

**C-1 Brief Title of the RCP: Conflict of Interest Policy**

**Constitution 1. 2 Page 1**

Proposed Rule: Add Letter F. The Board of Directors shall develop and adopt a written Conflict of Interest Policy to minimize and address conflict of interest situations regarding Officers, BOD Members, key employees, licensed officials and including the selection of licensed officials and others for competitions. The Board of Directors in conjunction with the Executive Director shall oversee the adoption, implementation, and compliance with, the Conflict of Interest Policy. The Conflict of Interest Policy shall include, but not be limited to, (1) a definition of circumstances that may give rise to a conflict of interest, (2) procedures for disclosing a conflict of interest, (3) requirements that the person with an alleged conflict of interest not be present at or participate in board or committee deliberations or voting on the matter giving rise to such conflict, (4) a prohibition against any attempt by the person with the conflict to influence improperly the deliberation or voting on the matter giving rise to such conflict, (5) a requirement that the existence and resolution of the conflict be documented in Association records and waived or not waived, including in the minutes of any meeting at which the conflict was discussed or voted upon, and (6) a requirement that BOD Members complete, sign, and submit annual conflict of interest disclosure statements to the Association. The conflict of interest policy shall be published on the Association's website.

**C -3 Vice Presidents Role**

**Constitution V. 2. Page 8**

Proposed Rule: Replace with language below:  
Section 2. Vice President.  
There shall be one (1) elected Vice President who shall, in the absence, incapacity, resignation or death of the President, act as President. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President or other duties when requested by the President. In the case the Vice President is absent or incapacitated, the Secretary will act as President. In the case the Secretary is absent or incapacitated, the Treasurer will act as President. The Vice President shall have one (1) vote on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

**1 - 4 Updates to Penalties for Unpaid Amounts**

**Chapter 1. VII. C. p. 32-33**

Proposed Rule: Replace the language in the section with the following:

Any member shall be suspended and denied privileges of the Association, and any nonmember shall be denied the privileges of the Association by the Executive Director of the Association, for the failure to pay when due any obligation owing the Association. This includes without limitation any payment due to Paso Fino Horse World, the Association or to a Regional Group in connection with exhibition or stabling of a horse, any office or service charges, including for returned checks or other uncollected funds, or charges for failure to timely file with the Association required annual stallion reports, genetic testing, or any related fees. The Executive Director shall provide notice of delinquency to the member via email and/or written letter mailed to their address on file with the Association. If the owed fees are not paid within 30 days after the date specified by the Executive Director in the notice of delinquency, the delinquent member shall be suspended from membership, denied privileges in the Association, and assessed an additional penalty fee equal to 10% of the obligation due to the Association. Any suspension and denial of privileges of the Association under this section shall terminate upon full payment of the obligation due the Association or upon filing of the requisite stallion report, genetic testing results or other requested documents or late fees due, except that individuals suspended for any reason more than twice during a two (2) year period will, on the third suspension, be placed on suspension for a fixed period of three (3) years. When a suspension is based upon nonpayment of fees, all members of a family membership shall be placed on suspension. Suspensions based upon other violations of the rules shall apply only to the offending member. Following a suspension for nonpayment, any payment made to PFHA during the next calendar year must be in the form of a cashier's check, money order, or credit card. Upon suspension by the Executive Director, the name of suspended member shall be published in the next available issue of the Association's official publication, PFHW, from date of suspension. The complete historical list of all suspended members will be published in the Association's official electronic publication(s) website (s).

**2-1 Add clarification to Regional Group Sponsored Shows**

**Chapter 2.1.A Page 45**

Proposed Rule For the purpose of equalizing competition for High Point awards and Society of Merit awards, and to promote PFHA-USEF All-Breed Shows, Association approved shows shall fall into one of three classifications: All-Breed (AB), All Paso (AP) and Local (L). These shows must be sponsored by a recognized Regional Group, except as noted in Section 6. These do not include the Association Grand National Championship Show. USEF-PFHA AB Sanctioned Shows. An All-Breed (AB) show shall have Association sponsored classes which are part of an All-Breed USEF Regular Member show. The co-sponsoring Association Regional Group is responsible to make sure that all required paperwork is received by the Association office in the required time.

**2 - 2 One judging decision at a show**

**Chapter 2, 1. A. 7 page 47**

Proposed Rule: (Add the following)  
All PFHA sanctioned shows will be judged with one of the following procedures to derive at one decision per class:  
1- One judge/ one decision  
2- Conferring judges for one decision  
3- Averaged score with 3 or 5 judges deriving at one decision.

