regional group and the national association and who has been a member of the national association for 30 days before the meeting. (then continue on with existing paragraph as is)

Rationale:

This is needed to clarify voting numbers for the membership meeting if the change to regional group voting for board of directors meetings passes.