**2 - 3 Number of Stewards**

**Chapter 2, 1. A. 8 page 47**

Proposed Rule: All PFHA sanctioned shows with 250+ horses, based on the previous year's count, must provide 2 Certified Stewards.

**2 - 8 Credential clean up**

**Chapter 2.III.D.3 Page 54**

Proposed Rule The following credentials must be made available to Show Management and the Association Steward and copies of said credentials must accompany the entry form; however, items 1. and 3. below may be electronically verified where possible by the show secretary through the PFHA and/or USEF website and therefore eliminating the need to produce copies at the show.

1. Each participant's Association membership card and USEF card, if applicable.
2. The participant's Association Amateur card if applicable.
3. A copy of each horse's registration papers or Show Validation Certificate
4. All other papers and health documents required by law or by competition management.
5. Copies of applicable Lease Agreements.
6. Affidavits of Sales Contracts.

**2-11 Add the words "or Open" to Schooling Headgear**

**Chapter 2. VII. C.2 Page 60**

Proposed Rule      Schooling headgear is defined as a bosal and barbada or alizador attached to the correct bridle for that division. Headgear can be any schooling headgear not considered cruel or inhumane by the Judge or show committee in the following classes:

1. Schooling classes,
2. 36-48 months and 49-60 months old horses in Amateur or Open classes that are not Schooling classes or
3. 36-48 months and 49-60 months old horses in Youth classes, except Equitation and Horsemanship classes.

**2 - 12 Insert to clarify measurements on bar bits.**

**Chapter 2. VII. I Page 62**

Proposed Rule      Insert to clarify measurements on bar bits following:

“Jointed mouthpieces, half-breeds and spade bits are standard.”

Straight bar bits must be rounded on edges or wrapped. The diameter or thickness of the bar is not to exceed 3/4”. The width (flat surface) of the bar is not to exceed 1”.

Slip or gag bits, rigid donut mouthpieces and flat polo mouthpieces are prohibited. Roping bits with both reins connected to a single ring at center of cross bar shall not be used.

**2 - 13 Insert to clarify curb chain placement.**

**Chapter 2. VII. I Page 63**

Proposed Rule      Curb chains and leather chin straps must be flat, at least 1/2” in width, and lie flat along the “chin groove” (the part of the jaw just behind the bulge of the chin) of the horse.

Delete “against the jaws of the horse”.

**2 -14 Required bit checks**

**Chapter 2. VII. I Page 63**

Proposed Rule      Add championship language:

At any PFHA sanctioned show at any time, the show steward may require a rider or riders to dismount and drop their horse's bit(s) for inspection. Show officials may select entire classes or individuals in any division for inspection. In championship classes, the steward or judge may inspect the bits for the horses awarded top placements at the end of the class. This may be done in the ring or as the horses exit the ring. For safety, riders must dismount and drop the horse's bit for inspection. Show officials may determine the level and number of placements to be checked and the location for the inspection.

**2 - 15 Delete references to bolero-type, clarify tie, decorations and hatband**

**Chapter 2. VII. M.1 Page 66**

Proposed Rule      Replace current rule with:

M. Exhibitor Attire

1. Official Paso Fino Show Costume. In classes requiring the official Paso Fino show costume, the attire shall be a long-sleeved jacket of approximate hip-length which does not touch the saddle and full-length riding pants or jumpsuit which cover(s) the boots (see Glossary). The jacket and pant or jumpsuit must be conservative in color and may include contrasting trim and/or embroidery. (see Glossary Conservative) Slightly reflective or non-metallic buttons (such as pearl, glass or burnished metal), trim, adornments and/or threading are allowed as long as they do not predominate the attire. Sequins, glitter or other highly reflective, bright and shiny adornment is not allowed on any part of the Official Paso Fino show costume. A long sleeve, short sleeve, or sleeveless shirt or blouse may be worn under the long sleeve jacket. Male riders shall wear a bow tie, western bow tie or bolo.

The exhibitor must wear a felt, leather or suede hat with a flat or slightly rolled brim with a matching or contrasting hatband. There may be small adornments on the hatband, such as metallic buttons or symbols. The whole effect of the exhibitor's costume is to be one of good taste which promotes the horse.

**3 - 1 Posting of horsemanship patterns - revise placement in rules**

**Chapter 3. I. B.6 Page 83 and Ch 3.VI.C, page 115**

Proposed Rule Chapter 3. I. B.6 Page 83 change placement of pattern posting requirements

Youth 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. An individual test will be performed by each exhibitor. The course pattern shall be posted at least two (2) hours prior to the class.

Remove "The course shall be posted approximately two (2) hours before the class." from section e Appointments on page 84

The same change needs to be applied to adult horsemanship Ch 3.VI.C. Adding the statement regarding pattern posting to page 115 and removing it from page 116

**3 - 3 Country Pleasure Classes - 30-day Professional Training Rule**

**Chapter 3 -V1 A 2 Page 110**

Proposed Rule: 2. Class Description. The Country Pleasure horse should be a calm, mild mannered and safe-using pleasure horse maintaining balance, ease and freedom of movement. It must demonstrate flawless manners. It must be absolutely agreeable to the commands and directions of the rider. It is imperative that the horse give the distinct appearance of being a pleasure to ride with emphasis on the flat Walk and smooth transitions. At all times, it must work on a very light rein without resistance and, although it should be athletic, it may be energetic and should combine style and spirit. At all times, it must demonstrate a quiet, calm and extremely tractable attitude. It must stand quietly and back readily when requested. Horses indicating aggressiveness, over collection or excessive animation shall be severely penalized. This class is open to Amateurs. ~~and to horses that have not been in professional training for thirty (30) days before the show.~~ Cross entering in any other class is permitted. This class shall be judged 20% on the flat Walk, 20% on the Paso Corto, 20% on the Paso Largo, 10% on the back, 10% on appearance and way of going and 20% on manners. Special attention shall be afforded to form, smoothness, rhythmic constancy of the gaits and tractable attitude.

**3 - 6 Posting of trail class patterns**

**Chapter 3. VII. C.2 Page 121**

Proposed Rule Chapter 3. VII. C.2 Page 121 add pattern posting requirements

2. Procedures.

Each horse shall be asked to negotiate through obstacles. Obstacles are to be negotiated individually, by exhibitor, with only one (1) horse in the arena at a time. This class shall be judged 100% on the obstacle course; there is no rail work. The course will specify how a horse is to negotiate or travel between obstacles that seem appropriate. This includes the distance from the beginning of an obstacle to the beginning of the next obstacle. 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. A drawn course will be provided by Show Management, reviewed for compliance with required procedures and approved by the Judge (s) and Steward (s). The trail pattern shall be posted at least two (2) hours prior to the class. An exhibitor in this class cannot design or set up the course. The course will show the line of travel through obstacles and the gait required to perform obstacles. Changes or revisions will not be permitted after posting. The course will specify how a horse is to negotiate or travel between obstacles that seem appropriate. It is not required to use all of the qualifying gaits.

**4 - 1 Eliminate qualifying points for National Show**

**Chapter 4, I E page 126**

Proposed Rule: Replace the entire section "Eligibility" with the following paragraph:

An entry does not have to earn show points in any regional show to be eligible to compete at the National Show. The specific eligibility requirements for classes held only at the National Show are provided in Section II, National Show Classes, below. Any horse who meets the general entry and class specifications for the National Show may enter any eligible classes whether or not the entry competed in those classes during the show year.

**5 - 1 Use of Sounding Board**

**Ch 5.VII.1 page 138**

Proposed Rule Judges may use the sounding board in Classic Fino, Paso Performance, Paso Pleasure and Bellas Formas classes or as a test in Western Pleasure and, after prior consultation with Show Management, as an obstacle in a Paso Trail class. The Judge may not require a horse to perform the Paso Largo on the sounding board.

**6 - 1 Show Points**

**Chapter Six, 1.C. Page 147**

Proposed Rule: Points shall be awarded at all Association sanctioned shows and the Association's National Show according to the placement of the horse and/or rider as follows:

POINTS AWARDED FOR NATIONAL, ALL BREED, ANY USEF SHOW, ALL PASO/LOCAL SHOWS

First 12

Second 10

Third 8

Fourth 6

Fifth 4

Sixth 2

Points awarded in Youth and Championship shall be double the points shown above.

**6 - 2 Awards**

**Chapter Six, II B. 1. And 3. Page 149**

Proposed Rule: 1. Class Awards. The Association offers annual awards at the National Show. The Board of Directors will determine the classifications in which Association sponsored awards will be offered.  
3. High Point Horse/Rider of the Year Awards. Awards will be presented to the horses and/or riders having the highest total number of points during the show year in classes recognized by the Association. The Board of Directors will determine the classifications in which Association sponsored awards will be offered.

**8 - 2 Remove blood typing for foals**

**Ch 8.IV.5 page 166**

Proposed Rule: If the prescribed method of genetic testing used by the Association is blood typing, the blood of foals should not be drawn for purposes of blood typing until the foal is at least two months of age because the blood sample may not be good for laboratory purposes.

**8 - 3 Eliminate references to 1993**

**Ch 8 IV.J.B 3 page 167**

Proposed Rule: **Reword Section J as follows**  
**Delete current wording IV.J.2 Special Rule**  
**Renumber IV.J.3 as IV.J.2 and renumber following sections to correspond**

**J. Record of Ownership, Authorizations and Signatures.**

**1.**

General Rule: Applicant Horse is Registered in Name of Owner or Lessee of Dam.

The applicant horse must be registered in the name of the recorded owner or lessee of the dam at the time of foaling or at the time of breeding if the foal is the result of an embryo transfer. The recorded owner, lessee or authorized agent's signature and membership number must appear on the registration application in the appropriate space in the Ownership Section of the Registration Application.

**2.**

**No Exception If Foal Transferred.**

**a.** If the foal is sold before birth, but before registration of the foal, the dam's recorded owner or lessee will be considered the first owner of the foal, pursuant to the rule provided in Subsection 1. above, and a transfer at time of registration to the new owner is required. The dam's recorded owner, lessee or authorized agent's signature and membership number must appear in the Transfer Section of the Registration Application.

**b.** If, pursuant to the general rule provided in Subsection 1. above, the ownership of the applicant horse at the time of foaling, or at the time of breeding if the foal is the result of an embryo transfer. is listed in two or more names, the recorded owners of the foal will be listed as owners in the conjunctive by use of the ampersand symbol, for example, John Smith & Jorge Rodriguez & Donna Jones. All owners' signatures and membership numbers will be required to complete a transfer or sale of the foal to the new owner at the time of registration. The complete name, membership number and address of the person to whom the Certificate of Registration will be issued must be provided.

**8 - 5 Increased character limit in registered name**

**Chapter 8. IV, K. 1. page 170**

Proposed Rule: A horse will not be registered in a name that has exactly the same spelling as the name of a horse that is already registered, either living or dead, that has numerical prefixes or suffixes, that includes symbols, or that includes the words "Sr." or "Jr." A horse will not be registered by any name that contains numerals or is more than thirty-five (35) spaces in length.

**8 - 6 Legal Name Change procedure**

**Ch 8 IV.J.5 page 170**

Proposed Rule: Add the following after CH 8.IV.J.5.h as

i. In the event of a name change such as marriage or voluntary change, members shall fill out a name change form and submit the corresponding legal documentation certifying the legal name change. This will document the change of names in our files. The members legal name will then be changed in PasoKey and corresponding notes and transactions entered in the system. The name will update across the database including the online membership card and ownership of the horses within the PasoKey system will reflect the member's name. No fee will be applicable in this case. Unless specifically requested by the member, PFHA will not issue new Registration or Duplicate Certificates. In the event the owner wants new ownership certificates issued reflecting the change in legal name, the owner must return the original certificates to the Association along with the corresponding form requesting new ownership certificates along with the corresponding fee.

Reletter "l" to "j"  
Reletter "j" to "k"

**8 - 7 Deceased members**

**Ch 8 IV.J.5 page 170**

Proposed Rule: Add the following after CH 8.IV.J.5.f as

g. Deceased Members. Membership continues through the end of the current membership year in which the member dies. Any horse registration transactions for deceased members will be allowed at membership rate.

Reletter/number remaining sections of CH 8.IV.J.5

**8 - 8 Clarify wording for frozen semen**

**Ch 8.I.V.D.I page 172, Ch 8.I.VI.B page 174 is additional RCP**

Proposed Rule: Use Permitted.

The use of frozen semen of a deceased stallion is permitted indefinitely. The stallion must be registered with the Association before his death. The owner of the stallion must provide the date of death along with the original Certificate of Registration to the Association or face disciplinary action. The original Certificate of Registration will be returned to the owner after the back of the certificate is marked "Deceased."

Note: These same changes should be reflected in VI.B. Use of Frozen Ovum Permitted.

**8 - 9 Use of frozen ovum**

**Ch 8 VI. B page 174, Ch 8.I.V.D.I page 172 is additional RCP**

Proposed Rule: The use of frozen ovum, or egg, of a deceased mare is permitted indefinitely. The mare must be registered with the Association before her death. The owner of the mare must provide the date of death along with the original Certificate of Registration to the Association or face disciplinary action. The original Certificate of Registration will be returned to the owner after the back of the certificate is marked "Deceased."

**8 - 10 Remove charge for gelding registration change**

**Ch 8 V.E.I page 173**

Proposed Rule: The use of frozen semen of geldings will be permitted indefinitely after the date of castration. The gelding must be registered with the Association before castration. The original Certificate of Registration, along with the date of castration, must be submitted to the Association. Proper notation will be made to the Certificate of Registration and returned to the recorded owner showing the horse as a gelding. Failure to provide this information to the Association will result in disciplinary action.

Remove the words "without charge"